



# The Flyer



## NEWSLETTER FORMAT CHANGES

### *Staff Reports Now on the Web*

As you read through our newsletter, you will notice that our format has changed a little bit. While there are some officer's reports included, other officer's reports can be found under the "Staff Reports" tab of the web page (<http://highskywing.org>)

In the past, there was a deadline for Staff Reports and it was often difficult for officer's to meet those deadlines as well as manage full-time jobs, family commitments, etc. So, we have adopted a new system (still a work in progress) that allows Staff Officers to submit their report when they are able. If it meets the deadline (first Tuesday of the

month), it will go into the newsletter and on the web. If not, it will go only on the web page.

The remainder of the newsletter will be more wing oriented with reports of our activities, like the Memorial Day and Museum Tour photos on pages 4 and 5, and also with other aviation related information, like the Tora story on page two.

As always, your feedback is invaluable. Please let us know how we can improve YOUR newsletter. What features would you like to see?

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### **A FEW WORDS ABOUT HOUSEKEEPING BY H.A. TUCK**



The High Sky Wing is extremely fortunate to have its fine Lounge area (AKA "The Ready Room") along with the kitchen area (AKA "The Galley").

However, there are no paid staff or custodians assigned to keep these areas clean and free of clutter. As one of several who have taken it upon themselves to keep clutter, dirt, and debris at bay, I'd like to offer some suggestions to make sure our home-away-from-home remains as inviting as when we first moved in.

1) If an item falls to the carpet or tile, pick it up. This applies particularly to peanuts, chips, and other food items which can stain the carpet or soil the kitchen floor. The vacuum

cleaner has an aversion to picking up nuts or pretzels.  
 2) If you take books or magazines out of the shelves, replace them when you are done.  
 3) Aluminum cans should be placed in the containers marked for them, not in the garbage containers. Encourage our guests to do the same. These cans eventually are recycled, providing income for the Wing.

- 4) If some liquid is spilled, blot it up immediately.
- 5) Red rags and microfiber towels belong in the hangar.
- 6) Throw out unused food items quickly. Date and identify all left-over food items before placing them into refrigerators or freezers.
- 7) Your staff recently posted suggested donations for liquid refreshments. Please do your part to observe these for yourself and any guests or family members you bring to the lounge or hangar.
- 8) If the trash containers are full--or smelly--tie them up and place them in the outside trash receptacles.
- 9) If you use cooking utensils or serving pieces in the galley, please wash them, put them (*see TUCK on page 2*)

**REMEMBER:**  
**Your mother**  
**doesn't work**  
**here!**

**TORA TO APPEAR AT AIRVENTURE 2012**

The "Tora! Tora! Tora!" aerial re-enactment of the events of December 7, 1941 - one of the most dazzling warbird air show performances flying today - will be part of the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh afternoon warbird shows for the first time this summer.

"Tora! Tora! Tora!" is a re-creation of the attack on Pearl Harbor, staged with the volunteers and aircraft of the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) that include ground operations, maintenance, pilots, and pyrotechnic experts. Its purpose is to create a dynamic history lesson about the event that propelled the United States into World War II. The re-creation is usually the feature performance at air shows throughout the nation, complete with professional narration, pyrotechnics, and dozens of World War II-era aircraft.

The "Tora! Tora! Tora!" performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, July 27-28, the final weekend of EAA AirVenture. It is part of a weeklong schedule of the world's finest air show performers showcasing their abilities in all-star displays that many air show fans put on their aviation "bucket list."

"The 'Tora! Tora! Tora!' performance is a spectacular aerial event that is coming to Oshkosh, but it is more than that," said Jim DiMatteo, EAA vice president of AirVenture features and attractions. "The incredible flying and pyrotechnics reinforce the story behind the events of December 1941 that forever changed the course of world and American history."

The "Tora! Tora! Tora!" air show began in 1972 following release of the movie by the same name. It is not intended to glorify war, but rather help those born after World War II better understand that war does not discriminate in the pain it inflicts on people of both sides. The CAF has worked with U.S. and Japanese veterans to ensure an accurate and realistic portrayal of the events at Pearl Harbor. The show has received some of the most prestigious awards bestowed on air show performers, including the Art Scholl Award for Showmanship from the International Council of Air Shows.

The "Tora! Tora! Tora!" performances and all air show activities are included with AirVenture admission.



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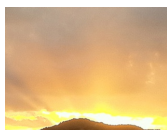
*(TUCK from page 1)*

away or leave in the dish drain.

10) We attempt to keep a list of needed items to be purchased from outside sources, such as Sam's. If you use the last of an item, or notice supplies are low, please list what is needed. This list usually is found in the Galley.

11) A check list regarding items used at Wing Meeting meals is maintained in the Galley. Your help is welcomed, either

preparing for or  
GONE WEST



Long time member **O. Doyle Butler** passed away on May 27 from injuries after a fall. He was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery

in combat in Korea. Services will be on June 16th at First United Methodist Church in Midland.

cleaning up afterward. If you are uncertain as to what is needed, just ask.

12) All cabinets and drawers in the Galley are labeled as to contents. Large kitchen items generally are kept in the center island. If in doubt, leave it out, or ask someone.

With the cooperation of all our members and guests, the High



A clean Galley makes for a happy  
"Home-Away-From -Home"

**FLY DAY June 23 from 11:00-2:00.** The Midland RC Club will perform, we will continue our membership drive, cockpit tours will be available, the Desert Squadron will sell drinks and the HSW will have hot dogs for sale. Ed Gunter of The Ravens will be featured in another Above & Beyond seminar at 2:00.

**THE KNUCKLEBUSTERS CORNER BY STEVE CLINTON**



I'm sure most of you have been in the situation of waiting for a child to be born; immeasurable excitement as well as doubts of what this event will bring to your future. That is the way I am feeling about the prospect of taking another T-28 into our fleet. To have two T-28s to put up with the SNJs will make for very nice flyovers and will truly elevate the Wing's presence in area and in the CAF family.

The current maintenance staff are highly dedicated to keeping our fleet in top condition, but even with the increase in our numbers over the past six to nine months the ability to keep up with all of the maintenance needs takes more time than should be expected from these individuals. Airsho 2012 is just a little over four months away and the Wing must assure all aircraft are in the best condition possible. To make a long story short, any help you can donate to the cause will be greatly appreciated.

The Kate has some new mechanical issues that must be ironed out over the next few weeks. The

Wing's T-28 is getting closer to initial startup test. Currently all other aircraft are in fairly good shape"knock on wood". "All is good" and "Keep um flyin"

*This article can also be found on our web page <http://highskywing.org> under the "Staff Reports" tab.*



*Photo by Paul Cooper*

T-28 643 Arrives at its new home. It's a colorful monster, isn't it? Come out to the hangar and see it up close and personal.

**SAFETY REPORT BY PAUL COOPER**



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Well, it is hard to believe summer is here! HOT, HOT & LOOONGER DAYS are here to stay.

I want to start off by saying thanks to **Brent Collins** for helping me get some safety issues taken care of around the hangar. Brent & I did some painting on some beams around the hangar to help everyone

find the location of fire extinguishers.

We now have four bright red beams painted (two on the north end & two on the south wall). Once we get two more fire extinguishers for the south wall, we will create a new emergency fire escape plan to incorporate the use of 4 fire extinguishers. I will keep the members posted on the changes as soon the Wing Leader, Maintenance Officer, Operations Officer, & I the Safety Officer have an EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN developed & finalized.

Also, remember to be aware of your surroundings, watch for spiders, snakes & other odd creatures as they will creep into the hangar for water & places to keep cool. As for all other members, please take time to work safely around the planes & hangar and make sure you stay cool & drink plenty of water too!



**Make sure you know how to operate our fire extinguishers**

**NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR HSW STAFF OFFICERS**

Please take note of new addresses for staff officers on page six. These are designated by position and will be able to be easily transferred to new officers after each election. Hopefully, this will alleviate some confusion and make communication more effective.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP**

*The Flyer* is in need of stories. If you have an idea for a story you would like to see in print, just let us know at [comments@highskywing.org](mailto:comments@highskywing.org) or contact any of the editorial staff listed on page one.

**MEMORIAL DAY PHOTOS**



Congressman Mike Conaway (above) addresses the Memorial Day crowd. Texas Raiders (below) fires up its engines in preparation for take-off



A patriotic crowd (above) listens attentively during the ceremony. Later they all enjoyed a lunch (below) prepared by HSW



Former B-17 Waist Gunner (and POW) John Campbell (far right, above) addresses the audience as crew members of Texas Raiders look on. Brent Collins ramrodded the lunch and pitched in wherever needed, as usual (below)

Top row of photos by Greg Gutting  
Bottom row of photos by H.A. Tuck



**XO REPORT BY GREG GUTTING**



**O**ur Memorial Day Event went over very well again this year. Many thanks to HSW members who helped and especially to Autumn Hicks and her museum staff and Richard Meyer, the overall organizer.

We had our membership table set up and used the CAF video and our PowerPoint presentation to help

attract prospective members to our table.

We “sealed the deal” with a couple of members, and signed up three new Colonels and a new Cadet. **Mark and Eileen Essary**, who have made several visits to the Wing and had joined the CAF recently, completed their application process and are now full-fledged HSW members.

**Kelsey Tillery**, with the encouragement of her high school teacher, Col **Jay Burns**, signed on as a cadet and was present at our last monthly meeting. She brings a lot of enthusiasm and hopefully, some

leadership for the cadet group. Welcome aboard Kelsey.

Both **Aaron Pachlhofer** and **Tim Kreitz** signed up on Memorial Day. Thanks to Richard Meyer for recruiting them. I understand that they are also joining the Marshaling Detachment, so we will undoubtedly see them at AirSho.

**Richard Erwin** gets credit for recruiting **Boyd Britton** as a new member, but we probably won’t see Boyd very often, as he lives in Oregon! Welcome Boyd, and good job Richard!

**MUSEUM TOURS:**

The tour to the Hangar 25 Air Museum in Big Spring, originally scheduled for June 23rd, has been changed to June 30th. Details can be found in the Events tab on the web page (<http://highskywing.org>). June 23rd is the date of the next Museum Fly Day, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**A SPECIAL THANKS**

To **David Linebarger** for all that he does around the wing, making our lives a little easier. David has installed a new water pipeline from the well to the HSW yard, making it so much easier to get full coverage. The yard should be looking great by AirSho. THANKS DAVID!

**MUSEUM TOUR PHOTOS**



*This photo by H.A. Tuck; others by Greg Gutting*

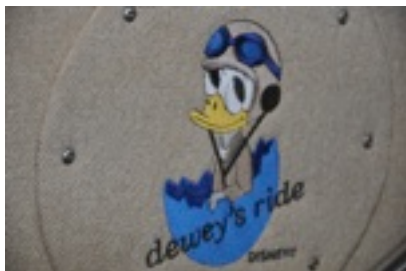
From the 12th Armored Division Museum in Abilene (Clockwise from top left) A typical Luftwaffe Officer; the Wall of Honor;; the unit patch on the uniform of a "3 striper"; and **H.A. Tuck** with a Sherman Tank



*Photos by Greg Gutting*

Avenger Field, Sweetwater is the location for the National WASP WWII Museum (top); Odessa native Ruth Underwood Florey (left) graduated from training in 1943; WASP members are memorialized with plaques and their handprints in cement.

**MISCELLANEOUS MISCHIEF**



The top picture is of "Fifinella" the mascot of the WASP, and the bottom photo is of Dewey, on the SNB belonging to **James Martin**.

Any idea what these two have in common? They are both characters designed by Disney studios.

The Fifinella sculpture was donated by the Sweetwater Women's Forum in 1976 to honor members of the Women Airforce Service Pilots.

**Ruth Underwood Florey**, shown in the photo in the section above, was an Odessa native, and after WASP graduation in the summer of 1943, went on to fly A-24's and A-25's towing targets for LIVE artillery practice. She then was trained in B-26's and B-34's to fly night searchlight missions and other tracking missions to train radar and anti-aircraft crews.

After the WASP were disbanded, she married a Navy Skipper and has been a volunteer with the CAF.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The WASP program in Sweetwater had 18 graduating classes from 1942-1944. It awarded wings to 1,074 young women who went on to serve proudly, releasing male pilots for combat missions. Thirty-Eight women pilots died while flying for their country.

# High Sky Wing Newsletter

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## *UPCOMING EVENTS*

*June 16*

Denton and Snyder Air Shows

*June 16*

Disaster Drill at MAF

*June 23*

Museum Fly Day

*June 30*

Museum Tour to Big Spring

*July 21*

Museum Tour to Slaton/  
Lubbock

*July 23-29*

AirVenture 2012 Oshkosh

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web page for the most current  
information.

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