AvAr Bulletin: <u>019</u>

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2008 Training Course

The third annual *AvAr* Training Course, Class 801, will conduct its 16 hours of platform instruction this coming weekend (April 26/27, 2008) at the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport main terminal building. Starting promptly at 8:00 am each day, the classes will be conducted in the Mt. Evans room on the second floor. In accordance with standing policy, former graduates wishing recurrent training may attend the sessions free of charge.

If you are a previous graduate and wish to attend any portion of this training course as a refresher, please contact Brian Richardson at <u>aviator_b@msn.com</u> so that we may ensure adequate refreshments and materials.

Return to Jimmy Camp: Update

As reported in Bulletin #018… *AvAr* is back on track with the Jimmy Camp project. Our plan is to conduct a comprehensive site survey and a complete sub-surface excavation of the Jimmy Camp B-24 crash site for the City of Colorado Springs. Material and data gathered from this project will eventually serve to form the foundation of an interpretive center planned near the site.

We'll be celebrating our return on Saturday, May 3, 2008, when field agent candidates from *AvAr* Class 801, undertake their mandatory field training exercise there. All previously certified *AvAr* field agents are encouraged to participate in this event, as well as all future posted Jimmy Camp field operations.

Watch for a field schedule and site updates in future *AvAr* Bulletins.

Robert Jackson Collection

Significant progress has been made in the cataloguing of this truly unique collection since last reported in *AvAr* Bulletin #017.

Eight staff members and two field agents met at the Longmont Public Library on February 16, 2008, and managed to inventory the contents of 10 boxes from the Robert Jackson Collection. Along with the six previously investigated, this means we're nearly halfway (16 out of 34 boxes) to recording the entire collection of books.

Duke Sumonia has been making steady progress with the (estimated 3,000) photographs included in this collection, but he'd sure appreciate some help.

If you have some spare time and would like to support this truly significant, historic project, please contact Duke at dukeair@aol.com or (970) 586-8505. Since all you're going to be expected to do is write down some basic information on a canned form, no special training is required; Duke will fill you in when you get there. He'll also give you a tour of his mini-museum and archive, free! (Since he's located in idyllic **Glen Haven**, you might want to take the spouse with you – you won't be sorry!)

Sumonia Appointed to CAHS Board

Dushan "Duke" Sumonia, current instructor and one of the founding members of the *AvAr* concept, has been appointed to the Colorado Aviation Historical Society Board of Directors. Recognized the world over as a subject matter expert in the field of aviation archaeology, Duke is expected to play an integral part in directing the Society's future *AvAr* endeavors. Congratulations, Duke!

Field Agent Tip #1

One of the most important tools a field agent can employ is her/his footwear. Whether scaling rugged terrain, trudging across open prairie or wading through mire and muck – the shoe one selects often determines the outcome of an operation. (Sore, wet feet, equal early termination.)

Recent *AvAr* testing has shown that the Response Gear ™ style #1022 boot is more than adequate enough to meet the challenges *AvAr* field agents routinely face. With a moisture wicking lining; rubber cup sole; heavy padding and easily maintained exterior; this is one easily broken-in-boot that can be fetched at a very reasonable price (less than $60.00 at Big 5 Sporting Goods). Check your local outlets for availability.

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