

# Slips & Skids



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## Our Wing Leader



*"In the end we will conserve only what we love. We will love only what we understand. We will understand only what we are taught."*

Baba Dioum

It's October and that means Wings Over Houston is here. The Houston Wing plans to send all five of our aircraft with enough pilots to cover both days flying activities. Operations Officer John Cotter is working hard to have the C-60 certified and ready to fly WWII paratrooper reenactors in the show where they will jump out with their round chutes and land ready for action.

The Houston Wing helped out at the airshow prep day on Saturday, September 26 cleaning coolers, constructing curb ramps, building plastic fence frames and anything else the airshow needed. Also attending were members from Gulf Coast Wing and the Tora Tora pilot group. It takes a whole bunch of preparation way before the airshow to minimize the massive effort by a few individuals during the week leading up to the big event. Many thanks to everyone who came out to help.



Constructing plastic fence frames for Wings Over Houston are members Steve "El Bandito" Sehnert and Mike Heiner

The Wing sent two aircraft to La Porte on Saturday 3 October to attend the Airplane and Auto Show. We sold several rides in the PT-19 and AT-6 and sold some PX items.



Jim Placette taxis out in the PT-19 at La Porte Airfield. (photo by Sam Bulger)



Wing pilot Arne Aamodt takes a break from fulfilling flight experiences at the LaPorte Texas Airplane Auto Show. (photo by Sam Bulger)

We finally got the PT-19 airframes moved from storage in Friendswood up to our new storage unit off of West Little York Road. It is much closer to the Wing hangar and with the extra space the parts can be cleaned up and evaluated as a possible future project. Many thanks to Roland Grenzebach for arranging the box van to move everything and to Jim Placette, and Steve Sparks for making multiple trips with Roland between Friendswood and West Little York.

The quote at the beginning of my report reflects my feeling about these aircraft parts. They look like a mess and there is no doubt they will require a whole bunch of effort to make something useful again. After the Navion L17 project is near completion, it will be time to think about helping out with the PT-19s. There are some critical parts missing from the donation so it will take someone with a love for the aircraft to find enough parts to make an airworthy project possible. It's a piece of our history and there are stories to be told. It's what we do here at the Houston Wing and the CAF.



Tired, sweaty and covered with aircraft dust the PT-19 airframes move is complete. Pictured are Roland Grenzebach, Stan Turner, Jim Placette and Steve Sparks. Behind the camera is Bill Schultz.

Reminder - Elections are coming up in November. Since we won't have a general meeting in October, the candidates gave their speeches at the September meeting. Elections will be held after the November meeting.

Keep 'em flying, be safe and enjoy yourselves!

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# Our Operations Officer

**Extra Extra Read all about It**

**Big Wing News!**

**Today, October 11, 2015, The Houston Wing has taken another big step forward** in the functionality of our airplanes. John Bixby, Jed Doggett and I left the West Houston Airport at sunup for a short flight to the Houston Southwest Airport. On landing, we were met by Graham Patterson, Eric Jackson and Keith Commander from SkyDive Spaceland. The mission for the day.... Get the Houston Wing certified to drop skydivers.

Was the mission successful?? You Bet!!!! We took off from Houston Southwest and proceeded to the drop zone at SkyDive Spaceland. The radio was a buzz of chatter working with Houston Approach control and the Jump Zone controller. We made several passes over the drop zone and each time we would line up about 4 miles south of the zone and the jump master would give us hand signals for the final line up. Over the top of the field and out they went!!! Very exciting!

We completed the necessary training and with no jumpers left in the airplane, we flew back to West Houston. The paperwork has been submitted to CAF HQ, the FAA has blessed the operation and the **Houston Wing is now in the Paratroop drop business!!**



John Bixby, Graham Patterson, Eric Jackson, Keith Commander-(Not Pictured) Jed Doggett, John Cotter

With just one week until Wings over Houston, it seems like there is never enough time to get everything done. But be sure, the Airshow Staff and volunteers have put together a fantastic show for 2015. I hope everyone can come out to volunteer at one of the Houston Wing's three PX's.

It has been very busy around the hangar recently. The Navion restoration team continues to make progress on the Wing's next airplane. Mike Phillips has almost completed the remodeling of the public bathroom and pilot's office. Jim is continuing to keep the airplanes flying. The Museum team is hosting a great crowd of visitors on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, with our Ops team providing Historic Flight Experiences to our visitors. And we continue to participate in events around the state.

During the last month we added Jed Doggett to our C60 pilot pool. Jed is the only pilot in the local area that is authorized to drop jumpers for the CAF. He will be helping with our pilot training; which will allow us to drop jumpers out of our C60 and provide another revenue stream at airshows around the area.

Nathan Harnagel has been approved as an instructor pilot in our AT6. I anticipate getting him approved in our BT13 & N3N in the near future. With the backlog of pilots we currently have requesting training, this will help expedite their journey to be a pilot for the Houston Wing.

During the last month, Arne Aamodt took our AT6 to the Corsicana Airshow. Then Arne, Jim Placette and Marty Detloff took the AT6, PT19 and T28 to the LaPorte Airplane and Auto show. Sam Bulger with assistance from Jeremy Wright, Suzie Bredlau and Khalil Moss tackled the PX duties during the show. I want to report that it was a very successful weekend, with the Wing selling 5 PT19, 2 AT6 and 1 BT 13 ride in addition to a fair amount of PX merchandise. The BT13 ride and about ½ the PX sales took place at the hangar (thanks to Dewey & Tammi Lockwood) during an Open Museum day.

The Museum days have really taken off and we could use some more volunteers to help with tours, manning the PX trailer, or showing guests around the Museum. If interested, contact Sam Hoynes or Susan Vaculik.

Even though we are nearing the end of the calendar year, our schedule is still very full for the next few weeks:

Friday, October 16: Barnstorm with Texas Raiders at Sugarland Airport

Sat/Sun, October 17/18: Wings Over Houston Airshow

Sat/Sun, Oct 31-Nov 1: Barnstorm with Texas Raiders at Hooks Airport

**PX and Ground Support Help needed**

Nov 7: Museum Day at the Hangar

Open to the Public, **Help needed in Museum and PX**

Nov 7: Dry Creek Open House

**PX help needed**

Nov 7: Hondo Airshow (rescheduled from May)

AT6 and T28 attending

Nov 14: Formation Training at the Hangar

Dec 5: Battleship Texas Flyover

2 Ship flyover

# Happenings in the PX



As of this writing, Wings Over Houston (W.O.H.) is now little more than one week away and, I must admit, the weather, despite flirting with the odd ninety-degree day, has been acting decidedly more autumnal than is its custom. This is a sensation that, quite candidly, I enjoy and I would like to see more of the same. In fact, a couple of the recent mornings actually felt “cool.” If the weather next week-end is at all like this, we should have very smooth sailing for our big event. (Are you listening,

Mother Nature?)

On the PX front, everything that was to have been bought, has been bought and, at least toy-wise, has been priced and sorted. Thank you very much to everyone that helped in that effort. Our caps and shirts, however, are an entirely different matter. At present, our air show clothing coffers remain obstinately bare. However, I have been informed by Arnvid Froystein that our W.O.H. shirts and caps will be available after Monday, the 12<sup>th</sup>. So, my plan is to drive there after work, probably Thursday, the 15<sup>th</sup>, stow them in my truck, then bring them to the field Friday, where I’ll count and sort them.

Actually, owing to the extreme lateness of the delivery, Arnvid has just volunteered to sort them into the three PX locations and I have assured him this is just fine with me. This will make the ultimate distribution much simpler. At the same time, the arrival of our Breitling-themed merchandise remains a closely-guarded secret. Even Bill Roach is unsure of the timing of the Breitling appearance. I am confident, though, that this, too, will be sorted out – no pun intended – in plenty of time. Although the volunteer crowd is a bit diminished from previous years, I believe we will be in fine shape, when all is said and done. Carol Lee has, as usual, agreed to provide me with ample support for each of the PX venues.

Around the hangar, there are presently many, many boxes and pallets of hardware in residence, leaving hangar floor space at a premium. Anyone visiting the hangar to view our fleet will need to take particular care in navigating these numerous obstacles. Thus, those of us serving as guides to the aforementioned visitors will need to be especially watchful, in order to prevent any mishaps.

Thanks, in advance, to everyone that has volunteered to help at the PX or dog tag operation. I’ll look forward to seeing you at W.O.H. and, except when dodging the throngs and attempting to move items amongst the PX locations, I will be at my usual post in the north.

# Wing Maintenance



Well here we are again at that time of year...the big air show is here.

Good news all the planes are in flying condition, save the Navion. Considerable work has gone into this, and many thanks to Bill Schultz for cleaning the N3N to a brilliant yellow shine. And now maintenance will stand down for a very brief time. Unless the planes have an issue at the show, our job is done. Of course that is only temporary.

Starting in Nov, winter maintenance commences. First up every year is the BT-13. The annual inspection of that plane begins 15 Nov. Following it will be the PT-19 first in Dec, and then the N3N to finish out 2015. I am not anticipating many problems with the planes. They are in great shape and flying well. The PT will likely get new spark plugs. The N3N has some seat belt decisions to make. The BT might get a new old radio/GPS. Starting the first of January, the big projects get underway. I plan to do firewall forward on the BT-13 and hang a fresh engine. I also start the annual on the C-60. I expect both to finish in Feb. Then we start on the AT-6. All planes done by early March. That is the goal for this winter. Also much work will continue on the L-17 Navion. It looks possible to finish that plane by the end of 2016. We can use any help we can get on all the projects this winter. It is a very busy time for maintenance, and the weather tends to keep people indoors.

Keep an eye out at Wings Over Houston, and you might get to see our very own Lockheed C-60 doing something extra this year. A new job for the old Goodtime Gal has finally been approved. Maybe see you all at the air show...but like always, at the hangar....



Arne at the Corsicana Airshow

# Our Museum



## Vintage Newspapers go on Display!

Over the years we have had several historic newspapers donated to the museum and most of them have remained in storage because we were unsure how to safely display them.

The museum team has recently purchased a supply of Polyethylene Museum quality newspaper storage bags with acid free backing boards which will allow us to safely display and preserve these historic newspapers.

We have taken several of these newspapers and after putting them into these protective newspaper sized storage bags we have been able to display them in the 24" X 36" hanging flip-thru frames located in the middle of the museum. Display in this area allows visitors to read the newspaper's front page while still protecting them.

These newspapers include several donated from the family of Lt. Sam Friedsam, whose "Lucky Devils" bomber jacket we have on display in the museum.

The papers are listed below, with paper's Name, Date and "Headline":

1. Austin Daily Tribune, **December 6, 1941** – "Japs Hurl Challenge at United States"
2. Austin American Statesman, **December 7, 1941** – EXTRA - "Japs Attack U.S. Harbors in Hawaii and Philippines"
3. Austin American Statesman, **December 7, 1941** – 2<sup>nd</sup> EXTRA - "Japs Declare War"
4. Austin Daily Tribune, **December 8, 1941** – "Congress Declares War"
5. Honolulu Star Bulletin, **December 7, 1941** – 1<sup>st</sup> Extra - "WAR!"
6. Austin American Statesman, **June 6, 1944** – Invasion EXTRA - "Invasion On"
7. Austin American Statesman, **May 2, 1945** – EXTRA – "Berlin is Captured – Hitler Dead"
8. The Wichita Eagle, **May 8, 1945** – EXTRA – "Truman Proclaims Victory"

Additional historic Newspapers that we still have in storage will be added to this display area in the future.



# Cadet Program



September and early October have been busy times for our cadets. As reported last month, on Sunday, September 6, Clay Waters, together with Fabian Sisso, his younger brother, Adrian and their Dad Carlos, assisted in pricing of the merchandise to be sold at Wings Over Houston. September 12 was our first Ride Day, with Khalil Moss and Schon Cormack assisting. September 19 was an Open Date, with Khalil Moss again assisting.

Khalil was again with us for the work day at Ellington Field on Saturday, September 26. Finally, on October 3, Khalil flew to and from the LaPorte airport in the AT-6 with Arnie Aamodt and, with Jeremy Wright, manned our PX for the entire day during the Air and Auto Show. We anticipate more significant help from our cadets during the forthcoming Wings Over Houston show.

This report periodically highlights one of our cadet wing members. This month's cadet is Khalil Moss.



Khalil is a 16-year-old junior at Cypress Lakes High School who became part of the CAF cadet program earlier this year after attending Open House. He recently relocated from Atlanta, Georgia where he was involved in the Aviation Career Enrichment (ACE) program. Involvement in aviation is a family trait as two of his grandfathers were in the Air Force – one as a jet mechanic and one as a crew chief.

Khalil is a 3rd year Air Force JROTC cadet who aspires to be an Air Force Pararescueman. He would like to become a helicopter pilot after some time as a Pararescueman. Another career option Khalil has considered is the U.S. Army's elite 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment. He sees CAF and AFJROTC as ways to establish relationships in the world of aviation. He also sees these organizations as providing outstanding opportunities to learn the inner workings of aircraft.

# As the Wing Flies



Welcome back friends to the early fall installment of (imagine a big announcer voice) “As the Wing Flies.” Elsewhere in this issue you’ve already read exceptional and insightful literary excellence from the other members of the Houston Wing staff. Pour a locally made Oktoberfest Bier and I’ll tell you a little story of our recent adventures.

“So there I was.....surprised as can be.” Throughout the year the Houston Wing is invited to airshows and aviation events throughout Texas. We try to support as many of these as we can. These events give us an additional opportunity to sell rides, PX and get offsite exposure for our wing and events that we participate in, such as Wings Over Houston. One such event is the LaPorte Car and Airplane show benefiting local charities and raising awareness of the airport. We have participated in this event for the past 2 years. Last year was not a great success for the wing but we had a good time. This year we didn’t expect much different. We could have not been more wrong. We sold 6 rides in our planes and a nice amount of PX. It goes to prove the old saying, “you must be present to win.” You just never know the possible success that the next event might present and we must now prepare better for our traveling events next year. The \$99/10 minute flight price point is a key to this success. I would like to thank Suzie, Chuck, Jeremy, Kahlil, Jim, Arne and Ryszard for their helping out with this event.

Hoist your stein to a fun and successful Wing Over Houston airshow this year and we’ll see you out there. Did I mention we have FUN?

If you have any comments or need any information contact me at [sabulger@sbec.com](mailto:sabulger@sbec.com) or 832-859-1164.



Arne has a secret admirer



Back to the future mobile

## Finance and Membership



Well everyone, all I can say is where in the heck did the year go??? I am still wondering how we got from Open House to Wings Over Houston. I know everyone is really busy this time of the year so I am going to try keep this as short as possible.

### *Membership*

Our membership is up and continuing to grow each month. We are recruiting 2 to 3 members and at least one cadet a month for the last few months. If you see someone you don't know please take a moment to introduce yourself and get to know them a bit. If you would like to start sending in your 2016 Dues you can go to the website for the form. Please look under *About Us* then *Join* then *New Member* and on that page under *Unit Membership* there will be a link. We will also have the form attached to the November Newsletter. Since we change the contact person for the memberships this year, I am going to beg your indulgence and ask that everyone please send a new form to me with it completely filled out so I can verify my records and Headquarters.

### *E-mail Addresses and E-Blasts*

I have heard some members are having trouble receiving the e-blasts and e-mails that are sent out for the unit. We are working on figuring out the issue but I need your help.

There are very strict rules this day and time to receive what is considered “mail marketing” so if you did not opt-in to accept e-mails from [finance@houstonwing.org](mailto:finance@houstonwing.org) then your e-mail address could have been put on a verification list. So if you are one of the few I have heard about please e-mail me at [finance@houstonwing.org](mailto:finance@houstonwing.org) and let me know so I can fix the issue with you individually.

### *Awards Banquet and Silent Auction*

As everyone knows, I hope you already have it on your calendars; our **Awards Banquet** is scheduled for **January 16, 2016**. If you have not already been thinking about or rounding up items for the Silent Auction please start thinking about it after Wings Over Houston. We really do need  some unique and different items this year. For the new members, these items do not have to be flying related.

### *Dry Creek and PX Volunteers (I know this was mentioned in OPS but.....)*

For those of you who do not know, this is scheduled for *November 7* (I know we all need a break after WOH) but this is really laid back and fun activity for the Dry Creek community (located in Cypress) which supports the EAA Young Eagles Program. We still need a few volunteers to assist with the Dogtags and PX that day. Please contact me if you would like to join us.

*See Everyone at  
Wings over Houston!*



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### U.S.A.F. THUNDERBIRD JET TEAM

#### Military Aircraft Demonstrations:

- > Breitling Jet Team
- > Air Force Heritage Flight
- > U.S. Coast Guard Helicopter Dolphin MH65D
- > Tora! Tora! Tora!
- > World War II Air Power Reenactments

#### Civilian Demonstrations:

- > Debbie Rihn-Harvey
- > Kevin Coleman
- > RE/MAX Skydive Team
- > Radio controlled aircraft demonstration

#### Displays:

- > Large assembly of modern military, post WWII era warbirds, fighters, bombers, trainers, cargo aircraft.
- > CAF Red Tail Squadron- P-51
- > Commemorative Air Force
- > Texas Flying Legends Museum
- > Lone Star Flight Museum
- > Vietnam War Flight Museum
- > Collings Foundation
- > NASA interactive Displays
- > Legends & Heroes Autograph Tent
- > Military Vehicle displays
- > Experimental Aircraft Association
- > Aircraft Simulators
- > Children's Carnival Kids Zone



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# Member News

## "O" Club

KITCHEN NEWS  
BY: MARIEE TURNER

**HELLO ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS**

**There will NOT  
be a meeting this month**

**due to**

**Wings Over Houston**

**See everyone next Month!**

## Birthdays

|             |   |          |       |
|-------------|---|----------|-------|
| Brad        | A | French   | 10/3  |
| J. W. "Don" |   | Johnson  | 10/7  |
| David       |   | Hale     | 10/7  |
| Matthew     |   | Young    | 10/9  |
| Robert      |   | Hannasch | 10/16 |
| Donald      | N | Price    | 10/25 |
| Daniel      |   | Martin   | 10/29 |

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