



COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE HOUSTON WING

August 2019

Slips & Skids

Wing Leader

“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth.” — *Muhammad Ali*



Working on hangar projects or aircraft in the August heat can be challenging. The same goes for the museum docents who selflessly escort visitors around our aircraft telling their stories and hopefully

inspiring some young mind to learn more about history. We are all volunteers, many with day jobs, and the weekend is our only time to get maintenance work done. We leave the hangar with shirts soaked in sweat, saddened because it will be a long week ahead before we can do it again.

Occasionally we get a visitor on Saturdays such as this French built Fieseler Fi 156 Storch flown by Steve Hoffman from La Porte. Wing member Ulf Brynjestad remembers this aircraft very well from his time in the Swedish military. This same aircraft is scheduled to appear at the Wings Over Houston Airshow in October.



Ulf Brynjestad standing next to the Fieseler Storch. Note the long landing gear for ground clearance.



The Storch could take off in as little as 150 feet and land in 60 feet.

Eyes On the Horizon!

August 17

Museum Day

August 18

Wing Meeting @ 2pm Hangar B-5
Potluck- Cold cut sandwiches

September 7

Museum Day

September 21

Museum Day

September 22

Wing Meeting @ 2pm Hangar B-5
Potluck- Mexican Fiesta

October 19-20

Wings Over Houston Airshow



Wing Staff Elections

This subject may seem a little early since we have our staff elections in November but with the October Wings Over Houston airshow, there is no general meeting that month. We have August and September meetings to organize the nominations and elections. If you would like to be part of the elections process or more importantly run for a staff position, please contact myself or Howard Quoyesner at the hangar or by email.

The staff works behind the scenes to ensure the Houston Wing fulfills the CAF mission to Educate, Inspire, and Honor. The offices open this election period are Wing Leader, Operations, Maintenance, Safety, and Development. It is vital to this wing to have active participating staff officers. Every position is important and essential given the diverse areas we operate in. Even if you are unable to hold a staff position, please consider offering some consistent time to help out.

Keep 'em flying and kind to each other
Stan -



“Somewhere over the...” Photo: Jim Placette

Operations Update



Houston Wing flight operations included an N3N barnstorming trip to Tyler that resulted in many happy riders. Thanks to Chris Walker for piloting the N3N and to Denise Walker their kids and Brian Kosior for supporting the PX, marshalling and passenger loading.

Installation of radios and wiring harnesses for ADS-B is completed on the AT-6 and flight testing may be completed around the time you read this. The hard working Maintenance Team has also tightened up some loose cowling issues on the BT-13 and it should also be test flown by the time you read this.

Many Houston Wing pilots took their personal warbird aircraft to EAA Oshkosh again this year. If you've never been it is everything they say it is and more. There are literally hundreds of WW II aircraft to see on the ground up close and watch fly over in large formations.

Wings Over Houston will be here before you know it and we will need a maximum effort both in the air and on the ground to support our major fund raising event of the year. Be sure to block out the time in October and volunteer your support.

Pilot sponsors and other volunteers can help during aircraft maintenance as directed by the Maintenance Officer. We have already had help with hands on the aircraft and also

help identifying and ordering parts. Our Wing Leader has been instrumental in making the many wiring upgrades to support Jim and Suzie in getting our aircraft compliant with FAA requirements.

Thanks again for your support for Wing Operations in 2019!



Nathan taxiing out for flying his T-6 with his son Josh in an 11 ship practice formation at Oshkosh



Nathan checking out in the Jet Provost in order to race it at Reno

Marketing Report



Welcome back friends to the ultra-hot edition of “As the Wing flies.” This month we will review why

Houston is so hot and what to do about it. Keep calm and read on.....

Everything we talked about last month we’re still working on.

But wait there’s more. Did you think I would let my loyal readers off that easy? Nope, but what are we going to talk about? The AIRSHOW! Yes, the world famous Wings over Houston AIRSHOW. The airshow is approaching rapidly like a snowball rolling downhill gaining momentous excitement of epic proportions. The airshow not only has one famous headlining act, the USAF Thunderbirds, but two extraordinary performers on the bill including the world-famous Canadian Air Force Snowbirds. They are exceptional! Having said that did you know that the airshow would not happen without volunteers? There are three ways you can help. If you want to help the Airshow (most important) please contact Natasha Avey at (713) 266-4492; there are staff positions as well as apprentice spots all available for anyone that would like to participate in the airshow, the airshow needs a lot of help in different areas. Houston Wing has several members like Sam Hoynes, who runs the very important sign crew or Suzie Bredlau, who runs the Prime View section. If you



want to help your favorite wing in the world, we always need help with the PX, dog tags and the L-39 cockpit section; if interested please contact Susan Vaculik (svaculikjm@gmail.com). The last (but still important) way you can help our airshow is to buy some tickets. They make great early Christmas presents for family and friends. Tickets are available at www.wingsoverhouston.com or any HEB grocery store with a business center. If you have some time on October 19-20 the Wings Over Houston Airshow or the Houston Wing can use your help.



Photos: Sam Bulger

Well guess what? It’s still hot, damned hot, but if you want to be cool, come out and help

the airshow, I promise it will be 75 degrees, sunny and 45% humidity. Don't believe me? Come out and see for yourself.

—Sam Bulger

Fundraising

The Houston Wing started fundraising for the new Interactive Educational Facility in January of this year by patterning the CAF aircraft sponsorship program for our facility fund raising activity. So far we have raised \$34,523.35.

Our initial goal is \$125,000 and as you can see we are off to a challenging start but if everyone gets involved to contribute we can begin construction on the *Interactive Educational Facility* in short order. Once constructed we'll be able to better host social events and parties to re-pay the loan and better continue to fund the operations of the wing.

Till next time, the fundraising continues and a huge thank you to those that have contributed so far.

Maintenance



Greetings from the rather warm Hangar B5 these days. Seems summer is in full swing, so is maintenance.

Work on all the planes continues without interruption.

Right now the BT-13 cowling issues have been solved, and that plane is back in service. The AT-6 radio upgrades are now

completed, and that plane will be back in service soon. The C-60 right propeller problem has been solved, and it is on to other things on the big Lockheed. The PT-19 cover was incorrect for the plane, and a replacement is on order. The N3N is progressing in its repairs as the front windshield will be repaired as well as the brake discs, linings and right bearing races will all be replaced by the time you read this report. The left main tire was flipped on the rim for more wear out of the tire. Also the com antenna wire was replaced with RG-400, and the traffic audible warning hooked up from the transponder. The alternator problem has been corrected, and the oil return check valve resealed as well as the relief valve. Two more time consuming repairs are still in the works on that plane. The L-17 gained a new hand in Lisa Sanford. Welcome to the team. Engine work on that plane is coming along, and hopefully the engine will run correctly soon.

The cadets gained an airplane too. Thanks to Frank Robertson for donating a RC model plane to the cadets. They are hard at work finding out what is needed to make the little plane fly again. We also have the R-985 engine project, and the L-39 cockpit mockup to work on. There is plenty of work for the young people when they return to the hangar. All the planes are getting pretty dirty as they sit around the hangar waiting on cooler temps. There is always cleaning to do at the hangar and when something goes wrong like a wheel failure on the main doors, your staff goes to work correcting it. As staff though, we cannot do it all. We need every volunteer to help out as much as they can. I hope to see you at the hangar

surrounded by the amazing machines we are the caretakers of. It is a true gift to be allowed to maintain and fly such aircraft. I do hope to be on the flying end again next year.....

Seems I am up for re-election again this year. If you like the job I am doing, I would appreciate your vote...and the 2020 Hangar Dance date is 22 Feb..see you there..Jim



Tom helping with L-17



Lisa and Ben working on the canopy of the L-17

PX Report



Hello, I hope everyone is staying cool and hydrated.

Last month we took toy inventory so Sam Hoynes and I could figure out what needs to be ordered for the Wings Over Houston

Airshow. Thanks to: Bob Linguiti, Chuck Waters, Stan Russ, John Ryan, Jeremy Wright, Sam Hoynes, Jim Placette and I we were done in about 2 hours. It also helped that Jim got there early and set up the tables and pulled out all the boxes. It was quite a production.

I will order the toys soon. Once we receive the shipment, we will need help pricing them so please keep that in mind.

I have started a volunteer list for W.O.H. in October. I will have a sign-up sheet at the upcoming general meeting or you can send me an e-mail, text or just call.

Svaculikjm@gmail.com or 832-707-0894.

See ya at the hangar!

Susan





For the last 10 years the Houston Wing has provided most of the work for the Sign Crew, led by Sam Hoynes and Mike Hiner with a number of Houston Wing volunteers as well as volunteers from the Texas Guard. The problem is that several of the regular Houston Wing Sign Crew volunteers have gotten older and are no longer able to work with this sign crew due to its physical requirements.

The sign crew is responsible for putting up all of the directional and informational signs on Ellington area streets and on the ramp for the airshow. Most of these signs are coreplast signs that are zip tied onto 4 X 4 wooden bases placed along the side of the roadways at Ellington. The sign crew works for three days prior to the airshow setting up and then has to work Sunday after the airshow so that all signs are removed by Sunday night and the airport can go back to normal operation for Monday.



Toy inventory Volunteers. Photos: Jim Placette

Wings over Houston

2019 - Sign Crew – Volunteers Needed!

One of the ways that “Wings over Houston” is able to provide money to our CAF Wings is that a lot of the preshow work done to set up for the event is done by CAF volunteers from the Gulf Coast and Houston Wings.

The more work volunteers do the more money is available for distribution to the Wings.

Volunteers would spend ½ day (9:00 – 1:00) on Wednesday, October 16th and Thursday October 17th and then a full day on Friday October 18th (9:00 – 4:00). The longer day on Friday is because it is the first we are allowed onto the ramp to put up signs. Then volunteers are needed to work on Sunday October 20th from (3:00 until about 8:00pm) working to pick up all the signs on the ramp and roads on Ellington and return them to the Wings over Houston warehouse.

If you think you would be interested in volunteering to help on one or more of these days during Wings over Houston please contact Sam Hoynes for more information. These signs are not very heavy and a lot of the work is zip tying coreplast signs to the

wooden bases, but there is some physical work involved.

We hope to have several Texas Guard (somewhat younger) people volunteering this year but we do need some new blood from the Houston Wing to help out and to learn the job.

In the past, Jeremy Wright was one of our primary people but he has taken on a new job of managing the Airshow warehouse during the airshow. Bill Stone helps especially on Sunday after he has worked as a volunteer manning one of Entry Gates as does Roland Grenzebach who helps on Sunday after working in one of our PX tents. If you are interested in helping contact Sam Hoynes. (s.h.hoynes@sbcglobal.net or 281-703-4950)

Meeting Potluck

As always our Potluck lunch will take place after the 2 pm Membership meeting on August 18th.

This month's theme will be cold cut sandwiches! With it being so hot, who feels like cooking???? Add your favorite chips and dip or a nice cold watermelon.

Gate Entry Process

Here are a few options:

1. If the gate is down and the guard is in the shack, all you need to do is tell the guard that you are going to Hangar B-5 with the CAF and they will open the gate.

2. The gate is supposed to remain open if there is no guard in the shack. Simply drive on in. If this is not the case, then see option 3

3. If the gate is down and there is NO guard in the shack, simply press the "Call Button" on the silver box near the guard shack. When they answer, tell them that you are with the CAF in hangar B-5 and they will open the gate for you.



CAF Houston Wing Nominations for Elections in November 2019

In November, after the general meeting on November 17, we will be holding elections for four staff positions:

1. Wing Leader
2. Operations Officer
3. Maintenance Officer
4. Safety Officer

The Wing needs your help nominating individuals to fill these roles. Please take time to reflect on who you think would be the correct fit for the position.

After your careful consideration, please contact Howard Quoyeser at "QUOYEHL@yahoo.com" with your nominees' name. The nominee will be formally contacted by the Nominating Committee to obtain their interest as a candidate.

In November, to be eligible to vote, you must be a member in good standing (National and Wing dues paid) for at least thirty days prior to the election.

Auxiliary and Cadet members are not eligible to vote in elections.

Thank you,

Howard Quoyeser

Nominating Committee
Houston Wing

Airshow Preview



Photos: Sam Bulger

Staff Directory

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Mission Statement

The Houston Wing of the Commemorative Air Force is an organization that Educates, Inspires, and Honors our Veterans through the use of our vintage aircraft and our collection of artifacts to tell the story of the brave men and women that have served their country in times of war.