

## CONFEDERATE AIR FORCE

Estrella Squadron

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### February Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 1992 at the Hangar. Social Hour commencing at 6:00pm, dinner at 7:00 and the meeting at 8:00.

Our speaker for the evening will be Mr. J. Goodlow of Paso Robles who trained in B-17s in radar and navigation operation in WWII and later was switched to B-29s. He evidently spent a good deal of time in the front areas, was in Tinian during the Enola Gay flight and was involved in specialized mercy flights which we hope to hear more about during his talk.

Our dinner is being provided by the Dirk Hales and the menu calls for a California Stew. The ingredients sound delicious so you had better be there EARLY!

### CAF Midland Staff Meeting

The Estrella Squadron was represented by a goodly number of Colonels and their ladies at the Mid -Winter Staff Meeting in Midland. Rosemary Netto and Don Geiger flew down with Don Leedom and the rest went commercial. A number of highly important items were discussed having to do with the future of the CAF as a whole. The entire question of pilot age and flight restriction was also resolved and a report will be made, hopefully, at the meeting with regard to all of this.

### New Stuff

Those of you who have been to the Hangar since the return of the troops from Midland have noted a very handsome Cessna 340 gracing the tie down area. This is a new addition belonging to Glen Thomson and while it isn't exactly a War Bird it really makes it look as though we are assembling our own Estrella Air Force out front! We offer our congratulations and wish Glen many happy hours of flying in his new bird.

### Third Annual Fly-In

The Co-Chairpersons for the Fly-In are doing a fantastic job of getting things organized for the May extravaganza. At the last Staff Meeting your editor, among others, was most

impressed by the professional way in which things are being accomplished and by the sheer volume of all that is being done. A few others have volunteered, as usual, to accept various additional responsibilities but a lot more help is needed and this is a fact of which we are all well aware. This is going to be a big deal this year, a lot bigger than last year and while there are areas of responsibility that are not very glamorous like parking cars and serving food and dog-trotting in general, these areas have to be covered.

Anyway troops, you know the pitch; there will be plenty of time to do and see everything but please call Elaine Borden or Bob Markwith and ask how and where you can help.

Other New Additions

Since I write this rag I get to toot my own horn this month and let everyone know that Joan and I are the proud grandparents of a bouncing baby girl courtesy of son Stuart Toomey, owner of Toomey Aviation, and his lovely wife, Meg. The baby's name is Allison and her middle name is Wright (after Wilbur and Orville who were relatives on Meg's side) but I fear I have alienated the entire rest of the family by smugly noting that she was named after two aircraft engines and insisting that her nickname be Turbo! So much for being an unreconstructed heavy iron freak!

Late as usual...see you Tuesday.

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