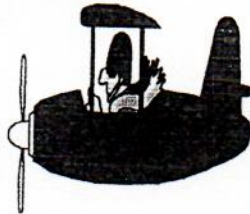


# CONFEDERATE AIR FORCE

## *Estrella Squadron*



All the news that's fit  
to print and then some!

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## B-29 "FIFI" HERE ON JUNE 29!!!

**\*\*PUBLIC INVITED TO ATTEND ARRIVAL AND RECEPTION\*\***

### Afternoon Arrival

On Monday, June 29 at approximately 1:00pm, "FIFI," the CAF's fabulous B-29, will arrive at the Paso Robles Airport! It will be a once in a lifetime opportunity to see this incredibly restored airplane circle the field and glide in on a long final to our own runway!

BE THERE FOR THIS  
NOSTALGIC FLIGHT!!!

There will be a "PR" flight at approximately 2:00pm, soon after "FIFI's" arrival so you will get another chance to see her in action. The airplane will be open to the public for tours on the following day, Tuesday the 30th, through Thursday, July 2nd, from 10:00am to 7:00 pm each day.

### Pilots & Crew Reception at Paso Robles Inn

A "Meet the Pilots & Crew" reception will be held at the Paso Robles Inn the evening of "FIFI's" arrival, June 29, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm in the Matador Room. The public is cordially invited to this affair and it is **STRONGLY** suggested that every member not only show up but bring an interested party or prospective member with him or her to the reception. It is also requested that members wear uniforms.

There will be a "No Host" bar, however, the Paso Robles Inn will provide complimentary hors d'oeuvres and light snacks which is a most generous gesture. As a matter of fact the crew will be staying there as well and the Inn

has been extremely helpful and accommodating to the Squadron.

### Last Chance

The "Last Chance" notice is being included in this newsletter for two reasons. The first is to inform all the members who have not been to a meeting lately (shame!) that "FIFI" will be here. The second reason is the fond hope that each of you receiving the notice will pass it on to an interested party or even go so far as to post it on a bulletin board or elsewhere at your favorite bistro, watering hole, grocery store, restaurant or what-have-you. Just a thought.

### July Meeting Date Change

Our next meeting will be held on Thurs, July 2, 1992 at the Hangar.

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Don Leedom  
Bob Markwith  
Glen Thomson

### (Meeting)

Social Hour commencing at 6:00pm and dinner at 7:00.

THIS IS A ONE-TIME CHANGE FROM OUR USUAL 1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH.

This meeting will be a bit of a special affair with dinner consisting of a Top Sirloin BBQ provided at NO CHARGE by the Squadron. The purpose of this special meeting is twofold; as a Squadron "thank you" to all of the members and a number of friends who helped so much during the Warbirds 1992 Show, and as a "Farewell" to the crew of "FIFI" since she will be taking off the next day. There will be NO formal business meeting so just come on out and enjoy an evening of friendship and conviviality.

Since there will be a number of invited guests, such as the Sheriff's Aero Squadron who helped so much at the show, and since the dinner is being provided at no charge, it is suggested that members limit the number of guests to those who would be interested in joining the Squadron.

### Changing Of The Guard

The election of new Officers and members of the Board of Directors was held at the June meeting. The results are shown in the legend which will be a part of each newsletter from now on. It is fitting with the passing of responsibility that we as a group pledge our support of the new staff, each of whom has already contributed monumentally to the success of the Squadron over the past three years. It is also particularly appropriate that we gratefully acknowledge the leadership, the capability and the hard work of our past and first Squadron Leader, Colonel Glen A. Thomson, without whose efforts, knowledge and drive there would not be an Estrella Squadron. Every member who enjoys the benefits and pleasures of being a part of our group owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to Glen Thomson.

### Bug Smashers

The L-16 is beginning to look more and more like an airplane rather than an assemblage of strange parts. There is a fair turn out of

helpers on the appropriate days but the joys of sanding between coats are apparently not well understood by all in attendance and there are those who seem to fade away when this delightful endeavor presents itself. Don't leave this chore to just a few. The end is in sight so lets keep flailing away and get it done.

### L-Birds

There are L-Birds all over the place! Don Leedom's recent purchase of a beautiful L2M adds another superb restoration to "our" bevy of L-Birds. We offer our congratulations to Don and note that the airplane has been seen parked in front of Amelia's on several occasions while Don enjoys the pleasure of owning an outstanding piece of aviation history. (One of our most devoted workers has made the observation that there is a question as to how much work will be done on Saturdays when all the L-Birds are on line!!)

### Photos

Your Editor will try to remember to bring his camera to the next meeting to get more pictures of members for our photo board. We have had many good comments about it since it helps us all to get to know each other. Please don't hesitate to come up and ask to get your picture "took". To be honest about it there are a number of



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members I do not know by sight so I might overlook someone thinking he or she is a guest. We want pictures of wives as well so please collar me and say "cheese." If you don't like the results of the amateur photography another picture will be taken at your request!

### **Estrella Warbirds Museum**

The mountain of paper work to be waded through for the establishment of the Estrella Warbirds Museum is slowly being reduced and final permits, permissions and what-not are being arranged for. One of the first items to be considered, as mentioned before, is the selection of the type of "gate guard" aircraft to be placed on the pedestal or pylon which will be at the corner of Dry Creek and Airport Roads.

Suggestions as to type are more than welcome and further suggestions as to where something appropriate might be acquired would be even more welcome. Let Glen Thomson know if you have something in mind.



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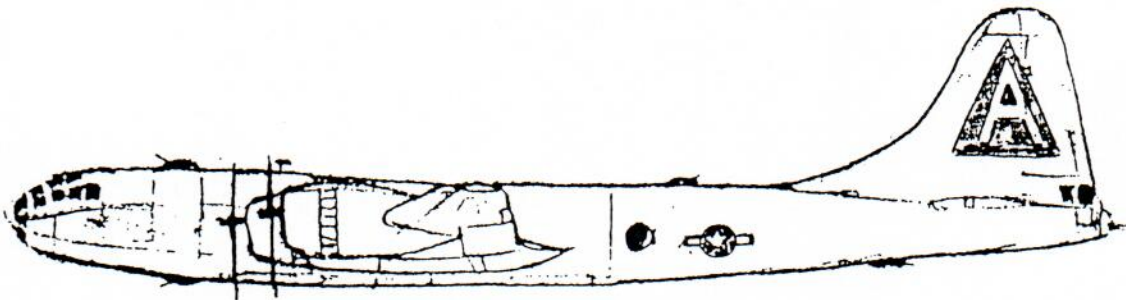
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# B-29

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IN THE WORLD

THE PLANE THAT DROPPED THE ATOM BOMB



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