

After Action Report  
Veterans Day at the Wings Over the Rockies Museum  
November 9-11-2024



Due to the inclement weather pending for the weekend event, we decided to move the trailer from Golden to the Wings Museum on Friday morning during a “Window of Opportunity”. However, when Carson, the driver from Tom Calaveras Trucking hooked up, the brakes would not release on the trailer. Carson, our driver, worked on it for about an hour before calling an additional mechanic who brought tools and parts from their facility in Commerce City. Meanwhile we began an attempt to get a hold of our contact at the Museum to let them know we would be arriving later than expected. That attempt continued into the early afternoon without results. It became clear that we were not going to get the Trailer into the Wings Museum that day. Carson was able to get the museum out of the muddy yard on South Golden Road amidst a snow storm and move the trailer to the Calaveras Yard in Commerce City. Thanks to Terry’s contact at the EOF in Centennial, we finally were able get a hold of someone at the Wings Museum only to find out that the Wings Museum was closed for weather. Terry made arrangements for the following day (Saturday), after the snow stopped, to deliver the trailer.

Carson delivered the trailer to the Wings Saturday at 11:00. The Trailer was covered with snow. After the trailer was moved in and the doors closed and things started to warm up, the snow began melting and created a small lake

around the trailer inside the Wings Museum. After setting up the Museum we spent the rest of the day mopping up water. This continued into Sunday morning. We believe that the Wings Museum delayed opening until noon on Sunday because of the cleanup.

We had a good turnout of docents for this event. They were: Bill Bates, Rick Beaver, Carl and Barbra Cavalluzzi, Wick Clark, Bruce Girvan, Al and Dotti Harinck, Bob Harris, Dale and Candy House and Dale's Brother Don, who was visiting from Missouri, Phil Lanphier, Cliff Lawson, Doug Neil, Terry Olson, Richard Overstake, Mike Pointdexter, and Chris Towne.

We estimate that we had nearly 600 guests over the 3 day weekend. A pretty good turnout considering the way it all started with the "Big Snow Event", where Governor Polis issued a "Severe Weather" declaration and put the National Guard on standby.

Here are some photographs from that event provided by Cliff Lawson with a few additional pictures provide by Dale House:









