



COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE
HOUSTON WING

October 2019

Slips & Skids

Wing Leader

"The highest art form of all is a human being in control of himself and his airplane in flight, urging the spirit of a machine to match his own." - Richard Bach



For all you Houston airplane worshipers out there, this is the month we have all been waiting for. Yes, of course I'm talking about the premier airshow in the US, Wings Over Houston. The show will be held at Ellington Field on

October 19-20. This year's show will have literally tons of active duty military aircraft along with tons of warbirds long gone from the nation's arsenals. The USAF Thunderbirds and the Canadian Snow Geese will be the headliner acts and they are always a crowd pleaser.

Hopefully, most of the Houston Wing members will be out there volunteering at Ellington Field helping the Wing's PX/Dog tag/L-39 or the Airshow directly. This is a CAF event and all three Houston area units

share in the proceeds. I have been assured this year that the weather will be bright and beautiful with perfect temperatures.

Hangar Clean Up in November

With the airshow season winding down, it is time to put a little attention to some hangar maintenance. Saturday November 9 has been set aside as a day to do some general clean up and repairs around the hangar. Plan on coming out in the morning starting around 9am and get involved in one of several projects. If this is successful, we will be having similar hangar maintenance days in the near future. Brian Kosior is spearheading the project.

Be kind to one another
Stan-



Photo: Sam Bulger

Eyes On the Horizon!

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!!!

November 16

Museum Day

November 17

Member Meeting @ 2:00pm
Election Day for Wing positions



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.

Dave Guggemos is working to set up regular formation training and practice with both with our aircraft and appropriate owner flown aircraft as well.

Wings Over Houston is this month 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 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 work on the aircraft and help identifying and ordering parts.

Thanks again for your support for Wing Operations in 2019! –Nathan

Maintenance



Greetings once again from Houston Wing Maintenance.

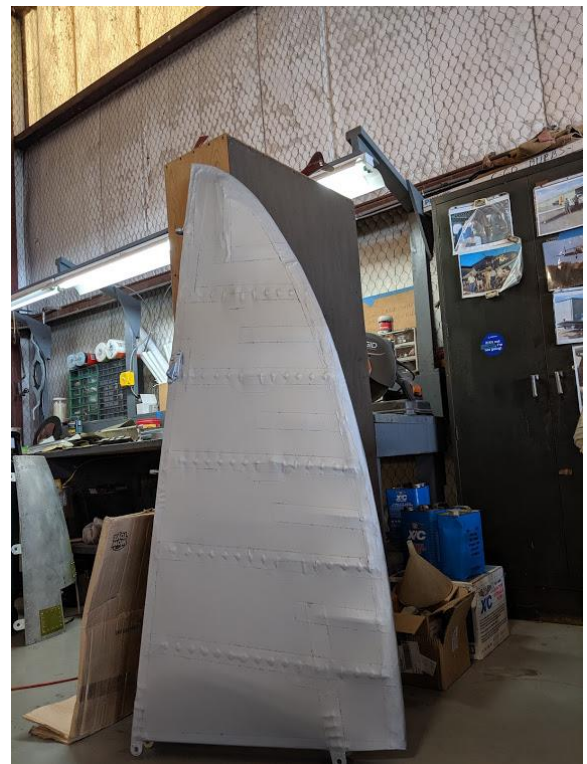
It has been a long hot summer, and we are finally at the edge of the Wings Over Houston air show. Considerable work has

gone into getting three of our six planes ready for the show. Between ADS-B upgrades and radio changes, extra effort has gone into the N3N including rework of the brakes, repair of the alternator, replacement of antenna cables and the ADS-B upgraded transponder install, but the main thing has been the left horizontal stabilizer recover. That has taken extra time and effort as well as many extra hands. In the meantime, while all of this has been going on, Dave Eagan and I went and got the table saw from Craig Pridgeon's estate. We also helped clean out some big things from the garage. I do hope to get through the air shows without any major problems with the flying planes. The Lockheed Lodestar still needs my attention as well as more work needs to be done on the PT-19 and L-17 projects. I plan to take a small vacation after Wings Over Houston as I have been working extra hard for several months now and need a break. I will also be gone to the Central Texas Wing Hangar dance on the weekend of 9 and 10 Nov.

The cadets are busy as usual. They are working on the L-39 as well as getting the donated RC plane in the air. Well, done cadets!! After air show, we need to get back on the R-985 project and try and get it done. I hope to see more of you out when the weather cools off. See you after Wings Over Houston.....Jim



Shiny and Clean for Airshow. Photo: Brian Kosior



Horizontal Stabilizer ready for paint. Photo: Brian Kosior

Suzie's Safety Corner



Hi There. I want to thank y'all that came out to help at the work day on the 5th of October. Got the bazillion coolers and water jugs cleaned in record time. Will be seeing you all at Airshow.

Be safe. And remember my biggest rule. Don't make me fill out paperwork. Now let us pray to the gods of weather for a perfect weekend.

See you at airshow. -Suzie

Marketing Report

Welcome back friends to the Oktoberfest edition of "As the Wing flies." This month we will not talk about airshow or workdays, that's been covered already. Keep calm and read on.....

The marketing department is actively beating the bushes trying to find sponsors for Warbird Weekend 2020. One of our main goals is to get all the food and drink provisions donated by a major grocery chain. We have already applied to these businesses. Next, we will work on selling advertising in our event program and if we could work on a title sponsor that would be gravy on the guisada.

The graphics department is beginning work on posters and presentations for the new Interactive Educational Facility. The new

world class facility that we are going to create will focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics as well as presenting the historical artifacts that will tie in the history of the magnificent flying machines that we have in our collection. The graphics department would like to thank Frank Vargas for his exceptional new facility renderings he's created.

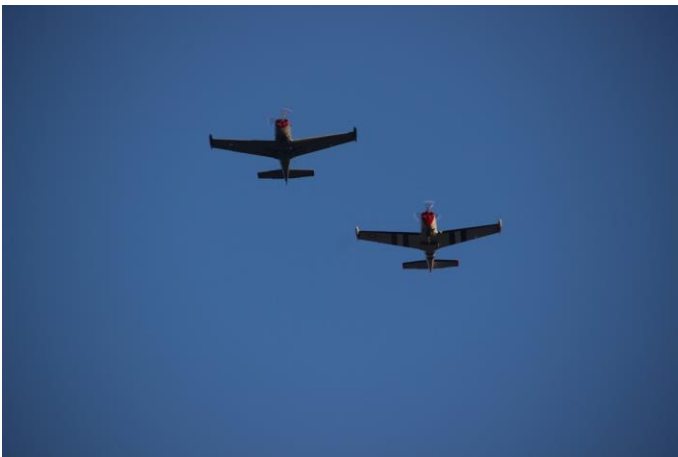
The flyover department has been steadily obtaining new flyovers and keeping our longtime clients happy. We performed a flyover for the Sugarland Skeeters first game of their playoffs. Members Greg Young and Kevin Domingue performed the flyover with an exceptional looking formation and spot on timing. The Skeeters were thrilled beyond belief and we are working to create a partnership with them going forward. I want to take a moment to thank all of our pilots for the time they put in with their formation training and their selfless efforts for the flyovers we perform.

In closing I would like to express not only my condolences but also the thoughts and prayers of the entire Houston Wing to the Collings Foundation with their loss of the B-17 '909'. I would like to pass on what CAF President Hank Coates has stated:

"All organizations within the warbird community work together closely. We feel a great sense of loss, perhaps greater, as we truly understand and appreciate the care that goes into these aircraft. We have respect for those at the Collings Foundation who work toward a similar mission. We, as CAF members, can show that respect and

consideration by not speculating about the cause of the incident, the actions of the aircrew, or the regulations of the Collings Foundation. I ask that you do not comment, post about, or support conversations that make assumptions off the initial information. These conversations are disrespectful to those involved and can be very damaging to all warbird organizations.”

We are diminished. –Sam Bulger



Skeeters Flyover. Photo: Sam Bulger



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Museum Moment

Museum Volunteers Wanted

The West Houston Squadron members built a museum in our hangar in 2002 and for years it sat with its original design and exhibits and was open to the public only during our annual Open House in April. In 2011 a group of us decided to try opening the museum and hangar for two Saturdays a month so more people in the city of Houston would learn about us, our historic airplanes and our museum’s collection.

To do this we formed a group of 6-7 Museum docents who try to be at the hangar from 10:00 – 3:00 on at least one of our monthly Saturdays which are the first and third Saturday of each month.

Current regular docents are:

Sam Hoynes	Chuck Waters
Jim Buser	Jason Delaney
Bruce Thomas	Richard Hamilton
Bob Linguiti	Frank Vargas

Other members who regularly help when they can include:

Howard Quoyser	Jeremy Wright
Brian Kosior	Howard Jones

Eston Hupp and some of our Cadets are also pressed into docent service.

Our Open Saturdays has been a successful program that has brought thousands of visitors through our hangar and museum over the past 9 years. Our open Saturdays also are a good source of needed revenue

through donations and sales from our PX, when it is open.

It has also led us to have a good relationship with the Katy ISD and we now have three elementary schools that make annual field trips to our hangar with fifth grade students. In addition we host visits from Scout groups, church groups and senior citizen groups and others several times a year by appointment.

All of these educational and informational activities take volunteers and as time has passed our museum Volunteer group has gotten older and health issues have come up limiting some of their activities.

If you are a new wing member or an older wing member who has not been real active in our daily activities and would like to get more involved, we would love to have you come out and join our Museum to act as a docent when visitors come to the hangar. You would greet visitors and explain who the CAF is then you would show them around our hangar explaining our aircraft and exhibits in the hangar or you could work in the museum (air conditioned and heated) helping to explain our exhibits.

If possible you could then also assist when we have large groups tour our hangar.

Get involved in the wing, we need your knowledge and help in explaining the CAF to our visitors. If this sounds like something you would like to do contact Sam Hoynes (s.h.hoynes@sbcglobal.net or 281-703-4950)

CAF Houston Wing Nominations for Elections in November 2019

Next month, during the general wing meeting on November 17, we will be holding elections for four staff positions. The current position/nominees are:

1. Wing Leader (2 nominees)
 - Denise Walker
 - Ed Veseley
2. Operations Officer (1 nominee)
 - Chris Walker
3. Maintenance Officer (1 nominee)
 - Jim Placette
4. Safety Officer (1 nominee)
 - Susie Bredlau

All nominees have been formally contacted by the Nominating Committee. Their biographies and "reason why" they are running for their selected position will be sent to the membership.

The Wing needs your help nominating individuals to fill these roles. By rule, nominations will be allowed from the floor. However please take time to reflect on who you think would be the correct fit for the position.

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

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

Enjoy some great airshow food!!! Yum!!

Be ready next month for a Thanksgiving Feast! Dust off those cook books and be ready to give the members a practice run on your thanksgiving day spread!

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.



Member Birthdays

October

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

Step one, drain the oil. Photo: Brian K.

Membership Renewal

It's that time again! You will find the renewal form on the last page of this issue. Please make sure to renew your membership with the Wing to be in good standing.



Excellent Team work to complete the ADS-B upgrades. Photo: Suzie B.

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.

HOUSTON WING DUES - \$ 50.00



You must be a current CAF regular, life, or Honorary member to be eligible for Houston Wing membership.

Tax deductible contributions will be accepted by the Houston Wing for any specified Commemorative Air Force aircraft or project. If you wish to make a contribution along with your Wing dues, please specify the aircraft and/or project along with the amounts(s) and include in your check total.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

Houston Wing Dues	Amount:	\$50.00
Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution to: _____	Amount:	_____
Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution to the AT-6	Amount:	_____
Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution to the BT-13	Amount:	_____
Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution to the N3N	Amount:	_____
Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution to the PT-19	Amount:	_____
Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution to the C-60	Amount:	_____
Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution to the L-17	Amount:	_____
	TOTAL:	_____

Please make your check payable to the
HOUSTON WING - CAF
and mail with this form to:

Houston Wing-CAF
Attn.: MEMBERSHIP
18000 Groeschke Road - Hangar B-5
Houston, TX. 77084

Name: _____ Nickname: _____
First MI Last

RENEWING MEMBERS - Please fill in any information which has changed in the past year
NEW MEMBERS - Please fill in all applicable information

Address: _____ Phone numbers (include area code):

City State ZIP

Home: _____
Office: _____

Email Address: _____ Fax: _____
Spouse: _____ Cell: _____
CAF Col. Number: _____ CAF Life Number: _____ Birthday (mm/dd/yy): _____
WHS Staff _____ Past Unit Staff _____
Office Interest: _____ Office: _____

Note: Phone Numbers and Email Addresses will be published in the Directory. If you do not want a phone number or email address published, do not provide it!

CAF Aircraft Sponsored: _____
WWII Aircraft Owned: _____
Other Aircraft Owned: _____
Squadrons, Wings and Detachments: _____
Interests: _____