

CONFEDERATE AIR FORCE

Estrella Squadron

Paso Robles, California
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MAY MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on May 7 at 7:00pm at the Hangar.

The program tentatively scheduled for the evening will be provided by Bob Markwith who will introduce Ralph Dowel, the ex-Commanding Officer at Vandenberg. This should be most interesting and we could get some first-hand insights as to some of the spectacular things that go on at the Base.

There will also be a Spaghetti Dinner and if it's anything like the usual fare provided by our miracle workers it should be great. Bring five bucks and stuff yourselves!!

The last meeting was certainly a success and its obvious that the real effort put forth by those responsible for the program to provide something truly interesting really paid off. The turnout was great.

AIRSHOWS

The El Toro show was a great success and the PX made some substantial income. From all accounts, however, the whole operation was somewhat overwhelming with people lined up from early Saturday morning just to get in. There are reports that nearly a million people attended the two day affair!!! Both the S2 and the T28 were in attendance from the Estrella Squadron and the CAF was represented by several other Wings and groups as well.

These outings can be a lot of fun and it is strongly suggested that those of you who have not thought much about attending one or more of them should really look into giving one a try. Its a whole different scene to be on the inside of one of these shows rather than just watching it from behind the ropes with the rest of the hot dog munchers. Stockton is next on May 4th & 5th and if you can't squeeze into the S2 it still isn't too far to drive and you might even be able to help with the PX transportation. Give it some thought!!

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BUG SMASHERS INC.

The L-16 members are still "looking for a few good men, or women" to join the group and get the bird in the air. A \$500 fee is all it takes to become a charter member and to be able to fly the L-16 once it's finished which won't be all that long from now. We just need a few more to join so take the plunge and you'll have a lot of fun flying the little bird to air shows or just around the pea patch if that's your desire.

A FREEBEE

We are including a copy of a promotion from the Santa Maria Museum of Flight regarding the Collins Foundation's beautiful B-24J Liberator. This is on Mother's Day weekend, of course, and we here at the Squadron have nothing planned. I'm sure that this would make a fun trip for many of you and there are doubtless dozens of Mothers who would be tickled to death to spend the day hanging around the Santa Maria Airport looking at the Liberator.

As a matter of fact the Santa Maria Airport Hilton has a great Mother's Day Buffet so you might actually be able to work something out without being too terribly obvious!!

BUSINESS STUFF

The meeting next Tuesday will be our last before our own May 19th Fly-In and this notice will be the only reminder of what has to be done, so please "listen-up" as the coach says.

On Friday the 17th we will be needing voluntary help for preparing the area for planes arriving the next day. There are a number of things that have to be done so please make every effort to give a little time during that day.

For the actual fly-in we are again asking that wives of members contribute either a cake or a pie for desserts. Judy Corippo is in charge of coordinating this activity so please give her a call if you feel you can contribute.

On Sunday morning there will be a breakfast starting about 8:00am for the work parties. This was a lot of fun last year and the food was real ranch breakfast bacon, eggs and other good stuff cooked to perfection, mostly by Keith Bowers and helpers. It made for a really great start on the day and we advise EVERYBODY to come early and stay to work!

On Sunday please try to wear a uniform or at least a CAF T shirt to identify yourselves as members. We may also have some sort of badge or ribbon for further ID but please try to wear a CAF hat, T shirt, jacket, underwear or whatever if possible.

FOR THE MEETING ON TUESDAY THE 7TH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

It's DUES time Colonels, Squadron dues of \$35. We need the money badly so bring the checkbook and get up to date. PLEASE.

LODGING

One last request. If you have space available and wouldn't mind putting up a visiting warbird pilot or two let Glenn know. There may be a few arriving on Saturday who can't get a room because of the Wine Festival so it would be nice to be able to help them out if we can.

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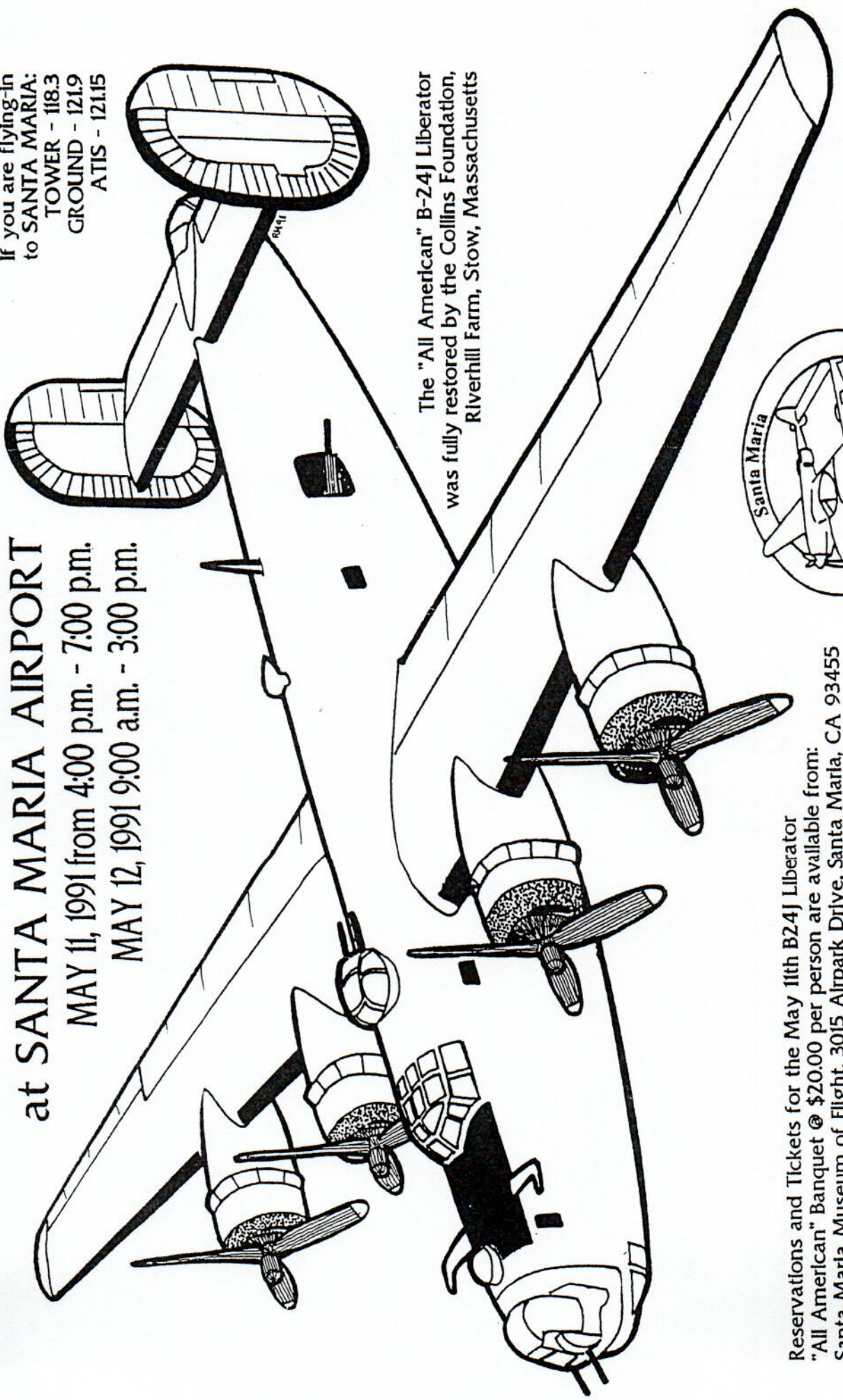
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Reservations and Tickets for the May 11th B24J Liberator
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Santa Maria Museum of Flight, 3015 Airpark Drive, Santa Maria, CA 93455
Phone: (805) 922-8758
or The Museum Gift Shop in the Airline Terminal Phone: (805) 922-9645
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FOR RESERVATION FOR THE B-24 DINNER MAIL TO:

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Enclosed is my check for \$ _____. Please reserve _____ Tickets
for the banquet on May 11 at the Santa Maria Inn.

Name _____

Address _____

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Tickets ordered by mail will be available at the door

No Host cocktails 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Dinner 7:30 p.m.
Santa Maria Inn, 801 S. Broadway

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS May 6th

The Santa Maria Airport Hilton is offering a special rate of \$55.
(single or double occupancy) for any B-24 guests who may wish to
stay overnight. Please call the hotel direct for reservations,
(805) 928-8000 and mention you are coming for the B-24.
Santa Maria Airport Hilton, 3455 Skyway Drive

The Hilton also has an excellent Mother's Day Brunch planned.
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