

HEBER DISPATCH

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UTAH WING

March Meeting

The Utah Wing's March meeting could not take place due to the winter weather, still abounding into March and rendering our hangar inaccessible. The newsletter will have to serve for updates until we can have our next meeting. There are many updates on our summer events, and on a few restoration projects.

Event Updates

In 2022, we had opened up our hangar doors for the June Hangar Dance for the first time in THREE years. Much to our delight, the show did not lose any steam. People still eagerly showed up in their vintage dress, and filled our hangar beyond capacity as we all danced onto the tarmac and well into the night. The community voiced that this has been and continues to be the highlight of the summer, and

even for some, their entire year. This sentiment is auspicious for the coming year, as we will be celebrating our 10th anniversary of our June Hangar Dance. The dance will be held on Saturday, June 3rd, and will repeat all of the greatest hits; Sarge's All-Star Band, performances, classic vehicles and aircraft, and all of the vintage dress. We intend to mark the big 1-0 with all of the pomp and circumstance that the occasion calls for.

Planes and Horsepower will return for its 9th year, and will most likely see a homecoming of an old warbird. Stay tuned for details on that as we iron out details. We will again be attempting our poker run, which we tried for the first time in 2019 with a preliminary run. Due largely to the pandemic, we have not been able to try it again since. The run will probably include stops at the Heber Valley Railroad, the Alpine Loop, and the Erickson Foundation's displays in



10th
Annual

1940's Hangar Dance

Saturday, June 3rd, 6-10 PM



PLANES AND HORSEPOWER CAR SHOW

Saturday, August 5th @ 8 AM



7th
Annual

Victory Hangar Dance

Saturday, August 5th, 6-10 PM



HISTORIC WENDOVER AIR SHOW

Saturday, August 26th @ 9 AM

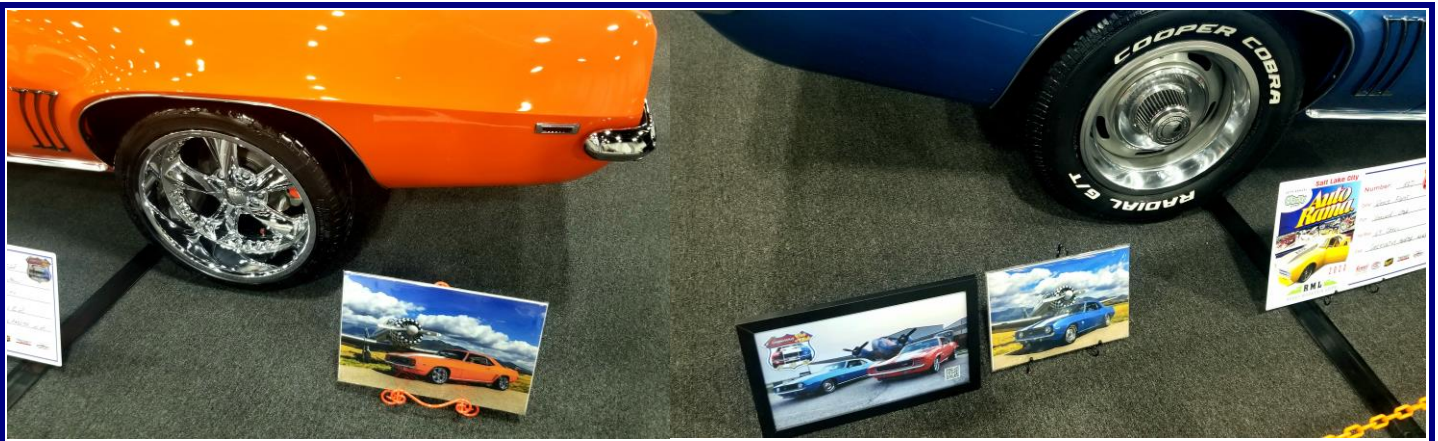
Wallburg and Kamas, among possible other stops. The car show will be on Saturday, August 5th.

The car show will be followed by our second hangar dance in the evening, which will incorporate some of the '50's music, dancing, and culture to align with the end of the war and the 1950's car show culture. Aside from a touch of the 50's, the August dance will be much the same as the June dance.

Planes and Horsepower at Salt Lake City Autorama

One of Utah's premier car shows takes place in early March. We couldn't help but notice several participants were proud to display and promote Planes and Horsepower on our behalf.





Other Events

Wendover Air Show

Historic Wendover Airfield, August 26th

The Historic Wendover Airfield will be hosting their air show once again! They have not had a proper air show since 2017. Their 2019 show was cancelled due to off-chance weather (right before cancelling shows became a thing), which was devastating on both sides of the fence. This organization is exemplary when it comes to accomplishing restoration projects, having completed restoration work on the Enola Gay hangar, the Barracks Control Tower, Service Club, and much more. The airfield has a very rich history, which the organization is taking great care to preserve. Their ongoing restoration projects include the Dining Hall, Nurse's Quarters, and a C-54 Skymaster. The air show will allow visitors access to many of these restored buildings, and the museum also allows a more intimate look at the history with guided tours at least twice every summer. The Utah Wing will be participating in the air show with presence of static display aircraft.

Spanish Fork Festival of Speed

Spanish Fork Airport, September 23rd

Since 2016 the Spanish Fork airport has hosted its Festival of Speed (formerly "Planes, Trains, and Automobiles"), and will continue with its seventh annual show this September. The show features not just an air show, but also a car show with racing on the taxiway.

Officer Nominations

The staff officer corp of the Utah Wing will have a few vacancies this upcoming year, and we will need volunteers to step in and fill those vacancies. At a minimum, the Finance Officer position will soon be vacated, and the Adjutant Officer has been vacant since last year with a departure from the wing. A couple more positions may soon follow. The wing expects to have officer nominations within the next month. If any members are interested in filling these positions, please reach out to James Humpherys at James.A.Humpherys@gmail.com, or at (801) 928-6950 (text preferred).

Unit Leader	Robert Meals
Executive Officer/Event Coordinator	James Humpherys
Finance Officer	**Vacant
Operations Officer	David Lewis
Maintenance Officer	Thayne Harbaugh
Adjutant Officer	**Vacant
Safety Officer	Bill Noland
Education/Development Officer	Mick Kohler

Call for Volunteers

In addition to staff officers, we will need volunteers to step into other roles in the museum. And we need to recruit more mainstay volunteers from the outside community as well. There has been and will continue to be considerable turnover in the wing, and we will need to seize the opportunity to regrow and even expand from where we are now. There are many members of the outside community that both share our interest and passion in preserving history, and with unique skill sets that they can offer the wing. Primary tasks for volunteers include assistance with events and manning the museum during weekends during summer hours.

Although many members of the CAF are licensed pilots, no special skills are required to volunteer with us. We have volunteers from every skill set and every walk of life. All members share a passion for history and a dedication to preserving it. The only requirement for volunteering is annual membership dues to the national organization and a smaller annual due to the Utah Wing. Volunteers who pay these dues can assist with our summer events and make greater contributions! Info regarding membership can be found on our website.

Stearman Updates

After commencing our restoration project on our Stearman 87V in 2017, we elected last year to finish up the restoration in Boise, ID. The Stearman is expected to be completed by mid-summer of this year, pending possible delays. When it is completed, we look to have a homecoming event. Stay tuned for further updates.



Hangar Project—Hangar Wall

Last year we completed the north hangar wall with new and improved electrical, and a much more polished display wall. This year we are looking to do likewise with our south wall, and will need help and support to finish it in time for the big dance. Please reach out to the wing if you are willing and able to assist with this effort.

Commemorative Air Force-Utah Wing Information

The CAF Utah Wing Museum is located in Hangar 38D at the Russ McDonald Airfield, Heber City, UT. The museum will be open May 6--October 28, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Saturdays only.

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NEXT WING MEETING:

Saturday, April 8th

10 AM