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Like Arnold said, "Ah'll be back," and darned glad to be here too!!!

OCTOBER MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1 at the Hangar. Social Hour commencing at 6:00pm, dinner at 7:00 and the meeting at 8:00. We will be blessed with a Mike Wing Barbecue, but probably just informally served sliced meat sandwiches rather than a sit down dinner. In any event, it should hit the spot as usual.

A very special program is being provided by Wayne King and since he was kind enough to write it up, here it is:

"A bang-up program is scheduled for October... You've read the stories and watched the telly of the 'round the world, non-stop, un-refueled flight of the Voyager starring Jeanne Yeager and Dick Rutan... Now for the rest of the story with Doctor George and Irene Rutan, Dick's mother and father. They will be here for the regular October meeting and will tell you of some of the background and relate the best unpublished stories ever of this magnificent effort. Dr George Rutan, a retired dentist, state examiner and current private aviator resides with his wife in Lancaster and both are world travellers and fine people. George and Irene also attended Reno to watch the Pond Racer's feeble attempts...he will tell you some of this saga and be able to answer your questions about what's going on at the Skunk Works in Mojave.

Also for this month... Lt. Chuck Shelton will fly over from Lemoore NAS where he heads up the Physiology Department. Chuck is a most interesting speaker and will, no doubt, bring current state-of-the-art flying gear and explain it's operation. He is also versed in the seemingly insurmountable physiological obstacles facing the occupants of the Voyager and will answer questions. Bring a friend and a prospective member."

Now if that isn't a Bang-up program I don't know what is!!!
Many thanks for your efforts Wayne and for the write-up as well!!

MORE GOOD STUFF

Speaking of "thanks," how many of you have seen the Estrella Squadron display on the wall at the "Spirit of San Luis Restaurant " at the airport in San Luis Obispo? I had not seen it until we walked through the restaurant when we came back from Pennsylvania last Friday. Let me tell you folks it just knocked my socks off!! It is a real "pro" job done by Tina Nelson and is a very impressive and favorable representation of what the CAF is all about. Very nicely done Tina and our sincere thanks.

L-16

The Bug Smashers are flailing away on the L-16 and it is really beginning to shape up. Those who have never stripped an aircraft frame down to bare bones for a rebuild have no idea what it takes to get all the hundreds of bits and pieces reworked and reassembled before anything that really shows, like recovering, begins to make the pile of tube and stringers look like an airplane. Anyway, there was a goodly crowd at the Hangar last weekend and one wing and most of the control surfaces were covered. Now that the bird is beginning to look like something maybe there will be a little more interest by others in putting up some bucks for this project. "Them what pays flys, guys, and them what don't" are going to be sitting on the ground watching this little bird tool around the pattern flown by those who have worked like beavers and paid for it. There is still lots to be done and there are still a few slots left for interested parties.

WHEELS

The Dodge engine is evidently out of the tank and ready for reassembly. This is another labor-of-love project by a few dedicated souls who could use some help. Talk to Dirk or Keith and volunteer your services. You will probably then be allowed to ride in it during parades in the company of some of Paso Robles' loveliest and this should be reward enough.

THE HALLOWEEN DANCE

The Second Annual Halloween Dance will be on October 26. As of this writing the formal theme had not been completely decided upon but a meeting will be held on this coming Thursday to iron out more details. As everyone knows by now, last year's dance was a blast and all in attendance had a great time. This year's affair promises to be even better but it would be greatly enhanced by the attendance of more MEMBERS. A lot of people showed up last year but mostly guests and friends. There was a definite lack of support by Squadron members.

Some of us may not have a lot of interest in entertainment of this type but we're all friends and interested in a common cause and this is something that can be enjoyed without a lot of effort. If you don't want to "party it up" all that much you can certainly be of help to Elaine and her committee because there is always plenty of work in putting on something like this. So lets pitch in there this year troops and make this an even bigger success than last year. Hopefully, we will get out a one page flyer with final details by the middle of next month.

That's it!! Patronize our advertisers and bring in some additional ones if you can. Thirty bucks a year for an advertisement in this incredible rag is dirt cheap and since we are all involved with airplanes we are obviously big spenders and our advertisers should profit accordingly!!!



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