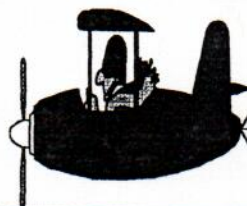


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Estrella Squadron



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

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May 1994

May Meeting

Meeting Coordinator:
Col. Jack Compere
238-9609

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 1994 at the Hangar. Social Hour commencing at 6:00pm and Dinner at 7:00pm.

There will be no program at this meeting which will be a business meeting instead. Unless we have a Special Meeting at the end of May, it will be the last one prior to the Air Show so there is a great deal to be discussed; not only Air Show business but several other items pertaining to many of the projects we have "in the works".

In spite of the fact that there will be no entertainment, as such, we are promised a really excellent dinner so let that be your enticement to attend!

THIS WILL BE A HIGHLY IMPORTANT MEETING. PLEASE BE THERE.

Dues Due

Again a reminder. The number of people paying at the meeting was not exactly overwhelming. Send your check to Rosemary, CAF P.O. Box 570, Paso Robles, CA 93447, NOW!

Air Show Meetings

This is a reminder to committee chairpersons and workers that there will be meetings every Thursday evening at 7:00pm during the month of May at the Hangar regarding Air Show business.

It would also be appreciated if a few other volunteers would show up to find out how they could be of help!

Symphony Guild USO Show May 21 at Hangar

The North County Symphony Guild of the San Luis County Symphony has rented our Hangar to hold a fund raiser on May 21.

The affair will be in the form of a World War II USO show and will feature entertainment by "Mixed Co.", the group of highly talented young ladies who provided us with such a delightful program at our April meeting. May 21, coincidentally, is Armed Forces Day, a highly appropriate date for this show!

The event is scheduled to start at 7:00pm with the show commencing at 8:00pm. Food and beverage in the form of hors d'oeuvres, desserts and

soft drinks will be included for the price of admission. Wine will be available for sale.

Attending our May 3rd meeting will be a number of people from the Guild who will be selling tickets to this event. The Guild actively works for the benefit of the Symphony through their fund raisers such as this and with music fairs and similar fetes, all having to do with music.

With the WW2 theme and utilizing our hangar and aircraft as static displays this will be a decidedly fun event and certainly worthy of our contributory interest and attendance.

Air Show Update

Committee chairpersons are going flat-out as usual in all areas. In addition we are informed that the Corporate Sponsor program under Gregg Cobarr is doing very well and that the following major sponsors are signed up:

Station KST-FM
Station K-JUG
Budweiser
Thrifty Drug Stores
Heritage Oaks Bank
Twin Cities Hospital

Gregg has been working very hard

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on this program and deserves a lot of credit. The major sponsors are vital to the success of our Show.

Col. Obbie has been busting his---- as usual and has come up with at least 30 Aircraft Sponsors and believes that at least 10 more will sign up. He even has at least one or two special ones who will get space on the "main" pylon. As usual, Obbie just quietly works away and brings in the bacon!

That Same Old Song

Starting about January we begin harping on the theme of "volunteerism" regarding the upcoming Air Show. Sorry all, this is nothing new, it's the same old song.

We need help as we always do, but this time it's a little different. We have a two day show coming up. With the Air Races as an extra activity this year we are placing a tremendous burden on those few who always seem to shoulder the work.

We put up a poster of committees on the bulletin board asking for people to

Operating Task Teams

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| Bob Miller | 434-1594 |
| Hangar Team | |
| Hal Chilton | 239-3679 |
| Grounds Team | |
| Bruce Toomey | 238-9266/9516 |
| PX Team | |
| Open | |
| Safety Team | |
| Bob Singleton | 239-2084 |
| Ground Equipment Team | |
| Dave Geiger | 239-1598 |
| Insurance Team | |
| Rusty Roy | 237-9684 |
| Meeting Coordinator - Different member appointed for each meeting | |

sign up and we got a grand total of about FOUR.

Kids, this ain't gonna make it. We have over 120 members of this group and about a third or less are carrying the load.

We realize that everyone has his or her own level of interest and that this is intended to be something we can all enjoy. This is OK but everyone must realize that those who come for the dinners and a little conviviality only will soon find a ratty old hangar and weedy tarmac at the back end of the Nunno property if we can't make a go of this operation.

The Air Show can make or break us. Those out drumming up sponsors are doing a tremendous job of raising a LOT of money but this just helps us get the show STARTED. We need the income from the Show to enable us to carry on with our plans and to provide the type of facility that we can ALL be proud of.

If you think you're having a pretty good time now wait 'till we have a new hangar up and a Meeting Facility with a real kitchen and some storage space

and a nice outdoor sitting area and...well, you all know what we CAN have.

The committee chairpersons are doing so much work themselves that it's almost impossible to believe. Guys are up here on Saturdays and Sundays and after work checking out the race course, building pylons, drawing up plans, calling on the city administrators, cleaning the Hangar, giving of their time. What is required of the rest of our members isn't terribly much. A few days helping out before the show; maybe a few days before and during the show. Just **PLEASE** think about it and offer to help. You're not going to get saddled with some horrible chore that lasts forever and takes all of your free time. The chairpersons are already doing that!! **JUST GIVE THEM A BREAK** and make this show the tremendous success that it can be with **YOUR PARTICIPATION**. You'll be glad you did!!!

T-Shirts & Sweats

At the meeting we will be taking orders for T-shirts and sweat shirts that will be imprinted with the Air Show logo. There is a special pre-show price on these that will **ONLY** be available prior to the show and prior to printing. T-shirts will be \$5.50 and sweats will be \$11.50. Every member should have one of these, not only to promote the show but to bring in some extra bucks as well. Both items will be available at the Hangar as soon as they are printed, well before the Show.

Parking at the Hangar

During the past week it was again necessary to make repairs to the sprinkler system because someone parked their car partially on the grass area at the edge of the ramp. The sprinklers are located very near the asphalt for proper watering of the grass and the weight of an automobile presses down on the nozzle thereby

breaking the underground pipe, usually in two places on either side of the riser.

Please see to it that your tires remain on the asphalt when parking close to the grass. Better yet, why not park on the dirt area to the west of the grass and leave the ramp clear for aircraft unless you're unloading or working from your vehicle on the ramp area?

Oil Disposal

On Saturday the 23rd we were able to get rid of over 80 gallons of old oil thanks to Paso Robles Waste and their free dump program at the Fair Grounds parking lot. We now have two empty barrels at the southwest corner of the Hangar to be used for the disposal of USED OIL ONLY. (At least we did have them until the Race Group stole them for temporary course markers. They promised to get them back!!)

In any event, please do NOT put anything else in these drums; no thinner, no solvents, no gas, no hydraulic fluid or oil. If the old oil is contaminated it is worthless to anyone and will cost us a bundle to dispose of.

“Warbird Scene”

by: Col. Tom Leatherwood

I received a call last week from a gentleman who lives out at Heritage Ranch who had seen the newspaper article about Frank Borman and the twin Beech. It seems that he was stationed on San Clemente Island after the war, as a pilot on AT-7's (Beech 18). The Navy had 15 of them there that they used for testing new kinds of electronic detection gear. They also had a Corsair and a Hellcat

they used for target towing, which he also flew occasionally. He asked me if I would like to have his Pilots operating handbook that he still had after all these years. Of course I was thrilled as my manuals are all Canadian publications, so all of the liquid specs are in imperial gallons, etc. And all of the manuals available commercially are copies and poor ones at that. Anyway he felt that this manual belonged with an airplane and he wanted it to be mine.

I invited him out for a look at the airplane and he brought his wife (of 50 years this month) as well as the manual, which was original and in mint condition. I then showed him and his wife into the hanger whereupon he introduced her to the “other women” in his life. The Twin-Beech. After all these years, he admits to still having a love affair with the airplane,

Airshow Committees & Chairpersons

The various Airshow committees and chairpersons are shown below:

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Gus Gustafson
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Keith Bowers
239-3358

Traffic Control/Tickets
Gary Corippo
238-0888W / 238-2090H

Internal Communications
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Safety/Crowd Control
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239-2084

Concessions
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434-4543W / 239-3679H

Show Publicity/PR
Lloyd Needham
239-3085
Donation Awards
Bob Miller
434-1888W / 434-1594H

Medical/Emergency
Tony Castiglia
434-1864W / 434-1529H

Formula One Races
Jeff Welles
544-7864W / 541-5765H

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Warbirds
Glen Thomson
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Hospitality Tent
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238-5131

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Ralph Grasso
237-2813

Aircraft Fueling
Dave Geiger
239-1598

Sponsors-Planes
Obbie Atkinson
238-9212

Financial
Rosemary Netto
467-3521

Setup & Cleanup
Bruce Toomey
238-9266H / 238-9516W

Insurance
Rusty Roy
238-3940W

PX Sales
OPEN

Security - Night
George Netto
467-3521

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!!

even though he hasn't flown since or even been around one .

He then told me some stories about his experiences in the airplane, presented me with the manual and promised to "think about" coming to one of our meetings some day, although right know he's just "kickin back", enjoying his retirement and his Grandchildren.

His name is Hank Sgheiza, and I hope he does just that.

HUNDREDS OF RARE WARBIRDS TO BE DESTROYED?

At least some people are concerned about that possibility as budget cutbacks and Base closures affect the future of the hundreds of warbirds around the country in museums and as gate guardians. Aircraft collected for the USAF's "Heritage Program". I can only hope that the military cares enough about our history to make sure that these aircraft are made available to responsible groups (guess who) that have proven their ability to care and protect these treasures for future generations. This will be the last large scale opportunity in history to acquire historic aircraft and should be looked into, Gary.

PRESIDENT CLINTON DISCOVERS HELLCAT!

Actually he didn't but his people that were "sweeping" the area around Martha's Vineyard, prior to a presidential visit, found one in 20 feet of water, just off shore. The aircraft was then recovered by a private group who determined to restore it to static if not flying condition. However, in stepped the "Navy" and demanded they give back their property. They were just storing it there until a suitable home could be found for it. Well they didn't really say that but their reasoning is just as ridiculous. "Military Intelligence". "Zeig Heil". This wreck is just that! a wreck! and barnacle encrusted to boot. Many years of restoration and many dollars will be spent before it even resembles in aircraft again. Our tax dollars at work..... What cutbacks?

RANDOM NOTES

I heard a rumor the CAF's B-17, "Sentimental Journey" has been grounded indefinitely with cracks in the main spar? As a result they are looking very closely at the other B-17's flying for similar problems. Also corrosion is a potential time bomb for these aircraft as not all of them can be kept in hangers due to their size and suffer the ravages of time and weather.

I have been talking to different people lately about the period after the war when a lot of individuals were buying up surplus aircraft and parts and doing different things with them, like buying BT-13's for the engines, to put on Stearman crop dusters. Or buying up Waco troop gliders for the crates they came in as the wood was the most valuable part. But by far the most unusual story comes from Bill Andersen who told me about a little airport he had after the war and one of the things he did was buy up 2 seat Schweizer training gliders and install 65 horsepower continentals on them and sell them to local pilots. He could get about 15 hundred for them and make a nice little profit.

If anyone else has any interesting or unusual stories about this period following WW 11 I'd like to hear them. Please call me at work or at home and I'll include it in the next newsletter.

TWIN BEECH FLY-IN

12 Twin-Beech's came to Paso Robles last week-end for the "Twin-Beech Owners" fly-in. Another half dozen or so were held up by weather. Included in that 12 were 5 AT-11 Bombardier trainers! 2 with working bomb bays and one with a fully working turret! One Beech came from Alaska, one from Houston Texas, Denver Colorado, Scottsdale Arizona, Wyoming, and points in between. The weather turned ugly but not ugly enough to keep the AT-11's from Flying a 4 plane formation on Sunday

with passes over the airport and the town. What a sight.

Many thanks to Bob Miller, Rosemary (of course), Jerry Smith and the other members who helped out with the pancake breakfast on Sunday. Our members really appreciated it and I hope it was worthwhile to the CAF. For you members that didn't know about it , you're not alone. I should have mentioned it in the last letter. Our local grapevine seems to be a little choked as well.

How many of you knew there was a EAA swap meet and pancake breakfast last Saturday? There seems to be more and more going on all the time at our airport and we need some way of letting people know. What about a Hot-line? maybe a decent answering machine on our line at the hanger where, along with the normal message it gave you upcoming events say for the next 2 weeks or so? Someone would have to keep it updated but it would be simple to do? Like calling the theater to see what's playing. Would people use it?

P-38 GRAVEYARD FOUND !

While working on a job in the Aleutian Islands an individual has come across a large amount of P-38 wreckage. These aircraft were apparently scrapped by the military and while in pretty rough shape should yield a lot of odds and ends in support of other restorations.

P-51 IN DEEP DOO-DOO!

Actually there's nothing humorous about a forced landing as pilot Bob Martin found out early this month when on its first flight the Merlin quit causing an impromptu landing in the manure lot of a dairy farm where in addition two "residents" of said manure lot "gave" their all for Jerseymaid".

Fortunately Bob wasn't seriously injured and the Mustang, though seriously damaged will be repaired. BYE BYE BT! sniff! Yes the BT is gone. Jim Webber, whom you'll remember from our last meeting, and his talk on frozen P-38's and such, has

returned from Illinois where in spite of wind, wind and more wind, was able to successfully carry out a three day ferry flight which with one exception went without a hitch. Landing in Hayes Kansas for fuel Jim could not get the engine to re-start. (why do you think I sold it!) As a result he lost a day while a mechanic was flown up from "Dodge" city who then diagnosed a bad booster coil. I had suspected a potential problem in this area and had attempted to locate a coil prior to this without success. Well a gentleman who was watching all of this mentioned he might just have one and Lo and behold it appeared. Maybe the only place within a thousand miles this could have happened, and Jim picked it! All that Navy training was finally good for something!.....ADIOS!

SAFETY REPORT

Bob Singleton
Safety Officer

(We are including a special Safety Guideline Report as a separate item since it looks better as written than it does when crammed into the columns of the regular newsletter. Ed.)

Air Shows for S-2

Col. Glen Thomson has provided us with a list of "away" air shows that he plans to attend with the S-2. There are 5 seats available for each trip. Most of the shows call for at least one night away and several for two nights. There is also a one day show. The list is as follows:

- 5/13 Lemoore NAS
- 7/16 Sacramento Air Fair
(1 day)
- 7/22 Solano
- 8/12 Madera
- 8/26 Hawthorne
- 10/8 Midland, Texas

Anyone interested please get in touch with Glen at 238-4858.

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GROUND SAFETY GUIDELINES

GENERAL:

- * SMOKING IS NOT ALLOWED IN THE HANGAR OR WITHIN 50 FEET OF ANY AIRCRAFT PARKED ON THE RAMP
- * INSURE THAT FIRE EXTINGUISHING EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE AND QUICKLY ACCESSABLE BEFORE ANY HANGAR WORK OR AIRCRAFT STARTING
- * OPEN CONTAINERS OF FUEL, OIL AND OTHER FLAMMABLES ARE NOT ALLOWED INSIDE BUILDINGS OR ANYWHERE ON THE PROPERTY

HANGARS:

- * KEEP THE WORK AREA NEAT, CLEAN, ORGANIZED AND WELL LIGHTED
- * FLAMMABLE SUPPLIES-- PAINTS, SOLVENTS, OIL, ETC. SHALL BE KEPT IN A SEPARATE CONTAINER, PREFERABLY METAL AWAY FROM IGNITION SOURCES
- * KEEP THE FLOOR CLEAN OF FLAMMABLES OR SLIPPERY MATERIALS (FUEL, OIL, ETC)
- * USE A STEEL CAN WITH METAL COVER FOR TEMPORARY DISPOSAL OF OILY RAGS
- * EMPTY ALL TRASH CONTAINERS ON A REGULAR BASIS
- * SAFETY GLASSES OR GOGGLES SHALL BE WORN WHEN USING SHOP EQUIPMENT, POWER TOOLS OR ENGAGING IN TASKS DANGEROUS TO EYES
- * LAST PERSON OUT--MAKE SURE ALL APPLICANCES (COFFEE POTS, ETC.) AND POWER TOOLS ARE SHUT OFF, AND ALL POWER CORDS ARE DISCONNECTED
- * ROPE OFF SPECIAL AREAS TO KEEP VISITORS CLEAR-- (WORK AREAS, STORAGE AREAS, AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE AREAS, SLIPPERY FLOORS, ETC.)
- * REFUELLING OF AIRCRAFT OR VEHICLES IS NOT ALLOWED IN HANGARS

RAMP & TAXI AREAS:

- * PRIOR TO REFUELLING, CONNECT STATIC GROUND WIRE FROM FUEL TRUCK TO AIRCRAFT TO ELIMINATE STATIC BUILDUP BETWEEN TRUCK AND PLANE
- * IF YOU CANNOT EXTINGUISH AN AIRCRAFT FIRE IN THE FIRST 30 SECONDS, BE PREPARED TO EVACUATE ALL PEOPLE TO A SAFE DISTANCE
- * ALWAYS USE A BRAKEMAN IN THE COCKPIT WHEN MOVING A LARGE AIRCRAFT OR HAND PROP STARTING ANY AIRCRAFT ENGINE
- * USE WING WALKERS WHEN MOVING A LARGE AIRCRAFT
- * PARK CARS, TRUCKS, ETC. IN A MANNER THAT DOES NOT OBSTRUCT AIRCRAFT REPAIR, STARTING OR TAXIING
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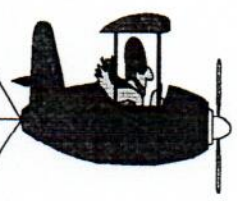
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