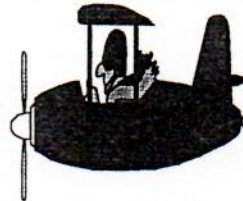


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to print and then some!

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August Meeting

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

There will be a chicken barbecue along with some rice dishes served up by our hard working and always superb dinner crew. It is also to be hoped that the old bean pot will be there because the CAF beans are truly great.

It is to be hoped that the members and other attendees really appreciate the few who put these meals on month after month. We have had nothing but excellent food and the dinners certainly contribute to our whole meeting atmosphere.

The entertainment for the meeting was to have been a travelogue by the two intrepid L-5 pilots, Jeff Welles and Dick Griffith. who

were to tell us of their trip to the L-Bird Fly-In at Keokuk ...Keokuk??? which is someplace east of Oklahoma, apparently.

Unfortunately, a recalcitrant voltage regulator and a few other minor problems ended the eastward flight near the Colorado River and a good safe pilot decision was made to call off the balance of the trip. The plane is still in Williams, Arizona but will probably be back soon.

In any event there will doubtless be some form of entertainment even if it's just our Leader saying, "Oh, I just want to mention one more thing," so come on out and enjoy our usual happy atmosphere!

Bug Smashers

The L-16 is progressing nicely and Don Leedom has tentatively set the date of August 15 as the goal for

completion. There is still much to be done but the little bird is a far cry from the pile of miscellaneous tubes and stringers that we first gazed upon in the middle of the hangar floor. A lot of hard work has gone into this project and those involved have every right to be proud.

Air Shows

Glen Thomson and wife Betsy, along with Dave Geiger, attended the Livermore Air Show the weekend of the 24th, 25th and 26th of July in the S-2. The accommodations were evidently very nice and the big bird was topped off with fuel which is always a happy occurrence. The PX was to be left at home because the regular PX troops were unable



Turn the Page!

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to attend the meet. A quick decision was made to take a few things after all, however, so Rosemary Netto assembled a number of items which the threesome sold for the happy sum of 400 and some bucks! Well Done!

Hangar Expansion

We have been informed by the city that our permit for adding the small addition to the hangar is almost ready to be issued. This is great news for all of us as we badly need the space to say nothing of the relief that will be provided by bathrooms with real running water and a few other amenities!

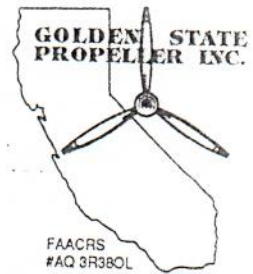
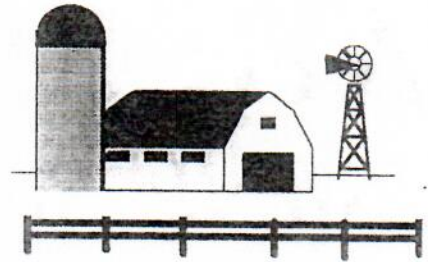
"FIFI's Folly"

The disappointment at not having FIFI here certainly didn't dampen the enthusiasm that was noted at the wonderful buffet/barbecue provided for us at the special meeting. We had a great turn-out, (so okay, the food was free!) but best of all was the news that we have picked up so many new members! We are delighted to welcome them into the group and look forward to seeing them out at the Hangar as often as possible. If you as a new member feel at all uncomfortable just stick out your hand and introduce yourself. You will not only be welcomed but somebody will probably stick a shovel or a broom or a lawn mower in your hand and you will be introduced to the more glamorous aspects of being a member of this auspicious bunch. In truth, we are delighted to have you with us.

Editor Goofs Off Again

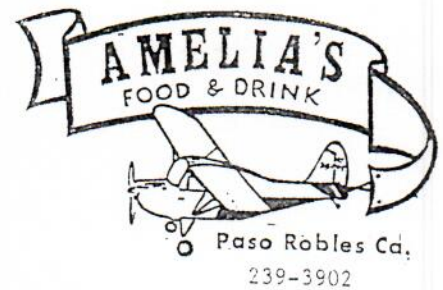
As usual your Editor has to make his annual trek to Pennsylvania (the last one, hopefully) so "Good Ol' Rosemary" has volunteered to pound out a September newsletter. Actually, we have had several excellent suggestions as to ways to improve the newsletter (besides dumping the Editor) and starting this fall we will try to have some special columns such as member profiles and other things of interest. Meanwhile, thanks Rosemary, and

we will see you all in mid-September, the good Lord willin' and the creek don't rise.



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