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THE COYOTE'S HOWL

Newsletter of the Coyote Squadron
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UNIT LEADER - Howdy Coyotes! Spring has sprung and we need to get out and pick up trash. We will be picking up trash this month (April) starting at 0830.

If you have not paid your National or Coyotes dues, please do so. If you are having complications paying, please let me know.

Just a reminder that in June we will be meeting on the third weekend and doing a pancake breakfast for the fly in. See you all Saturday!!

Semper Fidelis Col Melvin L Hall III, Unit Leader

ADJUTANT - It's April, no foolin'! At this time last month, I had just taken my car to the transmission repair shop. Finally, a week ago, I can say the vehicle is driving nicely again. (Almost a month without wheels is tough!) So, it's back to normal. At this month's meeting, I'll have the current Coyote membership roster, also the CAF Coyote member list. Now is the time to renew your membership if it hasn't already been updated. We will also plan to discuss the CAF Youth Protection Program and how you can participate. Thanks!

Col Alan Pavik, Adjutant

OPERATIONS OFFICER - Both the PT-19 and T-34 attended the Bluebonnet Airshow in Burnet on the 19th. Col's Meisetschleager and Clark braved the 40 something temperature and flew nearly two hours in an open cockpit aircraft to show the Coyote colors. They indicated that the ride home was actually less comfortable than the ride down as they had removed all their extra layers of warmth. Col DeArmond was able to complete his second flight in an air show to get his Senior Pilot designation. Again, this designation means that he is fully qualified to participate in airshows on his own.

Both aircraft also participated in the Dogwood fly in at Palestine over two days the following weekend. Between the two aircraft we completed 11 rides. Thanks to Col Jim Wells and Norm Clark for helping out.

Our next commitment is at the Vintage Flying Museum at Meacham field in Ft. Worth on our meeting day with the T-34. This is a rides event hosted by VFM that we have participated in before. It is usually a good revenue producer for us and helps out the museum as well.

Although we were scheduled to participate in the first Barnstormer event on the 16th with the PT-19 we will not be able to attend. See the Maintenance Officer writeup for more information.

Upcoming schedule

April-Summerall and Arber need T-34 check flight

4/9 Vintage Flying Museum Rides Day T-34 9-5

4/10-29 T-34 down for annual

4/16 Barnstormer Arlington Municipal Airport PT
4/30 Derrick Days flyover PT and T-34
5/21 Barnstormer Greenville Majors Airport Greenville PT
5/30 Memorial Day Flyovers- Kerens

Margaret Evans

6/4 Barnstormer Midway Regional Airport PT
6/18 Barnstormer Corsicana Municipal Airport Pancake breakfast! PT and T-34

Praise in the Park Margaret Evans

7/1 Rose City Airfest Tyler

7/4 July 4th flyovers

7/9 Barnstormer Spinks Airport Fort Worth PT

9/10-11 High Sky Wing T-34

9/17 Barnstormer Cleburne Airport PT

9/30-10/2 Ranger Fly in Ranger. TX

11/11-13 Wings over Dallas PT and T-34

Events in Bold - commitments

* Barnstormers event runs from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Col Dan Summerall, Operations Officer

MAINTENANCE OFFICER - The PT-19 starter has had issues for a long time. This finally got so bad that the aircraft cannot be trusted away from home base. At Palestine, each time the aircraft was started the prop had to be manually rotated to a position where the starter would finally engage. Col. Will Koonce and I got started with removal and it was out in no time. Col. Summerall had it shipped out for repairs the next day, and we should have it back in a week or two from the starter shop in Oklahoma.

The T-34 annual is due by the end of the month. We will get started as soon as it returns from the scheduled “rides day” on the 9th. See y’all at the meeting. **Col Thomas Cozart, Maintenance Officer**

SAFETY OFFICER - Having gone through two extreme wind events in less than 7 days, I thought a reminder of what’s coming would be a good idea. For the next two months North Texas is likely to have multiple extreme weather events. So, how should you prepare?

In addition to strong thunderstorms, high and gusty winds can be expected. Thirty mile an hour sustained winds with gusts as high as fifty miles per hour are not uncommon. This can turn everyday items into dangerous projectiles. A good example is the first wind event I experienced. Winds were 20 mph with gusts to 35 mph. Two of my patio chairs were blown into a neighboring yard (I still haven’t found the cushions). These chairs weigh about 15 pounds each. Not heavy but heavy enough to do damage or cause injury. In more extreme cases, sustained winds can get up to 50 mph and in some cases develop into tornados. If this happens, a lot more items get pushed around. In the second wind event, sustained winds were 35 mph with gusts to 50 mph. Half the asphalt shingles on the neighbors house ended up scattered throughout the neighborhood. Of course, we’ve all seen what happens if a tornado moves through a neighborhood.

So, what do you do? Do a quick inventory of what you have outside. Identify those items that could become projectiles in high winds. If possible, store them indoors. If that is not possible, tie them together to increase the weight. This may keep them from flying off. You may be able to move them to an area sheltered from the wind. Don’t forget about pets. Don’t leave them outside if high winds are expected. They could be seriously injured. Listen to weather advisories. They may give a couple of days notice of pending bad weather. Make sure you have your Go Bag packed and ready. You may have to evacuate if flooding or tornados occur. Also remember, flooding may cause snakes and wild animals to seek high ground. They may end up on your patio or porch. Review your evacuation routes. You may want to plan multiple routes just in case. And make sure your emergency contacts list is up to date. Nothing is more frightening than experiencing a severe weather event and not being able to check on family and friends.

As Smokey the Bear says, “Only You can prevent forest fires.” But you can’t prevent bad weather. Be prepared and reduce the bad outcome. **Colonel Tom Peters, Safety Officer**

Souper Chefs - For our April fool's meal, we are planning on Col Revee's famous sloppy joes, with baked beans, potato salad and a dessert. On the road again, picking trash again with my friends.....will be a great day, come on out and enjoy....**Col Charlie Horton**

Airsho - Please be sure to put October 8th in your calendar so that you will be here to help with the show! We have begun lining up performers. Your suggestions will certainly be taken into account! Fuel prices are through the roof and will probably continue to go up. The last fuel that we purchased was \$5.77!!!! That was an increase of eighty cents from the last price.



There were two privately owned T-34's at Burnet



The PT-19 got to enjoy the shade



Karen's O-2 and the 2nd T-34



Different paint schemes for the Navy trainers



A couple of the food vendors at Palestine- We tried both of these



This was primarily a gun show with many vendors



Friday was a slow day but the ramp on Saturday was packed!