



MILE HIGH VIEW

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

Keep 'Em Flying!

February 2006

Getting All Charged Up

By Col Stan Peterson

Platte Valley Airport continues to be a good nesting place for the Mile High Wing. Mike DeSanti, a member of the Lafayette Foundation, volunteered his time and resources to fabricate a beautiful tow-bar for the Cream Puff. This will cut our starts on the airplane exactly in half when refueling is required, which is good because starting is several times harder on the aircraft systems than other normal operations are.

Along those same lines, the Mile High Wing now has a start cart. Since the one 24-volt battery required for the airplane costs approximately \$500, it would behoove us to keep it operating for as long as possible. By using auxiliary batteries that cost much less and are easily charged when not in use, we can extend the life of the more expensive airplane battery.

Putting together the start cart was fun; the cart and the batteries all cost just \$49 dollars each. And again, Mike



Nifty new start cart will save wear and tear on the AT-7's battery, and thus save money.

DeSanti helped me build a platform that would hold the batteries on the cart.

Mike Kalinowski and the website committee have been making great strides toward improving the Mile High Wing's website. Mike has been busy working with Col Duncan—that's Col Herb Duncan—of the Jayhawk Wing in Wichita, Kansas. Herb has already constructed an impressive prototype which may be viewed soon. The new site has a lot of dynamics and advertising associated with our Wing's operations, such as the selling of merchandise and airplane rides.

Personally I have been busy of late. This last weekend I spent two 8-hour days renewing my instructor's rating. You have to go a long way before you could beat that for an entertaining weekend!

I just finished putting in the upholstery and installing the seats back into my Cessna 190 after its annual inspection. The plan is to take it to Midland, Texas, next week for the CAF's Winter Staff Meeting.

Speaking of the Winter Staff Meeting, the meeting was scheduled during the third weekend of the month, which just happened to coincide with the Mile High Wing's monthly meeting.

Therefore, to accommodate the CAF's Staff Meeting, our staff has decided to reschedule the monthly meeting to the fourth Saturday this month. The time will be 10:00 a.m. and we'll be meeting once again in the "upper room" of Platte Valley Airport's terminal building.

As the weather warms, we'll want to get some polishing and cleaning done on the Cream Puff as we prepare for the upcoming air show circuit. For your planning purposes, we would like to schedule the first Saturday of each month as an aircraft work day. We'll try to accomplish some work on our monthly meeting days as well.

So come on out to Platte Valley Airport and experience the joys of a friendly environment and the satisfaction of keeping "the spirit" alive! →

Calendar of Events

February 25, 2006 – Wing Meeting,
10:00 a.m., *Platte Valley Airport*

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

Directions to Platte Valley Airport

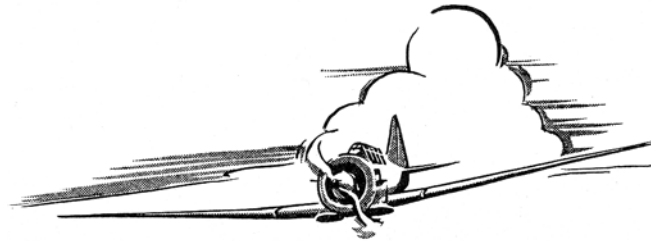
Platte Valley Airport is 3 miles northwest of Hudson,
Colorado:

- 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.

Note:

**This month's Wing
meeting will be held on
the 4th Saturday:
February 25!!**



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