

VMAP Monthly

The highlights for September will be the Royal Flying Corps's World War I North Texas training bases presentation on Saturday the 24th from 11 to 2 including the movie *Dawn Patrol*. Free admission from 10 to 2 on the 24th!

Monthly News, Activities and Updates

September 2011

September Calendar

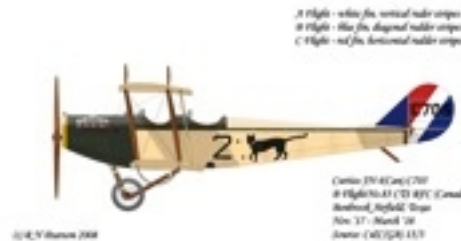
- Thursday 1st**
Meacham Tenants Mtg @ 1300 Terminal
 - Saturday 3rd**
F-111 Work Day @ 0830
Movies @ VMAP @ 1400
 - Saturday 10th**
CAP Work Day @ 0830
Movies @ VMAP @ 1400
 - Sunday 11th**
Volunteer Orientation and Docent Training @ 1300
 - Thursday 15th**
Aviation Advisory Brd @ 1600 Terminal
TCU Movie Night - *Dawn Patrol* @ 1900
 - Tuesday 19th**
B-36 Lecture @ 1900 UNT Med Ctr
AV-8 Harrier
 - Wednesday 21st**
OBA & B-36 Monthly Mtg @ 1200
 - Thursday 22nd**
Haltom Senior Citizen Center tour
 - Saturday 24th**
Devil Dogs Work Day @ 0830
Member & Staff Mtg @ 1000 RR
Royal Flying Corps presentation @ 1100
Movie *Dawn Patrol* @ 1200
 - Thursday 29th**
TCU Movie Night - *The Great Waldo Pepper* @ 1900
- October Preview
- Thursday 13th**
TCU Movie Night - *Air Force* @ 1900
 - Saturday 15th**
Vin Fiz/Cal Rodgers commemoration at Ryan Place @ 1500 - 2000

This Month's Big Events

In 1917 the Canadian Royal Flying Corps built three airfields around Fort Worth in Everman, Benbrook and Saginaw, known as Taliaferro Fields #1, 2 and 3 and conducted flight training for Canadian, British and Americans here from 1917 to 1918. In

Baron and Hicks Fields and were made part of Camp Bowie. Training was conducted all over North Texas in the Canadian version of the JN-4 "Jenny" known as the "Canuck." Come hear local historians, Ben Guttery and Bill Morris tell the story of this special time in aviation history in Tarrant County. Seating is limited, so plan to arrive early. The presentations will begin at 11 AM in our Bronco Ready Room with a showing of the movie *Dawn Patrol* immediately afterward. A collection of World War I artifacts from that time will also be available for viewing.

Free admission to all from 10 AM to 2 PM.



1918 the fields were transferred to the U.S. Army and renamed Carruthers,

Hours of Operation

Through August our summer hours are:
 Wednesday & Saturday 1000 to 1800
 Sunday 1200 to 1800

Wednesdays Seniors & Vets only \$4.00

Saturday's are normal maintenance days, but work parties may be formed anytime.

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Recent Events and Happenings

Maintenance Update



August 20th was a big day all around. Members of the **Civil Air Patrol** Texas-388 Phoenix Composite Squadron commanded by John 'Stealth' Yanaros, LtCol, USAF (Ret), gave our F-5 a much needed washing. This squadron is also involved with our **A-7 Corsair II**.

As you can tell by the yard, many of our aircraft have been moved to the maintenance pad. This was a long awaited event being stalled by overhead utility lines, but with the help of AT&T, Charter Cable and the airport, Chip and his crew were finally able to reposition the aircraft.

A lot of this is in preparation for new paint jobs by Mike Johns. The A-7 is first up because of a sponsorship by Jake Jacobsen and other former members of Navy attack squadron VA-304. Soon it will be returned to its "Old Firebirds" livery that it wore in the 1980's.

Museum Update



August 20th we held our 14th annual **Founders Day** family picnic. We had our largest attendance ever with over 50 people participating. Due to the heat we dined in the Bronco Ready Room, decorated by Dawn, with a nice lunch from Rosa's Cafe. We also held a poll to see if people would like to move the event to cooler weather in the spring or fall. Voting isn't complete, but October seems to be edging out April. Founders Day is an opportunity for us all to look back at where we started and how far we have all come together. The OBA founders are: Chuck Burin, Ron Fix, Mike Richardson, Jim Graham, Jack Ballard, Mike Whaley, Tom Skutca and Jim Hodgson.

Veteran's Day Parade. We have committed to putting a float in this year's parade but need a committee to put that together. We are planning to use the OH-58 helicopter for the float. Please let us know if you can help.
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Centennial Update



Our **B-36 Peacemaker Props & Wheels** were dedicated August 6th. The parking lot was filled to overflowing as more than 50 people attended the 10 AM dedication conducted by Buster Cleveland of the B-36 Peacemaker Museum and Bill Morris of the Fort Worth Air & Space Museum Foundation. Afterward a group discussion was held in the Bronco Ready Room by Bill, Don Pyeatt, Knox Bishop and others. Following the presentations refreshments were served in the NOGS Bar and then the movie Strategic Air Command was shown, featuring the B-36. This event also marked the 65th anniversary of the first flight of the B-36.

October's North Texas Aviation Centennial events will include a Cal Rodger's Vin Fiz transcontinental flight commemoration, the Alliance Air Show and a month long Aviation History Scavenger Hunt. If you would like to receive the NTAC newsletter, let us know.

General Updates



On August 10, engineers from Rockwell Collins and Laser Design of Minnesota visited the park to see our **F-5E Tiger II**.

Their interest in the F-5 was more pragmatic than fanatic. Our airplane was featured in the movie, *Top Gun*, in the role of a Russian MiG-28.

Rockwell Collins is upgrading the airplane's HUD (heads-up display). The new ones will replace the the existing F-5s -- they took meticulous cockpit measurements using special laser equipment.

The engineers explained that they came to Fort Worth as our F-5E II was the most accessible model available in the country. Our own Jim Wittenberg helped with the job.



Interested in being a museum guide or helping in the gift shop? We will hold an orientation and training session Sunday, September 11th starting at 1 PM. Please let us know if you would like to attend.

