



MILE HIGH VIEW

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

Keep 'Em Flying!

November 2006

Midland & the AirSho

By Col Stan Peterson

Stan Hanson and I left Plate Valley a couple of days early so that I might attend a two day seminar on formation flying before the normal activities began for the annual show at "Mecca." After a half day of briefings I was assigned the back seat of Dr. Doug Linville's T-6. I was learning new terms like TRACON, pursuit curves, smash, lead and lag geometries, finger four and echelon formations. I was impressed with the Dr.'s flying skills shortly after takeoff we were formed up #2 in a four ship, four-finger right formation. Along with the training in our formation there were two check rides being conducted simultaneously, one our lead, Doug Rosenthal, and one on the #4 ship, Dan Fordice,

The most impressive part of my day was being invited in on the debriefings, Jim Munn who conducted the check on lead, gave the most thorough and impressive de-briefing. First of all each pilot and back-seater was invited to critique the flight, afterwards Jim conducted his briefing of lead, which brought out many discrepancies and areas for improvement. It was a most valuable learning experience, one which could have been broadcast over Wings or the Discovery channels. It was impressive of just how serious the CAF takes its formation flying. The next day contained more briefings and formation flying but no check rides.

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Above: Doug Linville Doing AT-6 Preflight

(Stan Peterson, Photographer)

Below: Col. Stan's View In Formation





Stan Hanson and Bob Elsloo Doing Preflight Before AirSho Performance
(Stan Peterson Photographer)



Stan Peterson Checking the Brake Fluid
(Bob Elsloo, Photographer)



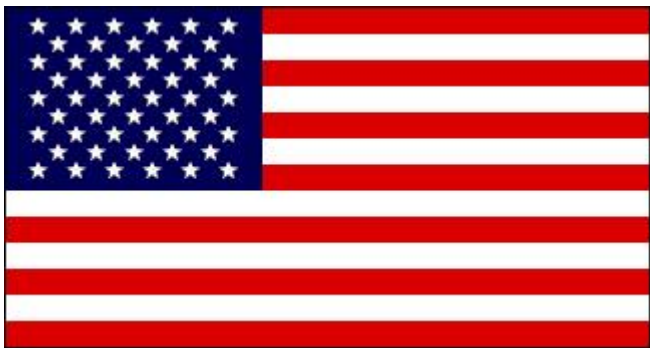
XO Stan Caught Performing C&W in BC, Canada
(Stan Hanson, Photographer)

Midland & the AirSho *(From pg 1)*

The AirSho went off without a hitch; Col Bob Elsloo joined us for the two days of the show. He brought along his new little Casita camping trailer and invited us over for a fine cookout of brats and a showing of “The Black Sheep Squadron” on his miniature entertainment system. Breakfast the next morning was shared with a WWII Corsair Vet. Who had flown attacks on Chi Chi Island with President George H.W. Bush. He had only been flying for four months when he was wounded and crashed landed on the carrier. He spent the next year and a half in the various hospitals. He is featured on page 166 in the book Fly Boys.

Our tour was cut short by a day because of the unexpected passing of Stan Hanson’s Mother. Regardless, our Cream Puff performed flawlessly on trip down and back. The weather was a bit marginal on our return to Denver, but we were glad to make it in, because the weather was only scheduled to get worse over the next several days.

KEEP ’EM FLYING →



Lest We Forget...

Commentary on the Pledge of Allegiance

By Red Skelton

(Copied from the United Church of Christ Bulletin)

As a schoolboy, one of Red Skelton’s teachers explained the words and meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance to his class. Skelton later wrote down and eventually recorded his recollection of this lecture. It is followed by an observation of his own.

(Pledge Continued)

I – Me; an individual; a committee of one.

Pledge – Dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self pity.

Allegiance – My love and my devotion.

To the Flag – Our standard; Old Glory; a symbol of freedom; wherever she waves there is respect; because your loyalty has given her dignity that shouts, freedom is everybody’s job.

United – That means that we have all come together.

States – Individual communities that have united into forty-eight great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose. All divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that is love of country.

And to the Republic – Republic – state, in which sovereign power is invested in representatives, chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people; and it’s from the people to the leader, not from the leaders to the people – **For which it stands.**

One Nation – One Nation – meaning, so blessed by God.

Indivisible – Incapable of being divided.

With Liberty – Which is Freedom; the right power to live one’s own life, without threats, fear, or some sort of retaliation.

And Justice – The principle, or qualities, of dealing fairly with others.

For All – for all – which means, boys, and girls, it’s as much your country as it is mine.

And now, boys and girls, let me hear you recite the Pledge of Allegiance:

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic, for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country, and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance:

Under God. Wouldn’t it be a pity if someone said that is a prayer, and that it would be eliminated from schools, too?

Calendar of Events

Nov 4, 2006 – Aircraft work day:
10:00 a.m. at Platte Valley Airport

Nov 18, 2006 – Wing meeting:
10:00 a.m. at Platte Valley Airport
Nominations for 2007 MHW officers

Dec 16, 2006 – Wing meeting:
10:00 a.m. at Platte Valley Airport
Election of MHW 2007 officers

**NOTICE: 2007 Annual CAF-MHW dues due
12/31/2006**

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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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