

# CONFEDERATE AIR FORCE NEWS

## *Estrella Squadron*



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

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### July Meeting

The July Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 2, 1996 at the Hangar Social Hour will commence at 6:00pm and Dinner at 7:00pm.

As of the present moment I haven't the faintest idea what dinner will consist of but you can rest assured that it will be up to the usual high standards.

The speaker for the evening will be none other than "our own" Chuck Wentworth who recently formally joined our organization. For most of us Chuck really needs no formal introduction and it is presumed that most of our members read the excellent article in the supplement to the June 19th Country News-Press which covered highlights of his incredible career in aviation.

Chuck has built and rebuilt everything from a Fokker Dr 1 triplane to racing aircraft and other World War I and II aircraft beyond counting. Space in this small paper doesn't permit even a list of all of Chuck's accomplishments. Suffice it to say that he is a pilot's pilot with a background from competition racing to the present day involvement with aircraft such as the Corsair that was our Marque

airplane during the recent Air Show, as well as roles in, at least, half a dozen movies.

We look forward with great interest to hearing from Chuck Wentworth on Tuesday.

### THE Air Show

Well, this is the week that we all sort of catch our breath, wipe the sweat off our brows and pick up what is left of our OTHER life.

By all accounts the show was GREAT. Probably the smoothest and best run of all. The acts were superb and the crowd seemed genuinely pleased by everything.

We do not, as of this writing, have any reports as to the financial outcome since there are still funds to be received from ticket sellers and some sponsors.

We do know, however, that we were sorely hurt by the truck accident on Route 101 which blocked the entire northbound lane and, apparently, the southbound lane for a time. Many people at the admissions gate said they had been waiting for hours in stalled traffic to get there.

Our CO, Col. Jeff Welles, who will be on vacation next week, has specifically asked that his very sincere and personal thanks be sent

out to ALL of those members who responded to the call for participation in the Show. He was particularly gratified to see the involvement of so many families, wives and children, who made a truly tremendous contribution, especially in areas that are often pretty dull and uninteresting but, nevertheless, extremely important. A great many people showed up and gave a good deal of their time.

Many, many thanks to all.

There is little more than can be said at this point but we will have a full recap of all events pertaining to the Show in the near future.

### Meeting Day Change

#### Proposal

Speaking of meeting days, you will remember that the last newsletter announced that the Staff had proposed changing the meeting day to the first Wednesday of the month rather than Tuesday.

This proposal has been approved by the Staff and will be announced at the July meeting and would become effective for the August meeting and all meetings thereafter..

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This will allow members to attend City Council meetings which are held on Tuesdays and will, hopefully, allow Council members to attend our own meetings.

Dues

Our Financial Officer, Rosemary Netto has informed us that there are still a considerable number of members who have not paid dues for the 1996-1997 year. C'mon, people. We have all busted our backs during the last few days, weeks and months to get our most important fund raiser, the Air Show up and running. Let's not let things fall apart now by forgetting dues. Please bring a check with you to the meeting or look through your stack of unpaid bills and pick out the INVOICE that we MAILED to you and pop a check in the mail!

CAF Staff Meeting  
Report

(condensed & paraphrased)

Confederate Air Force, Estrella Squadron Staff Meeting, June 18, 1996

Attending: Cols. Jeff Welles, John Davis, Bob Singleton, Bruce Toomey, Blake Wideman, Rosemary Netto, Al Schade, John Himes and Activities Chairman, Craig Fossey.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted and will be posted at the Hangar.

Old Business

Aircraft Restoration: Jeff Welles reports that we have the N-number for the Cherokee and the aircraft HAS been donated to the Museum.

Bob Singleton suggested that the Navion owned by Keith Bowers and others is a possible candidate for restoration. This depends on the cost and degree of enthusiasm from a possible group of restoration members. Al Schade has agreed to look at the Navion and to determine it's condition, cost to restore and the value of the aircraft "as is".

Craig Fossey suggested that we develop a "short list" of the most desirable aircraft as restoration candidates for our own group to focus on and not scatter our attention every time a particular plane comes up.

Bob Singleton reminded the Staff that we have been saying that restoration would be delayed until we got our new hangar. Now that we have it we should concentrate on a

project which is the primary function of the CAF Squadron.

Blake Wideman moved that the Staff propose to the General Membership that the regular monthly meeting day be changed from the first Tuesday of the month to the first Wednesday. The proposal will be made at the July meeting and effective for the August meeting and all subsequent meetings.

This change is to allow our members to attend the City Council meetings and for the Council members to attend ours. Motion Passed.

New Business

Deferred Tasks: The Hangar Layout and Hangar Operating Costs committee tasks have been deferred until after the Air Show.

Nominating Committee:

The committee to nominate a slate of recommended officers who will take office on October 1, 1996 are: Jeff Welles, Bob Singleton, Rosemary Netto and Obbie Atkinson.

Meeting Adjourned, 1855.

Flight Duty Roster

For the month of July, Hotel Flight under the able direction of Col. Dirk Hale will be in charge of the monthly meeting and the month's activities.

The Flight Leader should coordinate with Col. Kevin Craig (238-4643) with regard to setting up the Hangar and should contact Col. Bob Singleton, Adjutant, (239-2084) for general information with regard to coordination procedures for the meeting.

Estrella Squadron Staff

Commanding Officer Col. Jeff Welles  
 Executive Officer Col. Hal Chilton  
 Finance Col. Rosemary Netto  
 Adjutant Col. Bob Singleton  
 Operations Col. Glen Thomson  
 Maintenance Col. Keith Bowers  
 Safety Col. Bruce Toomey

Staff Appointments

At Large Col. John Himes  
 PIO Col. Blake Wideman  
 PX Officer Willa Killion  
 Aircraft Restoration Projects  
 Col. Al Schade  
 Historian Col. John Davis  
 Activities Craig Fossey



CAF Hangar Phone 238-9317

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Join Gary and Judy Corippo on a GLOBUS ESCORTED TOUR OF NIAGARA FALLS, OTTAWA AND QUEBEC, September 27-October 7, 1996.

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1996 Air Show Schedules

Again repeating the short list of air show schedules that will be attended by Glen Thomson in either the S-2 or the T-28 during the remainder of the year. On a number of these where the crowds are expected to be fairly heavy the PX will be taken in the S-2. There is room for 4 or 5 people depending on the show so if you have any interest in going along please get in touch with Glen at 238-4858.

7/20 Solano (Nut Tree) One day.

8/16 Santa Maria. Three day.

8/24 Hawthorne

9/21 Fresno

9/28 Half Moon Bay

10/26 Travis AFB.

The above is just a bare bones list. Get in touch with Glen to get more information. These are a lot of fun and you get to see some spectacular aircraft.

SPECIAL THANKS

To all of those who donated fence posts for the air show. Between "loaners" and givers we had enough to handle all the fence we put up!

Another Short One!

Sorry this is such a short letter, folks. Your Ed. is right at the tail end of the air show cleanup so this is being hastily written Wednesday night for a Thursday mailing and it still has to be printed folded, stamped and labeled. Then back to two more jobs before the show stuff can be completely put to bed for another year!

Hope to do better in August!!!

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