



## Squadrons Keep Busy with Open Houses and Airshows

In May and June, three Squadrons - DEW Line, Desert and West Houston - held Open Houses or Airshows. These events allow the public to interact with the CAF and see the aircraft up close, and to learn about the CAF, the aircraft and the history.

### DEW Line Squadron Wings and Wheels Xtravaganza - May 7

Both the Kid Show on Friday and the Wings and Wheels Xtravaganza on Saturday were a huge success! All who attended had a Great time. Col Gail loved her stuntwoman flying as the Bubblegum Bandit and the VVillys Jeep made its public debut in an outstanding way, as it became part of the act. A lot of hard work and dedication by the DEW Line Squadron Members paid off during this show to make it such a success. CAF member who showed up from other Squadrons and Wings were thoroughly impressed and positive comments were made by all.

They only negative feedback heard was that the lines to get food were too long, which really is not a problem if we had that big of a turn out, right?



Col Gail Sanchez as "The Bubblegum Bandit", with Otto the Helicopter and the DEW Line Jeep

### Desert Squadron Open House - June 19

We had our Open House June 19. We had our planes on display, and High Sky also came over. We had several people bring their remote control planes to fly. Ray Pierson had all of his WWII vehicles on display. It was from 10 in the morning until 4 that afternoon. We served hot dogs to everyone that came out.

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Win this Ruger Mark II Model 77 .270 cal. Rifle!



Tickets are available from the Colonel's Ladies

### Mark Your Calendars

#### CAF Summer Advisory

July 15-16  
MCM Grande Fun Dome, Odessa, TX

#### O-Club Volunteer Reservation Deadlines

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October 1-2  
CAF HQ

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### West Houston Squadron Open House - April 30 and May 1

The West Houston Squadron Open House started out cold and windy on Saturday, April 30, with a strong hint of rain - not the best weather for an aviation event. But the volunteers showed up bright and early (well, early) to put the finishing touches on the preparations which had started the week before. One big job was setting up the tents. The wind made this even more 'fun' than usual, and the available supply of cuss words was used up very quickly (luckily they can be recycled). The sign crew departed to set out over 100 road signs, and the cooks got their grilling and serving stations ready as the aircraft were pulled out and the hangar displays set up. The PX crew set up with their usual efficiency, and the "coneheads" headed out to block off the taxiways to keep the clueless from wandering out onto the runway (it has happened before!).

By the time that visitors started to arrive, things were pretty much ready. Though Saturday's crowd was light due to the weather, traffic was steady all day and people seemed to enjoy the displays. Whenever an airplane started up, the crowd would gather and the cameras would come out.

Sunday's weather was much better, and the attendance level was also better. A big hit was the C-60 - at one point, there was a 15-minute wait for the "cockpit tour". Several times over the weekend, the crowd gathered as the right engine was run, both for 'show' and to do some tests of the systems. It was also discovered that a 1200-hp Wright 1820 makes a very effective hat shredder.

The Lone Star Flight Museum has always been a supporter of WHS, and this show was no exception. This year, they sent three aircraft - the Corsair, the Dauntless and an SNJ. With the Wing's Helldiver, they formed a very nice naval aviation display in front of the ReMax hangar.

Squadron pilots kept busy, with the WHS AT-6 and N3N making several flights. The Stinson flew until a minor problem with the battery put it back to static. Gale Haskins' PT-26 was almost always in the air, and Ole Nygren was flying the Stearman whenever he wasn't in the AT-6. John Hess and Jim Hornung also flew their AT-6's for the crowd.

As usual, the Squadron museum was a big hit, and was always crowded. It was nice to hear some of the older visitors relating stories of their experiences, and to hear some of the younger ones asking questions about those experiences.

By the end of the day Sunday, everyone was worn out but happy that the event had gone so well. Teardown commenced about 5 PM, and continued into the night. Since not all of the beer had been sold, it fell upon the volunteers and a few late-staying guests (who also helped with the teardown) to try and float that last keg - we wouldn't want the Budweiser guy to hurt himself trying to lift it back into the truck! Sometimes the work just never ends...

### Photos from West Houston Squadron's Open House



Gale Haskins taxis his PT-19 back in after a flight



LSFM's Corsair, SBD and the WTW Helldiver

## Squadron Events ...

### More Photos from West Houston Squadron's Open House



Ken Hyman taxis out the WHS N3N ...



... and takes off



C-60 run-up



Mike White shows the Helldiver to visitors

## B-52 marks 50th year as part of Air Force

*BY: John Andrew Prime, Shreveport Times 06/29/2005*

It may pass quietly, but the B-52 today will mark an important anniversary in the nation's skies.

It was 50 years ago that the airplane first entered the Air Force combat inventory, forming the backbone of a strategic and offensive force that still is called to duty in far-flung locations ranging from Iraq and Afghanistan to the Pacific.

"Just imagine the Wright Flyer still operating in numbers in 1953," said H.D. "Buck" Rigg, director of 8th Air Force Museum at Barksdale Air Force Base, which has a Vietnam War-era B-52D and a Vietnam-Gulf War vintage B-52G in its lineup. "It's unfathomable that we've been able to outlast as many supposed replacement airframes these last 50 years. The tried-and-true technology, which is applicable to so many missions, is a testimonial to the engineering prowess of our American industry. It's an adaptable airframe."

The B-52 first rolled off the Boeing assembly line in Seattle in late 1951 and made its first flight in April 1952.

But training, supply and basing requirements kept it off the Air Force rolls until June 1955, when William Eubank, now a retired major general living in Shreveport, flew the first service airplane to Castle Air Force Base, Calif. That's where he led the nation's first B-52 wing.

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**B-52, continued ...**

"I'd never before flown a plane that big or as heavy," said Eubank, who is pleasantly surprised by the bombers' success. "I didn't know it would last as long as it has or be updated as many times as it has to bring it to where it is now. I think it's earned its way."

More than 740 B-52s were built from 1952 to 1962. Fewer than 100 remain in service today, mostly H-model bombers at Barksdale and Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota. NASA also operates a B-52H for research purposes and, until December, operated the nation's oldest B-52, a B-model, as its research platform.

At Barksdale, which welcomed its first B-52 in August 1958, the local tribute will be muted. The museum will start to sell souvenir cachets -- envelopes commemorating the B-52 and its history -- as well as signed photos of Eubank with the B-52.

A training flight with a mixed crew from Barksdale's 11th Bomb Squadron will traverse Castle Air Park, what remains of Castle Air Force Base, which closed in the 1990s and saw its B-52 Combat Crew Training School move here.

"It will be an unofficial flyover," said Staff Sgt. Kristina Barrett, a spokeswoman for 2nd Bomb Wing, which operates the bulk of the nation's B-52s here; Barksdale also is home to Air Force Reserve B-52s under the 917th Wing. "It will be a normal training sortie."

*Thanks to Col Knox Bishop for forwarding this article*

**Wing Financial Report**

FUND	1/1/04	12/31/04	12/31/04	6/30/05	6/30/05	TOTAL	LESS JUNE 30,05
	BALANCES	BALANCES	CHANGE	CHECKING BALANCES	SAVINGS BALANCES		6/30/05 CHANGE
C-45/SNB Flight Ops.	\$ 2,455.96	\$ 3,126.22	\$ 670.26	\$ 1,092.80	\$ 2,023.42	\$ 3,116.22	\$ (10.00)
Chaplain's Detachment	\$ 101.23	\$ 101.23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 101.23	\$ 101.23	\$ -
Col's Ladies Detachment	\$ 1,860.31	\$ 6,476.12	\$ 4,615.81	\$ 5,851.52	\$ 754.23	\$ 6,605.75	\$ 129.63
Comm Van Detachment	\$ 1,361.56	\$ 200.53	\$ (1,161.03)	\$ -	\$ 200.53	\$ 200.53	\$ -
Memorial Conf. Room	\$ 177.88	\$ 90.88	\$ (87.00)	\$ -	\$ 90.88	\$ 90.88	\$ -
Flughafen	\$ 362.39	\$ -	\$ (362.39)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PX Fund	\$ 4,532.02	\$ 4,455.41	\$ (76.61)	\$ 3,179.12	\$ 2,475.49	\$ 5,654.61	\$ 1,199.20
SB2C Flight Operations	\$ 5,371.92	\$ 14,755.54	\$ 9,383.62	\$ 5,726.78	\$ 65.87	\$ 5,792.65	\$ (8,962.89)
Wing Operations	\$ 15,039.71	\$ 19,301.47	\$ 4,261.76	\$ 4,501.60	\$ 14,236.56	\$ 18,738.16	\$ (563.31)
WTW Blastards Det.	\$ 11,491.13	\$ 6,879.53	\$ (4,611.60)	\$ 13,232.38	\$ 5,622.65	\$ 18,855.03	\$ 11,975.50
Total Fund Balances (Combined Checking and Savings)	\$ 42,754.11	\$ 55,386.93	\$ 12,632.82	\$ 33,584.20	\$ 25,570.86	\$ 59,155.06	\$ 3,768.13

**CAF HQ ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF 6/30/05**

SB2C	\$21,526.10
C-45	\$4,496.46

Note: The 2004 Balances Include Checking and Savings

COLS' LADIES O'CLUB OPERATING FUND, 5/31/05 \$4,850.94

Please note the following from the Wing Finance Officer:

1. Beginning in late 2004, the SB2C went through an annual, replacement of brakes and wheels and carburetor repair. These expenses account for the decrease in fund balance for SB2C Flight Operations. The Beast is in good shape and touring.
2. Please contact Pete Hyatt if you have questions.

## From the Left Seat Mark Novak - West Texas Wing Leader

Hello to all

I'm writing this report to you from somewhere over the Pacific Ocean. I'm on a 9 day, 50 flying hour medical evacuation mission flying between Hawaii and Japan and Guam.

The WTW has GREAT news. If you have not heard (and I just heard last week), the General Staff has approved the establishment of the River Bend Squadron of the CAF in Southeast Texas. The Squadron has asked to affiliate with the WTW. From the information coming my way, it sounds like a majority of the members will be new to the CAF and the WTW.

I hope that most of you will be able to attend the WTW meeting on July 15 during the Summer Advisory Meetings in Midland.

Please make plans now to attend the Airsho in October. There are many of the wing members involved in the activities. We have a lot of fun and there is always a story or two after the show. Rumor has it, this MAY be the last year the club is in a tent.

Safe flying, Happy landings and DON'T do any tailwind takeoffs.

*Mark Novak*

### Officer's Reports

#### Operations Officer - *Greg Kinnan*

The SB2C Helldiver made an unusual appearance in Roswell New Mexico on June 18, 2005. The aircraft, along with a Wildcat served as a "backdrop" for a special Foo Fighters Band promotional concert. This event was certainly "out of the box" thinking that resulted in exposure for the Beast and a much needed fee for the aircraft fund. The crowd for the show were contest winners from several cities around the United States who were flown in by charter airliners, fed, enjoyed the show, and then immediately flown back home. The concert was a special promotion for the release of the new Foo Fighters album "IN HONOR". The site was selected for it's central location and the fascination of the band leader with the "Roswell UFO Event"

The credit for this event lies with our new Director of Marketing, John Lage. John has recently joined the Headquarters Staff to work on projects that will generate funds for the CAF. John's background includes a period in Hollywood working with studios and production companies. It was from this experience that John was able to develop this booking. His ideas include a series of specials featuring the aircraft of the CAF, "packages" of aircraft for shows and displays, and corporate sponsorship of aircraft. He was ably assisted by Laura Conrad who coordinated the event for the participants.

#### Recruiting and Retention - *Kathy Mizell*

Units may want to start a mentoring program for new members. This would also be beneficial for current members who are not actively involved.

The basic structure of these mentoring programs used by other CAF units is that active current members of the unit are responsible for specific new members. The current members are charged with welcoming new members and helping them find some way to participate. The current members also call to remind others of meetings, events, and activities.

New members who are welcomed and encouraged by the unit to participate in events and activities are more likely to become and remain productive members.

#### Personnel Officer - *Steve Sehnert*

As of July 3, after cross-checking the records of the Finance Officer and Personnel Officer, we have 233 paid Colonels in the Wing. We have received verbal or email reports of another ten or twelve members who assure us that "my check's in the mail". That still leaves about 75 Colonels who have not renewed from 2004. **This is the last Logbook which will be sent to Colonels who have not paid for 2005. Look at the mailing label (if you get this by regular mail). If there is an (04) following your name, your 2005 dues have not been received and this is the last Logbook you will receive.** Those Colonels who get the newsletter by email will be notified by email if they are "in arrears".

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### About the 'Logbook'

The 'Logbook' is the bi-monthly newsletter for the West Texas Wing of the CAF. Submitted articles from Wing members are welcomed and encouraged. Materials submitted for publication should be sent to Steve Sehnert at WTWPio@westhoustonssqdn.org (or at the mailing address shown in the return address of this newsletter) no later than the 20th of the last month of publication. Please contact me with any suggestions, questions or comments. You can reach me at 713-625-6419 daytime, 281-578-2561 evenings.

The 'electronic edition' of the Logbook (Acrobat PDF format) is available at the West Houston Squadron website ([www.WestHoustonSqn.org](http://www.WestHoustonSqn.org)). Look for the "Newsletters" link.

## Squadron & Detachment News

### CACTUS SQUADRON

PIO – Doris Richeson

#### David Lyons Chosen for Hodges Scholarship Award

It's an aviation-loving family: David Lyons of Eliasville has been chosen to receive the Cactus Squadron's Scholarship Award.

The award will be presented by Col Knox Bishop during GHS Graduation and Awards Ceremony at Graham Memorial Auditorium on Tuesday, May 17th, 6:30 pm.

Young Lyons' father is a pilot, and is teaching his son to fly; his grandfather is also a pilot.

#### Museum Officer Knox Bishop Presents D-Day program on June 4

Attending a special WWII Aviation in Europe program presented by USAF-Ret. Colonel Knox Bishop were Cactus colonels, veterans and Grahamites with an interest in the incredibly amassed air forces in World War II.

Col Bishop noted that of the some 455,000 aircraft of all nations participating in the war, almost 300,000 of them came from the United States aircraft factories.

Bishop presented lesser-known facts —some of them bordering on incredibility as we know it — in a Power Point presentation and video clips, accompanied by his commentary.

Bishop gave a program on modern weaponry at the squadron's April meeting, which was intensely interesting. If anyone who saw the April program expected a lot from the WWII Aviation program, they were not disappointed

#### Thank you, J.Duff for fish a-plenty

May meeting, the Cacti were treated to Duff Pitcock's splendid fish fry. Dr. Robert McDaniel pitched in and helped with the cooking.

#### Cacti cook at Sweetwater WASP reunion

Rain dampened the spirits somewhat, and Exec Jack Cannon was disappointed in the sales, with other food vendors on the field, but the WASPS' esprit d' corps was notable, considering that most were in their eighties. The squadron thanks former Col Dave Price and Nancy for the use of the Discount Furniture truck. Hurray for driver Dell Cannon!

#### Cactus Col Jerry Bishop hospitalized...

Knox Bishop has advised that his dad, USAF-Retired Col. E.G. "Jerry" Bishop is in Graham Regional Medical Center, with heart, liver and kidney problems.

Remember Jerry in your prayers.

### DEW LINE SQUADRON

PIO – Rod Banister

#### Projects

**L-5** - The L-5 is currently undergoing its Annual. The Prop has been removed and has been shipped to Sensenich in Florida to undergo a thorough inspection and overhaul. If the Prop is unable to be overhauled then a new prop will be purchased.

**Penguin** - Work is currently being done on the Penguin. Its struts have been fabricated and will be mounted to the penguin in the near future.

**C-45** - Work is on hold for now on the plane. Col Greg Downing of the Cimmaron Strip Wing has made sent a proposal to the West Texas Wing to transport it to Guymon, Oklahoma where Col Downing can begin working on it. After his inspection of the plan he reports that it will cost an estimated 10,000 to 15,000 dollars to get it air worthy.

**1949 Willys** - Work has been completed on the Willys, it even played an important role in the airshow when it teamed up with "Otto the Helicopter" to catch that bubble gum bandit.

**Tug** - Col Dennis Plunk reports that the tug has been painted (Confederate Grey of course). The Engine work is complete and will soon be installed to do a run up" test. They are currently awaiting the arrival of a wheel cylinder, which had to be ordered.

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## Squadron & Detachment News (continued)

### WEST HOUSTON SQUADRON

#### Squadron Funds Additional Sponsorships on All Aircraft

With the outstanding results from last year's Airshow and the recent Open House, on June 6 the Staff unanimously voted to fund a Flying Sponsorship on each of the Squadron's assigned aircraft (a total of \$13,500). This money goes to the individual aircraft accounts, and is then reserved by CAF regulation to be used only for support of the aircraft.

The Squadron is able to make this contribution to the aircraft thanks to the hard work of all the members and friends of the Squadron.

#### Alan Senior did WHAT on his Birthday?

For his 80th birthday, Alan Senior got to go on an airplane ride. Well, half of one. Following in the "footsteps" of former President George H. W. Bush, Alan went skydiving! A tandem jump from 14,000 feet (I think that's the altitude he said). He obviously survived, and apparently enjoyed jumping out of a perfectly good airplane. Way to go, Alan!

### RIVER BEND SQUADRON

PIO – Linda Fountain

#### Ten Aircraft and 38 Members & Guests Attend the First Meeting of the "RBS"

Hangar B at the Wharton County Regional (Municipal) Airport was the setting for the first official membership meeting for the newest unit in the West Texas Wing.

It was a clear, beautiful day and just perfect for flying. Both CAF and privately owned aircraft flew in to enjoy the fantastic shrimp boil cooked up by the "It's The Pits Cookers" headed up by RBS Col Hugh Alexander and his team of Dave Denton and John Paul Howard.

Flying in were Cols Dick Harper & Steve Pennington in the CAF AT-6 "Ace In The Hole", Col Jim Hornung & Col Lady Theresa Thornton in his SAAF T-6, Col Matt Gallien & NEW Col Cindy Melton in his Grumman AA-1A, Col Gale Haskins & guest John Campbell in the PT-19, Col Ed Vesely & guest Thomas in Ed's SNJ "Oh, Baby", Col Ole Nygren in the white Stearman and EAA member Robbie Vadojs in the blue Stearman, Frank Mooney flew in his C-82 and the "Critical Air" helicopter was crewed by Don Coker, Don Wade and Sharon Atwell. Col Dan Leone and his flight instructor flew in. We didn't get her name or the aircraft type, but we thank them for flying in.

And not many units have the opportunity to have the only flying SB2C in the world fly in to mark the first official meeting of a brand new CAF Squadron—but WE did!! Special thanks to Col John Hess for bringing the "Beast" to the River Bend Squadron meeting. Col Mike White crewed for John and had the back canopy open and the gun in place—sure looked real! I heard many people say that that was a day they would never forget—and neither will we! Thank you all!

#### River Bend Squadron Welcomes New Members, New Colonels and Welcomes Back Members To The West Texas Wing!!

We extend a welcome to new CAF Colonels David Allen and Randy Wahlberg. David is the Airport Director in Wharton and RANDY is the owner of Air Professionals, an aircraft maintenance company in Pearland.

We also welcome back in the "fold" (West Texas Wing) Cols Jim Hornung, Steve Rumel, Thomas Reinert and Colonel's Lady Theresa Thornton.

The River Bend Squadron is very proud to start our unit with twenty Colonels and five Colonel's Ladies!!

### BIG COUNTRY SQUADRON

PIO - Charlie Hanna

#### Workday Report - Col Stan Kisner

We had a successful work day Saturday April 16, 2005. First on the mower was Col Al Bennett while Col's Stan Kisner, Milt Milton, and Charles White along with assistance from Bill Masters, used a truck to secure the post(stacks) in their permanent positions. The next ones taking turns on the mower was Bill Masters and Charles White, then Stan and Phyllis Kisner finished the mowing. After lunch, everyone along with Greg Downing, Sam Dean, John Webb, and Ted Sanchez (the visitors from the Dew Line Squadron, working on the C-45) visited Col Don (Tiny) Malm in Hendrick Hospital. Upon returning to Homeplace Hangar we discovered that Col Bob Sterling and his wife Suzie had delivered cookies for the work crew and they were absolutely delicious, a Big Thank You from all of us.

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## Squadron & Detachment News (continued)

### BLASTARDS

*Gregg Ulvestad*

As earlier reported, the Blastards were busy this spring. Since our last report We have sent teams to San Marcos in support of the Cen-Tex Wing. This was a two day show May 21-22 with Blastards coming from around the state, from Brownsville, Dallas, Midland, Monahans, San Antonio. Unlike Temple, the weather favored flying, hot, but for West Texas boys and girls, humid. There was a good representation of warbirds and fun was had by all. Gregg Ulvestad was the Shooter-In-Charge.

On June 4th the Blastards went to Slaton, Texas to help out the Texas Air Museum. If you have not been to Jack Gauding International (Slaton Municipal) I can recommend the trip. Gregg Ulvestad was the Shooter-In-Charge again. Howard Pardue brought his Bearcat and shot down Tora and did a fine job of it. Tora had so much fun they bombed the field again after Howard had left. Very cunning.

All in all, this has been a busy, but fun spring for the Blastards. and once again we thank the pilots for bringing their planes so we can blow stuff up.

### COLONEL'S LADIES

*Dell Cannon*

The year 2005 has wings! Our next Colonel's Ladies meeting will be during the Summer Staff Conference scheduled for July 15 & 16 in Odessa at the MCM Grand Hotel

The Colonel's Ladies meeting will be on July 16 at 1:00 PM and conducted in the far corner of the hotel restaurant as it was during the Winter Staff Conference. The agenda will include the need for volunteers in the O Club during AirSho. Yes, AirSho will be here before we know it! Our rifle raffle is doing well and we will be actively selling raffle tickets until the drawing is held at the conclusion of AirSho. It is important that Colonel's Ladies participate in helping raise money to support our West Texas Wing two aircraft.

I will be mailing a postcard reminder of our July 16 meeting to all Ladies and I am looking forward to seeing y'all at the MCM Grand.

### DESERT SQUADRON

*Nita Zellars*

We are riding in all of the military vehicles for the Fourth of July parade in Odessa. There will be a flyover during the parade. The squadron will meet after the parade for a hamburger cookout. We are still operating our Bingo. We will have 3 sessions to end the night of the fourth.

## O'Club Volunteers - AIRSHO 2005 October 1, 2

You will see a new form for this year we only have ONE hotel and it is a NEW hotel. The other two hotels we were using went up on us to the same price as this hotel we will be using this year. See form in this issue.

The rates are \$50.00 plus tax and you get a FREE breakfast with your room. We have blocked off 70 rooms and we have to have your reservation by August 1st this year you can't wait till the last minute to get your room because it will be there so I suggest you get your room as soon as possible it's always easier to cancel a room than not to have one at all. You can not call out to the hotel and get a room at our rate, it has to come from me. If you call on your own the rate is \$89.00 and \$99.00.

If your name is NOT on the hotel list you have until August 1, 2005 and that is the final day to get me your reservation. I am having trouble with the hotel and I'm hoping things will be straightened out by the Summer Advisory. Please check your next LOGBOOK or your packet when you get it in mail if there are any changes.

Also, at AIRSHO this year we are planning a large Ground Breaking Ceremonies for the new Commemorative Center so watch you Contrail and the Logbook for information.

If you are in Houston please make your reservations as usual with Linda Fountain.

If you have any questions please call me as soon as possible.

Thanks, *Sharon Short*

## Colonel's O'Club AIRSHO 2005

### **Bloody Mary Happy Hour**

9AM - 1PM  
DAILY!

### **OPEN DAILY**

Thursday - Noon  
Friday - Sunday  
9AM to Midnight

### **Margarita Happy Hour**

4PM - 7PM  
DAILY!

### **LIVE Entertainment**

Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
Featuring Jerry Dugan and "West Wind"

### **FREE FOOD Friday Night**

Hosted by: High Sky Wing  
From 5:30 pm till Closing

### **Saturday Night**

Dinner \$10 Per Person  
Dinner Served 6:00 - 7:30 PM  
Catered by "Johnny's Barbecue"

### **Sunday Night "Survivors Party"**

Hosted by the:  
"Hispanic Chamber of Commerce"  
Band - Entertainment - Food  
**Starts 6:30 PM**

### **Food Booth Open Daily**

Fajitas, Hot-Dogs, Nachos  
Served by: New Mexico Wing

### **Sunday Night**

Raffles

**Colonel's O'Club Welcomes  
THE 55-S – Reunion Group  
and  
WOMEN AIRFORCE SERVICE PILOTS -- WASP**

### 2005 Wing Membership Renewal

Pre-printed Renewal Forms were mailed out to all Wing Colonels and Colonel's Ladies in mid-November.

Last year, a change in membership procedures was adopted by the Staff. It allows (but does not require) that Colonels and Colonel's Ladies who are members of a Squadron of the Wing to pay both their Squadron and Wing dues through their Squadron. The forms which were sent out have instructions on how to do this.

The change was intended to make it simpler for members (although it makes things more complex for Squadron and Wing finance and personnel officers).

But, to summarize,

- If you do not belong to a Squadron, send your Wing dues to the Wing Finance Officer (Pete Hyatt) at the address printed on the form.
- If you belong to a Squadron, but want to make separate payments, send your Wing dues to the Wing Finance Officer (Pete Hyatt) at the address printed on the form, and also send your Squadron dues to your Squadron by whatever method your Squadron requires.
- If you belong to a Squadron and want to make a single payment, send a single payment for both your Wing and Squadron dues to your SQUADRON finance officer. Note that the check needs to be payable to your SQUADRON, not to the Wing.

In all cases, the pre-printed Wing membership form should be used if at all possible. Thanks,

*Steve Sehnert WTW Personnel Officer*

## O'Club Volunteer Reservations

This year we have only one hotel willing to give us a good rates. The Quality Inn & Suites (old Holiday Inn Express) in Odessa. We have not used this hotel but it is three buildings down from the past hotels it is a totally **NEW** hotel.

- **Fill in the requested information completely.**
- **Fill out the form correctly and return to me.**
- **If the form is not completed or correct, it will be thrown away and you will not receive a room!**
- **If you have to cancel, you must give me 72-hour notice or you will be charged for the full original reservation this is a hotel requirement.**

IMPORTANT DATA – ALL BLANKS MUST BE COMPLETED					
Name					
Address					
City		St		Zip	
Telephone	(       )				
Arrival Date		Departure Date			
Number Arm Bands		Number Car Passes			

QUALITY INN & SUITES - \$50.00/night (not per person)					
SELECT ROOM TYPE:					
King (1 bed)		Smoking		Non-Smoking	
Queen (1 bed)		Smoking		Non-Smoking	
Queen (2 beds)		Smoking		Non-Smoking	

**DEADLINE: JULY 1, 2005 FOR ARMBAND AND CAR PASSES**

**THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO ME NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1, 2005**

*(If you are in Houston please make your reservations as usual with Linda Fountain.)*

**Sharon Short  
7117 Starnes Road  
Fort Worth, TX 76180  
(817) 656-5052 Home Phone and FAX**

## CALENDAR

**Desert Squadron Open House**

June 18-19  
Odessa, TX

**October 1-2, 2005 - AIRSHO® 2005**

CAF HQ, Midland, TX

**October 8-9, 2005 - Wings Over Houston® 2005**

Houston, TX  
(one week earlier than usual!)  
Featuring the Canadian Snowbirds!



## ONLINE RESOURCES

CAF MAIN WEBSITE :

[www.commemorativeairforce.org](http://www.commemorativeairforce.org)

CAF MEMBERS WEBSITE :

[www.ghostsquadron.org](http://www.ghostsquadron.org)

WEST TEXAS WING WEBSITE :

<http://mywebpage.netscape.com/westtexaswing/Home+Page.htm> (note that the full address must be typed on one line).

SQUADRON WEBSITES :

West Houston: [www.westhoustonsgdn.org](http://www.westhoustonsgdn.org)

DEW Line: <http://www.datatronsyste.ms.com/dewlinesqd/>

SB2C WEBSITE : [www.sb2chelldiver.org](http://www.sb2chelldiver.org)

**The 'electronic edition' of the Logbook (Acrobat PDF format) is available at the West Houston Squadron website. Look for the "Publications" link.**

*Does your squadron have an upcoming event? Or do you know of an event of interest to Wing members? Has your unit website changed? Let the Wing PIO know!*

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## Squadron Meeting Information

**WEST HOUSTON SQUADRON**

Third Sunday of each month @ 2:00 PM, Hangar B-5 at West Houston Airport  
Contact : Bob Alford 281-265-2949

**CACTUS SQUADRON**

Third Thursday of each month @ 6:30 PM at Cactus Hangar, Graham Municipal Airport  
Contact : J. B. Thorne 940-873-4436

**DESERT SQUADRON**

Third Thursday of each month @ 6:30 PM social hour, 7:00 PM dinner. 8:00 PM meeting, at Desert Squadron Hangar at Schlemeyer Field, Odessa  
Contact : Ronnie Barnett 432-335-0954

**DEW LINE SQUADRON**

Third Thursday of each month @ Plaza Restaurant, 3415 South Bell, Amarillo, TX  
Contact : Ted Sanchez 806-381-0453

**BIG COUNTRY SQUADRON**

Second Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 PM, Homeplace Hangar at Elmdale Airport, Abilene  
Contact : David Duncan 325-766-3769

**RIVER BEND SQUADRON**

First Saturday of each month @ 2:00 PM, Wharton Regional (Municipal) Airport, Wharton Texas  
Contact : Ron Fountain 281-398-7533

**SB2C Memorial Fund Established**

An SB2C Memorial Fund has been established for those wishing to donate to a charity in remembrance of members Gone West. You may make your donations to this fund and remit to Wing Finance Officer Pete Hyatt. He will see that it is properly recognized both by the Wing and Headquarters in Contrails.

## SB2C Schedule

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**Get the "Logbook" by Email - Save trees and \$\$**

Each copy of the "Logbook" costs over \$1 to print and mail. While this may not seem like much, it adds up; every two months, the Wing spends about \$450 to produce and distribute the newsletter. That's about \$2700 each year.

A few people have asked if the "Logbook" could be emailed instead of coming by regular mail. Just send an email to me at [wtpio@westhoustonsgdn.org](mailto:wtpio@westhoustonsgdn.org) or [ssehnert@bigfoot.com](mailto:ssehnert@bigfoot.com). When the "Logbook" is published, you will get an email telling you that a new issue is available at the West Houston Squadron website. Since the "Logbook" files are often rather large (because of the pictures), I will not be emailing the "Logbook" files themselves. Instead, I'll just let you know that a new issue is available, and you can go get it whenever you want to. This way no one gets surprised when they go to check their email and have to wait for a big file to download.

Steve Sehnert – WTW PIO ([wtpio@westhoustonsgdn.org](mailto:wtpio@westhoustonsgdn.org) or [ssehnert@bigfoot.com](mailto:ssehnert@bigfoot.com))

## Quality Inn Reservations for O'Club Volunteers

SUPER INN & SUITES - ODESSA

6/9/05

(432) 333-3931

	SA 9/24	SU 9/25	MO 9/26	TU 9/27	WE 9/28	TH 9/29	FR 9/30	SA 10/1	SU 10/2	TYPE OF ROOM
Ted Short	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	K/NS (RF, GF)
Wallace Dillard					X	X	X	X	X	K/SM (RF)
Greg Kinnan					X	X	X	X		K/SM
Ed Cleveland						X	X	X	X	K/NS
Kathy Mizell					X	X	X	X	X	K/SM
Cheryl Mogg					X	X	X	X	X	D/NS (RF)
Foy Mitchell							X	X	X	D/NS
Frank Godek					X	X	X	X	X	K/NS
Tim Ortega						X	X	X		D/NS
Jeannie Ballard						X	X	X	X	S/NS
Thomas Carter						X	X	X	X	D/NS
Jack Cannon						X	X	X	X	K/NS
Dick Harper						X	X	X	X	D/NS
Linda Fountain						X	X	X	X	D/ SM
Sue Rumel						X	X	X	X	D/SM
Amber Fountain						X	X	X	X	D/SM
Ed Vesely							X	X		D/NS
Mike White						X	X	X	X	D/NS
Ron Fountain							X	X		K/SM
Steve Sehnert							X	X	X	D/NS
Mark Allen							X	X	X	K/NS
Matt Gallien							X	X		K/NS
Joe Vaught							X	X		K/NS
Jim Hornung							X	X		K/NS
Thomas Reinert						X	X	X		D/SM
Frank Stokes						X	X	X	X	K/SM
Don Price							X	X		K/NS
Alan Senior							X	X		K/NS
Linda Hazard							X	X		D/NS
Matt Saladino							X	X		D/NS
Ergun Bilir							X	X		K/NS
John Hess						X	X	X	X	K/NS
Hyman/Nygren						X	X	X		D/NS
Roger Kahle							X	X		D/NS
Bob Linguiti						X	X	X	X	D/NS
Skip Warren							X	X		D/NS
Gale Haskins							X	X	X	D/NS
Rich Welsh							X	X	X	K/NS
Rob Kimbrough							X	X	X	D/NS
Jim Kimbrough							X	X	X	K/NS
Wayne Arnold							X	X	X	K/SM
	SA 9/24	SU 9/25	MO 9/26	TU 9/27	WE 9/28	TH 9/29	FR 9/30	SA 10/1	SU 10/2	TYPE OF ROOM

K=King, D=Double, S=Single

NS=Non-Smoking, SM=Smoking

RF=Needs Refridgerator, GF=Ground Floor

2005 WEST TEXAS WING DUES - \$ 30.00

You must be a current CAF regular, life, or Honorary member to be eligible for WTW membership. To be an active, voting member of a West Texas Wing Squadron, you must also be a member of the West Texas Wing.

Tax deductible contributions will be accepted by the West Texas 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!

2005 West Texas Wing Dues Amount: \$30.00
Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution to: Amount:
Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution to the SB2C Helldiver Amount:
Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution to the WTW JRB Amount:

Squadron Dues: Sqdn (contact local Squadron for amount)

Squadron Donation to

Note : joining a Squadron is not required Total Enclosed:

IF YOU ARE PAYING WING DUES ONLY

Please make your check payable to the WEST TEXAS WING - CAF and mail with this form to: PETE HYATT 11011 Pleasant Colony #1922 Houston, TX 77065

OR

IF YOU ARE PAYING WING AND SQUADRON DUES

Please make your check payable to your Squadron and give the check and this form to your Squadron Finance Officer

Name: First MI Last Nickname:

Address: Phone numbers (include area code):

Home:

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Spouse : Cell:

CAF Col. Number : CAF Life Number : Receive Newsletter by Email Only (yes or no):

WTW Staff Past Unit Staff

Office Interest: Office:

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CAF Aircraft Sponsored:

WWII Aircraft Owned:

Other Aircraft Owned:

Squadrons, Wings and Detachments:

Squadron or Detachment Interest: Ratings:





## SB2C 2005 Schedule

City of Clinton Fly-In  
Sept 24

Clinton, OK  
CONFIRMED

Fina-CAF AIRSHO® 2005  
Oct 1-2

Midland, TX  
CONFIRMED

Wings Over Houston® 2005  
Oct 8-9

Houston, TX  
Possible



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