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THE COYOTE'S HOWL

Newsletter of the Coyote Squadron
Commemorative Air Force
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UNIT LEADER - Howdy Coyotes!

I have been talking with my staff and we believe that we as a squadron should be hyper focused on a few things this first part of the year.

1. Recruiting, we need to recruit more Coyotes. This will help with the load to make things easier for all those who are working and more fun and sustainable. We have many members who have done much of the work for many years and we do not want to burn them out. Many are not physically capable of doing some of the things they used to do and we need help to get those things done. Besides why should we be so stingy with all the fun we have? We should share it with others!!

2. Fundraising for the Airsho, many of our sponsors cannot give what they used to and with some of the new challenges faced we will have to raise more money to equal our former take home. Let's get out there and find more sponsors!! If you need help or have ideas get with Haskell and Dan.

3. Community Outreach and Education. We have a perfect opportunity coming up with Derrick Days on April 29th. Come on out and support our unit and help us recruit new colonels, and help to honor our Mission of Educate, Honor and Inspire.

See you all this weekend!! Have a safe week!!

Semper Fidelis Colonel Melvin L Hall III, Unit Leader

EXECUTIVE OFFICER – I conducted loadmaster training with Colonel Stanley Nirider at the end of last month. Stanley is now qualified to perform as the loadmaster for our flights. Congratulations and thank you Colonel Nirider.

Col Warnie Meisetschleager, Executive Officer

Operations Officer- We are at the beginning of airshow season. The first show of the season (for us) will be the Bluebonnet Airshow hosted by the Highland Lakes Squadron in Bunert, TX on March 18. The T-34 will be there with Col's Meisetschleager and Brzostowski representing the Coyote Squadron. Col Brzostowski will be doing the second and final flight to get his Senior Pilot designation. This will allow him to participate in shows that are conducted in waived airspace (like our show). They will fly down and back on the same day for this one-day show.

The following weekend is a rides event in Palestine. We participated in this last year and were able to conduct several revenue rides. Col Meisetschleager will hopefully be able to take this event again this year. We will need someone to assist with selling the rides and performing loadmaster duties. Let me know if you'd like to help out with this event.

We attempted to do required check rides for Colonels Summerall and Brzostowski in the PT-19 with Colonel David Oliver as the check pilot. Unfortunately, the weather did not

cooperate so we are working on alternate dates for the flights.

The James L Collins Catholic School U.S. Military History Club made a trip to the hangar on March 3 to learn about the Commemorative Air Force and have a look at our airplanes. Colonels Meisetschleager and Summerall discussed the purpose of the CAF the importance of each of our aircraft. Colonel Meisetschleager discussed the forces that affect aircraft in flight. The group was very interested in our aircraft and had the opportunity to sit in each one to see how those forces pertain to each aircraft. Our thanks to Colonel Cozart for facilitating the visit and setting up the hangar for the visit. Thanks also to our Education Officer, Colonel April Robinson for assembling goodie bags for all the students. They were well liked and enjoyed. We learned that it is best to pass out the goodie bags last rather than at the beginning of the visit!

The Barnstormer events will be starting up soon. Although Corsicana will not be a stop this year, our PT-19 will be participating in as many stops as possible. One of the first will be at Dallas Executive at the CAF headquarters.

Colonel Dan Summerall, Operations Officer

MAINTENANCE OFFICER - Both aircraft are “up” and have been flying this past month. Although not due for several months we will be looking at accelerating our PT-19 annual so that it gets completed in the next couple of months so that we don’t lose time during the heavy airshow season. **Colonel Thomas Cozart, Maintenance Officer**

SAFETY OFFICER – With our recent severe weather in our area it is a good time to think hard about preparing before severe weather breaks out. Things to really plan for and discuss with your family include:

- Having an Emergency Plan ready
- Make sure you have a way to receive alerts
- Discuss safe spots at your home and meeting places if not at home
- Secure outdoor items
- Charge all electronics

Being prepared will help ensure that your family is as safe as possible in an emergency situation.

Colonel Michale Porter, Safety Officer

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER - The Coyotes have been on the move! At last month’s meeting Squadron Commander Mel Hall, Executive Officer Warnie Meisetschleager, and Operations Officer Dan Summerall proudly presented to Colonel Ted Taylor an award from the Commemorative Air Force HQ, the Unit Service Award. Colonel Taylor has been the primary fundraiser for our squadron for many years. Due to his extensive personal database and knowledge of primary points of contact for the local business community, his pleasant personality, desire to serve his community and love of the Coyote Squadron, Colonel Taylor has been key in raising over one million dollars. These fund have been vital in bringing to the local community one of the best aviation events of the year. Because Colonel Taylor has been consistent in fulfilling his duties, far in excess of what was required, he has helped to ensure that the Coyote Squadron remains recognized as “The Best Little Air Show in Texas”. Thank you Colonel Taylor for all you have done for the Coyotes!

After the meeting Colonel Warnie Meisetschleager held a ground school for Colonel Matt Brzostowski and Colonel Dan Summerall on the PT-19.

Last month’s meeting also saw two new members stop on in! Welcome to the Coyote Family Ray Mix and Charles Rooks! Colonel Mix had the opportunity to take a ride in the T34 after the meeting adjourned with Colonel Dan Summerall piloting the plane.

As part of the Mission to “Educate”, the Coyote Squadron was happy to be a stop on a field trip for the U.S. Military History Club of the James L. Collins Catholic School of Corsicana at our hangar. Colonels Dan Summerall, Warnie Meisetschleager and Thomas Cozart guided the students through the history of the Corsicana Municipal Airport and how it was an integral part of the Army Air Corps training, sitting in the cockpits of our T-34 and PT-19, and learning the mechanics of flight. The students were able to climb on to the tug and look through our ambulance. It was hard to tell who enjoyed it more!

Keep the history of military aviation alive by Educating, Inspiring and Honoring!

Colonel Christine Hall, Public Information Officer



Colonel and Patti Summerall were prepared for the nearly 24 hours without power recently with their miners lights.



Colonels Warnie Meisetschleager (XO), Mel Hall (CO), and Dan Summerall (Operations Officer) presenting a CAF HQ award to Colonel Ted Taylor



New Coyote Squadron Colonel Ray Mix getting ready to ride with Colonel Dan Summerall



Colonel Dan Summerall and Warnie Meisetschleager holding Ground School on the PT-19 for Colonel Matt Brzostowski



New Colonel Ray Mix



New Colonel Charles Rooks

Coyote Squadron Colonels with the U.S. History Club of James L. Collins Catholic School

Students from the James L Collins Catholic school's Veterans History group listen intently as Colonel Meisetschleager discusses the forces that act upon aircraft.





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GENERAL MEETING AT 1030

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