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The JetHawks Journal



The Official Newsletter of the Flight Crew Booster Club
Words from the Chair

I hope everyone had a very good Christmas and is enjoying a happy New Year. This past year provided us with many joyful events and a few sad moments. The JetHawks provided many joyful moments but on a sad note they could not pull off the playoff series win against High Desert. We did enjoy a few good years with the Houston Astros affiliation. We saw many players move through Lancaster and enjoy success in higher levels of play, with many reaching a Major League team. We wish the Houston players success in the future.

During this past year we lost three members of the JetHawks family. The passing of Richard Chavez, Ellen Re-decker, and Andy Davis was very hard on families and friends, we will keep them in our prayers.

"The Lancaster JetHawks are having their first ever Hot Stove Banquet, benefitting the Lancaster JetHawks Baseball Foundation. The Banquet will be held on Thursday, January 26th at the University of Antelope Valley Grand Ballroom. The program will be baseball themed, featuring Colorado Rockies Zack Wilson - Senior Director of player Development. Proceeds from the Banquet and the Silent Auction will benefit the newly formed JetHawks Baseball League, which in partnership with the Antelope Valley Boys & Girls Clubs will provide over 100 local youth with the opportunity to play baseball on a team right here at The Hangar.

This event provides FCBC members a chance to hear about the plans the Rockies have for Lancaster. Do you have your tickets? If not please contact the JetHawks office to get your tickets (January 26 is fast approaching). Your tickets will support a very good cause allowing AV youth a chance to play baseball at the Hanger.



January General Membership meeting is Thursday, Jan. 19. at 7pm. Please join us at Texas Cattle Company.

Purchasing dinner is not required to attend. 4 more tickets to the JetHawks Hot Stove Banquet and the last Booster Club jacket will be included in the raffle.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board meetings- at Primo Cafe
2/4, 3/4, 4/1, 2017

General Membership Meetings
Jan. 19, 2017

2/16, 3/16, 4/13, 5/18, 6/15, 7/13

Shakey's Fund Raiser
January 18, 2017

JetHawks Hot Stove Banquet
January 26, 2017

Rockies Spring Training in Arizona
March 2017

JetHawks Opening Day
April 6th, 2017 vs Visalia

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The Andersen family has been fans of the JetHawks since opening day of 1996. I had been a lifetime Dodger fan, and really didn't know much about minor league baseball. We wanted to go to a baseball game on that opening day, and couldn't get Dodger tickets, so we decided to go to Adelanto to see what this new JetHawks team was about. We walked through the gates to see the JetHawks players warming up, I saw their beautiful purple uniforms, and said, "Oh my God, they've made a team just for me!" It was love at first sight.

Our sons, Chris and Tommy, were 14 and 11 at the time, and loved baseball. As we watched that first game, sitting in the front row at the far side of the visitors' dugout, they were thrilled to be able to see the players up close, some of them even talked to them! They were so excited! After the game, we asked Jose Cruz Jr. if we could get a picture with him, and he agreed. Again, we were pleased and excited. These were professional ball players, talking to us! They were so friendly and approachable, we couldn't believe it. Anyway, we went the next day, too, with the picture we took the day before, in 8x10 size, and Jose signed it for us. It has been a love affair for our family ever since.

When I asked Tommy about his favorite memories of growing up with the JetHawks, he remembers catching lots of foul balls, playing games on the grass with the other kids, and our many trips to Spring Training. He also loved the interactions he had with the players over the years, bringing them bubble gum before the games, collecting balls and bats, and getting them signed. He had quite a collection! He really enjoyed the Booster Club potlucks with the players. He loved talking to them.

Chris remembers the sweet arcade that used to be next to the advanced ticket window on the concourse, and how he would try to beat the high scores of Delwyn Young, the son of the hitting coach of the same name, who was a batboy for the team. He also remembers the day of the 1997 Cal/Car League All-star game, when several players came to our house in Littlerock to watch the game on television, as it was only available on satellite, which we had. Joe Mathis was among the attendees, as well as the wife of Chris Dean, who was playing in the game in Carolina. Son Chris got to feeling a bit cocky, and started talking about basketball, specifically dunking the ball. He didn't think Joe Mathis could dunk the ball, and bet him a dollar. So, they went outside to the hoop in the driveway. Of course, Joe dunked the ball, as did Chris Dean's wife. Chris had to pay up... He remembers how fun it was to see our former Jethawks playing in the major leagues with the Mariners. He particularly remembers watching Ken Cloude pitch his first game for the Mariners, and how cool he felt that he knew him! He is a Mariner fan to this day.

Our grandson Cody has truly grown up with the Jethawks. He was born in the summer of 2001, and came to games with me very often. He enjoyed playing on the grass with his "friends", which were any kids that happened to be playing on the grass, when he was about 3 or 4. Then, when the kidzone stuff opened, he always wanted to play on everything. He loved running across the field, and high fiving Jeff Cook in the outfield when he was 4. Everyone who worked in the kidzone area knew Cody, and did a wonderful job keeping an eye on him. I could always see him from my seat, but didn't necessarily go over there unless there was a problem. We would go over the rules before he went to play, and he did a good job remembering them. He also liked to help me pass the homerun bucket. Now that he's older, he still likes going to the games when his schedule permits, as do Chris and Tommy and their growing families.

Robin

Colorado Rockies Information

The following list provides the names and titles of Rockies personnel that are involved with player development, operations, and scouting. These are personnel we will be working with and seeing at JetHawk games in the near future.

Zach Wilson	Senior Director - Player Development
Chris Forbes	Manager - Player Development
Jeff Nelson	Coordinator - Minor League Video/Baseball Operations Assistant
Jesse Stender	Coordinator - Minor League Operations
Marc Gustafson	Senior Director - Scouting Operations
Damon Iannelli	Assistant Scouting Director
Matthew Obernauer	Coordinator - Scouting Research/Staff Counsel
Irma Castañeda	Assistant - Scouting/Baseball Operations
Jon Weil	Assistant General Manager - Player Personnel
Ty Coslow	Special Assistant - Player Personnel
Chris Warren	Advance Scout
Joe Little	Assistant Advance Scout

Boosters on the
Road
Are you traveling
to watch former
JetHawks? Send
your pictures to
share

Zack and Jesse were at the World Series party a few months ago. We will get to meet Zack again as he will be a speaker at the Hot Stove Banquet on January 26.

The 2016 Asheville Tourists (South Atlantic League), the Class-A affiliate of the Rockies, had a baseball season that will not be soon forgotten. The Tourists remained competitive (W-66 and L-72) finishing in sixth place in the southern division. There are seven teams in both the Northern and Southern Divisions of the South Atlantic League. Fans came out to support the team in record fashion. McCormick Field saw 183,058 fans pass through the front gates; an all-time regular season Asheville Tourists record.

The 2016 season for the Boise Hawks (Northwest League), the short season affiliate of the Colorado Rockies. This was the Hawk's 29th anniversary season of professional baseball in the Treasure Valley. Fourteen sellouts and a few wild ones gave the Boise home crowd plenty to cheer about. Boise finished the year (W-33 and L-43), finishing in third place overall in the Northwest League South standings. There are four teams in both the North and South Divisions of the Northwest League and they travel outside the USA to Vancouver to play the Canadians, an affiliate of Toronto.

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