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# Airshow a Rousing Success !!

The 4th Annual Estrella Squadron Air show was, by any measure, an unqualified smash hit!! The weather held (despite a hefty wind), the airplanes were super, the crowd was great and everybody had a good time.

There are no hard facts available as of this writing as far as numbers and dollars are concerned but we should have a report by the meeting.

Members came out of the woodwork to help, new ones and old ones, which was most gratifying to all those who put so much time end effort into getting ready. Everyone who helped deserves a big pat on the back!

There were too many people involved to single out individuals for special praise but for those participating we all know who threw themselves into the midst of the fray and made the thing work.

### June Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on June 1, 1993 at the Hangar. Social hour commencing at 6:00pm and dinner at 7:00pm. Dinner will be fairly simple, probably hamburgers on the grill with a salad.

There will not be a formal program but we should hear a recap of the Airshow results as to the number in attendance, the amount of money taken in, etc. In other words, it will give us a chance to relax, put our feet up and take a breath after a lot of hard work!! Later on in the month we will probably hold a squadron sponsored barbecue as a thank you for all those who helped before and during the airshow.

#### Letters of Thanks

Elaine Borden has again offered to write and send out letters to those individuals, businesses and organizations deserving of our special thanks for their participation in or contribution to the Airshow or the Squadron in general.

This is a very meaningful offer on her part and a highly important one as far as our entire organization concerned. Committee chairpersons, staff and, for that matter, anyone else with a good idea as to someone who should be recognized, should get in touch with Elaine at 238-3358 or her new business number, 466-1010. Be prepared to supply her with correct names and proper addresses as well as an indication of the service or services provided. DO THIS, its vital! We don't want to forget someone!

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#### An Observation

The annual Airshow, as well as occasional parades and flybys for various reasons and purposes, are the public and outside manifestations of our existence as an organization. For many of us, membership in the Squadron assumes a different role which is more personal and which. perhaps, fulfills some mild inner hankerings which are probably as varied as the number of members.

If some of the ideas and possibilities that are being discussed come to fruition, such as a real place of our own, a new hangar, a museum, convenient working facilities, some outbuildings and so on, we can have an organization that will be

second to none for its type and probably one of the most prestigious and enviable in the whole Central Coast.

All of this is possible but we all must have two things in common; the willingness to make it happen and the spirit of cooperation as a group.

Our organization is composed of more than 115 members, some CAF Colonels and Squadron members and others as Squadron members only. Those who are Colonels are such by choice but ALL of us are Squadron members,

In recent months there seems to have been a resurgence of feelings among some who believe that the Squadron is run by a few for a few. THIS COULD NOT BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH. Every single member is vital to our organization and every member carries the same weight. Some may be more involved than others but we are all working toward the same goals.

Ours is one of the most diverse yet unselfish groups of people that can be found anywhere. We're all different, but just by watching every one pitching in at the Airshow gave ample evidence of the spirit of cooperation that can and, for the most part, does exist. For this next year, let's back up our staff to the hilt and see if we can't make this organization the best OF ANY TYPE in the area. If you have questions, voice them, if you have suggestions, make them, but please, be up-front about anything that's on your mind so that we can set clear goals and strive to reach them.

## Airshow Committee Chairpersons Meeting

On Thursday, June 4, at 7:30 pm there will be a meeting at the Hangar of all Committee Chairpersons for a brief rehash of some of the problems that surfaced at the Airshow. At that time there will also be a request that Chairs take some time (not necessarily for this meeting) to try to put in writing a sort of job description or responsibilities list for their particular committee. By so doing we hope to assemble additional material for an overall "guide" or manual for future airshows to supplement information that Gary Corippo has been gathering right along. If you have any questions please call Bruce Toomey, 238-9266 (H) or 238-9516 (W).

That's it!! See you Tuesday.

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