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Monument Hill Club

K-News

May 9, 2026

Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974

Today's Program



USAF Academy Update

Colonel A.E. Brown, Jr., 10th Air Base Wing Commander



Past President Scott Ross called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Zoomers were Jim Head, Cay Price, Rich Rima, Barrie Town, Marlene Bizub and Donald Johnson.

Dave Bailey was Sergeant at Arms.

Bryan Hardesty led the Pledge Of Allegiance.

Dave Bailey was this week's Scribe.

Member Concerns

Rich Hicks updated us with Member Concerns. Rich spoke to Steve Keefer on Friday. He is recovering at home, with PT and OT on his schedule. He sounds good, is getting better, and likes receiving phone calls. You can reach him at 720-282-1538.

Larry Young has been readmitted to the hospital after his recent surgery. There are complications with his blood pressure and heart rate.

Please keep Steve and Larry in your prayers.

Rich led a morning prayer: Gracious God, On tomorrow's special day dedicated to mothers, we lift up in prayer all the mothers in the world. Bless them with strength, patience, and wisdom to fulfill their special calling of nurturing and caring for their children. May they feel appreciated and cherished for the incredible work they do. Amen.



Guests and Visiting Kiwanians

We did not have any visiting Kiwanians this week. Jim Wyss and his son Brett of Integrity Banks were guests of Ted Bauman, and Ed Tomlinson welcomed our guest speaker, Colonel A.E. Brown, Jr., joining us today, too. We're happy you were here today, Jim, Brett and Colonel Brown



Recognizing Jim and Brett Wyss and Integrity Bank

Ted Bauman brought up Jim and Brett Wyss, our banking sponsors from Integrity Banks, to thank them for supporting so many of our programs. Integrity now has five branch offices in the Colorado Springs area. Ted presented Jim and Brett with the President's Award, the club's highest honor. Jim and Brett presented our club with a \$10,000 check for this year's 4th of July parade.

Scott Ross then announced that Integrity presented the club with a \$5,000 check for the Heart of Monument Park. Brett Wyss let us know he was born and raised in Monument, and it is an honor to help sponsor the park and the parade. Scott let us know that an invitation to bid will be issued this week, and vendor selection is set for June.



LPES Wholly Kicks Shoe Drive Update

Mark Anderson thanked our club members for their support of Lewis Palmer Elementary School's K-Kids initiatives to collect shoes for Wholly Kicks, which we will be delivering to underprivileged kids. Our club members generously donated 29 pairs of shoes. Now Lewis Palmer has over four dozen pairs of shoes (plus socks) to deliver to needy kids.

Upcoming Programs

- May 16 - Denver Transplant Games of America - Mark McIntosh
- May 23 - TBD
- May 30 - Member Bios



Bear Creek Presentation Noted in Tribune, Kiwanis Service Day

Scott Ross told us Ed Tomlinson and Steve Sutherland were featured in an article in the Tri Lakes Tribune on their presentation to Bear Creek Elementary School on weather forecasting. Their visit with the school was

very well-received. Ed told us that the weather station that we helped provide for the school is functioning well at Bear Creek.

Scott also let us know that the Rocky Mountain District Foundation service day, which was held last Saturday at the Ronald McDonald House, was a big success. Kiwanis members from Colorado and Wyoming, including several members from our club, were there to help clean, rake, and pull weeds on the lawn, and help set up grills. Scott noted that it was good to see Bert West of the Ute Pass Club doing well after his recent cancer treatments. No Bad Days.

Membership Minute

Bill Stoner gave us an update on Upcoming events:

- May 2 - Rocky Mountain District Foundation Service Day, Ronald McDonald House (Cleanup)
- May 5 - Golf at Pine Creek Golf Club (weather permitting)
- May 6 - RMD E-Club zoom meeting 5-6 pm.
- May 12 - Happy Hour at Goat Patch Brewery, 4-6 p.m.
- May 14 - Konnectors at Goat Patch Brewery
- May 15 - D38 Last Day of School
- May 16 - Colorado Springs Kiwanis Club Car Show in Falcon
- May 19 - Graduation for Lewis Palmer and Palmer Ridge High Schools
- June 7 - Sopa Box Derby





Upcoming Billing Issues

Kathy Strom told us that she and Rich will be out of town and asked that any bills members may have wait until they return on June 5. Further questions can be addressed to Dan Lopez during this time.



IMPORTANT DATES

- Registration Deadline: May 1, 2026
- Practice Day: June 6, 2026
- Final Inspection: June 6, 2026
- Race Day: June 7, 2026



Soap Box Derby

We'll have one entry for the upcoming soap box derby this year, and the warm ups are set for Saturday, June 6th with the finals scheduled for Sunday, June 7th. The event will be held in Pueblo this year because Higby Road is under construction this year. Greg Bielanski told us he is looking for a truck that could be hitched to a trailer to transport the soapbox car. Contact Greg to help (719-761-1875).



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“CHECKERED FLAG CHARITY CAR SHOW”



SATURDAY
May 16, 2026
10:00-2:00



Metcalfe Park-Fountain, CO
704 E. Ohio

CLASSES:

Antique (1981 or older)/Classic
Sport
Other
Awards given for each class



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Colorado Springs Club Car Show

Scott Ross reminded us that the Colorado Springs Kiwanis Club will hold their annual Car Show on May 16th at Fountain’s Metcalfe Park. Scan the QR code above to register your car in the show.



Traveling Kiwanians

We received an email from Sandy Mangiarelli who reported that she and Ron were on an extended road trip. She sent a picture of Ron, taken at a playground in Jamestown, North Dakota, as a greeting to our club while they are away from our activities.

This dispatch leads us to ask if other club members might like to send along pictures as they travel this great country (and world). This might be an interesting regular feature to post in our weekly K-News dispatches. If anyone would like to send along such pictures, we'd welcome making a regular K-News feature called Traveling Kiwanians.

Birthdays

9 - 15 May 2026



Bob Nissen

MAY 10th

**Joined 2011
Sponsor Ted Bauman**



On MAY 10th in HISTORY

- **1924:** J. Edgar Hoover is appointed the first Director of the FBI.
- **1954:** Rock around the Clock is released Bill Hailey and the Comets.
- **1962:** The Incredible Hulk debuts in Marvel Comics.

Famous Birthdays

- **1899:** Fred Astaire, American dancer and actor

Larry Vliet

MAY 10th

**Joined 2023
Sponsor Jim Johnston**



On MAY 10th in HISTORY

- **1933:** Nazi book burning begins State Opera Berlin.
- **1970:** Bobby Orr scores "The Goal" Bruins over the Blues in Stanley Cup Game 4
- **2005:** Vladimir Arutyunian attempts to kill George W. Bush.

Famous Birthdays

- **1960:** Bono, lead singer of U2.

ED Hettler

MAY 15th

**Joined 2022
Sponsor Dean Snow**



On MAY 15th in HISTORY

- **1905:** Las Vegas is founded.
- **1928:** Mickey Mouse is introduced.
- **1941:** Joe DiMaggio begins a 56-game hitting streak.

Famous Birthdays

- **1856:** L. Frank Baum, author of *"The Wonderful Wizard of Oz"*

Humor

Courtesy of Scott Ross

Scott presented several short stories for our amusement

Happy Bucks



Frank DeLalla was happy for all the volunteers that have already volunteered to help with the parade, and second, a happy buck for all of those that are going to volunteer to help with the parade. Next week, he will brief us on where we are and what we still need. Thank you!



A few days later, Gov Vaughn asked, "What happens when you throw Hellmans into quicksand? Cinco de Mayo!"



Ed Tomlinson referenced an excellent program that he and Steve Sutherland presented to us about weather on D-Day during WWII. Ed said there is a new in-theater movie about the same topic called "Pressure." Ed believes any difference between the movie and what Steve said is poetic license from the movie side.



Tony Trifiletti let us know the Army women won the lacrosse tournament on Friday, so they are moving forward into the NC2A tournament on Saturday. They can wield those stick pretty good!



Ed Hettler had 20 bucks for DECA kids who gave their presentation to us recently. Will and Cole went to Nationals and beat out over a hundred of their competition and almost made the finals. They really rocked it along with the eight other kids who went to Nashville. Will and Cole sent Ed a note thanking everyone for listening to their presentation on helping engage issues. Ed is really proud of them!



Weekly 50-50 Drawing

Charlie Brown had the lucky ticket number from our weekly drawing, had a 50-50 chance of winning would have been \$197, but he did not pick the winning chip. We will have a winner next week, and the jackpot should be large.

Program



USAF Academy Update

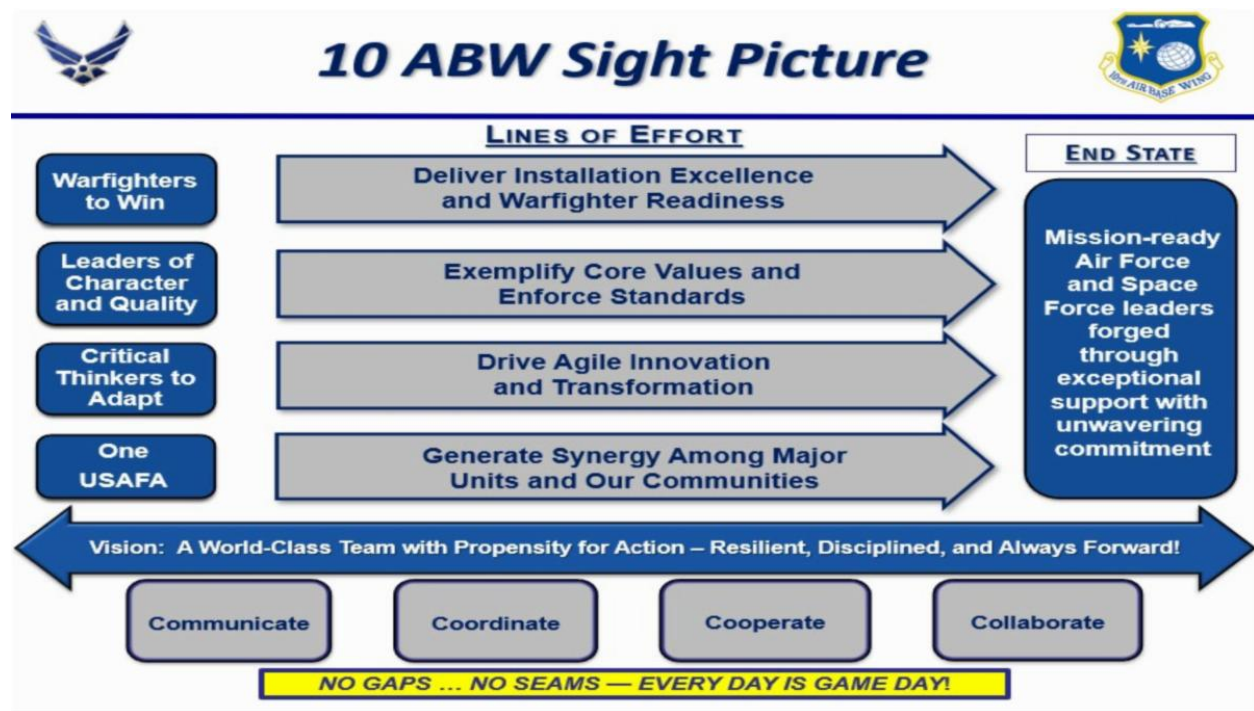
Colonel A.E. Brown, Jr., 10th Air Base Wing Commander

Scribe: Mark Anderson



Colonel A.E. Brown, Jr., Commander of the Air Force Academy's 10th Air Base Wing, was today's guest speaker. Colonel Brown gave a powerfully patriotic presentation about the important mission that is being served at the US Air Force Academy.

At the Academy, he commands a team of more than 3,000 military, civilian, and contractor personnel who conduct base-level activities for the entire installation, including security, civil engineering, communications, logistics, finance, contracting, chaplaincy, legal, lodging, medical, military and civilian personnel, and force support programs. The 10th Air Base Wing supports more than 4,000 cadets. He is responsible for a \$150 million annual operating budget and serves as the Crisis Action Team Commander during all U.S. Air Force Academy installation contingency operations.



He told us that he grew up in Baltimore City. His dad was an Army Ranger, and his mom was a school teacher for 39 years. Although his parents divorced, he was thankful for the values they instilled in him.

When he finished high school, he enlisted in the Air Force. That was 1986. Since then, he's spent 40 years in the Air Force.

Colonel Brown told us about the motivational factors that are the mission of the Academy. The Academy is directed by this vision of building a world-class team with a propensity for action, training disciplined leaders with resilience who are always looking forward.

Colonel Brown repeatedly directed his focus to our flag representing the American people, emphasizing that there are no gaps or seams, in the flag and that is a reflection of the Air and Space Forces we are building.

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There are several foundations that are the top priorities for the Academy, led by Superintendent, Lt. Gen. Tony Bauernfeind: Warfighters to Win, Leaders of Character and Quality, Critical Thinkers to Adapt, leading to One USAFA.

To reinforce those pillars, there are several lines of effort that guide the 10th Air Base Wing. First, the goal is to deliver installation excellence to bolster the Academy's purpose of providing warfighter readiness. Every staff member is reminded of that purpose, knowing that's why they're here. As we deliver that warfighter readiness, it's important that all USAFA staffers exemplify core values as they enforce standards.

While that is being done, we need to be open to agile innovation and transformation, harnessing the technological advances to realize our goals. Along the way, it's a vital goal to generate synergy among the major units and our communities, so everyone is heading for the same positive results. Colonel Brown stated that the 10th Wing is mindful of the need to communicate, coordinate, cooperate, and collaborate to reach goals.

The end goal is to prepare Mission-ready Air Force and Space Force leaders, forged through exceptional support, with unwavering commitment.

As Wing Commander, Colonel Brown's duties have been compared to those of a town's mayor. He let us know his biggest challenge is to lead his community to support these values and initiatives, with the end result of providing the Air and Space Forces with leadership ready for what the future holds.

There are a number of infrastructure projects that require special care and attention, not the least of which is the "Church in A Box," which has been under renovation for several years now.

Colonel Brown thanked us for being part of the supportive community that he and the Air Force Academy need to reach their mission.

The video of today's meeting is at this link: <https://youtu.be/AFvRv766MDk>

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