



COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE HOUSTON WING

September 2019

Slips & Skids

Wing Leader

“Sometimes, flying feels too godlike to be attained by man. Sometimes, the world from above seems too beautiful, too wonderful, too distant for human eyes to see . . .”

Charles A. Lindbergh



This is the month for the Reno Air Races. Most years in September out at the Reno-Stead airfield in Nevada, you can find high performance aircraft from many different classes going around and around pylons close together

and at relatively high speed. All of the pilots are highly skilled and fly well maintained aircraft. It is an exciting event to watch. Several of our wing pilots are active in the races including Nathan Harnagel, Ryzard Zadow, and Mike Steiger. Aviation is a small community that's for sure. We wish you success and a safe event. Please come back in one piece guys.

As you may know, the Houston Wing has had to update the transponders in all of our

aircraft to meet the new FAA ADS-B requirements. This requirement must be met by 2020 or the aircraft is grounded until it is. Automatic Dependent Surveillance – Broadcast is a primary technology supporting the FAA's Next Generation Air Traffic Control System which will shift aircraft separation and air traffic control from ground-based radar to satellite-derived (GPS) positions. In addition to changing out our transponders to the new version, the Houston Wing is taking the time to upgrade some of the aircraft's avionics. I am happy to say that our three more popular aircraft including the AT-6, N3N and BT-13 have been updated. The Navion and C-60 are not far behind and should be completed before the end of this year. I would like to personally thank member John Ryan for arranging with High Desert Avionics a discounted purchase of the Garmin transponders and GPS units we required. The wing saved several thousand dollars thanks to John.

This past month we mailed out a letter outlining the need for more volunteer time to help the Houston Wing continue forward. In the quest to continue to grow the wing, we often overlook the normal day to day housekeeping and maintenance that is

Eyes On the Horizon!

September 7

Museum Day

September 21

Museum Day

September 22

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

October 5

Airshow Work Day @ Ellington Field
8am til finished

Museum Day

October 19-20

Wings Over Houston Airshow
No Meeting this month!!

October 26-27

Wings Over Dallas Airshow

November 2

Museum Day

November 9

Hangar Work Day @ IWS
Please mark your calendar now!!!



involved in keeping our doors open. The CAF as a whole operates mostly on volunteer labor. If you are a member then congratulations, you are also a volunteer. Carve out some time in your busy schedule and come help us out.

Wings Over Houston work day is now October 5 starting at 8:00am. The work day was scheduled for September 21, but had to be postponed due to a delay in receiving some airshow merchandise. Come on out and help us get ready for the airshow.

Keep 'em flying and be kind to each other
Stan -

Operations Update



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 BT-13 is back operational and flying.

Several Houston Wing pilots will be flying race aircraft at the National Championship Air Races of Reno in September again this year. If you've never been it is amazing and one of a kind. Air racing at speeds of up to 525 mph has to be seen to be believed.

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!



Stan working on the AT-6. Photo: Brian K.

Maintenance



Greetings once again from Hangar B5. I would like to thank all of you who attended the Rib Stitching class on 24 August. Your efforts were remarkable, and I hope the class was informative and useful to all. Since this particular project is under a time restraint, I will be doing much of the stitching myself as it needs to be done correctly and quickly. Once winter maintenance sets in, and the right stabilizer is removed, more time will be available for others to work on the project. Currently, the fabric has been glued, shrunk and Poly-Brushed. Next step in the process is marking and stitching the fabric to the ribs. Following that is applying the tapes and chemicals and finally paint. It is a long process, but the results will be remarkable.

Of course Wings Over Houston is quickly approaching, and that means the three planes going need to be extra clean. So for the first weeks of October, we will be cleaning on the BT-13A, AT-6A and N3N-3. It will be an ongoing process, and I request anyone who flies these planes, to place special attention to keeping them clean. Work will also return on the L-39 cockpit to get it ready for WOH. I will need the cadets to help with this. Considerable work has gone into the radio install in the AT-6, and I think the entire unit should thank Stan and Suzie for their hard work to make this happen.

And of course, your maintenance officer is up for re-election. If you think I am doing a

good job, I would appreciate your vote. It is not an easy task being responsible for six planes, the Hangar Dance and the Cadets, but I am up for the jobs.

And speaking of the Houston Wing Cadets, they are forming a RC model airplane group and some new cadet shirts are on the horizon. I am impressed with their efforts, and the work they do...well done young men and women!!! I am honored to be your leader.

And one more note, with the warm temperatures, and the increased number of people out working in the hangar, a large quantity of bottle water has been consumed. This supply is brought in by one person and paid for with wing money. It would be much appreciated if you use the bottled water at the hangar that you also bring in a case now and then to replenish the supply. There is also a very good water fountain at the front of the hangar right by the downstairs fridge.

Keep up the good work everyone. That is what makes the Houston Wing one of the best.....Jim



Getting Dressed. Photo: Brian K.



Almost there. Photo: Susan V.



Being Knotty! Photo: Susan V.

Suzie's Safety Corner



Hello all. As you know we are coming up on one of our most important events for our wing.....wings over Houston air show. Now for all who are new to the process we need all hands on

deck for our work day that falls on Oct 5th, a Saturday, at 8 am at Ellington field at building 125. Please get in touch with me or any one at the hanger for directions if you have never been. That day we will wash and bleach all the coolers water jugs etc for use during air show. Please dress in stuff you know will get wet and maybe a little bleach splashed on. I will have rubber gloves to protect hands and we should be done in a couple hours. Lunch will be provided that day for all our hard work. They are also getting the final fencing done for prime view.

Speaking of which, I am the vixen of prime view, i.e. in charge of, and we need volunteers for the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday set up. That is three days of hard manual labor of love I might add, and we need young bendy people to help. That also starts at o dark thirty on Wednesday the 16th of Oct and goes till it's all done and ready to go for the special show on Friday morning.

The next big day that all can help on is 12 Oct at West Houston airport, our hanger b-5. We need all hands on deck to wash and clean our girls for their airshow appearance. So please keep in mind these dates and try to

come out and help our wing make this year's airshow the best.

And as the safety officer remember my one big rule....please be safe and don't make me fill out paperwork.

See you at airshow. -Suzie

Tour Planning



Howdy Ya'll!!

Hey, It's fall! Well officially it will be towards the end of the month. Which also means we come into one of our busiest months as we prepare for Wings Over Houston. Don't forget we have clean up day on Saturday, October 5th at Ellington Field. We need all the help we can get to help get things in order for this year's Airshow on October 19th & 20th.

Did you know that if we don't get enough in-house helpers to get the job done, it has to be hired out. Every penny that has to be spent to pay for jobs that we can't or don't do ourselves comes out of our profits. The money we make on this event keeps our planes flying and allows us to grow and educate, honor, and inspire the public, aiming towards our younger generation.

If you haven't signed up to help on clean-up day or to volunteer at the actual event, please consider doing so. We will be meeting at the CAF warehouse at Ellington Field at 8:00

am until we are finished. Lunch and camaraderie provided! Hope to see you there!

Right now, the Houston Wing flying events are Wings Over Houston on October 19th & 20th and Wings Over Dallas the following weekend on October 26th and 27th.

We look forward to having a fun time. Please come join us. ~ Denise

PX Report



If anyone knows how to get a dog to unlock his jaw off another dog let me know. I did it the wrong way.

Wings Over Houston (W.O.H.) is October 19th-20th. I need more volunteers

for PX and L-39. If you want to volunteer please contact me by phone, text or email so I can add you to the list for WOH passes. Don't wait until the last minute because I run out of passes.

The toy order came in and we need to price and split them into threes for the (3) different PX's. I'll send an e-mail when we set a date. It should only take a couple of hours if we have enough people.

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

See ya at the hangar!
Susan-PX

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.

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.

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

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

UPDATE We now have 2 nominees for Wing Leader and 1 nominee for each remaining position. Names will be released at a later date.

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.

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 coreplasts 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)

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

Thank you,

Howard Quoyeser
Nominating Committee
Houston Wing



Hangar Work Day

If you have been around the hangar lately, you may have noticed that it could use a little TLC. With so many projects going on and planes coming in and out, we sometimes forget to take care of the building that houses them. The staff has decided to make Saturday, November 9th a Hangar Work Day.

We are asking for the membership to show up in force on that day to collectively knock out the “Honey Do” list of hangar maintenance. There are a wide variety of projects to be done for a wide variety of skill sets, so please do not feel that you have nothing to offer. If we have a great turn out, we can divide into several teams and clean the place up in just a few hours. Since our goal is to clean the hangar, we will ask that all plane maintenance be put on hold for this one day so that all members can lend a helping hand in cleaning.

Please mark your calendars now for this important day! It will be a great opportunity to spend a day with your fellow members and accomplish our hangar maintenance at the same time. As we get closer to the date, we will send out an e-blast with specific projects to tackle and the tools required for the job.

Thank you,
The Staff

Meeting Potluck

As always our Potluck lunch will take place after the 2 pm Membership meeting on September 22nd.

This month’s theme will be Mexican Fiesta! Bring your favorite combination of chicken or beef, rice, beans, guacamole, salsa, and tortillas to share with the group. How many different combos can you think of to bring??

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.



New Members

If you see these members around the hangar please make sure to say hello and welcome them to our unit! We sure are happy to have you join!

Alvin Mork
 Patrick "Pat" McGinnis
 William "Charlie" Lindley
 Robert "Bob" Henry
 Phillippe Heer
 Manual Chachutt
 Wendy Bigelow
 Peter "Barracuda" Batura

New Cadet
 Christine Kauffman

Member Birthdays

September

Frank Robertson	9/6
Bradley McCartin	9/13
Wesley Fellows	9/16
Charles Waters Jr.	9/18
Brian Kosior Jr.	9/22
Mary Nygren	9/24
Sherry Johnson	9/29
Ulf Brynjestad	9/29

October

J. W. "Don" Johnson	10/7
Dayna Krueger	10/17
George Levandowski	10/26



Jim Placette supervises the cadets who are stitching the N3N stabilizer. Photo: Stan Turner

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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.