

Slips & Skids

Wing Leader



Hello Colonels!!

Happy Fall Y'all!

We had a fantastic Wings Over Houston! Definitely one for the books. At the moment, I don't have any figures to pass on yet, but ticket sales were high! Natasha estimates the crowd totals to be about 90,000

for the weekend. We're not sure yet if this year topped everything, but it will be close.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who came out to help the Houston Wing in the PX, Dog tags, and in the L-39 area as well as all the positions of the Airshow itself. There is absolutely no way we could do all of this without volunteers like you. On behalf of the Houston Wing Staff, **THANK YOU!!** We should all stand proud as Houston Wing members as we sure have a major presence within the Airshow's volunteers.



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While at the airshow on Sunday, a few of the Houston Wing members had the amazing opportunity of meeting Mr. Gene Kranz. In case you didn't know, the phrase "Failure is not an option" was coined by the way Gene and his team approached Jim Lovell and Jack Swigert's words "Houston we've had a problem!" in the Apollo 13 mission. He is an amazing man being an aerospace engineer, fighter pilot, and of course is a retired NASA Flight Director who directed missions of the Gemini and the Apollo programs. He is also know for wearing mission vests made by his wife. Impressive to say the least! It was truly amazing to meet such an a fantastic and down-to-earth man. He definitely has made an impact on all of our lives.



Mike, Kevin, Gene, Denise, Wes

Gene was one of our Airshow guests in the Hero's and Legends tent at the Airshow along with Du Hua who spoke at our 2020 awards dinner, and Joe McPhail, who attends our big Houston Wing events as well as several other incredible heroes. On Sunday of the airshow, Joe turned 100 years young. Amazing! It is a privilege and an honor to have the opportunity to meet these amazing men.



Joe McPhail

Hangar Dance - Saturday, November 6th

You can purchase tickets to the dance at https://caf-houston-wing.ticketleap.com/veterans-day-dance/ see the flyer below for more information.

Beaumont Barnstorming - Saturday, November 20th

We will once again be barnstorming in Beaumont on Saturday, November 20th. We are hoping to take all three aircraft, the PX trailer and the Dog Tag trailer. Please respond to the crew request.

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November 21st, 2021.

Member Appreciation Day and Staff Elections - Sunday, November 21st We will start the day out with aircraft rides starting at 11am and break for lunch at 1pm. During lunch we will have a short meeting followed by Staff elections. Remember if you cannot join us, please request an absentee ballot from Bob Linguiti by emailing him at linguiti7@gmail.com before Sunday,

There is still time for nominations for the following positions for Wing Leader, Operations Officer, Maintenance Officer, Safety Officer and Development Officer. If you would like to run or would like to recommend a member please email Howard Quoyeser at quoyehl@yahoo.com.

We would like to have a member appreciation picnic lunch. We plan on cooking hamburgers and hot dogs and providing the drinks. Please bring a side dish to share. Member rides will be \$100 per rider, per plane. If you would like to secure your spot, please contact me to schedule your ride.

Wishing You Blue Skies! Denise







Wings Over Houston



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Adjutant Report



Hello Houston Wing, We are now officially in the season of Wing Renewals. I know, try NOT to get too excited. It's my favorite time of the year too!! But there are those purest out there that think the holidays

should go in order of Halloween, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, and Christmas. I can't contain my excitement any longer though, so I am ready to celebrate! Decorations are going up tomorrow!

All joking aside, this is a friendly reminder that you may begin paying your 2022 Houston Wing Dues at this time. To remain a member in good standing, you must have renewed with the Wing by January 31st, 2022. Remember that your National membership dues get paid on the yearly anniversary of you joining the CAF, but your Wing dues are paid every January. Even if you are a lifetime member, your Houston Wing dues need to be paid by January.

There are several ways to renew with the Wing. You may visit our website http://www.houstonwing.org and renew there under the Join Us tab. You have the option of printing out the membership form at the end of this newsletter and mail that in with your check made out to Houston Wing- CAF. Or finally, you may renew in person at the Wing with myself, Denise, or Tony. Please choose whatever

option is easiest for you.

I'd like to thank all of those that came out to make this year's airshow a tremendous success. Whether you worked in one of our three PX's or if you helped staff the airshow itself, your help was greatly appreciated. It makes me proud to see how many Houston Wing members make up the Airshow staff. We have amazing members! Thank you!

Brian Kosior

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Elections

In less than one month, we'll be voting to elect a slate of candidates running for this year's staff positions. The slots to be filled are: Wing Leader, Operations Officer, Maintenance Officer, Safety Officer, and Development Officer. Howard Quoyeser, who heads up our Nominating Committee, should soon be identifying the candidates officially selected for those offices.

As wing members may recall, if you have participated in previous elections, there will be an opportunity at the meeting of 21 November 2021, to advance the names of other candidates, by nominating those individuals from the floor. The names of these individuals, if any, will be added to the ballots to be given out during the voting process. The ballots, containing the official "slate" and the floor nominations, will also have space for "write-in" candidates.

Any member not able to attend the November meeting, may request an absentee ballot by sending an email to me requesting the same. (The absentee ballot will contain both the official "slate" and the floor nominees and will also have space for a write-in candidate.) In that request, the wing member must include his or her name, complete address, and C.A.F. colonel number. Should you be unable to attend the meeting and wish an absentee ballot, I urge you to email me at the very earliest opportunity. Absentee ballots will be mailed out the night of the

election meeting and no request received after the 20th, the day prior to the meeting, will be entertained.

To be eligible to vote, each member must be in "good standing," that is to say, must have paid up his or her dues, at both the wing or unit level and the national or headquarters level, for at least 30 days prior to the election meeting. Please make every effort to attend the meeting, but, if unable to do so, kindly remember to ensure that your absentee ballot request reaches me no later than 20 November, 2021.

Thank You Bob Linguiti Chairman, Election Committee Houston Wing, C.A.F Page 8 Slips & Skids

From The Right Seat/XO



First and foremost: Congratulations to the Houston Wing, the Gulf Coast Wing, Tora, the CAF, to Mother Nature and to all that were participants in, maybe, the best Wings over Houston

event ever! Preliminary numbers for the Houston Wing PX sales, L-39 tours and Dog Tag sales are spectacular. Well done and many thanks to all our volunteers that helped. Also thanks to RZ and the maintainers in having all three aircraft at the show as well.

Team 19 update: several milestones to report. The center section is now finished in yellow and resting the "Volvo" mobile stand. This frees up the paint area for all other paint applications as well as allows us to reinstall the landing gear, stick and rudder controls, fuel and brake lines.

The horizontal stab is well on its way to yellow and tail feathers are to follow. The expectation is to have the 19 fuselage bolted to the center section in the next thirty days. When will the 19 be done you ask? Tuesday at 14:00......just not sure which Tuesday in 2022.



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Maintenance



We are members of a historical organization. Yes we fly airplanes but we do so to memorialize

the achievements and sacrifices of those from a time past. Most of what we do then is look back in time. That's ok. It's important that we look back in order to move forward. Looking back at the last 20 months of Houston Wings Maintenance Department there is a lot to learn, and a lot of moving forward left to do.

First I'd like to recognize the people that have stepped up to move our maintenance forward. Without these dedicated Volunteers we'd accomplish nothing. Thank you.

Along the way though we've also hit roadblocks, so it's important to recognize those that see things different. Without them we would not be challenged to do better. Never let roadblocks stop you. They are a chance to look at a different path. If the outcome is the same does it matter how you got there? Let that be a philosophical discussion for another time.

In the last 22 months I've put a tremendous effort into improving the tools we have to maintain our aircraft. Tools are more than wrenches and screwdrivers. I provided Houston Wing with several tools that had, in my opinion, the potential to improve our

operation beyond anything before. The Houston Wing Maintenance Manual defines the organizational structure and leadership positions of the Maintenance Department. The Crew Chief and Plane Captain program provides a method for members to become involved in way that bridges maintenance and operations together. Both these programs and documents have been approved by the Wing staff a long time ago. Implementing them has been a long hard road. Having the right tool hanging on the wall and using a hammer instead is not very productive.

To date, Lisa Sanford is our only qualified Plane Captain. She puts countless hours doting over our three flying aircraft while that workload should be spread over a Plane Captain for each plane. Its preferred that an A&P certificate be held by a Crew Chief, yet we don't really have any of our A&Ps acting as Crew Chiefs as defined by that program. The tools are there, we just need to use them.

I've decided not to run for Maintenance Officer again. I've had my turn and it's time to have fresh ideas and enthusiasm. I offer my full support to whomever takes the reigns in the future and hope they use the tools we have in place to continue to move the Houston Wing Maintenance Department forward. I've enjoyed my Page 10 Slips & Skids

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time tremendously. I've been blessed with outstanding people to work with but find it frustrating that the Wing has not used the tools created to make our maintenance more professional, efficient and inclusive. The workload to operate and maintain three flying aircraft is huge. When we get all six flying it will be enormous. The Wing needs an army of maintenance volunteers. The staff voted to hire a full time mechanic, but there's been no movement to do so. Our current maintenance Volunteers have made a gargantuan effort and they need to be applauded for their effort. If we don't look back at what's been accomplished, we will not learn from that journey and repeat the past.

In the mean time, we have all of our flying aircraft flying. The PT-19 team is making excellent progress. The L-17 Navion is getting back in gear and we still have a big green machine, the C-60 to bring back to life. Let's put our minds and tools to work and "keep 'em flying", now, so we have a future, and let's use the best tools we can get. All of them.

Semper Mint Julep Ryszard Zadow Houston Wing CAF

Houston Wing Maintenance



"We keep 'em flying!"

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Flight Ops



Hello Houston Wingers!

Fall is here and the peak flying season is in full swing. The fire and fury of Wings Over Houston is quietly fading after what was an all-in effort by our

Wing for an amazing airshow. The AT-6, BT-13, and N3N all made appearances for the weekend and flew in the show representing all of us and flying fantastic. Huge thanks going out to our pilots and maintenance teams for all the efforts that go into keeping them flying and fulfilling our mission in the CAF.

Flyover season is still in full swing and your Houston Wing Flyover Team is excited for the opportunity to honor our veterans and fallen heroes in our signature style. We have been asked to fly over events in October, November, and December. Look to the skies these next few months for formations gathering overhead to honor our heroes.

See you on the flight line, Chris



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PX News

Houston Wing Members,

I want to take this opportunity to share my thanks to you, Wings Over Houston PX Sales was very successful! The combined PX sales were \$30,657. The HW Cadet Volunteers sold \$1,190 in Dog Tags and took \$1,197 in L-39 donations. Total sales for the weekend total \$33,044! Outstanding!

This is my first year as PX Officer, and my first major airshow. THANK YOU! To all of the folks who volunteered to help before, during, and after WOH. Thank You to everyone who provided insightful advice from their experience. Thank You, Bob Linguiti and Tony Boehnert for your Leadership in PX North and South and Chad Sandberg for your technical expertise with generators. Thank You Carol Lee for organizing our external volunteers. Thank You to our extraordinary group of cadets who put in some serious overtime and manual labor, and ran the dog tag and L-39 autonomously.

Thank You Houston Wing, looking forward to WOH 2022!

Col. Gonzalo Morales PX Officer Houston Wing



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Aviator Safety Corner - Alternative Airport Selection

One of the most important tasks when planning a trip, particularly an IFR trip, is to pick an alternate airport.

Regulatory Requirements

The FAA speaks to this from a regulatory standpoint in Part 91: I will paraphrase for brevity.

§91.103 Preflight action. Each pilot in command shall, before beginning a flight, become familiar with all available information concerning that flight. One of the six information requirements listed is "alternatives available if the planned flight cannot be completed".

§91.151 Fuel requirements for flight in VFR conditions. Must fly to the point of intended landing and, assuming normal cruising speed - (1) During the day, to fly for at least 30 minutes; or (2) At night, to fly after that for at least 45 minutes.

§91.167(a) Fuel requirements for flight in IFR conditions. Must fly to the point of intended landing and, assuming normal cruising speed – (1) Complete the flight to the first airport of intended landing; (2) If an alternate is required [see paragraph (b) and §91.169 (b)], fly from that airport to the alternate airport; and (3) Fly after that for 45 minutes at normal cruising speed.

Wow, that is a lot of legalese to sort out how to **get safely on the ground considering the circumstances. In other words, don't run out of fuel.**

Your fuel planning needs to consider things that might happen routinely such as; higher headwinds, rerouting for traffic and weather avoidance, and just plain personal limits which could mean additional fuel that exceeds the FAA basic regulatory requirements.

When do you need an alternate airport?

I would suggest that an alternate is required for every flight, whether VFR or IFR.

How do you find a suitable alternate?

A good answer might be "It depends". Factors such as:

- 1. How far are you going?
- 2. Alternative airports should be selected that have a reasonable chance of better weather that the destination (50 nm apart is a common criteria.) Don't select an alternate airport only a short distance away from your destination, or if your destination is experiencing a particular weather system, make an alternative selection that is away from that weather system.
- 3. What are the weather forecasts at the destination airport and alternate airports at your expected arrival time?
- 3. Delays in starting out, which might

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require a reexamination of weather forecasts.

- 4. Rerouting for traffic avoidance and weather avoidance. These are routine flight conditions, so plan a fuel allowance which makes your ETE reasonable.
- 5. Know how much useable fuel you have on board (the tank should be full when starting.)
- 6. Know your rate of fuel consumption. Those lucky enough to have a fuel measurement gage can see the consumption real time and calculate their fuel remaining at ETA. If you don't have a fuel computer, that will be a poor excuse for running out of fuel.

Is one alternate airport enough?

Probably not.

- 1. You need an alternate airport for a post takeoff abort due to mechanical issues which requires a return to the airport. That is why one would like to have a knowledge of weather conditions at several airports near the departure airport. You may not be able to get back to the departure airport. What if you took off under low IFR conditions and couldn't get back in. You would want to be able to go to an alternate airport with better weather near your departure airport.
- 2. You should have an alternate airport selected which about half way between the departure and the destination. Your decision to push on to the

destination airport would be cancelled if the destination went below minimums or closed for some other reason, say a gear up landing on its single runway. In that case you would want to have an alternate airport with better weather available to land short and wait for better weather.

3. You also need a **destination** alternative airport for the possibility that you had to fly a missed approach at the destination, and had to go somewhere else. Preflight planning requires due consideration for all these circumstances prior to beginning the flight. If it sounds like fuel planning is a major item to consider, it is because it surely is.

Happy Flying! Safety is a part of our culture. Dave Guggemos Page 15 Slips & Skids

Eyes on the Horizon

November

6th - Hanger Dance

6th - Museum Day

20th - Beaumont Barnstorming

20th - Museum Day

21st - Membership Appreciation Day

21st - Staff Elections

December

4th - Museum Day

18th - Museum Day

19th - Membership Meeting - 2pm

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

October Birthday's

10/3 Stephanie Vallarino

10/5 Lisa Sanford

10/7 Don Johnson

10/9 John Matthews

10/10 Brian Lipscomb

10/26 George Levandowski

10/27 Sandy Lee

10/28 John Sewell

10/31 Mifflin Dove

October Anniversaries

10/01/81 Carol Lee 10/10/81 Joe Hyatt 10/03/90 Bill Roach 10/26/94 George Doland 10/28/98 Frank Robertson 10/10/06 Sam Bulger

November Birthday's

11/1 Carol Lee

11/3 Frank Robertson

11/13 Greg Young

11/17 James Villa

11/20 Skip Harrison

11/21 Chris Schaich

11/28 Chris Walker

11/30 Steven Kuehn

November Anniversaries

11/06/91 Dick Harper

11/17/92 Jeffrey Foltz

11/02/98 Gary Hurta

11/02/01 Ole Nygren

11/12/02 Ed Vesely

11/03/09 Rick Baker

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11/16/18 Lisa Sanford

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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.

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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.

The Commemorative Air Force[®] (CAF) was founded to preserve history by restoring historic World War II aircraft back to flying condition and to educate new generations of Americans on the value of military aviation in assuring our nation's freedom. These airplanes, and the men and women who built, flew and maintained them – changed the world forever! We can never let them be forgotten.

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This history is worth saving... and worth passing on.



