



MILE HIGH VIEW

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

Keep 'em Flying!

February 2004

Wheels of Progress

By Stan Peterson

In a late January email I said that “when we arrived at the airplane, on Saturday, Jan 24th, we found that the left fwd. fuel tank’s drain valve was leaking gas, which required our immediate attention. We were unable to stop the leak so we drained the tank. It appears as though the repair will require an extensive amount of labor since the leak is located in a riveted area surrounding the fuel drain.”

Although the repair initially looked as though it might be difficult and lengthy, it now appears simply to have been a deterioration of sealant used near the drain. The sealant has been replaced and we’re confident that our leak is fixed.

The hydraulic problem seemed to be solved after installation of a rebuilt regulator. The run-up and tests went well, but when we shut down the engines and checked the hydraulic bay we discovered that the regulator was leaking fluid. We found that the leak was caused by a bad “O” ring, which required another day’s work to remove and repair.

How dedicated are our Mile High Wing volunteers?

At the January meeting, Col. Stan Hanson reported that he had tallied the work logs for 2003.

Last year, volunteers donated to the Wing:

1,185 hours of labor!

19,255 miles of travel!



On Saturday, Feb. 7th, the **Men in Black** from Channel 58 paid us a visit. The producer and host of the MIB show, Tim Gallegos, brought his whole crew to assess the airplane and location for a possible shoot in May. The crew requested a tour of the airport, which Col. Barry Barnow graciously provided in his van – the group returned thoroughly informed and entertained.

The Men in Black are simulcast live on channel 58 (Denver area cable only) and on the internet at www.dctv.org every 3rd and 4th Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m., with repeat shows every Wed. at 9:30 p.m. They are “the world’s only *live* UFO TV talk show!”

In addition to his duties as a tour guide, Barry has signed up not one, but four new members! They are Oskar Palmarsson, Jeff Barnow, Max Yeager, and Willy McNickle. They will all qualify for the CAF’s extended **BRAVO** application program. This certainly helps our organization grow and adds to what looks like a really exciting year for the Mile High Wing! Many kudos to Barry.

Latest News

On Feb. 13th, the Wing received approval from Denver’s Flight Service District Office (FSDO) on our request to have our Letter of Authorization (LOA) extended. As we had hoped, it worked out for the better, for during the LOA extension process, we were busy with repairs to the hydraulic and fuel systems. Not only did this approval come at an opportune time, but the extension is valid until July 1st – more than the 60 days normally granted.

Also, we’ve received word back from Raytheon’s public relations manager, Pete Dauphinais, and he has requested more information about our organization.

“Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.” [Mark Twain]

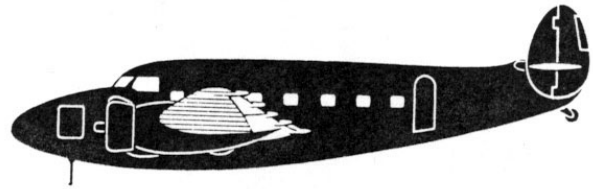
Remember also to **KEEP 'EM FLYING!** →

Calendar of Events

***** Note February Meeting
Date Change *****

Feb. 28, 2004 – *Wing meeting:*
10:00 a.m., Front Range Airport,
terminal building, upstairs conference
room

March 20, 2004 – *Wing meeting:*
10:00 a.m., Front Range Airport,
terminal building, upstairs conference
room



Wing Dues are Due!

It's time to pay up for 2004. As of the January meeting, 26 members had renewed. If you haven't yet, please send your \$45 annual Mile High Wing dues as soon as possible to:

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