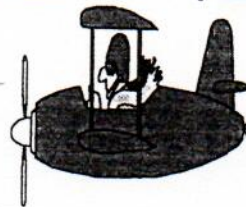


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April Meeting

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

There will be no speaker or other entertainment at the meeting for the simple reason that we have to get together to discuss the May 17 "WARBIRDS 92" Fly-In.

THIS MEETING WILL BE VITAL SO PLEASE PLAN TO BE THERE!!!

This will be our last opportunity for final organizational refinements so the majority of the plans, details, committee assignments, duty assignments and *EVERYTHING ELSE* will have to be thoroughly hashed out and finalized at this APRIL MEETING.



Be There!

At the May meeting it will be MUCH TOO LATE to do anything but put out fires and cover last minute details so PLEASE show up April 7th!!!

Just so you won't think the meeting will be all work and no play, we will be offered a fantastic spaghetti dinner with THREE different kinds of sauces as well as garlic bread and salad so no one should go away hungry!

Accommodation Needs

As discussed briefly at the last meeting we will have to find private accommodations for various people who have been asked to participate in the Fly-In. Although we do have a block of rooms reserved at a local motel we will need additional space. Please let Bob Markwith or Elaine Borden know if you are able to take in one or more people and they will steer you to the proper committee. It has

been suggested that we have a list posted on the wall so people can sign up and indicate how much space they have available.

Bug Smashers

In the past few weeks there has been a tremendous turnout of members to work on the L-16. On Saturday the 21st there were about 18 people on hand at one time or another and the following Thursday saw another 8 to 10 working on wing struts and other items. The bird is really beginning to look like an airplane with the fuselage cover cut to fit and on the frame and, of course, the flying surfaces are already covered and looking GREAT. There are some dedicated people working on this project and they are to be heartily congratulated. *Now*, there is one little problem... with all the different people working on the project it seems that some of the "shop" tools, clamps, screw drivers etc., etc. have taken wings to the extent that the group is virtually



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out of tools. We all know how easily this can happen with our own tools so no censure is intended whatsoever, but it has been suggested that everyone look through their own stuff and see if they might have one or more of the "shop" tools mixed in with their own.. As a matter of fact, it has been further suggested that if ANYONE has duplicates of various hand tools that could be donated they would be gratefully accepted.

Raffle Tickets

Each member will receive a batch of raffle tickets in the mail unless they pick them up at the meeting. These are tremendously important as fund raisers and this year we will have three excellent items to offer as chances. The first is a set of tickets for a round trip

for two anywhere in the western states. The second will be for a Sony 8mm Camcorder and the third will be dinner for two at the Main Street Grill in Templeton. These are really great values so at a buck each we should be able to sell a pile of them.

Fly-In T-Shirts

Jim Edwards, member and advertiser, is arranging for specially imprinted T-shirts to be available for sale at the Fly-In and these should be in our hands for members at the April Meeting. From all indications they are really nice and it is hoped that each member will buy one (hopefully, at cost) and wear it at the Fly-In as a means of identification as a Squadron Member.

Estrella Warbirds Museum

As many of you know, the Museum is now a corporate (tax deductible) entity. In the near future memberships will be made available at a probable annual fee of \$25.00. There are many, many things to be done but there are a lot of interesting developments in the works, not the least of which will be the acquisition of an appropriate "gate guard". More information of a factual nature will be made available at the meeting and as time goes on. This whole concept is a very exciting proposition, not

only for us as a group but for the city and the area as well.

Big Deals

It has been reported that an arrangement has been made with the Collings Foundation (of Mass.?) which will result in the arrival of the award winning (Oshkosh Warbirds) B-24 at Paso Robles on Sunday, May 10. It will be accompanied by a B-17 which, between the two of them should create all kinds of excitement among area aviation buffs. This will be like last year when the CAF B-17 arrived, also between shows, and was responsible for so much interest just before our own Fly-In. It is also a possibility that rides could be auctioned off for the benefit of both the Foundation and ourselves but this has to be negotiated at this point. In any event this could be a great boon for the Estrella Squadron!

Want List

We need a lawnmower... Does anyone have an extra or know of some way we can get one, cheap, like donated? It doesn't have to be big but it should be fairly strong since our grass is thick and like IRON for some reason or other! Or maybe a cutting schedule might work and individuals could bring their own and be responsible for only one or two cuttings a year if everyone signs up.



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You will note that a display board has been posted with labeled pictures of some of our members. This was done at the request of several members who thought it would be handy to know who was who. More pictures will be taken at the next meeting and as time permits. Those of you who do not like the pictures of yourselves have the option of asking for a retake or your photographer can give you the name of an inexpensive plastic surgeon. (You will further note that the photographer's picture is not on display!)

Membership List

On several occasions we have been asked to include a list of members names and addresses in our newsletter so that members could become more familiar with each other, etc. This was about to be done but your Editor, while going through a normal periodic recheck of the member list against the phone book listings, noted that quite a number of you choose not to have your addresses displayed in the phone book. It was also noted that there were a number of members who preferred unlisted numbers as well. Therefore...we will not send out a list at this point but we intend to do so fairly soon. If any of you *do not* wish to have either or both your addresses and phone numbers given out please let your Editor know and, of course, your wishes will be respected. The

list would go only to other members but it is obviously your choice. The numbers to call are 238-9266 and/or 9516. If we don't hear we WILL publish.

Equipment News

Those of you who hang out at the airport have obviously noticed the return of the L-5 since it seems to be thundering its way around the pea patch with considerable regularity.

Its nice to see the S-2 back on its pad as well and it will be going through an annual for the next week or so.

It is also rumored that there is an L-4 in the other hangar and we have all seen the Cessna Aerobat on the pad. Good and interesting things are afoot, lads and lassies, so keep tuned!

Expectations

We are told that the CAF B-29, FIFI herself, will be on our airport on June 30th thru July 2nd between shows and we also expect to have the B-17, Sentimental Journey back with us, also between shows, some time in August. Having FIFI here would be a knock-out happening for the Estrella Squadron. If you haven't seen this great old bird up close it is something to look forward to and it would certainly be an attraction for the entire area.

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April 3, 1992

Dear Members,

It is that time again.....dues are due on or BEFORE May 1, 1992. The annual SQUADRON dues are \$35.00.

As we have upfront expenses for the Flv-in on May 17th, it will be appreciated if all could pay by the April meeting.

Please make your check payable to CAF-Estrella Squadron and give to Rosemary at the April meeting or mail to:

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