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THE COYOTE'S HOWL

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UNIT LEADER - Howdy Unit Leader – Howdy Coyotes! It's Airsho time!

FINANCE OFFICER - Fundraising continues and I can tell you the guys are doing an amazing job! Can't overemphasize how important this is. I also want to say thanks to a number of squadron members who made donations out of their own pocket — you know who you are, and it is most appreciated! A few notes about Finances: Keeping the books straight is absolutely paramount, as we get audited every year. Please turn in receipts for any authorized, repeat AUTHORIZED purchases you made for the squadron. And provide them in a timely manner. Same goes for any income/donations, etc. I've been working closely with April on making sure I do the books correctly — thanks April! And I won't go into any detail, but there are some changes coming to how finances are done, and making sure things are recorded properly is going to be even more important in the future.

Colonel Frank DeArmond, Finance Officer

ADJUTANT – Hi Everyone! ARE YOU READY! THIS IS IT, AIRSHO WEEKEND! Now is the time to help show off the Coyote Squadron at the finest! If you are available

Thursday and/or Friday to assist with preparations, please let us know! There is always something to do!

Now, for Coyote business, we are getting ready for 2023-2024 Officer Elections. If you are interested joining the Coyote Staff in any of the election positions, please let us know. Several people have been suggested for the election positions. We will be talking with those people during the weekend to verify your interest. After we have put together a list of potential officers, we submit the list to CAF-HQ, where they verify membership status. At the November meeting we will formally present the Officer Nominees, along with election logistic details. We probably will follow last year's process of mailing ballots to all active Coyote members, along with post-paid return envelopes. Election results will be announced

at the December meeting. Officer Elections this year, for 2023-2024:

Operations Officer

Safety Officer

Finance Officer

Education Officer

Development Officer

Thanks! Col Alan Pavik, Coyote Adjutant

OPERATIONS OFFICER – This month started off well with the DFW Wing Warbirds and Wheels event. Col Warnie did several rides there and used up some of the hours left before our required inspection on the T-34. Col Ben Powers then finished off the hours with a proficiency flight. We had about 20 minutes of allowable flight remaining and decided to go ahead and put the aircraft down for the inspection. Col Cozart will most likely express some of his displeasure in completing the inspection as most areas that needed to be accessed were either designed for children with small hands or completely out of sight and had to be done with the use of an inspection mirror. He fought installation of two cotter (split) pins for several days. Well done to Col Cozart in getting this inspection completed.

The PT-19 was also down for its annual inspection. The inspection went well and both landing gear struts were removed, cleaned and serviced prior to a new paint job and reinstallation. The out of annual test flight was completed without issues. Unfortunately, the next flight ended on the runway with a flat tire. The grass was very tall with long runners. We believe that this led to the valve stem being torn from the tube which resulted in the tire losing pressure. Thanks to Sarah Farley for allowing us to use one of the wheels to get us off the runway quickly. Col Warnie has a replacement tube ordered and on its way so that we can get the aircraft up for the Airsho.

We want to thank Christina Cozart for postponing some home improvements while Thomas spent many evenings working on both aircraft. We could not have gotten everything done without your cooperation. Or perhaps you just wanted him out of the house? We fully understand! **Col Dan Summerall Operations Officer**

MAINTENANCE OFFICER - T-34 Aileron bell crank AD is complete. Col. Summerall flew it Friday afternoon. PT-19 struts we're painted and reinstalled. Fuel wobble pump was rebuilt and installed and tested. This completed the annual inspection.

After the run-up Col. Summerall took it for a test flight. Unfortunately, on another flight we had a flat tire and we had to recover it out of the grass strip. A new inner tube is on its way

Thanks to everyone including my wife and family who helped get these planes back up. Col Thomas Cozart

SAFETY OFFICER - We all have our minds on the upcoming airshow. For that reason, I'm going to remind everyone about safety concerns.

Prior to the show, we will be working to get everything set up. Just remember, although we've done this before, we only do it once a year so don't take shortcuts. Be aware of others working around you and help out where you can.

On the day if the show, everyone has to be on constant vigil. There will be spinning props, moving airplanes and vehicles, lots of people, including children, moving about. Many of these people are not accustomed to being around airplanes and probably don't understand the hazards. It is up to each of us to watch out for them.

With attention to detail and constant vigilance, we can have a successful event. Be prepared to be safe.

Colonel Tom Peters, Safety Officer.

AIRSHO – We are in the last week prior to the Airsho and it will be a very busy week for sure. Those of you who are able to help out on Thursday please meet at the hangar at 8:30 AM. We will clean up the hangar and perhaps start laying out some of the orange fencing that we will complete on Friday. It probably will not take more than a half day to do this.

On Friday we would like to have all who can to assemble at 8:30 AM at the hangar for what will be an all-day evolution with set up and aircraft arrival. At 1:00 PM there will be a first responders brief from the Airboss. This meeting will cover the requirements for the practice that will occur from 3:00 - 5:00 with a simulated aircraft incident to demonstrate that our response time is within the parameters established by the FAA.

Squadron members are reminded that this airport is the property of the City of Corsicana. Should there be any actual aircraft incident during the show, Coyote Squadron members will make no comments to members of the public or press. Although the Coyote Squadron and Commemorative Air Force are the ones putting on the show we are not allowed to make any comments The senior member of the City of Corsicana will be the sole point of contact for all press inquiries and you should direct any questions to them. This will most likely be either the Assistant Fire Chief or the Public Works Officer unless other more senior city employees are present. Our Public Information Officer Col Christine Hall will be our media representative but again will coordinate with the airport/ city team for any comments related to the incident.

On Saturday morning there will be LOTS of things to complete prior to gates opening. Some of us will be there before 7:00 AM but for everyone else, please be there no later than 8:00 AM to assist others.

The multi person cart drivers primarily will be shuttling veterans and handicapped from their respective parking areas to either the veterans tent or to the general population viewing area. Let's not let anyone walk that needs our assistance. After the show is over these folks will need shuttling back to their vehicles. When you are complete from this please assist in taking down fencing, ticket booths, PX and whatever else needs done. We all want to be finished and cleaned up as soon as possible.

VENDOR COORDINATOR STATUS: Thanks to all for helping get more vendors. We're full up with food vendors, and we've increased our regular vendors considerably. There are still a few regular vendor spaces left, about eight. If you get one they can contact me at FrankAirl@gmail.com, or (C) 310-357-4842. Thanks!

THE CIVIL AIR PATROL THUNDERCHIEFS held a promotion ceremony at the hangar on September 17th. Family and friends watched as several cadets were promoted to the next higher rank. One of the cadets was promoted via Zoom meeting as he was attending a class in Florida. Congratulations to the Cadets and thank you to their leadership.



Two working aircraft



We dedicated and named the T-34 in honor of Candy



Struts got a new paint job



Jody Judson of Winters Oil



Greg Price of Chucks Paint and Body



Mathew Cozart watches "Southern Cross" take off with the Liberty Jump team



19 Strut paint job



Cadets get inspected before their meeting



Dr Pete McElroy



Dr Dave presents plaque to Mayor Don Denbow, Connie Standridge and Terry Franks



Students from James L. Collins by the Ambulance with Col. TJ Brown



Bellcrank that had to be inspected



Leadership present promotion via Zoom meeting



Corley Funeral Home



Navarro College President Dr Kevin Fegan



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THURSDAY OCT 6 - 8:30 AM
CLEAN UP AND EARLY SET UP
FRIDAY OCT 7 - 8:30 AM SETUP
SATURDAY OCT 8 - 8:00 AM
ALL HANDS FOR THE AIRSHO!

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