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Remember the fantastic newsletter we had last month? Well, with regret, it will be awhile before we can again enjoy the professional editorialship of Bruce Toomev. He is in temporary residence in Sacramento helping his Son with his expanding business. Meanwhile we have an anonymous volunteer who will try to fill in. Hurry back Bruce!!!!

* NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE! ... The regular meeting of May 5th is postponed to Monday, May 11th and will be held at the main terminal in front of the Airport Cafe, due to the arrival of the B-24 and the B-17. The planes will arrive the evening of Sunday May 10th and depart on May 12th. Dinner will be a buffet served by Margarite at the Airport Cafe. The cost will be \$8.00 per person. Please plan on being there at 6pm for those who wish to tour the planes. Dinner will be at 7pm and a meeting at 8pm.

For members who have PAID their current annual squadron dues of \$35.00 (due 5/1/92), they will be admitted free to tour the airplanes. Please check in with Rosemary when you get to the meeting and pick up your name tag, if you have not paid your dues, bring your check with you. Regular admission to the planes is \$5.00 per person.

Speaking of dues, for those who have not paid your dues, you will find an invoice attached.

The nominating committee would like to recommend the following officers for the coming year. The election of officers will be held at the June 2nd meeting. Any nominations from the floor should be presented at the May 11th meeting. For S.L. (Pres.): Gary Corippo; Exc. Officer (V.P.): Jeff Welles; Adjutant (Sect'y): Elaine Borden; Finance (Treas.): Rosemary Netto; Board of Directors: Obie Atkinson, Keith Bowers, Dirk Hale, Dave Geiger, Don Leedom, Bob Markwith and Glen Thomson.

Has everyone sold all their BENEFIT DRAWING (raffle) tickets??? It is a MUST for everyone to turn in their money (\$50) and stubs at the May 11th meeting to Bob Miller or Rosemary. VERY IMPORTANT!!!! All tickets not sold are needed to sell at the fly-in on May 17th. If you can't get to the meeting, please mail the money and stubs to PO Box 570, P.R. 93447 or call Bob (434-1888) or Rosemary (467-3521) and we can make arrangements to pick them up.

Please welcome new members: Paul Schweich, Merlyn Butler, Charles O'Donnell, Paul Bragg, Tom and Margarite Nunn, Ben Tuckev and Tracy Saylor. We now have 103 on the membership list.

And now a FLY-IN message from Elaine, Co-Chairperson....

The Flyin arrangements are going great. We have all the approvals we need but still not enough workers. If you have not volunteered to work yet please give Elaine Borden a call at 239-3358 or at work 466-7411. Also if you have volunteered for only 1 shift and are willing to help out with another I would love to here from you.

For all the chairpersons I will need your up-to-date written report and information by Saturday, May 9th. If you need any help please give Elaine a call. I also need by the 9th a list of all your workers with telephone numbers so I can make out the passes and meal tickets. If you feel you need to meet with either Bob or myself or both of us, please call and we will make arrangements.

Saturday May 16, 1992 we will have a set up and dress rehearsal for Sunday. It will start at 8:00 and will probably last all day. Please be there at 8:00 willing and able to work. The more people we have the faster it will go. Please bring hammers, work tools, etc. as we will be putting up tents and signs in addition to coordinating Sunday's events.

On Sunday, the 17th we are planning to start at 6:00. If you want to be there at that time great - chairmen should - all workers at least for the morning shift should be there by 8:00. Many of the concessionaires are planning to have coffee and snacks for sale for the workers.

One other area we really need help with is providing housing and transportation for the pilots. Please call me if you can provide one or both. Some pilots will be arriving Saturday and accommodations need to be provided.

We are asking all volunteers to park at the CAF hanger on Sunday. There will be a shuttle to get you over to the airport and back.

Please be sure to purchase your Flyin tee shirts at the next meeting or at the Flyin. We would like everyone wearing one.

For those of you that have wondered if I was maybe at least a little crazy I now can offer some real evidence that it isn't just a little. Through the generosity of one of our members - which will remain anonymous (unless "you" want to tell them ???) I will be doing a buddy jump. It is something I have always wanted to do so I am really excited. I sure hope I feel the same way afterwards. There will be also a special benefit sale of tickets for a buddy jump so join the land of the brave.

I am taking the week before the Flyin as vacation time so if you have any questions or need some help please give me a call at home.

Someone told me that not everyone read this. Well - if you don't call me by May 9th and volunteer I will be calling you and by then all the fun jobs will be gone - so I hope you took the time to read this newsletter.

Elaine Borden
Co-Chairperson

"WHAT IS THE VALUE OF ONE MEMBER"

Ten little members standing in a line. One disliked the president, then there were nine.

Nine ambitious members offered to work late. One forgot their promise, then there were eight.

Eight creative members had ideas good as heaven. One lost enthusiasm, then there were seven.

Seven loyal members got into a fix. They quarreled over programs, and then there were six.

Six members remained with spirit and drive. One moved away, then there were five.

Five steadfast members withed there were more. One became indifferent, then there were four.

Four cheerful members who never disagree, 'til one complained of meetings; then there were three.

Three eager members! What do they do? One got discouraged, then there were two.

Two earnest members each enrolled one more—Doubling their number, and then there were four.

Four determined members just couldn't wait—'till each won another, then there were eight!

Eight excited members signed up 16 more. In another six verses, there'll be a thousand twenty-four.

THE SENSE OF A GOOSE

Next spring when you see geese heading back north for the summer, flying along in a V-formation, you might be interested in knowing what scientists have discovered about why they fly that way. It has been learned that as each bird flaps its wings it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in a V-formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own. BASIC TRUTH: People who share a common direction and a sense of communication get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the trust of one another.

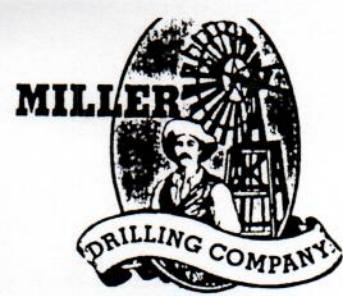
Whenever a goose falls out of formation it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the birds immediately in front. BASIC TRUTH: If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed the same way we are going.

When the lead goose gets tired, the goose rotates to the back and another goose flies the point. BASIC TRUTH: It pays to take turns doing hard jobs with people (or geese flying north).

The geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. BASIC TRUTH: We need to be careful what we say when we honk from behind.

Finally, when a goose gets sick or is wounded by gunshot or falls out, two geese fall out of formation and follow down to help and protect it. They stay with that goose until it is either able to fly or until it is dead, and then they launch out on their own or with another formation to catch up with their group. FINAL TRUTH: If we have the sense of a goose, we will stand by each other.

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