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DECEMBER 31, 1992: Everyone is invited to a New Years Party at the home of Keith Bowers and Elaine Borden at 5420 Deer Creek Way, P.R. (On a left downwind at PR, turn east on a 50 degree radial). Starts at 8PMish till ? Please B.Y.O.B., an hors-d'oeuvre and if you wish a bottle of champagne for Midnight. Let's have a gathering for fun and fellowship. R.S.V.P. would be appreciated but not necessary, call 239-3358 for RSVP and/or directions.

JANUARY 2, 1993: Please come out and help celebrate the maiden voyage of the L-16 on this historic day. It is finally complete and ready to fly and join her sisters in the "patch". To celebrate this long for awaited day, the L-16 owners are putting on a champagne breakfast. The charge will be the small amount of \$5.00 per person, including champagne. Festivities start at 10AM with breakfast served at 11am. CAF, friends and all are invited. We have also invited all the TAILDRAGONS in the neighborhood to be on display. Shine (or rain). Just in case, we have bought Obbie a raincoat.

JANUARY 5, 1993: Our regular January meeting will begin with a 6PM social hour, Gary Corippo has promised a Top Sirloin Bar-b-que, complete with beans, etc. at 7PM, followed by a meeting and speaker.

FEBRUARY 13/14, 1993: We are very privileged to have as our guest the one and only Aerobatic pilot, WAYNE HANDLEY. He will be giving half hour rides, plain or fancy, for the price of \$100.00. There is a very limited amount of rides available in his Pitts. If you are interested please call Rosemary at 467-3521 as soon as possible. This is a chance in a lifetime. A \$50.00 deposit (or full amount) will be due and payable by the Feb. 2nd CAF meeting.

FEBRUARY 21/22, 1993: Trip to San Diego, see attached flyer!!!!!!

MAY 23, 1993: THE AIRSHOW IS FAST APPROACHING...HAVE YOU SIGNED UP???

Mark your calendars NOW.....

*Happy New Year!*

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TRIP TO THE SAN DIEGO AIR/SPACE MUSEUM

FEBRUARY 20 - 21 1993

Over the last couple of months some of you have heard me speak of a trip to San Diego, Ca. and the Air and Space Museum located there. After much wrangling over costs, dates, schedules, etc. here it is.

The dates are February 20-21, 1993. Departure time is 7 AM Saturday, 2/20 and the return arrival is scheduled for 7 PM on Sunday, 2/21. As it stands now, the cost of the trip will be \$100.00 per person.

What do you get for your hundred bucks?? You get a seat on a new modern style tour bus with on board restroom. You get a room at a fine hotel in San Diego within walking distance of the Old Town section of San Diego. This area is built on the original site of the first San Diego and has many fine curio shops, restaurants and fantastic shopping. You get a pass to the museum. On Sunday, you'll have a chance to visit with some folks of Air Group One which is our sister unit in El Cajon, and see their facility and aircraft. Oh, and yes you do get a free ride home.

We have approximately 44 seats to fill, so it will be first come, first served. It is important to fill the bus because we are paying for all of the seats, whether 20 go or 44 go. Obviously, this is open to all members, but if we don't fill all of the seats, then we will open it up to guests. So if there are friends who would like to go I'll start a stand-by list. They will be notified on the 3rd of February if they will be riding along.

For those of you who want to go but don't want to see the museum, we are planning on stopping at the hotel before going to the museum. This will allow those that want to shop (ATTENTION LADIES) or just relax to do so.

If you are interested we will be conducting a sign up on the January 5th evening meeting. All monies to paid before or at the February 2nd meeting. Let's all make a good showing.

If there are any questions, or concerns, please call me at 237-0819, if no answer, call Rosemary 467-3521. If you can't make the January meeting, but want to go, call me and I'll put your name on the list. Checks can be mailed to PO Box 570, Paso Robles, Cal. 93447.

Depending on the turn out on this trip, we plan on more trips of this nature to different museums, some will be day trips, some may be of several days, based on what YOU want. No matter what, it will be lots of fun, informative and a good way to become better acquainted. It takes a lot of work to get all the details together for such a trip, so lets all show our support.

Dirk Hale 237-0819

"WARBIRD SCENE" Vol. 1V  
By: Col. Tom Leatherwood

The pickins get a little slim this time of year on the warbird scene. Airshow season is over and it seems like everyone is hold-up in their hangers doin those "winter" projects. I know I've got a few of those projects myself that need doin, except that my hanger has been so cold I've considered renting it to Albertsons for meat storage. Hibernation sounds like a better alternative. At least they don't have this problem in Florida which is good considering the amount of "projects" their facing.

The Weeks Museum is starting to get back on it's feet after the hurricane. The restoration shop wasn't as bad as originally thought and work is starting to progress, though slowly, on some of the aircraft. Damage estimates stand at around 4 million and will probably go higher. Sadly the most severely damaged aircraft was the Boeing model 100. The oldest Boeing in existence. Nearly all the wood will have to be replaced which means literally years in restoration.

On the positive side of all this is that Kermit was able to buy the Ford Tri-motor that many of us have seen at the Flying Lady museum up at south county. Although the fact that it was sold indicates that the museum is having financial problems of their own. This airplane will replace the one torn up in "Andrew" while (if) its being rebuilt. Fortunately one of the toughest problems in Tri-Motor restoration has been solved. Another Ford project has had dies made to produce the corrugated skin unique to that aircraft and they are available to anyone needing them.

A particularly noteworthy event has taken place in Canada recently. The finishing touches to a 21 year restoration have been applied and first flights have been made. The aircraft is The Fairey Swordfish belonging to Bob Spence of Ontario Canada. This aircraft served the British prior to and during the early days of WW 11 as a Carrier born torpedo bomber. A huge open cockpit three place (tandem) Bi-plane that was considered a relic in 1940. The Swordfish had a cruising speed of 110 mph and was a sitting duck for even the slowest of the German pursuits. In spite of these shortcomings the aircraft was instrumental in helping to sink the German Battleship Bismark. A torpedo from a Swordfish damaged the ships rudder which prevented her from maneuvering effectively, thus allowing the British Navy to come in and finish her off.

The Swordfish was a particularly difficult rebuild as virtually every part needed had to be hand made. Although there are a number of these aircraft in museums there are only (now) 2 flyable examples. One in England. The Santa Monica Museum also has a fuselage of one hanging from the ceiling. The Engine on this monster is the Bristol Pegasus radial which was overhauled and installed by Mike Connors in Florida.

**Gone West:** We've just received the sad news of the passing of one of local aviations most prominent members. John Dagle of San Luis Obispo died saturday night. John was well known throughout our community and will be missed. Our heartfelt condolences to Johns family and friends. Memorial flyovers were conducted on wednesday.  
AdiosJohn.....



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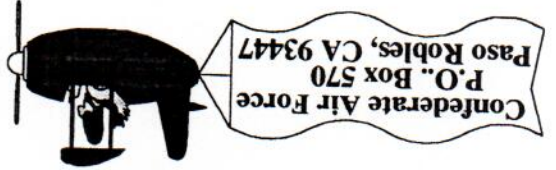
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