

CONFEDERATE AIR FORCE

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APRIL MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on April 2nd at 7:00pm at the Hangar.

The entertainment part of the program will be provided by Al Pemberton of Bakersfield who has promised (weather permitting) to bring over his beautifully restored Gipsy Moth and give us some insights as to what has gone into its reconstruction. We have been offered the use of a hangar to store the aircraft overnight and Al will stay with Col. Corippo. His visit should be of interest to all.

In view of the success we had in serving something a bit more substantial than desserts at the monthly meetings last summer and fall, it was decided at the last Staff Meeting that we would offer a sirloin steak sandwich, coffee and soft drinks at the April meeting. We will not have the salads and beans etc. that got to be a little much to prepare for just monthly meetings but we hope a tasty sandwich will provide an additional incentive for attendance.

Col. Kitchen also promises that the coffee pot will work this time!

1991 AIR SHOWS

We now have a list of 15 air shows that have been tentatively selected for attendance by the Squadron. Its possible that we could be represented at all of them or just some depending upon the interest of the members. The way it works is that most of the shows offer some sort of deal to get us there such as free gas, lodging etc. This would be primarily the military bases and some other nearby shows. As individuals we would be responsible only for personal expenses. Shows at some distance, such as CAF-Midland, are another matter. It takes a lot of gas to get there and back and those interested would be expected to chip in on a pre-arranged basis for certain expenses.

Those who have any interest should check the Show list being monitored by Bill Kitchen and don't be shy about asking for details. We need representation by all the members who can attend and it is your editor's personal feeling that there is a considerable amount of confusion as to just what these trips involve on a personal basis.

It is entirely possible that there may be several members flying military as well as civilian aircraft to the shows who will be more than willing to share seats and moderate expenses. You can also simply drive yourselves if you wish and even help haul some of the PX stuff for Rosemary. Anyway, these shows are an opportunity to have some really great experiences so find out what the deal is and join in.

MYSTERY OF THE MONTH

Who has the S2 tape? A couple of people have borrowed it and returned it but we don't know who borrowed it last. There are others waiting so look through your library of Tailspin Tommy tapes and bring it back, please.

ANNUAL SQUADRON DUES

Squadron dues are renewable in May so please bring a check or cash (\$35.00) to the meeting. There are those who have recently joined who question having to pay annual dues for just a couple of months membership and then pay again in May. Rest assured that we are not out to gouge anyone. Your dues will be properly adjusted to your satisfaction. We should keep in mind that these dues are our only source of hard income to buy stamps, paper, etc. for daily running of the Squadron.

AN ITEM OF SPECIAL INTEREST

To close on what your editor considers to be somewhat of an upbeat note, mention should be made of the last Staff Meeting.

The enthusiasm of any newly formed group tends to wane somewhat after the initial excitement of projected big plans and ideas. In our case, the speed with which we were able to acquire a hangar and the work to make it what it is now provided a tremendous early momentum for all of us. A pretty successful first barbecue and a good summer also helped. As time has gone by, however, attendance at meetings has fallen off and there have been some rumblings about just where we are going and why and for whom. Plans and ideas have been proposed only to meet with mild interest at best.

Staff meetings have also suffered from less than great attendance and somewhat desultory interest.

The last one, however, was a humdinger. It was attended by almost all of the Staff and after the few opening formalities it became a wide-ranging discussion of, what are we doing or not doing, where are we going, how are we going to get there and so on. There was a tremendous amount of input from so-called regulars as well as those who can't often get to meetings for one valid reason or another. The upshot of the whole thing was that there are plans for the possible acquisition of a substantial aircraft that could be obtained on a realistic financial basis that would be a true Squadron project. It would be something that all of us could and would be proud to work on, work for and work with and call our own, and it would help greatly to provide a focal point for all our efforts.

The tentative negotiations are such that they should not be broadcast at the moment but all members will be informed of what is proposed at the meeting and any member should feel free to ask at any time as to what's going on. Obviously, nothing final would even be considered without the full approval of the membership.

This is a truly exciting proposal and could give us a real and substantial goal. We hope it will provide for renewed interest in the Squadron for present members and an impetus for others to join us.

See you Tuesday, April 2nd!!



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AIR SHOWS

APRIL 26, 27, 28

ELTORO

MAY 4, 5

STOCKTON

MAY 19

PASO ROBLES

MAY 25

MCCLELLAN AFB

JUNE 15

UKIAH

JUNE 22

TRUCKEE / TAHOE

JULY 4

LEMOORE

JULY 6, 7

PT. MAGU

AUGUST 2, 3, 4

MOFFETT

AUGUST 17, 18

MADERA

SEPTEMBER 7

OXNARD

SEPTEMBER 22

SANTAMARIA

OCTOBER 9-14

C.A.F. - MIDLAND

OCTOBER 19, 20

SALINAS

NOVEMBER 10

TRAVIS

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