

Commemorative Air Force Training Squadron One

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Dear Traron Members,

I am sitting down to write this only 5 days after the hurricane that devastated our gulf coast and find it a bit hard to concentrate on the business at hand. This seems to have been the super storm that we have all heard about and dreaded for decades. The scary part is that it could have been worse had it maintained the power that it once had when farther out in the gulf. We tend to forget that Mother Nature can destroy anything that we are clever enough to build yet we continue to build in harm's way. I know that some of you live in the affected areas so our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your families. Laurie and I hope that you all survived the storm without too much damage and can get your lives back to normal before too long.

To the best of my knowledge, the air show at Midland will go on as planned. As the old saying goes, the show must go on, so we are still working toward putting on the formation clinic prior to Airsho. I sent out a sign up form in July and I have received many of those back but I know things like that get set aside or misplaced so I will send out a second one. Please fill out the form and get it back to me as soon as possible if you plan to attend. We do allow sign-ups at the clinic but having a number to plan for helps us a lot. We always want to be sure we have enough supplies and the Desert Squadron needs to plan the food and beverages. I also had an e-mail from Nita Zellars from the Desert Sqd. telling me that they would be happy to arrange for rental cars to be available at their hanger if we have people that would prefer this, rather than having to find transport to Midland to pick up a car. It sounds like a great service so give Nita an e-mail if you would like to get your car at ODO. Her e-mail is nitazellars@cableone.net.

We have no further news for you at this time about the trainer ramp at Midland but I will continue to work to be sure that we don't get parked out in the rocks again this year. I think that the staff is fully aware of our concerns and will work with us to solve the problem. They have not been able to fix the ramp due to the cost of the repairs so we will find another solution. I plan to try and stage the T-6s out of ODO for the Saturday show and then find appropriate parking after we land. Staging at ODO won't be handy but it may allow us to fly a better formation than we usually can, due to the rush to take off, get formed up, and get back over the airport. It will also allow us to fly more training flights on Friday since we won't be in a sweat to get all the aircraft repositioned to Midland. On Saturday, I am hoping that we will be able to fly a vic of 4 ships or something even bigger if we have the numbers to do it. We need you and your airplane so do your best to attend.

Just a reminder, you need to bring evidence of your insurance and that insurance form must show the CAF as additional insured. You need to ask your insurance company for a Waiver of Subrogation listing the following as additional insured:

- 1. The Commemorative Air Force**
- 2. The American Airpower Heritage Museum**
- 3. The American Airpower Heritage Flying Museum**
- 4. The American Airpower Heritage Foundation**

Even if you asked your insurer to add the waiver earlier this year, check to be sure that it is still in effect. My company informed me earlier this year that I had to request this coverage for each individual event rather than for the whole year.

Fly Safe,

Rick