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

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A Colonel Gone West...

by Col. Gary Corippo

One of the toughest jobs to do as a Squadron Leader is to report to you the loss of one of our fellow members. It is with heavy heart that I inform you that Col. Bill Price passed away on Friday, March 19, 1993. We will miss his camaraderie and his dedication to the Confederate Air Force and the Estrella Squadron. We could always count on him to do more than his share on any project and he was always first to come forward for a detail. You would think that after his tour in Vietnam he would know better than to volunteer but I guess he didn't remember that part of his training because he always seemed to be volunteering for something. Bill will be missed because of what he loved, what he did and what he stood for. Our

heart goes out to his family and we can only be glad to have been his friend.

Have a good flight Colonel and be sure to check your six!

April Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on April 6, 1993 at the Hangar. Social Hour commencing at 6:00pm and Dinner at 7:00pm. We will again have a fish dinner which, if as good as the last fish dinner, should prove to be nothing short of great.

Our speaker for the meeting was to have been William Rhodes who was General Douglas MacArthur's personal pilot during World War II. Unfortunately, Mr. Rhodes has evidently just been informed that he has a terminal illness and has asked

to be relieved of his engagement. In view of his incredibly interesting background we are hoping to be able to interview him on tape at his home, nearby, if it's not too much for him.

As you may know, the CAF Museum is trying to tape as many individuals with interesting personal World War II stories as they can find and Mr. Rhodes' experiences would not only be highly interesting to us but should be preserved as valuable historical material.

In any event, our program for the meeting is unknown at the moment but all of this has made us aware of the fact that we have a number of our own members who have some pretty fantastic stories too.

Consequently, we are planning to do some interviews of our own and there will be more on this later...



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A Word...From the Squadron Leader

Re: '93 Airshow

Well, colonels and ladies, it is time again to start thinking AIRSHOW and we are really gearing up for a great one. This year we are going to improve on last year's show and try to learn in all areas that seemed to be lacking in one way or another. I guess this is a business just like any other and if you have never been involved with an airshow we have to go through a few of them before we start to plug all the holes and figure out what sells and what doesn't.

We think that we have lined up some real show stoppers for this year and it won't be too long before we will start to have a following in the airshow circuit that will make our job a lot easier than it is now.

Of course this comes with time and experience. In due time we should have the whole thing down pat and people in the future will not have to do as much leg work as the present group.

I would like to ask every colonel, every friend of the wing and their ladies, to step forward and lend a hand for this '93 Airshow. With everyone's help it will be a huge success and not be a large job for just a few. We will be calling on all of you to bear a hand and help in some capacity. IF WE DON'T CALL YOU, CONTACT ONE OF US!! We sometimes forget that we have 110 members and if everyone volunteers we will have the job done in no time.

We are on the edge of some very big things coming for your squadron and the way we can fund these different projects is to get in and work for them. The '93 Airshow is one of the best ways to make the projects happen. As you may have read in the newspaper, we are in negotiations with the city for a piece of property so that we can some day have our own hangar facility. Every day it seems that someone new is either inquiring about or joining our squadron so the word is getting out that we are doing things. It is starting to catch on with the air buffs that there is "something going on at the hangar across the field".

AND SO I ASK EVERY ONE OF YOU TO DO YOUR PART AND HELP OUT IN ANY WAY THAT YOU CAN. IF YOU ARE ASKED, JUST SAY, "YES". AND IF YOU ARE NOT ASKED THEN

VOLUNTEER. WE CAN MAKE THIS AIRSHOW SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF, MAKE SOME MONEY, AND WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDE YOU WILL HAVE FUN ALSO. IF EVERY ONE WILL WORK JUST ONE SHIFT WE CANNOT FAIL. NOW IS THE TIME TO ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES AND GET TO WORK ON OUR FUTURE AND A NEW FACILITY THAT WILL BE THE ENVY OF EVERYONE THAT IS NOT NOW A MEMBER OF THE CONFEDERATE AIR FORCE, ESTRELLA SQUADRON.



Condolences

As a group we extend our sincere sympathy to our fellow tenants and friends at the airport, Skydive Paso Robles, over the tragic loss of Jumpmaster, Al Stephens. We especially send our heartfelt condolences to Debbie, Al's wife, and we pray for God's strength to help her during this painful time.



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Fighters '93

Plans are going well for the May 23rd Airshow but there is still a lot to be done. A list of Committee Chairpersons appeared in the last newsletter. This list was, no doubt, cut out and affixed to the door of each member's refrigerator so that he or she would be reminded to call to volunteer their services!!

In all seriousness, the Chairpersons spend months organizing and doing most of the up front work for the show. Anything that can be done to help with this work will be sincerely appreciated. It doesn't take a lot of effort on the part of most of the members because so much is done during January through May by the Chairs, but they can definitely use help.

The Airshow itself lasts all of six to eight hours and this is an extremely short period to accomplish everything we set out to do, like raising most of the money from ticket sales at the gate, holding the raffle and everything else that makes the Show a success while it's in progress. **WE NEED BODIES** for this **VERY SHORT** period of time to make the thing work. This is not much time to ask each member to give. There aren't many of us to put on a show of this size so getting **EVERYONE** to help is **VITALLY** necessary.

It's **OUR** show and only **OUR** efforts can make it work.



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There is also a certain amount of necessary last minute set up work that can't be done earlier, on Saturday, Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Please plan to hang around the Hangar after the Saturday dinner and help load the flatbed trailer with stuff to take over to the other side of the airport.



Corporate Sponsors

Obbie Atkinson and others are working very hard to sign up as many corporate sponsors as possible. To that end, we are enclosing one sign-up sheet in each newsletter. Please read it carefully so you will understand what it entails. Then, if at all possible, take a crack at signing up some one. Try to go for the two hundred dollar deal but don't be shy about trying one of the others. Can you imagine what we would have if each member signed up a two hundred dollar sponsor!!!

Those of you who have been wondering what you could do to participate... here's your **BIG CHANCE**.



The Russians Are Coming!! The Russians Are Coming!!

It is pretty well confirmed that a group of Russians on a tour of the western U.S., South America and Australia will be visiting our '93

Airshow! We believe there will be two aircraft attending, and AN-2 and an AN-4 (Antonov). They are evidently going to cross the Bering Straits, fly down to Seattle and make only one other stop here... at **OUR** Airshow! More on this later!!



Special Thanks!

This little column is getting longer and longer!! First of all we want to thank Obbie Atkinson and Pete Johnston for arranging the sale of the Snap-On truck that we were given as a donation. This amounted to a substantial amount of money for our Squadron and we are most thankful.

We are also delighted to single out Joe Nutile of ColorCraft Printing in Atascadero. Bob Singleton sort of wandered in to Joe's shop, hat-in-hand, to take Joe up on an offer he had made to your editor last year about printing for the Airshow. Bob was hoping to get a couple of hundred preliminary posters printed up on inexpensive paper at a reduced rate. He walked out with 2,000 sheets printed on bright yellow eye-catching high grade paper at no charge whatsoever!!! **THANK YOU, JOE!**

(Joe, by the way, runs one heck of a nice, big, commercial print shop and can do almost any kind of work from simple to complex full color stuff).



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Flight Safety Information

No.3 April 1993
By Bob Singleton
Flight Safety Officer

We want to be responsible tenants at Paso Robles Airport. With that in mind I discussed Airport Flight Safety with Roger Oxborrow, Paso Robles Airport Manager. He brought up three concerns for us and all pilots.

A. Landings and Takeoffs on Taxiways:

This is a violation of State Aviation Law and Airport Regulations. The Airport Manager cannot approve landings and T.O.'s from taxiways. Approval can only follow a complete environmental impact report and a review and modification of Airport Regulations. There are two exceptions:

1. Ultralights are permitted to land and T.O. on the East-West taxiway, (taxiway "E", the nearest one to our hangar).
2. Pilots can declare an **EMERGENCY** by transmission to state that they cannot land on the normal favorable wind runway due to adverse winds or other emergency conditions.

B. Ground Vehicles on the Airport:

These vehicles are not permitted within 500 feet of a runway or allowed to cross a runway. This includes the SW end of runway 01. They are not allowed on taxiways. This is especially true on Taxiway E due to ultralight activity. By the rules, ground vehicles are permitted to operate within the above areas if:

1. Prior approval by Airport Manager
2. The vehicle has a rotating yellow light
3. The vehicle is escorted by the Airport Manager

C. Low Approach Procedure:

Aircraft are allowed a low approach right over the runway centerline below 500 feet **IF THE CONDITIONS DEPICTED ON THE AIRPORT SAFETY AREA DRAWING EXIST.**

If the conditions stated on the drawing do NOT exist; e.g. an aircraft on the ground but within the Runway Safety Area, the low approach aircraft must stay at least 500 feet above the runway.

D. Excessive Transmission on CTAF 123.0 MHz.

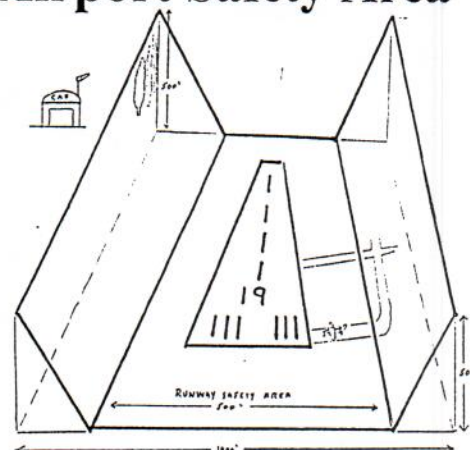
This will be a subject on a future Flight Safety Report.



Dues...

This is just a reminder that Dues are payable for the year as of May 1st 1993! The April meeting would be a great time to bring your checkbook!

Airport Safety Area



Low Approach Procedure:

1. Maintain Runway Centerline below 500' AGL
2. Airspeed below 250 kts IAS
3. NO other aircraft or persons within Runway Safety Area.
4. 3000' Separation between aircraft in the traffic pattern
5. Announce intentions on 123.0 MHz
6. Slower aircraft in the pattern have right-of-way.

Uniforms

In order to foster the semi-military flavor of the CAF, (and after all, we ARE promoting the restoration and preservation of WW2 aircraft), it has been suggested that more colonels purchase and wear uniforms that are available from the Headquarters PX. It is almost a necessity that those who are assigned duties on the field during the airshow, such as parking aircraft and other ramp assignments, be dressed appropriately, either in special flight suits as determined by the Ramp Boss or in regular flight suits or Class B or C uniforms.

Headquarters has two different flight suits available, one in fire retardant Nomex and the other a short sleeved cotton/polyester. The Class B and C uniforms consist of trousers and a shirt plus cap. (Those who already have military or other

appropriate flight suits obviously are welcome to wear them).

To give you an idea as to what's available we have assembled some rather dated material and pictures. At the moment, this is all that can be found to look at since Headquarters has not issued any new catalogs or brochures in the interest of keeping costs down. The price list was sent to us just last week, however, and while it may not be exactly up to date, at least you can get an idea as to what some of the uniforms look like and cost. Approximately twenty five copies of this information will be available at the meeting. It is suggested that you contact Headquarters at the number shown on the first page of the information packet and discuss with them exactly what you need. They are most helpful.

Raffle Tickets

In the near future, each member will be receiving his or her small stack of raffle tickets to sell. There will probably be only 25 per member this year rather than 50. Please try your best to sell every ticket. As agreed before, these are assigned by batch number and each member is responsible for turning in the appropriate amount of money for each batch. Obviously, those of us who are rotten solicitors wind up buying a few tickets but at two bucks each it won't kill us. The alternative is to get out there and peddle them!!!

The prizes are: #1 A ride in a tandem, real live P-51!!! #2 and 3, either a television, a camera, a nice dinner somewhere or something else

to be determined later. We should be informed at the next meeting as soon as they have been decided upon.

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YOUR SPONSORSHIP MAKES IT ALL HAPPEN! IT WILL BE USED TO COVER THE EXPENSES OF THE VISITING PILOTS AND PERFORMERS. YOUR DONATION WILL BE USED LOCALLY FOR LODGING, FOOD AND FUEL. THE ESTRELLA SQUADRON OF THE C.A.F. HAVE COMMIT-TED \$18,000 OF THEIR OWN FUNDS TO ASSURE THE DYNAMIC SUCCESS OF THE EVENT. IN ADDITION, FULL MEDIA COVERAGE IS ASSURED, SUCH AS, TELEVISION, RADIO AND NEWSPAPERS.

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2. Your name will be placed on or next to a show aircraft and you will be identified as the show sponsor of that aircraft.
3. Your name will be repeatedly announced as the aircraft show sponsor during the flying activities of your aircraft.
4. You will receive 10 passes to the show, valued at \$50.00 to use as you choose.
5. Some aircraft owners or pilots may permit a ride for the aircraft sponsor. No rides can be guaranteed by the C.A.F.
6. You will be invited Saturday, 5/22/93, to the Early Bird BBQ dinner at the C.A.F. hanger. There you will meet the show pilots, other sponsors, and C.A.F. staff. No host meal and bar.

_____ \$150 SPONSOR

1. All the above, excluding 10 airshow passes.

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