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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! It is starting to feel like summer here in North Texas, and that means it's Airshow season!! We have our very first event the entire squadron can participate in right at our home base of Corsicana this coming weekend the 18th of June. If you went to the airport on the 11th and no one was there, if you remember we said we were moving the meeting to the 18th.

Ok, now that I am done reminding you about this coming Saturday the 18th when we are doing a pancake breakfast fundraiser for our Airshow during the fly in. I want to tell you about my Memorial Day this year. This year for Memorial Day was a very sad one for me as I lost a dear friend a Mesquite Police Officer on December 3, 2021. I went to visit his grave site on Friday on my way home from work and it hit me pretty hard. I had some positives to look forward to for that Monday to occupy my time. One was a 6am Brazilian Jiu Jitsu class, it always clears my mind and helps me to reset to zero. Next was the opportunity to co-pilot with Col Frank DeArmond. Now anyone who knows me, knows I prefer to fly with Aviators of the Marine Corps or US Naval pedigree but a chance to fly with a genuine rocket scientist.. that was a great opportunity as well. I could not have asked for a better opportunity. Frank helped me a lot with my feeling of loss and anguish for this day of memorializing those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. He kept me busy as his copilot watching time marks, look for landmarks and keep my spotter eyes open to see and avoid. When we were between the actual missions he allowed me to fly the T-34 and to test my knowledge of flight training made subtle hints about the attitude of the aircraft to see if I would correct them properly. I would not say I am ready for my wings, but I believe I did well under his great supervision at least for an old ground pounder. The weather was warm and windy and all of that made for bumpy skies and a very busy active pilot seat. It will be an opportunity that will set with my forever, and I know that on that day, my friend Officer Richard Houston #821 was flying with me and up there you almost feel like you are able to fly with angels. Flying is one of my first and longest loves.. I just wish I could do it more. I have flown now in both our aircraft and they are both so very unique. If you have not flown in one you need to, if you know someone who wants that open cockpit breezy flight get them a ride in the PT19, if they want to feel more like an old school fighter pilot with a slide back canopy, then the T-34 is the plane for them. Heck maybe buy them a ride in both. Come try it out, send a friend to fly, or donate to help keep them flying. Tell your friends and family they can come fly with us and any number of events we have published on the Facebook page. Can't wait to see you all on the 18th when we do the pancake breakfast!!
Semper Fidelis Colonel Melvin L Hall III Unit Leader

ADJUTANT – I have received an updated membership list from headquarters and I will be reviewing it to make sure all of our members are current with national dues. We still have a few members who are delinquent with our Coyote dues. Thanks to those who have answered my letters and sent in checks. **Colonel Alan Pavik, Adjutant**

OPERATIONS OFFICER – Don't you just hate it when technology gets smarter than you? It's a good thing we fly older aircraft that are not driven by a multitude of computer chips. We recently bought our first "Smart" TV. It had me scratching my head for several days and I finally had to call in someone who was able to help me figure it out. No, it was

not the neighbor 12-year-old. Now I'm trying to get our "Universal" remote to work with the new setup. I'm surprised that my computer still works after flinging the remote through the screen several times.

So far we have missed ALL of the Barnstormer events. Only our PT is invited to these since there is already a T-34 in the mix. That's fine, we knew that going in. But having the PT-19 down for 2.5 months for a starter has kept us from participating and adding to the overall experience for the folks that have attended. Our thanks to Col Gerald Oliver for setting all of these events up. It's a fantastic way for 4-5 aircraft to get together for generating some revenue for the units. My thanks to those who have volunteered to assist even though we have not made it yet. Col's Melvin and Michale Porter, Ken Starrett, Alan Pavik have attended for sure. Hopefully, I didn't miss someone.

Well finally we will be able to participate this Saturday. Both of our aircraft should be able to generate some revenue if we get the word out so that we have spectators. We will have our Pancake Breakfast that will hopefully bring in a few folks. Col's Powers and Koonce have spread the word through the Airplanes and Coffee group so maybe we'll have a few other aircraft fly in. Those of you on Facebook please share the posts by Col Christine Hall regarding our events. **We will need lots of help to make this Saturday's event a success. I have sent out a duty list separately.**

In addition to the Barnstormer rides we have a flyover for a Juneteenth celebration at Bunert park later that day. July 4th events are still emerging so we don't have a definite schedule for any flyovers at this point but hopefully we'll have something as we get closer. There is another Barnstormer event on July 9th at Spinks Airport south of Fort Worth for the PT-19. When it returns we will put the PT-19 in a maintenance status to complete our annual inspection.

Please see the PIO input for our Memorial Day events. We want to thank Colonel Charlie and Reva Horton for setting up the Missing Man Table at Northside Baptist Church for our Memorial Day service. Charlie additionally drove the ambulance and parked it in front of the church. Both were well received and Coyotes got a good recognition from the pastor during his opening. **Colonel Dan Summerall, Operations Officer**

MAINTENANCE OFFICER - The maintenance officer has been out on vacation contributing to the high gas prices. The PT-19 starter has arrived from Oklahoma and will be installed by the time this newsletter is released. The T-34 fuel balance issue is still being diagnosed. Until it is resolved we will limit the flights to "local" only. As soon as the Barnstormer event is over we will place the T-34 into a maintenance status to complete an oil change and Airworthiness Directive (AD) that has to be completed every 300 hours. See you soon, **Colonel Thomas Cozart, Maintenance Officer**

SAFETY OFFICER – Each month, while searching for a safety topic, I review many articles about things that have gone wrong. The last few weeks have been dominated by articles on gun violence. Not just mass shootings but road rage, fights, and domestic situations. I thought this might be a good time to review how to respond if confronted by someone wielding a gun.

Let's first review the likely hood of being in the situation. Most mass shootings occur in two types of places, places where guns are prohibited or places with crowds consuming alcohol. Always be aware of your surroundings, have an exit strategy, and don't panic. Road rage incidents can occur anywhere there is congestion or crowding. Domestic incidents are self-explanatory. When confronted, the issues of fight or flight pop up. Your first reaction could have a significant impact on the outcome.

For active shooter events, many experts suggest you run. That is not always possible. Many factors come into play. You may have to hide. Or, you may have to fight. If you have an exit, use it. If not, hide behind bulky objects or structural barriers. If you have to fight, use any weapon that is handy, guns, knives, clubs, chairs, or tables. Remember fighting is usually a last resort. For road rage incidents, your choices become less evident. Do you speed up, slow down, stop, ram the shooter's vehicle or shoot back if armed? Do you follow the shooter? In road cases, try to get as much information on the shooter as you can. Type of vehicle, color, make, model, license number, etc. , if you are injured, seek immediate medical help. For domestic situations, there is no catchall advice to deal with these. Do the best you can.

If you are involved with one of these type events, you will also have to deal with a police response. Most experts suggest you remain calm when dealing with police. Follow their instructions. Don't be confrontational. Provide as much information as you can. Remember, they will be nervous coming on to a scene where there is or has been gunfire. They may not fully understand what is happening and may not have a description of the shooter. Be passive, it may save your life.

While the likely hood of being involved in a shooting event is low, you should always be aware of your surroundings and be prepared to react. Safety preparedness is essentially the rule of the day. **Colonel Tom Peters, Safety Officer**

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER -It was a fantastic month with our planes and Colonels ever so busy. May 21st saw the Annual Texas Veteran's Parade in Corsicana and our Ambulance made a showing with Col Charlie Horton driving.

During Memorial Day commemorations, there were several showings of the Coyote Squadron. Col Ken Fling was honored by Danny Combs, Found of the Kerens Veterans Museum, for donating his entire model plane and ship collection to the museum for opening on Memorial Day 2022. Col. Fling was also honored at the 10-year Anniversary of the Kerens Veterans Memorial on Memorial Day. Cols Frank DeArmond and Mel Hall flew the T-34 along with

Col Steven Richmond in his RV for the annual Memorial Day flyover at Kerens Memorial along with ground support from Dan Summerall.

Our T-34 was present at the CAF Barnstormer event at Midway airport as a static display thanks to Col Ben Powers. Col Alan Pavik had a chance to meet up with Col David Oliver of the B-29/B-24 Squadron. Also present was Col Ken Starrett helping out.

We are coming into a very busy season for our planes for rides and showings. Be sure to check our Facebook page in the "Events" tab to find an event we will be at and be sure to check it out!

June 18th will be a Barnstormer event here at the Corsicana Municipal Airport from 9:00am to 3:00pm. We will be hosting a pancake breakfast fundraiser in the morning. Come on out and support the Coyotes and other Wing and Squadron planes that will be present. See you all at the Hangar! **Colonel Christine Hall, Public Information Officer**

23RD ANNUAL CORSICANA AIRSHO – Our poster is included with this newsletter. What a great one. The SB2C Helldiver will be here for our show. It has been quite a few years since we've had her here. Our hotel will be the Hampton Inn and Suites again this year. The Airboss, David Anderson has submitted a request for military participation. Everything is on track at the moment and we will begin our fundraising efforts next month. If you have someone that you believe would like to become a sponsor, please let us know. We could not put this show on without the help of our great sponsors. For our existing sponsors who get this newsletter, we thank you for your continued support over the years.

Colonels Candis Wells and Dan Summerall, Co-Coordinator

FROM THE SUPER CHEFS – We will need all the help we can get for the pancake breakfast. We'll need help with mixing, cooking, serving and all other areas. We will not have a lunch so make sure you get your pancakes.

Colonels Charlie and Reva Horton

COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE BARNSTORMER SATURDAY
Come See These Historic Aircraft
 FREE Admission * Aircraft Rides * Pancakes * Family Fun
 Featuring "Ike's Bird" Pres. Eisenhower's 1955 Twin-Engine AIR FORCE ONE
 Corsicana Municipal Airport
 Saturday, June 18
 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
www.ikesbird.org/corsicana
FREE Admission
 Pancake Breakfast And More...

OCTOBER 8, 2022
TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL CORSICANA AIRSHO
 FREE ADMISSION to Veterans & Active Military Personnel
"The Best Little Airshow in Texas"
 Rides in several warbirds will be available on Friday and Saturday. See Facebook (Coyote Squadron) for details
GATES OPEN 8:30 AM
CORSICANA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
SHOW STARTS AT 12:00 PM
WWW.COYOTESQUADRON.ORG AIRSHO



Colonel Ken Fling is greeted by Geraldine Mock at the DFW Wing meeting recently. Geraldine became the first woman to fly around the world in 1964 in a single-engine Cessna 180 called the "Spirit of Columbus". Thanks to Colonel Ken Starrett for driving him.



Danny Combs, Found of the Kerens Veterans Museum, and Col. Ken Fling, Coyote Member, who donated his entire model plane and ship collection to the Museum for opening on Memorial Day 2022



Texas Veterans Parade. Col Charlie Horton drives the Coyote Squadron's WWII Ambulance 5-21-22



Col Ken Fling, Coyote WWII Veteran, honored at the 10 year Anniversary of the Kerens Veterans Memorial on Memorial Day



Col Ken Fling posing with his plane on the Coyote Squadron "Wall of Fame" with Teri Byrd and members Col Ken Starrett and Cols Margie and Ted Taylor



We have a new item in the PX.



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JUNE 18, 2022 - NO MEETING
8:00 MUSTER FOR
BARNSTORMER EVENTS
9:00 PANCAKE BREAKFAST
9:00 - 3:00 BARNSTORMER
RIDES AND FLY-IN

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Ground shot of Col Steve Richmond's RV and our T-34 from the Kerens Memorial Day Flyover



Our T-34 and the RV headed out to the runway



Ground shot of the RV and T-34 with the Kerens Memorial in the foreground.



View from the T-34 during the Kerens Memorial Day Flyover.



View from the backseat of the T-34



Colonel Charlie Horton displayed the Coyote ambulance at Northside Baptist Church



Thanks to Colonel Charlie Horton for setting up the Missing Man table



Mel and Officer Richard Houston #821



Officer Richard Houston #821



Coyote Col Alan Pavik and B-24/B-29 Squadron Col David Oliver with our T-34 in the background at the Barnstormer event at Midway