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THE COYOTE'S HOWL

Newsletter of the Coyote Squadron
Commemorative Air Force
Corsicana, Texas
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UNIT LEADER - Howdy Coyotes! Just a quick reminder from me, we have the Airsho coming up in two months. Also please pay your dues if have not some so. Please see Col Alan if you do not know if you are current. Semper Fidelis, **Colonel Melvin Hall III, Unit Leader**

ADJUTANT – Hi Everyone, it's August! Schools are restarting! Please be careful when driving through school zones and reacquaint yourself with the speed restriction times!

It's gonna get crazy busy for the rest of the year! We have this month and September's meeting before our AirSho, then November and December to close out the year. I mention this because November will process the annual Coyote Squadron Elected Staff positions. If you are interested in handling a Coyote Squadron Staff position, please let your intentions be known to Melvin Hall, Squadron Leader, Warnie M+14, Executive Officer, Dan Summerall, Operations Officer, or myself.

At this month's meeting, we will add the Squadron Staff Positions as a discussion point. This will lay out the selection and elections process for the year. Not all positions will be up for re-election, but several positions are scheduled for re-election. We do have open positions which require election. Remember, to be eligible to vote in this year's elections, you must be a Current Coyote Member. So, if you are unsure of your status, please see me at the August meeting. Stay hydrated and remember sunscreen! Colonel Alan Pavik, Adjutant

FINANCE OFFICER – Colonel Hall has appointed Colonel Frank DeArmond as the Finance Officer.

OPERATIONS OFFICER – Not much going on this month and with the extreme heat we are experiencing that is probably a good thing! My thanks to Col Cozart for looking after the aircraft tug. Having the tug available to move the T-34 back into the hangar is a great help. It is next to impossible for one person to push the T-34 back into the hangar. With the tug available, we are able to get all wheels over the "hump" and on level ground.

Next month we will begin doing some more flying when we attend the DFW Wing Warbirds and Wheels event over the Labor Day Weekend. Hopefully we'll be able to do some rides with both of the aircraft. Later that month Col's DeArmond and Meisetschleager will be taking the T-34 to Midland for the High Sky Wing's Airsho 9-11 September. This all depends on finding the root cause of our fuel imbalance issue by that time and completing a required inspection as well. **Colonel Dan Summerall, Operations Officer**

MAINTENANCE OFFICER - Special thanks to Cols. Eason and Grantham for help removing the starter on the T-34 at the last meeting. The starter had an issue getting hot and we were able to ship it out and get a replacement back in a timely manner. Hopefully Continental (the manufacturer) will approve it for warranty replacement

Thanks also to Col's Koonce, Meisetschleager and Summerall for replacing the brakes on the T-34. Eagle eyed Col Arber noticed on his preflight inspection that the brake pads seemed a bit worn. With further investigation, they were indeed ready to be replaced. It was an amazingly easy and quick repair.

The PT-19 annual is well underway and we should be wrapping it up soon. Thank you to Cols. Summerall, Dow, Meisetschleager, & Koonce for your hard work.

The Tug tractor got new inner tubes in the left side tires, new battery installed, new fan belt and fuel filter. All these items needed attention and now our tug tractor will be more reliable.

Hope to see yall at the next meeting! **Colonel Thomas Cozart Maintenance Officer**

SAFETY OFFICER - As the Jim Croce song says, "I don't like spiders and snakes." In a past newsletter, I talked about venomous snakes in Texas. In this issue I want to discuss spiders. There are over 1000 species of spiders in Texas. Only two are venomous. Spider bites are generally not fatal. They are, however, quite painful. And, if left untreated, they can become infected causing more severe issues.

The black widow spider is the most feared species we encounter. There are several species of black spiders. The black widow stands out because of the red hourglass shaped markings on its back. Its venom affects the nervous system. Depending on the bite location, it can cause some numbness and is quite painful. The other venomous spider is the brown recluse. The brown recluse is a light sandy color and is one of the larger spiders encountered. Its venom causes skin damage and can leave a scar if it gets infected. Both of these spiders are found indoors and outside. As its name implies, the brown recluse is usually found in dark places in areas where other insects are abundant. The black widow can be found almost anywhere.

Treatment for spider bites is very simple. Wash the area with warm soapy water and apply an antibiotic cream. No bandage is needed but you should put a cool compress on it for about 30 minutes. Most spider bites heal on their own in about five days. If the area remains red or if swelling persists, you may want to have it checked out by a doctor.

Spider bites are not common but when they occur they are scary. Like other safety hazards, if you have a plan, you have a defense. **Colonel Tom Peters, Safety Officer**



AIRSHO- I am at a loss for words over the void that I feel for the loss of our long time Airsho Coordinator Col Candis Wells. Candy was the heart and soul of our annual event. All the aircrews knew and loved her for her kindness over the years and her love of both the CAF and Coyote Squadron. She will be terribly missed. This year's show will be dedicated to her memory.

Our lineup is complete, hotel rooms are set and we hope to have a wonderful cool day come October 8th for our 23rd annual Corsicana Airsho! Now we just have to pay for it!

My thanks to Col's Taylor, Dighton, Hill and Jim Wells for spending hours, days and weeks calling on local businesses asking for their support to help pay for this year's event. I will say that it has been more difficult this year to find sufficient resources to pay for all of our expenses. One thing that is evident is that we need MORE fundraisers to help us! If you have a lead on someone you believe might want to become a sponsor, please give me a call or text at 903-467-7170. We are roughly 25% funded with slightly less than two months to go.

Colonel Dan Summerall, Airsho Coordinator

SOUPER CHEFS - I promised that we would have CHICKEN POT PIE at our next meeting. So, yard bird it will be. And we thank you for the month off...

As a revenue project for the Squadron, if you have any aluminum cans lying around, bring them to the next meeting (or any meeting), throw them in the back of my pickup and I will crush and sell them and give the proceeds to the Coyote Treasurer.

I would urge you to participate in the monthly meetings. Find something that perks your interest or that you think you can do more efficiently than is currently happening, make one of the officers or old heads aware of your desire and see what happens. You'll get more out of the meeting if you become a truly active participant. **Colonels Charlie and Reva Horton**

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER - Bio for Ken Starrett – Arlington, TX

I was born in Cincinnati, OH and graduated from Western Hills High School in June of 1970, which just so happens to be the same high school that Pete Rose graduated from.

That same month, I also started work for a company called American Excelsior and I got married. Needless to say, June of 1970 was a life changing month for me, as I just retired last month from that same company after 52 years of service, and I am still happily married to the same woman (Cindy) after 52 years. I have one daughter (Lisa) and three granddaughters ages 24, 22 and 16.

While employed at American Excelsior Company, I held the positions of, machine operator, inside sales, outside sales, General Manager, Director of Marketing, Director of Training, VP Operations and retired as the VP of Sales and Marketing. During my tenure with the company, we lived in Cincinnati, OH/Cleveland, OH/Westland, MI/Baltimore, MD/Sheboygan, WI and Arlington, TX.

During my life, I have been fortunate to have traveled to places like Hawaii, Italy, Germany, France, Switzerland and Ireland and hope to add to this list in my retirement years.

My fascination with aircraft began as a young boy when I got a gas engine Flying Tiger airplane for Christmas one year and have always enjoyed going to airshows.

My first introduction to the CAF came about due to my friendship with Col. Ken Fling. I was his Corvette driver in the Dallas Veterans Day Parade, and it seemed that we were destined to hook-up as not only did we share the same name, but my father was also named Ken and he too was a WWII Navy veteran, just like Ken Fling.



When I found out that the Coyote Squadron was going to celebrate his 95th birthday at the Corsicana Airshow, I decided to attend the event and even presented Ken with a model car made to look just like my Corvette all the way down to the details of having his name and banner on the doors, just like in the parade. While at the show, I met Mel Hall and within a few mins, I was filling out an application to join the CAF Coyote Squadron.

I have since joined the Dallas Squadron and worked airshows for both squadrons and since my retirement in June, I have worked two of the Barnstormer Shows, plus four days in Cincinnati with the B29/B24 tour and I plan to become a Scanner next year so I can go on tour with them on a couple of tour stops.

When I retired, I was a little worried about filling in some of mine time, but thus far, the CAF has helped fill in the gap of not having the traditional retirement goals like playing golf, fishing etc. I am also considering getting my pilots license as it is obvious that my love for aircraft is still growing even at this late stage of my life.

WANTED-SEE COL SUMMERALL
Airsho Co-Coordinator
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Newsletter manager/publisher



Colonel Meisetschleager inspects the brakes following their replacement



Fr. Ed Monk of Saint John's Episcopal Church

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