

Tanker 61 Memorial

Newsletter



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Memorial Moves Along

Greetings to All!

This past year has been an exciting one for the Tanker 61 Memorial as it is now re-opened and available to the public for observation and education of aerial firefighting after five years of inactivity.

Two of the original board members, Dale Alter and Brenda Giller, continue to remain on the board along with myself and Don Cavin. Two other individuals Lonnie Blofsky and Larry Burg have also been instrumental in the reopening and will continue to remain volunteer members.

Thanks to Karen Shimamoto and Ken Paul's support we can continue to move forward.

We had our first board meeting on September 7th, 2008 at the Airtanker Base. The agenda covered many topics with the most pertinent ones discussed in this newsletter. The full minutes are available on request.

Meeting Minutes:

1. Non Profit Status

After a multitude of phone calls to the IRS and "holding patterns" the voice at the other end informed us that we no longer have our exempt status and will have to re-apply as a non profit organization. Fortunately with the foresight of Thomas Romig our CPA we applied for and received corporate

status prior to this new information. Currently we are able to operate under Tanker 61 Memorial Inc. until our re-application for exemption goes through. Yeah!

2. Volunteers

A concensus has been made by the board to follow the original articles of incorporation and by laws which stipulate that all activity of the Tanker 61 Memorial will be overseen by the project leaders who are currently Marcia Cavin, Don Cavin, Dale Alter and Brenda Giller.

All trustees are volunteers and the organization is to be volunteer based. Therefore while we will accept any assistance as directed by a member of the board, we will no longer expect agency and Fire Center employees to assist us while they are performing their regular work duties.

There will be many times that we will have a need for projects in the future ie, painting, preserving wood, landscaping, etc. and we will post a notice for volunteer assistance as needed.

Contacts

Any questions may be directed to myself through the airtanker base at the contact numbers listed below.

Thanks much to all...*Marcia Cavin*

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Thank You

We would like to thank the following people for their assistance this past year:

Thomas Romig, CPA For generously contributing his time and expertise.

Chuck Bath For outdoor maintenance needs and support.

Amanda Blodgett & the Chamber of Commerce For helping us with the airshow.

Randy Baley For assisting during the Klamath Falls Airshow.

Karen Burg For helping us with our sign projects.

Autumn Clark For selling a number of t-shirts.

The Retardant Crew, Donna Bordelon and Ken Paul For their assistance with painting.

Nancy, Seth, Samuel and Sara Kleiner For ongoing support of airtankers.

Larry Burg and Lonnie Blofsky For their ever present presence and assistance when needed.