



Slips & Skids



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From the Cockpit:



Volunteerism, what does it mean to you? Webster's defines volunteerism as the act of giving freely of ones time to a cause or task. The Houston Wing not only survives on volunteerism, but it thrives and grows.

So if the Wing is thriving and growing, why am I writing about that topic this month? The main reason, the Houston Wing Staff needs your help. Weather you are occasionally attending a meeting, helping out every museum weekend, or haven't really found the spot you want to help; we need you.

The remainder of the year is going to include many activities, so there are going to many opportunities to help your favorite Wing.

It is the time of the year to start preparing for our election. This year the following positions will be up for election:

Wing Leader

Operations Officer

Maintenance Officer

Safety Officer

In addition to these officers, we have been directed by HQ to add two additional voting Staff positions:

Development Officer*

Education Officer*

*Descriptions for these positions will be included later in the S&S.

So the first place we need help will be a Nominating Committee. This committee will work to find people willing to run for those six positions. We need a couple people to volunteer for this committee. Please contact me if you would like to be on this committee. I would like to fill this committee by **August 1st**. Additionally, please think about volunteering to run for one of the above six positions. Remember, we need your help!

Speaking of finding your place in the Wing. You may recall that Jason Haney was our most recent Cadet Coordinator. He asked to switch staff positions to become our new Facilities Director and I think he has found his niche. Not that he didn't do a great job as a Cadet Coordinator, because he did; but he has found a spot as the Facilities Director. He has already made several improvements around the hangar making our facility safer and nicer for all that visit. We still need to find a replacement in the Cadet Coordinator position. If you are interested, please let me know. We have one of the largest Cadet Programs in the CAF and we really need help overseeing this vital program.

But in the mean time, I want to offer a big THANK YOU to all the members for all that you currently do to make the Houston Wing one of the best in the CAF.

h. Development Officer

The Development Officer is responsible for overseeing all development activities for the Unit, including creating a Culture of Philanthropy, and oversight of fundraising activities. This position assesses the potential for success of any fundraising activity/plan, and provides a recommendation to the Unit Officers. Clears all fundraising activities/plans with the Unit Officers, and as appropriate, with CAF Headquarters. Coordinates and ensures appropriate recognition of donors is completed in a timely manner - for both cash and in-kind donations. Point of Contact with CAF Headquarters is as follows:

- 1) Solicitation for funds from Foundations and Corporations with a national presence: Vice President of Development.
- 2) Fundraising Events: Vice President of Operations and Maintenance
- 3) Fundraising Projects: CAF Secretary/Treasurer

i. Education Officer

The Education Coordinator will support the national implementation of the CAF Rise Above National Educational/Inspirational Programs at the unit level. These programs are designed to take the lessons of the Tuskegee Airmen, WASP's and other key marginalized groups within society, during WWII and showcase their struggle to achieve their goals, thereby relating the challenges of the past to the challenges faced today (with emphasis on young people). This person will also support the development of educational programs at the unit local level and its integration into the community. As part of the Rise Above educational programs, this person will provide a communication connection point to share best practices between the other CAF units and Headquarters. This person will also from time to time participate in educational focus group activities to support the development of standards and protocols to continue the implementation of a national education program. Duties:

- 1) Develop interfaces and connections with the Headquarters Educational Team.
- 2) Liaison to special interest groups within the Units community and develop support for CAF.
- 3) Establish Guiding Principles of Educational/Inspirational story to

- 4) Report metrics of inspirational impact and community involvement.
- 5) Be the public representative for CAF Education at local unit.
- 6) Support the National Educational programs.
- 7) Be the communications hub for unit educational outreach.

John C.

A graphic with the text "SIGN UP TODAY!" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The text is set against a solid black circular background. The words "SIGN" and "UP" are stacked on the top line, and "TODAY!" is on the bottom line.A graphic with the text "VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The text is set against a black background with several white diagonal lines radiating from behind the text, creating a sense of motion or emphasis. The words "VOLUNTEERS" and "NEEDED!" are stacked on two lines.

Ops Update



Greetings all,

So here's the July Flight Ops update, but there's really not much to it; like I mentioned last month, flying activity for July and August in Texas is pretty light since it's just too darn hot to play with airplanes.

We had but one event scheduled for the last month, a barnstorming rides day at Conroe alongside the B-17 on the 8th. But, as it sometimes happens with a big old flying machine, Raiders was down for maintenance so we pulled the plug on going. Otherwise at the hangar, we've been hopping some revenue rides, mainly in the N3N and AT-6, while flight training is continuing.

Our latest "new" pilot to start getting checked out in the BT-13 is Dave Guggemos; he's temporarily trading in his shiny T-34 to come over to the Dark Side of oily, drippy radial engines. Also, I believe I forgot to mention in the last update or two that Dewey Lockwood has added a new type to his fleet list by completing his checkout in the AT-6. Congrats to Dewey!

For upcoming events, it's still pretty slim, but here's what we have;

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And that's it for now, see ya next month!

John B

Maintenance



Greeting once again from your Maintenance officer.

The extremely good news is all the World War 2 types assigned to Houston Wing are in flying condition. The single engine trainers are all doing very well. Any problem is dealt with asap by maintenance. For example, recently upon towing the PT-19 out of the grass, a flat tail wheel was noted. Jacking the tail up in the middle of taxiway G, the tire was removed and the tube replaced. Therefore in less than 30 minutes the plane was back in the hangar and ready to fly again. That is how summer is supposed to go. Heavy maintenance is for winter months on the singles. Right now the C-60 is being kept in flight ready condition and planned engine runs are to be on the weekends when it is not museum Saturday.

This slow down gives me time to fly! My BT-13 training is continuing, along with commercial and instrument pilot. Hopefully most of my training ends this summer too.

I would like to bend your ear for a moment and talk about something I notice at the hangar. As you well know, with the exception of the PT-19, all our planes are made of large quantities of aircraft aluminum. Back in World War 2, they held huge recycling efforts down to collecting gum wrappers to have the aluminum for aircraft production to win the war, and a larger number of planes were built during those years than all others combined. We take for granted that the aluminum cans we often discard in the trash could be recycled into an airplane. Is that not a good enough reason to recycle the cans? We have two large recycle bins downstairs in the hangar. one is close to the front door, and the other by the PX trainer. Both are near exits to the hangar. I ask you to please bring your cans downstairs and recycle them. I will bring a box to place upstairs for them too and will take them down myself if that is what it takes.

If you do not see me at the hangar, I am probably out flying or working on something somewhere else. I am looking forward to the fall air show season and putting our planes back out there to show the world....

Jim P,



Katy Elementary, 5th Grade,

Field Trip – “Thank You Notes”

We recently received a large envelope with a bunch of thank you notes from the fifth grade students who came to the hangar during a field trip in May. (See examples at the end of this article – the rest will be in the O’Club. Take a look at them if you get a chance.)

Due to illness, travel, and other issues at the last minute we had a shortage of Wing members to handle this annual event, but with a last minute plea to our members we were able to get several members who don’t normally do this type of event to get involved and it was a great success.

In total we had over 100 ten and eleven year old students and close to 40 adult chaperones that arrived in two groups, one at 9:00 and the other at 11:45 and once again it was great success. This is the 5th year for this school to come to the hangar and as usual it was a real pleasure to host them as the kids and chaperones are well behaved, excited, surprisingly knowledgeable and interested in what we have to show them.

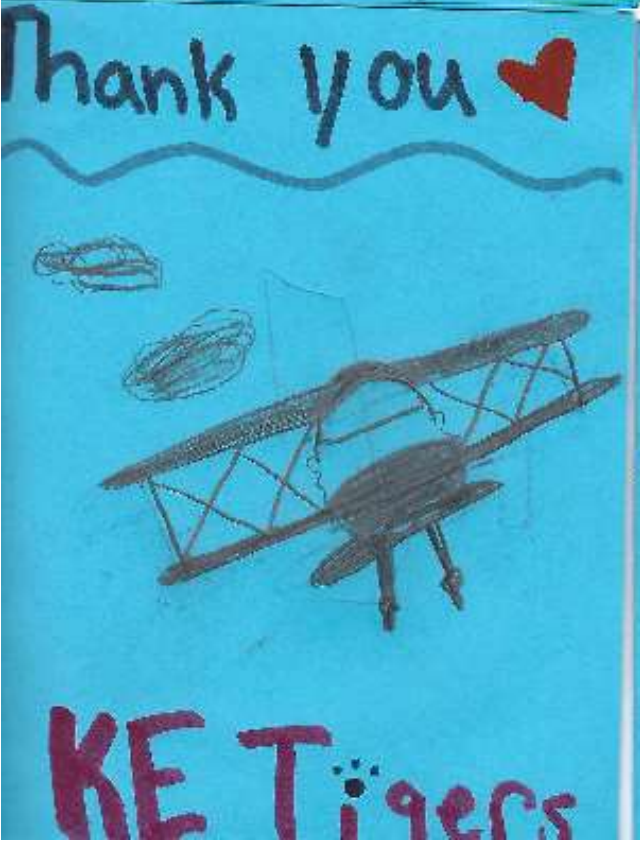
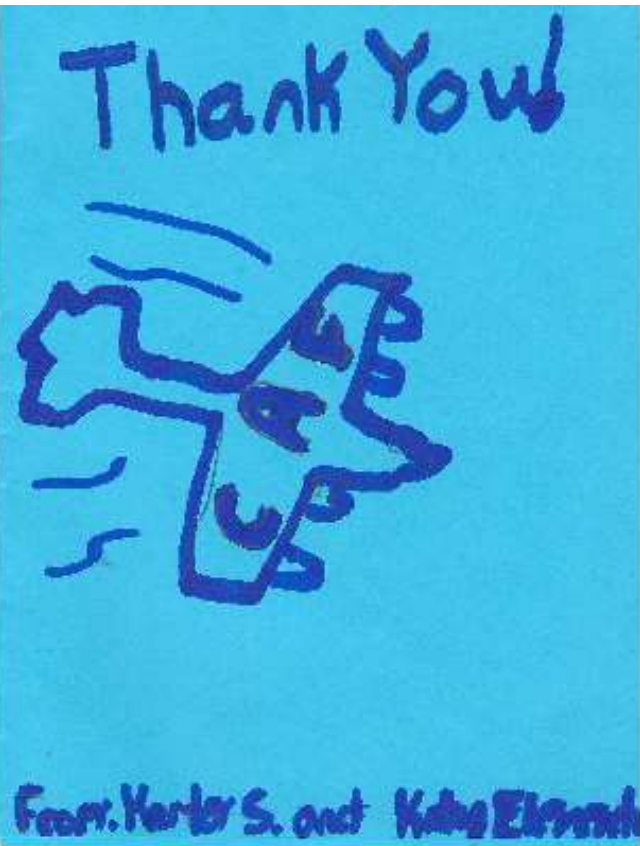
During this field trip we break the students and chaperones into five groups and then rotate them through five learning stations, spending 15-17 minutes at each station and I wanted to thank the volunteers who maned these stations and made everything work.

1. Rich Welsh who takes the side panels off of the BT-13 and explains how an aircraft works and shows them the flight controls working. **Dick Harper** who operated the controls of the BT-13 during Rich's presentation.
2. Jason Haney who helped students get on the wing of an aircraft to see the cockpit and explains the aircraft. (Due to a scheduled training flight during the field trip the kids alternated by seeing the PT-19 or the AT-6)
3. Bruce Thomas who did an aircraft recognition exercise and then told them about the N3N.
4. Mike Hiner, Jeremy Wright, Craig Prigdeon and a new member (David Egan), who conducted a simulated parachute exercise at the C-60. Due to a couple of last minute problems some of our volunteers we found ourselves shorthanded and then were surprised when David Egan arrived saying that he heard we were hosting a lot of students and dropped in to help. He was a life saver.
5. Lastly I (Sam Hoynes) guided the students through the museum.

In addition, this field trip was successful because Jim Placette came out early Friday morning, before work, to move the aircraft outside for us. Then Dewey and Nathan who were at the hangar for training flights in the T-6 and the BT-13 worked around our crowd of kids and gave them a chance to see an aircraft start, taxi and take off before returning to school

This type of event is an important part of what our Wing should be doing, educating young people. Read the “Thank You Notes” to see the impression we leave with these students.

Sam H



THANKS

I had fun!

Dear CAF Members,
I loved going to visit your center. My favorite part was when we got to see the plane take off and see the tools and things in the museum.

from Elizabeth

Dear CAF Member,
I enjoyed my field trip so much! My favorite part was jumping out of the air plane, it felt so REAL! Watching the plane take off was so cool! I'm definitely going to come back again. Thank you so much for inviting us! I had so much fun!

Love, Paige

THANK YOU

Riley Gilmore #11

THANK YOU!

It was amazing! It was so fun I learned so much about planes and we got to jump out of one that was my favorite and when we got to look inside the plane and stand on the wing we loved it so much we made them in class with ailerons, elevators and everything
Thank You!

THANK

YOU!

Thank You For Your Volunteering!

Thank you for letting Katy Elementary come down to the West Houston Commemorative Air Force museum for an awesome field trip. My favorite part was the "sky diving" part, with the plane - it was exciting and fun. Thank you again, I really enjoyed it! :) And thank you for your veteran services. That was the best field trip ever.

thank you for
your services

- AVA B.
the one with the cast

P.S. have a great afternoon or morning

THANKS! :)

May 16, 2017

Dear Commemorative Air Force
Museum,

Thank you for letting us come
on May 12, 2017 for our field
trip. It was really fun learning,
and looking at the planes.
I hope I can come back
again soon and bring my
whole family. It's really cool
that you have a lot of planes
from WWII, and that you have
even more WWII stuff in your
museum.

I can't believe that you
fixed all those plane, and that
they still fly!

Thanks,
Ava J.

Around the Hangar

OSHA Training Toolbox Talk: Personal Protective Equipment – Eye Protection
[Reference 1910.133 / 1926.102]

Think of some excuse you have used (or heard others use) for not wearing your eye protection: they are not comfortable; they are dirty; they fogged up, you were going to be doing a hazardous task for just a few seconds and did not want to stop and put them on . . .

While you may think some or all of these excuses sound like good reasons for not wearing your safety glasses or goggles at work, consider what could happen if an accident occurred and injured one or both of your eyes. Is it worth risking injury, or even blindness, for any one of those reasons? Absolutely not!

OSHA's standards for eye protection are intended to help prevent accidents that can lead to serious injuries, up to including blindness, caused by a variety of hazards. These hazards include flying particles (such as those present when cutting, chipping, drilling, grinding, brushing, and blowing with compressed air), molten metal (torch cutting, welding, brazing), liquid chemicals (mixing, cleaning, measuring), acids or caustic liquids (applying cleaners, filling batteries), chemical gases or vapors (cleaning, mixing, spraying, heating), or potentially injurious light radiation (welding, cutting, brazing, lasers).

Here are some of the major requirements of the OSHA standards for eye and face protection that help protect you and me:

- All eye and face protection devices, such as safety glasses, goggles, and face shields must be marked that they meet or exceed the test requirements of ANSI Z87.1-1989. The marking is typically located somewhere on the frame of the glasses or goggles.
- Safety glasses used to protect workers from flying objects must also have side protectors built into the design, or attachable side shields that meet the above-referenced ANSI standard, to prevent objects and particles from injuring your eyes from the sides. Flimsy "slide-on" side shields are not acceptable substitutes.
- Workers needing corrective lenses must either wear approved safety glasses with prescription lenses and frames that meet or exceed the above-referenced ANSI standard, or wear approved goggles designed to be worn over their regular prescription glasses that meet the ANSI standard.

If you are unsure whether or not your safety glasses or goggles are the proper type, or if they are ever damaged or lost, please report to your supervisor at once so we can take appropriate action where needed. Because as we discussed earlier, you could be injured, or even lose your sight, in the blink of an eye!

Sam B,

**SAFETY
MATTERS**

"O" Club

KITCHEN NEWS

BY: Winona Morton

HELLO ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

It is so HOT outside

So let's go lite

Bring your favorite

Picnic food it will fun, lite lunch

and easy clean up!!!

See you there!

Birthdays

Jim	Miles, Jr.	8/4
Dean	Woods	8/6
Mandy	Kannapel	8/6
Bob	Linguiti	8/7
Kenneth	Sndyer	8/10
Howard	Quoyeser	8/13
Samuel	Hoynes	8/14
David Allen	Bush	8/16
Barbara (Britt)	O'Donnell	8/24
James	Buggelli	8/24
W. R. "Dick"	Harper	8/26
Kathy	Mizell	8/31
Jim	Placette	8/31

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