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## THE COYOTE'S HOWL

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UNIT LEADER – Well Coyotes, you should not only be proud, but also extremely satisfied with the outcome of our Airsho!!! Everyone's effort was shown in the smiling faces and heard in all the positive comments. There's no way in the short newsletter to thank everyone for all the time and effort that they put in. So may I offer a Big Coyote Howl to all those that participated and helped. Colonel Warnie Meisetschleager, Unit Leader

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER-** Greetings Fellow coyotes, what a great Airsho© we had. Thanks to all you hard workers it went as smoothly as I've ever seen it-no people or airplanes were hurt in the making of our 25th Airsho©. I got to fly with Falcon Flight on my 80th birthday; what a great present!

In the morning Falcon Flight flew a "dawn patrol" over town and we blew a little "smoke" to let people know the show was about to start at noon. Congratulations to Colonels Dan Summerall and Mike Babler who received their "Master Pilot" awards from the FAA during the pilot briefing. While watching the show I was very impressed with Julia Wood who put on an awesome aerobics display in the Pitts. Let's not forget all the warbirds and fantastic pyro courtesy of the "Blastards". All in all, a great day. I heard lots of positive comments from spectators and performers.

Thanks again. Colonel Steve Richmond, Executive Officer

FINANCE OFFICER – I haven't finished the books for October yet but have 95% of the inputs and the first look is very good. We had a very financially lucrative Airsho along with the first three quarters of the year. We exceeded our donation goal this year, exceeded our revenue from last year, and through hard work (and blood, sweat and tears in many cases) were able to cut expenses substantially over last year's. Again, it is because of our donors, the hard work of our fantastic "fund getters", and the time given by all our volunteers within the squadron which helps to keep costs down significantly!

Great job everyone! Colonel Frank DeArmon, Finance Officer

**ADJUTANT** – Hi Everyone, It's November! Do you know where your Thanksgiving Turkey is coming from? In addition to being a Coyote member, I also participate with the CAF Marshalling Detachment. October was very busy! Last weekend, I finally was able to take in the Houston Air Show. (Thursday – Sunday, sunrise – sunset daily.) WOW! (Hopefully, I'll get caught up on sleep for our meeting this Saturday.) The big thing for this month will be the CAF Annual Squadron Officer Elections. Last year, we changed very many squadron officers, so I think we only have one or two positions to talk about this year. Please plan to attend this month's meeting to participate. But that also means the next year, look out! We will have more positions up for renewal or change. SO, if you are interested in getting more involved with the Coyote Squadron, please let us know, and we will get you "involved". Thank you for your participation! Colonel Alan Pavik, Adjutant

**OPERATIONS OFFICER** – I'd like to thank Frank and JoAnne DeArmond and all who assisted in making the wonderful Airsho© poster collage that was presented along with the "Silver Eagle" award at the pilot brief for the Airsho©. It has been my privilege to be the Airsho© Coordinator for these last many years. I know that very few got to see it so I have included a photo of it proudly displayed on my "I love me wall" alongside my recent Wright Brothers Master Pilot certificate.

The PT-19 is operational and flew 5 flights for 3.6 hours after the brakes were back in operation. Thanks again, Thomas! The T-34 is also operational and flew 17 flights for 9.8 hours. This includes 6 revenue rides at the Aviation Discovery Fest at the beginning of the month.

We did a flyover for the Kerens Cotton Harvest Festival on Oct 19th and then on the way back, did a flyover for the Campbell Arts Plaza dedication. Thanks to Colonels Ted Taylor and Mike Babler, along with Warnie Meisetschleager and Steve Richmond for doing these flights. The folks in Ennis send their regards! See photos.

We have several pilots waiting for training. Charles Rooks has been patiently waiting to do training in the PT-19. Also, two relatively new members (Joel Champlin and Frank Miner) are in the process of submitting their paperwork to begin training in the T-34.

We will do a flyover for the Texas Veterans Parade this Saturday in the PT-19.

Thanks also to Jim Oslick for driving our ambulance in the parade as well.

Colonel Dan Summerall, Operations Officer

#### SAFETY OFFICER - Safety topics for the Fall season

- 1. Inspect your fireplace before lighting the first fire.
- 2. Check your smoke detectors with the furnace turned on, the windows closed and portable heaters going.
- 3. Inspect your roof's drainage system since it annually diverts thousands of gallons of water each year from your house foundation.
- 4. Put cordless yard tools to bed, before you retire battery-powered lawn gear for the winter.
- 5. Be prepared for changing and bad weather. Colonel Michale Porter, Safety Officer

AIRSHO COORDINATOR - Well, another Airsho is in the books, and what a great one it was: A very safe, successful, lucrative, and enjoyable Airsho! It does not get any better. And we want to thank all the donors: The businesses, organizations, foundations, and individuals who were so generous and made the Airsho possible – thank you all! And finally, thanks to all the volunteers; it is only with the help of all that we had such a great Airsho! I also want to give a personal note of thanks to Colonel Dan Summerall who gave so much of his time helping me out on my first year as the coordinator. Now, next year will be here before you know it...and along that line, I received a lot of great feedback and inputs on how to make the show more safe, efficient (i.e., less strain on all of us), and enjoyable for the attendees. I will be going over the inputs at the next few meetings. Thanks again for another outstanding Airsho! Colonel Frank DeArmond

## COLONELS IN THE NEWS- Well done and congratulations to Colonel Matt Brzostowski

A Washington State University alumnus, Matt Brzostowski, will deliver the keynote for Cougs in Space, a two-day event for students in engineering, business, research, sciences, innovation, and others to connect with alumni and employers in related space industry fields. The event, which begins today, (Edit 10/29/2024) is a joint collaboration between the Academic Success and Career Center, the College of Arts and Sciences, the Carson College of Business, the Voiland College of Engineering and Architecture, and the Cougs in Space Club.

"It's an honor to be invited to participate in Cougs in Space. It's important for people with experience to talk with those just starting out — to educate, to share my experience in hope that maybe something I've done, others can learn from," said Brzostowski.

From the age of 11, Brzostowski knew he wanted to be a scientist and an astronaut. After earning his PhD in Texas, he pursued opportunities to engage with scientists and programs at NASA supporting the mission, and always striving towards his goal of becoming an astronaut.

During his time in Texas, Brzostowski volunteered on projects that involved developing a geophysical system to image the near surface of the Moon or Mars. He worked with Yosio Nakamura in properly decoding and reformatting decades old seismic data from the Apollo missions, identifying a serious timing error leading to new accurate interpretations.

Eventually receiving an astronaut candidate interview with NASA, Brzostowski was one of four geoscientists in contention for the next mission to the moon. Government administration changes, however, altered the mission but not his dream to serve as a contributing member on a future mission.

Brzostowski's Cougs in Space address aims to encourage students to seek out opportunities beyond the classroom and later beyond the office — to use personal time to develop skills and relationships that will prepare and move them closer to fulfilling their dreams.

Brzostowski graduated in 1980 with a BA in geology from WSU and later received his PhD in geosciences from the University of Texas at Dallas. Prior to retiring four years ago, he served for 40 years as a geophysicist on the industry side working with businesses to explore, solve problems and identify potential economic benefits.

COLONEL JIM WELLS - From a FaceBook post: I am happy to announce that PSI has sold. I was able to get a deal that was made in heaven. It's good for the buyers, good for my wonderful employees, and good for me. I want to thank all the people who helped me build this great little company. Starting with Red, JC, Melanie, to the great team I have now. Steve, Ted, Chris, Donna, and Toni. We couldn't have made it without Joe Crutcher and East Texas National Bank. Saving the best for last I would not have made it with the support of my wonderful wife Candy. I wouldn't be the man I am today without you. Love you.

## Shots from the dedication of the Dr. David Campbell Arts Plaza













Thanks to Carli Haynie for including the PT-19 in her painting at the Campbell Arts Plaza.



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