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Carl Vernon pushes Belle out of the hangar!



Carl Vernon pushed the Bluebonnet Belle out of the hangar to fire up the #1 engine. However, before the engine could be started, a minor fuel leak had to be repaired. After the repairs were made (thanks to Carl Vernon and Doug Adair) the engine was successfully started, and except for a few minor oil leaks (I know, hard to believe there was oil dripping from this airplane) the #1 engine seems to be running ok. Then on Saturday, it was #2's turn. See the Hangar Happenings on page 3 for the rest of the story.

Staff Meeting Wednesday, Mar. 10, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Squadron Meeting Saturday, Mar. 13, 2010, 9:00a.m.

Everyone is encouraged to attend both.

March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Work Day Museum Open	4	5	6 Work Day Museum Open
7 Museum Open Super Bowl Sunday	8	9	10 Staff Mtg. 7:00PM Work Day Museum Open	11	12	13 Squadron Mtg. 9:00AM Work Day Museum Open
14 Museum Open President's Day	15	16	17 Work Day Museum Open	18	19 CAF Wing Staff Confer- ence	20 Work Day Museum Open CAF Wing Staff Conference
21 Museum Open CAF Wing Staff Conference	22	23	24 Work Day Museum Open	25	26	27 Work Day Museum Open
28 Museum Open	29	30	31			

To sign up for museum shift go to the members only website at:
http://web.me.com/vmrooze/HLS_Members/ enter the pass-
 word and follow the link shown at the bottom of the page.

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FUTURE CAF/HLS EVENTS

2010

Mar. 18-21 **Wing Staff Confer-
ence**, Midland Airport

Mar. 12-13 **Air Fiesta**-Brownsville

Apr. 10 **HLS Airshow**-Burnet

HANGAR HAPPENINGS

The Bluebonnet Belle is on her way to flying for her sixty-fifth year. Both engines have been run up and tested. And all the leaks are being fixed and other loose ends being taken care of. Thanks to Carl Vernon, Doug Adair, Juan Jimenez, Richard Pulley, Mike Kilgore, Joe Del Rio, Sonny Croom, Mark Davis, Ed Curtis, Ed Holley, John Knapp, Dave Howard, Don Wilks, Clif Walker and all the many others who have worked so hard to keep all our planes flying!!

Details of all the work have been emailed to many of the squadron members by Carl Vernon, Mark Davis and Mike Kilgore. If you did not receive the email and would still like to know all the details of the work contained in those emails, please let me know and I will print those out for you.

The SNJ is still waiting on rebuilt avionics before it can be finished. The PT-19 was taken up by Dave Howard who did several touch and go's in it on Saturday, February 27.

Thank you to James Bluhm for the maintenance on one of the tugs. Those tugs may be one of the most unappreciated pieces of equipment we have. Until we need planes moved, they pretty much stay parked and unnoticed. Speaking of tugs.....anyone notice one of them parked under the new carport on the side of the hangar? Apparently, some of our recent windy weather took a toll on the carport, loosening the bolts holding the posts to the concrete pad. So the ever observant John Knapp braced the carport with the tug until it can be re-secured.

Speaking of John Knapp, thank you also for taking the Harley down to Cowboy Harley Davidson recently and selling \$400 worth of raffle tickets. If anyone has an event that they think they could sell raffle tickets, please let John know and he will attempt to get the Harley there if at all possible.

The Brownsville air show, Air Fiesta, is scheduled for March 13 and 14. The Wings Over South Texas air show in Kingsville is March 27 and 28 and is only tentative as for any of our aircraft attending. The world famous **Bluebonnet Air Show** is April 10 and everyone is needed! The PX will be at the Camp Mabry American Heroes Celebration on April 17 and at the Georgetown Poppy Festival on April 17.

A school group is scheduled to tour the museum on March 16 or 17 for a tour. Exact date was in question at the time of this printing. Check with Ed Holley for confirmation of time and date. Any help for the tour would be greatly appreciated!

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Don't even think about it.....



SNJ waiting for avionics



PX Member Discounts

Kathleen Tully

You walk through the museum all the time and rarely take a look at the gift shop which contains more than toys and models. For most items in our gift shop, HLS members receive a straight 20% discount when purchasing that item. However on a few items there is a special membership price which is better than the normal discount.

The grey Bluebonnet t-shirt is our squadron shirt and it sells for \$20 to the general public but squadron members buy it for a special price of \$15. Recently we added the official CAF ball cap to our stock. It sells for \$14 in our gift shop but HLS members only pay \$10 for that same cap. We are in the process of ordering new HLS logo caps. Some time before our Bluebonnet Airsho, they also will be available in the gift shop at a customer price and a special HLS member price.

Just remind the docent at the cash register that you should receive your special member price on the t-shirt or the cap and 20% member discount on any other items. Tax will be added to all gift shop purchases. Remember that your shopping experience with us will involve short lines at the register and great parking.

Beechcraft *Beech Model 18* or *Twin Beech*

On January 15, 1937, the Beechcraft Model 18 made its first demonstration flight at the factory in Wichita, Kansas, and it continued in production for thirty-two years. This low-wing, all-metal, twin-engine monoplane was originally intended as a six-to-eight-passenger executive or feeder airline transport. The Beech 18 is the most modified U.S. Certified aircraft design, with over 200 FAA approved Supplemental Type Certificates on record for the aircraft. Beechcraft also set a record for longest continuous production of a piston engine aircraft with the last Beech 18 rolling out of the factory in 1970.

This good looking Beech 18 visited Kate Craddock Field on February 6, 2010.



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FYI

Did you know the first person reported to have flown after the Wright brothers was Glen Curtiss? The flight took place on 20th June 1908. His plane was named "June Bug". Samuel Cody made the first officially recognized flight in Great Britain. Samuel Langley designed and built the first plane to make an unmanned sustained flight of heavier than air aircraft, in August 1903. He was competing with the Wrights to make the first manned flight.

Did you know that Santos-Dumont told Cartier how difficult it was to check his pocket-watch while steering his dirigible? So Cartier invented the first wristwatch in 1904 and presented it to his friend.

Did you know that more US servicemen died in the Air Corps than the Marine Corps during WWII?. While completing the required 30 missions, your chance of being killed was 71%. Not that bombers were helpless. A B-17 carried 4 tons of bombs and 1.5 tons of machine gun ammo. The US 8th Air Force shot down 6,098 fighter planes, 1 for every 12,700 shots fired.

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The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum
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