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UNIT LEADER - Happy May Day Month. While training continued in April with Colonels Summerall and Miner it is about to come to a quick halt as the T34 begins its annual inspection. Our thanks go out to Colonels Summerall, Rooks, Higginbotham, & Cozart for their contributions to the PT19 annual inspection. However, more work is still required to keep us flying. A recent flight to the Pioneer Museum had to be canceled due to the PT19 still being in annual. So, with the PT annual not complete and the T34 starting its annual, our squadron is Grounded. Therefore, even if you don't fly 'em we could still use your help on maintenance days to work on our aircraft. Don't be shy, you'll have great supervision. So, if you can help out contact Colonel Summerall so that he can include you in a Coyote call for help on our maintenance days. Also, I am still looking for any interested parties for Loadmaster duties. Once we're airborne again we need to make sure we have some folks to efficiently run a rides day. Time off and work schedules impact on everyone's availability, but by having more folks to call on it enhances the chance for success. Therefore, if you have the time and inclination, contact me at the meeting. And finally, our congratulations go out to one of our former squadron members, Navy Captain Joe Hill. Who was recently elected mayor of Corsicana. Colonels Summerall and Dighton were instrumental in his campaign. Thanks Guys!!! See You Saturday Colonel Warnie Meisetschleager, Unit Leader

EXECUTIVE OFFICER – Greetings Fellow Coyotes, April showers bring May flowers but whoever is doing the rain dance can knock it off. Richland -Chambers Lake is a foot over full pool level and 12 floodgates are open as I write this. I hope to see everyone at our meeting on Sat 10 May and don't forget Mother's Day is on the 11th. Col Steve Richmond XO

FINANCE OFFICER – Short story: Income is slightly up, but primarily because of several early donations, to include two new donors! By the time you read this, two more grant requests will have been submitted. Expenses are slightly lower. But it is early, and the aircraft are undergoing expensive upgrades, so expenses will soon ramp up sharply. Airsho[©] expenses haven't even really started yet. So, we will need, as always, a good influx of donations. With our wonderful and generous donors, the Airsho© will go on! Colonel Frank DeArmond, Finance Officer

ADJUTANT – Hi Everyone! Happy May! First, let me wish all Moms a very happy Mother's Day! Late spring is here, and everything is getting busy, really quick! Our Coyote meeting this coming Saturday is sharing the day with the CAF HQ open house and fly-in weekend. Derrick Days was great! We were able to start spreading the news of our upcoming Airsho! Thank you to everyone who came out and participated! The "Barnstormer Fly-Ins" and Air Shows have begun! Congratulations

to the DFW Wing. Their R4D has successfully made the trip to England, and as I'm writing this, they are in the Netherlands If you want to track the progress on Flight Aware, R4D's registration is N151ZE. Finally, please update your email list! My new email is Alan.Pavik@yahoo.com. (Anything sent to my old email address will not be delivered.) I'll see you this Saturday! Alan Pavik, Adjutant

OPERATIONS OFFICER – Upcoming events:

Aviation Discovery Festival at HQ May 10-11 Barnstormer Greenville May 17 Vintage Flying Museum Rides Day May 24 Memorial Day May 26 Barnstormer Granbury May 31 Parmstormer Midway, June 7

Barnstormer Midway June 7

With our current aircraft availability, we are uncertain as to what we will be able to support. We hope to get the PT-19 out of annual inspection very soon so she can participate in these events. The T-34 will not go into annual inspection until the PT-19 is completed. My thanks to those who have helped with the inspection Congratulations to Colonel Frank Miner who completed his check ride in the T-34.

Colonel Dan Summerall, Operations Officer

SAFETY OFFICER - As we enter the spring/summertime of the year, the amount of time spent outside working in the yard increases. Here are some tips to make your outside time safer.

First, wear appropriate clothing for the task at hand. Start with head gear. You should wear a wide brimmed hat while working outside. This keeps you cooler and protects you from the sun's rays that could cause skin cancers. A lightweight shirt and shorts are ok for piddling around the flower beds but long pants and boots should be worn if you are pushing a mower or using a string trimmer. You should also wear eye protection as well. Debris can be kicked up by some equipment. And it doesn't hurt to wear some type of hearing protection and a good pair of gloves.

It's important that your tools be maintained as well. A dull cutting tool is more dangerous than a sharp one because you have to work harder to get the job done. Make sure mowers and trimmers are serviced. If you are using a riding mower or zero turn, make sure the tires are properly inflated and safety devices attached to them are properly secured.

Finally, keep yourself hydrated. Drink plenty of water and electrolytes. Take frequent breaks when the temperature is high. Don't overdo. Take your time. Your safety and health are more important than a well-manicured lawn. Colonel Tom Peters, Aviation Safety Officer.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER – It's time for us to get started raising funds for our 2025 AirSho*. Help and suggestions would be greatly appreciated. **Col Haskell Dighton, Development Officer**

PRAYER LIST – Colonel Michael Porter has an accident on him motorcycle on Saturday. At this point he is still in ICU but brother Melvin reports that he is doing "okay" for now.

CONGRATULATIONS – Former member Captain Joe Hill was elected as the Mayor of Corsicana on May 3rd. We wish him well in his new position.

AIRSHO© **COORDINATOR** - Performers are scheduled, and many other activities have been completed -- still a lot to do though. The Emergency Response Plan has been reviewed, approved by our stakeholders, and is now awaiting notification from the FAA so we can send it to them. The request for military aircraft support (flyover and static display) has been submitted (maybe this is THE year!). The poster is done – let the solicitations for donations begin in earnest (big thank you to those guys!) And thanks to Heidi of GreenWorx for her patience with my many revisions. Based on our lessons learned from last year, various safety and operational supplies have been ordered to help make the Airsho© safer and more efficient. Did I mention expenses will increase? We will continue to discuss the logistics and operations, with special emphasis on safety at our meetings. And brush up on your public speaking skills, we will review proper radio procedures soon. A big thank you to all our volunteers – you make the Airsho© happen! **Rocketman**

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Colonel Frank Miner following his successful T-34 check ride.



Colonel Cozart begins to remove panels for the PT-19 annual.



Colonels Summerall and Higginbotham ensure proper tire pressure after repacking wheel bearings on the PT-19.



Colonel Summerall helps with the Bring the Boys Home tombstone rubbing project



Patti Summerall helps complete the stone rubbing of a British Airman