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2007 AvAr Training Course

Over the weekend of May 5/6, **AvAr** will indoctrinate its 2007 cycle of trainees. The subject of this year's field exercise will be a 1943 Consolidated B-24 bomber crash site situated a few miles East of Colorado Springs.

Along with the 2007 students, previous graduates are welcome to attend (free of charge) the May 12th field exercise to learn new and special techniques being taught.

Even though you may have completed a previous training cycle and have earned official **AvAr** certification, this year's field training (class) exercise is open to all **AvAr** members who wish to attend. Whether you want to hone your skills after a long winter hiatus or simply add another notch to your belt; all **AvAr** team members are welcome to participate in this expedition.

If you know of any person who might be a candidate for this training course, please recommend them to our website www.coloradoaviationarchaeology.org and have them complete an application. If they should require further information, urge them to contact me at either aviator_b@msn.com or (970) 405-5377.

New CAHS/AvAr Brochure

For the first time in nearly fourteen years the Society is considering a serious rewrite of its age-old advertising brochure. Intended to inform the public of our vital mission and to attract prospective new members, this long awaited pamphlet is expected to project a new and revitalized image of the Society.

AvAr Class 62406 alumna Sue Anderson, has contributed greatly to this most significant project. You can expect a new flyer sometime later this year after Board approval.

Sterling RB-24E

If you'll recall, an **AvAr** team was dispatched last year to an area about 20 miles Northwest of Sterling to search for a 1943 RB-24E crash site. Following two separate attempts, the site was finally located and documented late last fall.

Thanks to the continuing efforts of Duke Sumonia, the only surviving crew member of that ill-fated aircraft has been located in Pennsylvania. Better yet, thanks to Duke, the City of Sterling has invited this airman to its upcoming **4th of July** celebration, which will be honoring veterans as its central theme this year.

Duke Sumonia, accompanied by fellow **AvAr** staff member Len Wallace, will be making a special presentation concerning this historic crash site to the citizens of Sterling on Independence Day 2007. The city fathers have decided to honor this specific crash site with a special memorial.

Only two hours drive North on I-76 from Denver, Sterling is supposed to have one of the best fireworks displays in the State. **AvAr** program director Brian Richardson plans to attend with his family.

Wings Over the Rockies Museum

If you've been following the great WORM saga, you'll be pleased to know that **Hangar 2** has received a stay of execution, at least for the time being.

Thanks largely in part to the efforts of **AvAr** staff specialist Larry Liebrecht, this truly phenomenal structure will not be demolished any time soon. But now is not the time to rest upon your laurels. If you wish to help save this unique, historic resource, contact Larry as soon as possible to learn how you might help.

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