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This Months Meeting...

We will be meeting at the hangar mid morning on Saturday the 18th to work on the Stinson, more project planning with the Jeep, and also to clean up a little bit. As usual, we will have lunch and a brief meeting will be at noon.

Stinson Update...

Despite the scorching heat, the restoration team has been hard at work on the 10-A. In just the last couple of weeks, the interior has been finished, and the last window has been installed. Col. Steve Collins has done an extraordinary job with the final touches on the interior, and the rest of Col. Steube's team is working on the fairings.

Volunteer Rewards Program Winner...

Steve's work and dedication to the interior was so impressive that he was chosen by MS Wing staff as our 2nd quarter 2009 Volunteer Rewards Winner. As this quarter's winner, Steve has a choice of taking one of the first rides in the 10-A, or a ride in either Col. Zavonia's O-2, or Col. Musick's T-6. Congratulations Steve and thank you for a job well done! It is through the hard work of members like Steve that we will ensure this old bird will fly again.



Oh, the Possibilities...

Some of you have heard, the Lone Star Wing has decided to release their beautiful Boeing PT-17 to HQ. The aircraft is a Part 91.147 rides program aircraft, and is in very good condition. It is a monthly flyer that its members have enjoyed for years. I know they hate to see it go.



There have been some serious discussions among some of our local members about sponsoring this PT on behalf of the Wing, and using it as a rides program aircraft. Many of us believe that it will fit well with the mission and goals of the MS Wing, and would be a valuable asset. The aircraft would potentially be used to draw the interest of the general public at air shows and local flying events. It would be flown

and displayed in conjunction with the 10-A, as well as the Jeep and motorcycle at the closer events.

As we all know, the little birds such as PT types and the L-birds tend to fit the capabilities of our wing much better than larger aircraft. The financial, mechanical, and pilot qualification requirements of the PT series of aircraft are not nearly as burdensome as some of the heavier birds. Besides being something that we could operate inexpensively, the greatest thing about the PT is its curb appeal. Instantly recognizable, I think we would all agree that the PT is an aircraft that the general public loves to see fly. What a great way for the public to "Get their Hands on History".

2009 MS Wing Events Calendar

September 5	DFW Wing Warbirds on Parade
October 9-11	Dixie Wing
October 9/10	FINA-CAF
October 16/17	Slidell, LA
Oct 31/Nov 1	Wings Over Houston

Keep 'em flying - Col. Eric