



MILE HIGH VIEW

NEWSLETTER OF THE MILE HIGH WING,
COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE (CAF)

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Dawn of a New PX

By Col Mike Kalinowski

Well out of the ashes of the trip to Midland, a phoenix has arisen. The Mile High Wing now has a new PX trailer. The old trailer had served the wing well but it was time to upgrade. The old PX trailer was very heavy and it leaked pretty badly. Colonel Kalinowski diligently watched Craigs List and was able to find a 6x10 aluminum trailer for \$2000. The trailer has two swinging rear doors along with a side entry door. The aluminum frame makes the trailer extremely light and easy to pull, even when loaded. The trailer has been outfitted inside with a set of shelves and a 4 drawer cabinet from a thrift store. Colonel Kalinowski and his crack PX staff cleaned, reorganized and loaded out the new trailer and it looks great.

Some may wonder what became of the old PX trailer. Well, it was sold. Sold you say! But it was given to the wing at no cost? Yes but in today's free market world, someone was willing to pay for the privilege of hauling this trailer off. And they paid \$300 for that privilege. Does this mean P.T. Barnum was right? No one knows for sure but the lady who bought it raises miniature horses and needs some storage at the lot where she keeps the horses. So I guess you can say the trailer has been put out to pasture.

The \$300 from the sale of the trailer has however been put to good use. Colonel Kalinowski informed the staff at the March meeting that he intended to take the proceeds and upgrade the displays for the PX booth. Since that meeting Colonel Kalinowski has acquired two clothing display racks and has built new display racks for the die cast airplanes. This will allow the booth to use fewer tables and allow customers to come in under the canopy and mingle more with the members and the items. What Colonel Kalinowski is hoping to accomplish is to make a more inviting booth for people to wander through and allow them to touch the merchandise more.

Along with the addition of new displays and a new trailer, the PX has added a ton of artwork to the inventory, thanks to the donation of several old Ghosts calendars. The crack PX staff has taken these calendars and cut out and mounted, on acid free cardboard, each of the photos from the calendars. The PX also acquired polyethylene bags to protect these new photos. Designs have also been drawn up for an artwork display but it might not be ready for the first show in May.

More PX news involves the opening of the Mile High Wing's ebay store. Colonel Kalinowski, with the assistance of his family as models, and some long nights, has finished load the items on the ebay store. The store contains 167 items for sale and includes all the die casts, clothing and posters. Individual artwork was not added due to the sheer volume of the number of photos. There is still work to do though in adding the tribute plaques and some aviation clocks. Even with these omissions though, 90% of the PX items are now for sale. Please visit the store at <http://stores.ebay.com/Aviation-Collectables-MHW>. Tell all your friends. Subscribe to the store newsletter so that you can be notified when new items are added. Currently we are seeing traffic of about 25 to 30 individuals a day and we have made sales of \$37.50 in 8 days of operation. A good start to its operation, I do believe.

With these additions I believe the PX is poised for its greatest year so far. Next on the list, time to stock up and replenish the inventory

<http://stores.ebay.com/Aviation-Collectables-MHW>

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**New PX Trailer
being
outfitted by Cols
Mike Kalinowski
and
Stan Hanson
(Photo by
Col Stan Peterson)**



Calendar of Events

April 19, 2008 – Wing Meeting;
10:00 am at Platte Valley Airport

May 10, 2008 –
Journeys Aviation & CML Air Ltd
Open House
8:00 am at Boulder Airport

May 17, 2008 – Erie Town Fair – 9:00 AM
Wing Meeting;
10:00 am at Platte Valley Airport

June 21, 2008 – Wing Meeting;
10:00 am at Platte Valley Airport

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Directions to Platte Valley Airport

Platte Valley Airport is 3 miles northwest of Hudson, Colorado:

- Take I-76 north to Hudson and exit west on Highway 52.
- At CR 41, turn right (north).
- At CR 18, turn left (west).

At the Platte Valley Airpark sign, turn left again.

Wing meetings are normally held on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

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