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IN MEMORY

The entire Squadron was shocked and grieved to hear of the untimely death of our friend and fellow Colonel, Nels Miller. Nels was a delightful person, quiet and reserved but more than willing to offer truly meaningful help to each of us and to the Squadron. His Memorial Service was attended by many friends from all over the country and the Confederate Air Force was represented by Colonels Kitchen and Thurber accompanied by their wives as well as Colonels Thomson & Toomey. Nels will be sorely missed.

MARCH MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on March 5th at 7:00pm at the Hangar. Rather than trying to serve up a full meal we will offer dessert and coffee after the meeting. The feasts we have been having have been nothing short of phenomenal but they have required a tremendous effort by a very few people. Its about time they got a rest accompanied by the heartfelt thanks of all of us for past endeavors.

Our own Col. Bill Kitchen will again be prevailed upon to give us a glimpse into his most interesting military past and we sincerely hope that we will get a chance to hear him this time!

BIG PLANS

Our firm date and carved-in-stone name for the May festivities have both been changed. So much for consistency. The date is now *May 19* which is a Sunday. The name will be advertised as the "Second Annual Warbird Fly-in and Barbecue". It has also been decided that the full barbecue is just too much to put on for the size of our organization at present. Instead we will be offering a really good barbecued sirloin steak sandwich with the meat cooked to perfection by Mike Wing as usual. This will be accompanied by all kinds of drinks as well as desserts but we will not have the huge amount of beans and salads as before. This will not only give our dear ladies a break but we feel it

will be much more informal and we won't have to provide all the tables and other stuff required by a sit-down meal.

We will still offer the free meal to pilots and passengers of military aircraft who wish to join us on an informal basis. We are also trying to arrange for two or three P-51s to be here and sincerely hope our San Luis Obispo friends will arrive with their BT-13s, Stearmans and the like. As time goes on our plans will become more complete and we welcome the input of each member and also hope each will give serious thought to volunteering for whatever committee he or she would like to work with. Committees will be posted if they haven't been already.

SUMMER AIR SHOWS

At the present time we are considering at least three air shows, i.e. attendance by "our" two aircraft and the PX and any member who desires to go. Obviously any member wishing to fly to any show in his or her own military aircraft would be a welcome addition but that is strictly up to them. The tentative plans are for: El Toro - April 26, 27 & 28.
Stockton - May 4 & 5
McClellan - May 25

More information will be forthcoming.

IDEAS

It has been proposed that the Newsletter accept (or actively seek!) some sort of advertising to help defray the costs of the publication (stamps, paper, copying etc.). In view of the fact that we are still mailing to ALL who have shown interest in the Squadron this would be a tremendous help. After May it is planned that the mailing be limited to Colonels (with enough extra copies available for mailing on a spot basis to any interested party) It is also planned that the publication become much more oriented toward our Squadron activities with specific articles of interest as well as more information about what's happening at the hangar and to and for us as a group.

Consequently, we would like to have some calling card-type ads to begin with, which are easily reproducible by Xeroxing. If we could charge \$10.00 a month, for instance, for a card size ad and get three ads we would have our stamps paid for. If we get really fancy we could charge something like \$50.00 or \$75.00 for a whole page and scale it down from there. In any event, your editor will be bugging you during the next month with regard to this and would like to get your input.

Questions & Answers!

You will note that we are including a rather informal questionnaire. We feel that there is a real need for member suggestions as well as ideas from those who have not become members but who are still on our list. As in any similar group, some people are more enthusiastic than others and are more involved and it just might be time to hang our collective ear out in the wind and listen to what's blowing around out there. Use the questions as a start and, please, tell us, and I mean all of us, what you think should be done to improve our organization.

Also, please note that the questionnaire page is designed as a self-mailer, to be refolded so that the CAF address shows on the outside and then stapled or taped, and returned. Sorry we couldn't provide postage so don't forget to stamp it.

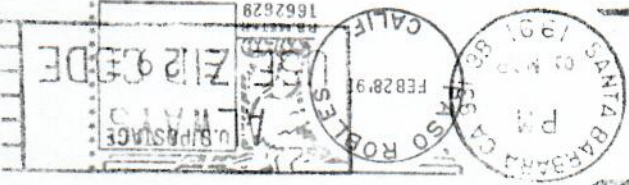
Many thanks!!!

QUESTIONNAIRE

- 1. What do you like best about the Squadron.....
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- 2. Is there anything you dislike about the Squadron.....
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- 3. What do you think could be done to make the Squadron more interesting to you. Please elaborate below.

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