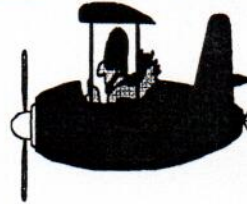


# CONFEDERATE AIR FORCE NEWS

## *Estrella Squadron*



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

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### January Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 4 1994 at the Hangar. Social Hour commencing at 6:00pm and dinner at 7:00pm.

The program for the evening will probably be provided by Mr. Charlie Stender who is manager of Flight Test for the Hughes Aircraft Company in Van Nuys. Charlie was supposed to be here for the December meeting but was unable to make it at the last moment. In any event, it should be most interesting and we urge you to attend.

### Building Dismantling Rate Exceeds All Expectations

The dismantling crew under the direction of Dave Geiger has been performing nothing short of miracles!

The original plan was for the "old guys" to take off only the side panels and then have a professional crew remove the roofing and take down the red iron. Well, if you've seen what's going on down there, the "old guys"

have just jumped in and taken the side panels off, the roof off and are currently in the midst of taking down the red iron as well! And this is just the first building!

Now they have attacked the big building (hangar) and at last view the side panels were all off and there were several brave souls on the roof working on it!

As of this writing the first of the 40 x 100 buildings was all but leveled, the siding is off the main building and the roof is being attacked next. A lot more work has been done in others areas as well. Those who have passed by the Airport site will see that there are even trailer loads of material that already have been delivered. This is truly an incredible accomplishment by a group of volunteers.

Unfortunately, the number of volunteers has dwindled from the initial enthusiastic group to the usual hard core few who seem to carry much of the weight of the organization in most areas.

Obviously, there are many members with other things to do like earning a living and family things. Out of 120 on the list, however, there should be any number of people who could

contribute some time to this undertaking..

We have been given first class equipment to work with for the heavy chores and we could certainly repay some of this generosity by pitching in and getting the work done promptly.

There is still a LOT to do. **DON'T LEAVE ALL THE WORK TO SOMEBODY ELSE.** Call Dave Geiger at 239-1598 and ask what you can do or just show up at 9:00am any morning and dive in.

### Air Show Date Now Cast in Stone (hopefully)

Now that we have gone through our mackerel act between May and June dates it has finally been decided that JUNE 4th & 5th is IT!! Granted there is a conflict with Merced but it was felt that the Merced show attracted more of the homebuilders and smaller stuff and our concentration is primarily military and, of course, the races this year.

Work is progressing at a furious rate under the able direction of Pasquale Mastantuono and committee

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PX Team	
Emil Mesko	238-6629
Safety Team	
Bob Singleton	239-2084
Ground Equipment Team	
Dave Geiger	239-1598
Insurance Team	
Rusty Roy	237-9684
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Rusty Roy	238-3940W
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Emil Mesko	238-6629
Security - Night	
George Netto	467-3521

## Airshow cont'd.

chairpersons are being asked to get as much organized as possible as early as possible..

A very impressive Sponsor's Package is being prepared which will go a long way toward selling them on what we can do for them.

Good looking programs are being arranged for and space for sponsors will be allocated in the program. The program producers will also sell commercial space in it to others and we will share in those proceeds as well.

## Airshow Committees & Chairpersons

The various Airshow committees and chairpersons are shown below:

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Bob Singleton	239-2084
Concessions	
Hal Chilton	434-4543W 239-3679H

Beer Booths?  
Wine Booths?  
Pepsi Booth?  
CAF/Museum Info Booth?  
P-51 Raffle/Rides?  
Programs?  
Friday Park Activities?  
Corporate Sponsor Area/Tents?

Hang onto this list. If you can help in any area call the chairperson. THANK you !!

## "WARBIRD SCENE"

>>>by Col. Tom Leatherwood<<<

Well, It's over. Christmas! I'll just say one thing about Christmas (rather than the book I could write) Christmas is a VERB! Think about it.

Moving write along..... Here it is the 27th of December and I haven't the foggiest idea what to get into here..... Each deadline seems to creep up on me unawares. There's really so much that should be discussed and analyzed in a column like this it's hard to know where to start. Sometimes I feel like saying the hell with it. Do it next month. Yet I feel that its important to keep it up if for no other reason than to keep us aware of what we're about. It's easy to get caught up in all the administrative issues we have to deal with. The everyday events and problems in keeping any association functioning. Meetings, finance, membership, our facility, etc. Those of us that have aircraft and fly regularly have an easier time keeping our focus on our true purpose. Hopefully this column will help to keep our members that can't , and don't , feel more in touch with who's who and what's what in our world.

Our World"..... I sometime wonder if it really is JUST our world. Will people two or three generations from now feel about it as we do? I don't feel any particular affinity with World War One.....? Of course World War Two was a whole different ball game, technologically speaking. But also, for me, its my legacy. My Fathers War. I have a connection. Our group consists almost in whole of veterans and the children of veterans. Will our children's children feel the same connection.? Will it live on in their lives ? Will they carry the torch? Should it be carried on? ..... No answers here, just points to ponder.

Getting back to the "real" issues at hand, here's a news bit out of England

that's pretty extraordinary! It seems that while excavating for a parking lot in Munich Germany, the remains of the prototype for the BF-109B was discovered where (its assumed) it was buried by the US Army at the end of the war! This particular airplane was built at Augsburg-Haunstetten in 1937 and was used to establish speed records at the 1937 Fourth International Flying Meet in Zurich, Switzerland. They estimate its 70% complete with the engine removed prior to burial. Its not known at this time what ,if any, its uses were during the war; In fact, it was considered lost until the time of its discovery.

CAN YOU IMAGINE THIS! What an incredible find! What else is buried or hidden away in Europe or the Pacific just waiting to be discovered? We've all heard stories about aircraft, engines ,jeeps, whatever, that were buried or sunk in the ocean rather than bringing them home. You wonder why people that may have been involved in this activity haven't spoken up and talked about it? How many people does it take to bury a 109? Are they all deceased? We've gone to Greenland and dug 250 feet into the ice to retrieve a P-38. Nothings impossible.

I just received an invitation to participate in the "Freedom Flight of America" . Destined to take place late in 1994. The goal is to get 500 plus military aircraft to take part in a gigantic flight from one side of the USA to the other to commemorate World War Two. I said "thanks" but I'll have to have something a little faster than my BT to entice me to fly "ocean to ocean" in.

Speaking of that, I'm looking at some pictures of a twin-Beech at this moment that is for sale in New Mexico. It belongs to former Astronaut Frank Borman and looks like a good one. Maybe it belongs in Paso Robles?

Here is an interesting article I came across in a 1931 issue of "Western Flying" about Jimmy Doolittle.

### "Jimmie" Takes to His Parachute

Hard luck overtook "Jimmie" Doolittle in June, but the celebrated Doolittle alertness, steel nerve and quickness of decision saved him from what would have been "taps" for 999 out of 1000 pilots. "Jimmy" was speed testing his newly completed low-wing monoplane, flying at about 150 feet over Parks airport, East St. Louis, when the aileron tore loose from the wing.

And what did "Jimmie" do? Try to bring her in quickly for a landing? Not on your life.

He nosed her up in a steep climb and when he reached 300 feet where she wouldn't go any farther, he bailed out. The result, a very much alive Jimmie, but a very cracked up plane in which Jimmie had hoped to win the Thompson Trophy Race at Cleveland this year. The plane, rebuilt entirely under Doolittles supervision, was a cracked up Travel-Air Mystery S.

Incredible! He was a legend even in 1931. I wonder what he would have said if someone had told him then that 10 years later he would be leading 16 B-25s off the deck of an aircraft carrier on their way to bomb Japan.....????? What a life.....

Finally, and it seems almost inevitably, there's another crash to report. On October 15th a T-6 went in near Skaneateles Airport, Syracuse, NY. Killing the pilot Donald Anklin, an aircraft broker from Davidson, North Carolina. He had just finished restoring the "Texan" and was returning to NC for an airshow. Witnesses said he may have been attempting a forced landing on a farm.

ADIOS! And HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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