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Wayne Collins' Service
B2OSH XXX Registration Open – Richard Schmidt will lead

On Saturday, February 2, in Mineola, Texas there was a funeral service for our founder and friend, Robert Wayne Collins. Wayne was an outstanding trumpet player, performing in Mineola's big band orchestra and in smaller combos. The entire orchestra was in the loft at the church and played Taps and the United States Navy Hymn. Wayne's family sang beautifully from the altar.

Wayne was buried with full military honors, including an 8-ship Missing Man fly-over flown by Bonanzas to Oshkosh veterans. A Celebration of Life reception followed, in Wayne's hangar at Wood County Airport, which was re-dedicated "Collins Field" last spring. Among those in attendance were approximately 30 B2OSHers, from all over the country – Texas, of course, Louisiana, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Colorado, Minnesota, and California.

We will continue to celebrate Wayne's life and legacy at Rockford and Oshkosh this summer.

Registration for Bonanzas to Oshkosh XXX opened January 15. Richard Schmidt will lead us. Richard co-hosts the Arizona clinic and helps with at least 3 others most years. Richard has been in charge of the Baron fleet the past 5 or 6 years, too. He has FFI Wing and Leader cards, and is an integral member of the RV formation flying community, as well.

Most clinics are posted. There will be a clinic in New England, probably in May. Last weekend's Arizona clinic was rained out and rescheduled for this coming weekend. Clinic attendance is required to fly in the B2OSH flight. Training guidance is upgraded this year. It's more formal and extensive than the previous T-34 Manual. Several clinics have been using it the past couple years. We're making it more 'universal' this year.

Rockford hotel/motel arrangements are nearly complete. Note: The website currently has 2018 information. When 2019 details & prices are confirmed and posted, we will post a NEWS item and send a group email.

Larry