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AirPower West "Run-Up"

A Group for Aircraft Owners, Pilots, and all Aviation Enthusiasts

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New Mission Statement Adopted

By Chuck Mangan

In discussions with members and non-members since taking over the office of President, I have heard from many that they felt the club was only for pilots and Warbird owners. Though much of what the club has been involved in the past years was Warbird related, I located nothing in our founding documents that set up AirPower West to be exclusive of Warbirds in any way. We are open

to all aviation enthusiasts and I would like us to continue growing the club with that in mind. Because of this misperception, I asked our board (headed by long time member George McCrillis) to review our documents and come up with a new Mission

statement that better reflects the inclusive nature we agree that APW should reflect. After much discussion in multiple meetings, the new mission statement was adopted in a board meeting on 5/4/10. Thanks to George and the entire board for their input to this work. I hope that we will use this statement as our guide for everything we do

"The Mission and Purpose of AirPower West is to Promote the Values and Virtues of Aviation's Many Facets so that we and Future Generations can enjoy the Benefits and Camaraderie of Aviation"

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as AirPower West in the future.

Two Pot Lucks this year Have been a Great Success!

By Chuck Mangan

So far in 2010 AirPower West has held 2 Pot Luck parties for members and guests (May 8th and July 3rd). Both have been a great success with more than 60 people swapping stories, sharing food, enjoying aircraft on display and of course watching the planes fly by. Thank you to all the members and guests that attended and helped with the set-up and tear-down. Special Thanks to Joe Hanley for coordinating and parking all our static display aircraft and Sig Christensen for taking on the BBQ duties on 7/3. Our next pot luck is scheduled for September 25th and again it will be held at my hanger attached to Denver Jet



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Center. If you do not have a ramp pass for Centennial, you can get to the event by coming through the Denver Jet Center building, and down the hall past Denver Avionics and Rocky Mountain Aerial Surveys. The last door on the right in the windowed hall will be open and you can walk out and around to the front

of the hangar for the festivities. Hope to see you all there! Remember for anyone that brings their aircraft for static display (any type of aircraft is welcome), Denver Jet Center is offering \$1 off the normal fuel price the day of the event!

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APW Event/Outing to Spirit of Flight Center 8/7/10

By Chuck Mangan



APW Outing to the Spirit of Flight Center August 7, 2010

In our member's survey last year there was a request for more social events like the pot lucks we have been having, but also members wanted to see occasional outings or events organized by AirPower West. With that in mind, I have organized an adventure to a great little aviation museum right here in our area. Mark your calendars for August 7th, and plan to join me and your fellow AirPower West members at the *Spirit of Flight Center* in Erie, CO.



Gordon Page will be giving us a private tour of his facility that has hundreds of rare aviation items and artifacts on display representing the past, present and future of flight. Fly in (KEIK) or drive in, but plan to be there before 10 am when our tour will start. The cost will be only \$5 per person and you will be

amazed by the great collection. If you have any questions or need directions, feel free to contact me or go to the Spirit of Flit website (www.spiritofflight.com). I plan to fly out from Centennial at about 9am so anyone that wants to make it a flight, give me a call at 720-810-4888. Also remember to always check our website www.AirPowerWest.org, for a calendar of events so you do not miss this or any other Airpower West excitement.

Call for Nominations and Involvement in APW

By Chuck Mangan



Nominations being accepted now for APW Officers and Board of Directors

Over the past year there has been a lot of talk about the future of AirPower West. In all of those discussions it has always been unanimous that the members want to see APW continue to be active and grow. To keep APW active and interesting I believe it is very important to get new and existing members involved all the time and have a variety of activities and projects going on. Membership is currently free so **you** can get new people involved at any time by inviting them to any events. Also have new people go to our website at (www.AirPowerWest.org) and fill out a membership form to get them on the mailing list for future events.

On top of getting new people involved we need new and existing members to step up to become officers and board members. Just because you have never been an officer of APW or another organization, don't let that stop you. We need you now. We need your ideas and enthusiasm for aviation. Right now through August 14th we are looking for nominations for the four APW officers positions (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) and for 2 Board Member positions. I am currently acting as President and Treasurer, and we are without a Vice-President so it is absolutely imperative that we get nominations for all positions and get a new group of officers in place

very soon. Also, we need nominations for 2 people to join our Board of Directors to help guide the club into the future. I know that everyone is busy and stretched to their limits, but APW needs you if we are going to continue. Please search your heart and see if you can help. Nominations are open until 8/14/10 and can be submitted by calling me (720-810-4888) or emailing President@AirPowerWest.org. Feel free to nominate yourself! On August 25th we will have a members meeting at my hangar (Denver Jet Center – see pot luck article for directions) where we will elect the new officers and board members so please plane to be there!

The Story of "Sacred Cow"

By Tom Batt

In 1944, Douglas Aircraft plant built a C-54C Skymaster for use by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. It had extensive interior modifications. One specific feature was an elevator behind the passenger cabin to lift the President in his wheelchair in and out of the plane. The passenger compartment included a conference room with a large desk and a bullet-proof picture window.

After Roosevelt's death, President Truman signed

the National Security act of 1947 while on board the "Sacred Cow". This was the act that established the Air Force as a separate branch of the services. So the "Sacred Cow" became the "birthplace of the U.S. Air Force".

After flying many transport duties, this plane was retired in October 1961. In 1983 the Sacred Cow was shipped by truck to the Air Force museum for 10 years and 34,000 hours of restoration. It now appears as it did for



President Roosevelt's trip to Yalta in February of 1945 with leaders of Great Britain and the U.S.S.R.

Source: Air Force Museum, Dayton OH.

Pot Luck Drawing – A Ride in the Famous *McDonald Racer*

By Chuck Mangan & Regina Serna

At the July 3rd Pot Luck we had a special surprise for the members and guests. At about 1pm we had a drawing for a ride in one of the fastest T-6 aircraft in the world! John Zayac graciously donated a ride in the beautiful Reno Racer named "McDonald Racer" and Dick Jones donated his time to be the pilot.

Everyone that was at the pot luck was invited to put their name in the drawing for a ride. At about 1pm, the drawing was conducted and the lucky winner Regina Serna. On Saturday, July 24th Regina climbed into Race 37 for her ride. Here is her story:

I was lucky to have my name drawn at the July 3rd pot luck lunch at AirPower West to fly in the T6! My ride was fantastic! A beautiful day, blue sky, mid 80's flew over much of the metro Denver always a nice perspective

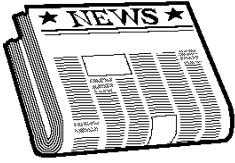


of the city from above. The whole crew was so nice and informative. Glad I wore the tennis shoes - No Flip Flops! Thanks for the great experience!

Thanks to John and Dick for their time and hospitality for Regina. Make sure you are at the next Pot Luck to see what might be the next drawing prize!



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Get published! – Write a short article about anything APW members might be interested in. Don't worry about format, just get involved!



Join your fellow APW members for Breakfast most Saturdays.

Call for Newsletter Stories

By Chuck Mangan

I am still trying to continue publishing an AirPower West newsletter to keep everyone informed on events, projects and happenings with our group. I would at least like to have this newsletter come out quarterly, but I can't do it myself. I will need your help to let me know about events, happenings, projects or even aviation related

stories that the members might be interested in. Now is your chance to be published! Simply write up an article and email it to me (newsletter@AirPowerWest.org). It does not need to be long and pictures are always appreciated. Thanks to Tom Batt for his article "The Story of Sacred Cow" seen in this edition and Regina Serna

for her account of the flight in Race 37.

Also, if anyone would like to take the helm and produce the newsletter, step forward and let me know.

I know there are lots of great stories out there and this is an easy way to get involved from the comfort of your own computer and help APW thrive!

Join APW Members for Breakfast any Saturday

By Chuck Mangan

What are you up to next Saturday Morning? No plans? Well change that and come join several APW members that meet most Saturday mornings at about 8:30 at the

Perfect Landing restaurant. It is an informal gathering in the south end of the dining area to have some coffee, (or tea), eat some great food and talk about

everything aviation and non-aviation related. Come join friends and start your Saturdays off right. We can always add another chair to the table.

Remember to Visit www.AirPowerWest.org!

By Chuck Mangan

The screenshot shows the homepage of AirPower West LLC. At the top left is the logo with a star and the text "AIRPOWER WEST". To the right of the logo is the text "AirPower West LLC. A Non-Profit Organization for Aircraft Owners, Pilots, and Aviation Enthusiasts". Below the logo is a navigation menu with links: Home, Calendar & Events, Newsletters, Membership Info, Contact Us, Links, and Photo Albums. The main content area features a large star logo with "AIRPOWER WEST" text. Below the logo is the heading "Welcome to Airpower West" followed by a mission statement: "We are a Non-Profit Organization focused on the love of aviation. Our primary mission is: 'This Mission and Purpose of AirPower West is to Promote the Values and Values of Aviation's Many Facets so that we and Future Generations can enjoy the Finest and Camaraderie of Aviation.'" Below this is a red box with the text "UPCOMING EVENTS - See Calendar Page for Details" and "Nominations for Officers and Board Members will be requested in the Newsletter coming out 7/28/10." At the bottom, it says "August 7th: APW Outing to Spirit of Flight Center (www.spiritofflight.com) at Erie Airport (EIK)".

I know I have mentioned it many times in the past, but this is yet another reminder that AirPower West is live on the internet. Please bookmark www.AirPowerWest.org and make it a place you visit often when you are at your computer. While on the site, you can browse old newsletters, view the calendar of upcoming APW and other aviation events, view photos of events and aircraft and much more. You can also find email addresses for all the officers, and project coordinators. If you have comments on the site or would like to help with its development in the future, contact me at WebMaster@AirPowerWest.org. I want to see this site be a focal point for disseminating information about APW for years to come and I need your help to make it interesting and exciting for members and guests.

Government exists to protect us from each other. Where government has gone beyond its limits is in deciding to protect us from ourselves.
- Ronald Reagan

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