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JUNE MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on June 4 at 7:00pm at the Hangar. We will see a video of the Fly-In made by Obbie Atkinson so it should be a lot of fun. Bob Miller has offered to prepare a Fish Fry and if its half as good as his last presentation it will be great!

ESTRELLA SQUADRON 2ND ANNUAL WARBIRD FLY-IN

If anyone was in a car within a mile of Airport Road on the afternoon of May 19 they certainly knew that something was going on at the Airport!! If anyone was even anywhere near the Airport at all on that day all they had to do was look up to where the great noises were coming from to see what it was all about.

From any standpoint I think we can all agree that our weekend offering was a huge success. We had a tremendous group of aircraft and their pilots in attendance, all of whom participated to the fullest in making the event a truly spectacular event.

We made some money, there were no real problems in spite of a crowd estimated by the police at between 3-4,000 people, and everyone seemed to have a good time.

It was suggested that all those who helped should be mentioned and thanked but by the time we went through the list of names it was apparent that we might just as well name almost every Colonel, and certainly their ladies, all of whom were absolutely terrific! We don't want to slight anyone because there are those who have given of themselves way beyond the call of duty but when naming names someone deserving always gets left out.

Two who deserve special thanks are our Squadron Leader, Glen Thomson, who devotes most of his day EVERY day to the group and who was really responsible for the coordination of the whole affair and Rosemary Netto who did her usual superb job of making the actual nuts and bolts operation run so smoothly.

Truly, however, all the cooks and bakers and servers and car parkers and airplane parkers and money collectors and sound system providers and trash collectors and sign makers and program designers and truck mechanics and watchmen and "go-



fers" and... well... lets face it troops, ALL OF US should be pretty proud of one heck of a good show!!!

BUG SMASHERS

The Bug Smashers are still looking for a few new members to work on the L -16 and to enjoy the flying later. Give this some thought and contact either Paul Tardiff or Ray Kamm.

SERVICE FLAGS

An Air Force flag has now been donated by Paul Tardiff to hang from the rafters with the others. It has been suggested that it would be nice if ALL the Services were represented which would mean the acquisition of an Army Flag and a Coast Guard flag. If anyone has one or the other or knows where we could get one it would make a nice addition to the Hangar.

AIRPORT MANAGEMENT

A number of people have mentioned Roger Oxborrow's involvement with our Fly-In on the 19th and have commented on how truly helpful and considerate he was during all the action. He was out there with a "hand held" directing air traffic as well as ground movements, (auto and aircraft!) and was even pressed in to running a taxi service from the Cafe to our show until we were finally able to relieve him of that.

When things don't go exactly the way we, as individuals, think they should go at the airport its awfully easy to look for someone to "bash" and Roger certainly gets more than his share of that. Therefore, we are more than pleased to let our members know that he was most supportive and offered even more help for next year. He also had some very worthwhile constructive criticism to offer, particularly about safety and crowd handling, which will make future shows more organized and somewhat easier for the police and others to monitor and direct. In any event we definitely appreciated his help and concern.

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