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THE COYOTE'S HOWL

Newsletter of the Coyote Squadron
Commemorative Air Force
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UNIT LEADER - Unit Leader – Howdy Coyotes! Thanks to all who made it to our meeting last month and stayed for the discussion about the Airsho. We had a great response from those we interacted with at Derrick Days and it is my hope that translates to spectators for the show. If you would like to volunteer for the show, please get with Col Dan Summerall, he is filling positions and his committee already. Christine and I have a commitment that will keep us from attending our meeting this month. Continue to recruit and we will see you all in June!! Semper Fidelis **Colonel Melvin L Hall III, Unit Leader**

EXECUTIVE OFFICER - Well the flying season is getting into full swing in the months of April and May. The Coyotes were able to participate in the Texas Veteran's Day parade with the T-34. We opened the parade at 10:00 o'clock sharp with a three-leg fly by. We are planning to participate in the Barnstorming event at Redbird on Saturday the 8th, Mother Nature cooperating of course. We've had several Coyotes step up to the plate to help with the loadmaster, ride sales and general assistance and their help is greatly appreciated. Thanks to Colonels Dan Summerall, Alan Pavik, Ben Powers, Ray Mix and Bill Carson for helping out at the Barnstormer event at Dallas Executive. We were able to sell three rides, two of which were minors who were VERY excited after their rides.

Colonel Warnie Meisetschleager, Executive Officer

ADJUTANT - If you have not done your training for Youth Protection please complete it before our show. If you are due for a recurrent training Headquarters should send you an email notification to get it completed. Please go to <https://www.cafeducation.org/youth-interaction-and-protection> to complete this required training.

Colonel Alan Pavik, Adjutant

OPERATIONS OFFICER – We just completed our first event of the year with our participation in the first Barnstormer event of the year. Typically, only our PT-19 is invited because the T-34 Sponsor Group out of Dallas Executive is associated with the Barnstormer events. They have a maintenance issue and asked us to fill in for them at this event. As noted in the Executive Officers remarks we had a good day with three paid riders. It appears at this point that we will also need to fill in again at the Greenville event on May 20th. Loadmasters stand by to help at this event.

Our next event will be Memorial Day and then a Juneteenth flyover on the 17th of June. Hopefully, both of our aircraft will be flyable by then.

Colonel Dan Summerall, Operations Officer

MAINTENANCE OFFICER– The PT-19 has been down for a tailwheel and brake issue since our last meeting. It was discovered that there was no available tail wheel steering to the left. This coupled with no braking on the left side made it difficult to land or taxi. During the teardown of the tailwheel, it was discovered that one of two springs in the tailwheel was also broken. After

searching extensively, we located a new tailwheel spring that was donated to us by our engine builder John Ellis. Thanks so much John!

Col's Meisetschleager, Summerall and I have worked on the PT and are beginning to reassemble the tailwheel assembly and also putting new brake hoses on. We hope to finish this up soon, but unfortunately not in time for the first Barnstormer event at headquarters. We are also doing the annual inspection while the aircraft is mechanically down. We hope to finish that up when we have a tailwheel to move the aircraft. Most of the "inspection" is already completed. The T-34 is also due for its annual inspection this month. We will commence it when the PT-19 is completed and we have an opening in our schedule. **Colonel Thomas Cozart, Maintenance Officer**

SAFETY OFFICER - It's probably happened to most of us. That momentary lapse of attention, thinking about a personal problem or distraction by an activity that ends in a slip, trip or fall.

A stumble down a stairway. A trip over an uneven surface, slipping on ice. It can lead to a range of injuries from a simple bruise shin to an extremely serious injury.

Which accounts for 15% of all accidental deaths per year, second to motor vehicles.

In general, slips and trips occur due to a loss of traction between the shoe and the walking surface.

There are a variety of situations that may cause slips, trips and falls.

: Wet or greasy floors

: Snow, ice and rain

: Loose mats, rugs and ladders

: Poor lighting and clutter

Colonel Michale Porter, Safety Officer

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER – Derrick Days, April 29th, saw some of our Coyotes spreading the word about our squadron, the CAF and just as important, our Airshow. The smiling faces in our Ambulance show what fun and happiness the kiddos had who toured the inside. It made for a beautiful day to support not only our squadron but the community the Coyotes serve. A HUGE THANK YOU to all the Coyote Colonels who volunteered their time.

April 22nd was the annual Texas Veterans Parade. The parade honors current and past Military Veterans from all wars and conflicts. This year's parade saw our very own Colonel Ken Fling, WWII Veteran, in the seat of Honor. He was seated on a beautiful float presented by the Kerens Veteran Memorial.

Few interesting aviation events that happened during the month of May:

May 1, 1960: A Lockheed U-2 reconnaissance aircraft, piloted by U.S. Air Force Col. Francis Gary Powers, is shot down over the Soviet Union by a surface-to-air missile.

May 3, 1952: The first landing at the North Pole is made by Americans Lt. Col. William P. Benedict and Lt. Col. J. O. Fletcher on a ski-and-wheel equipped Air Force Douglas C-47

May 5, 1968: The first non-stop Atlantic crossing by an executive jet aircraft is made as a Grumman Gulfstream II lands in London, England after completing a 3,500-mile flight from Teterboro, New Jersey.

May 7, 1937: The first successful pressurized airplane cabin is achieved in the Lockheed XC-35

May 9, 1926: The first airplane flight over the North Pole is made by Americans Lt. Cdr. Richard E. Byrd and Floyd Bennett in a Fokker F-VII/3m. Their total distance from Spitzbergen, Norway is 1,600 miles.

May 11, 1927: Charles Lindbergh lands his new Ryan airplane, the Spirit of St. Louis, in St. Louis after a record non-stop overnight flight from San Diego of 14 hours, 25 minutes

May 13, 1940: The first successful free flight of a true helicopter is made by Igor I. Sikorsky's single-rotor VS-300.

May 15, 1930: The first airline stewardess is Ellen Church, a nurse who flies on the Boeing Air Transport flight between San Francisco, California and Cheyenne, Wyoming.

May 20, 1932: The first solo flight by a woman pilot across the Atlantic is made by American Amelia Earhart. She flies from Harbor Grace, Newfoundland to Londonderry, Northern Ireland in a Lockheed Vega monoplane in 13 hours, 20 minutes.

May 21, 1977: The Concorde makes a special trip from New York to Paris to mark the 50th anniversary of Charles Lindbergh's historic flight on the same route in the Spirit of St. Louis; the airliner takes just 3 hours, 44 minutes, compared with Lindbergh's time of 33 hours, 29 minutes.

May 25, 1910: Orville Wright takes his 82-year-old father for his first airplane ride. Also on this day, Wilbur and Orville fly together for the only time in a six-and-one-half minute flight at Simms Station, near Dayton, OH.

May 30, 1912: Wilbur Wright dies of typhoid fever at the early age of 45. His death marks the end of his extraordinary partnership with his brother Orville, which culminated in 1903 with the first true powered flight in history.

May 31, 1928: The first airplane flight across the Pacific is made by British Capt. Charles Kingsford-Smith and crew in a Fokker F-VIIB/3m. They fly from Oakland Field, California to Brisbane, Australia, 7,389 miles, in 83 hours, 38 minutes. On the way it becomes the first airplane to land in Fiji. **Colonel Christine Hall, Public Information Officer**

DERRICK DAYS -Thanks to those who came out to pass out information during Derrick Days. Thanks to Col Cozart for bringing the ambulance down early to get set up. Also, Col's Dottie and Gene Hathorn, Mel and Christine Hall, Haskell Dighton, Bill Carson, Warnie Meisetschleager, Stanley Nirider and Alan Mayer passed pictures of airplanes to kids, key chains, stickers and other items from CAF, and information about our upcoming Airshow. It was a great day out. **Colonel Dottie Hathorn**

AIRSHO – I hope to have the time at our meeting to give you a full update on our plan to date. Thanks to Colonel DeArmond for volunteering to take over as the Airsho Coordinator next year. We are looking for someone to take over his Vendor Coordinator duties for next year. It would require you reach out to possible vendors, get their registration and set up the display area for the show. Frank has been doing this for several years. He can give you a good pass down on what is required.

We will begin our fundraising soon. We'd love to have you suggest as to a possible supporter that we (or even you) could call on. You too can be a part of the fundraising for our Airsho. If you'd like to join us let me know. If you would like a sponsor package to give to a possible supporter, please let me know and I'll get it to you.

Colonel Dan Summerall Airsho Coordinator.



CAF Coyote Squadron member, Col Ken Fling, WWII Veteran, received the 'Seat of Honor' on the beautiful Kerens Veterans Memorial float during the Veterans Day Parade in Corsicana on Saturday morning, April 22, 2023.



Colonel Cozart is working on our PT-19 tailwheel. It looks like it has not been disassembled since it rolled off the assembly line in 1942!



Coyote Squadron's booth at Derrick Days with a few of our Colonels



Smiling faces seated in our Ambulance at Derrick Days





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