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

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March Meeting

The March Meeting will beheld on Wednesday, March 3, 1998 at the Hangar with Social Hour commencing at 6:00pm and Dinner at 7:00pm.

Rosemary Netto and Bob Miller will prepare the dinner for the meeting (shades of old times!) and we are told that it will corned beef and cabbage. It should be great!!

Our speaker for the evening will be Atascadero resident, Ruth Van Unen who served in the Air Force from March 1953 to March 1955. Ms Van Unen has a most interesting and varied background, as we have heard from our Program Chairman, George Marrett , but will probably speak to us mainly about her Air Force career. A brief biography of that period follows:

"Enlisted at Phoenix, Arizona following a year or two of growing boredom as a bookkeeper/ clerk typist. Denied to Recruiter that I could type, having surmised that all WAF who had office skills were almost automatically sent directly to desk jobs. Fortunately, it worked.

After Basic Training at Lackland AFB, Texas, I went to Air Ops Specialist School at Keesler AFB, Miss. From there I went to Detroit, to Selfridge AFB, on the shores of Lake St. Claire, now a National Guard Base, I have heard.

Every Friday I submitted a request for overseas transfer, to Asia or Europe.

After all, the recruiting poster promised travel, but the CO kept denying the request, based on low priority of our Command for replacement personnel. Our mission was to guard against invasion by the Russians, who were suspected of planning an invasion of North America over the North Pole. We assisted with Air Search and Rescue missions of air and water craft incidents throughout the Great Lakes, as well as tracking Inbound and Outbound planes, arranging welcomes for VIPs who landed, and generally knew first about the most interesting things happening on Base.

I had the small adventures of many hops on various Air Force planes. I turned down my appointment to OCS in order to marry a pilot. That is a story in itself..."

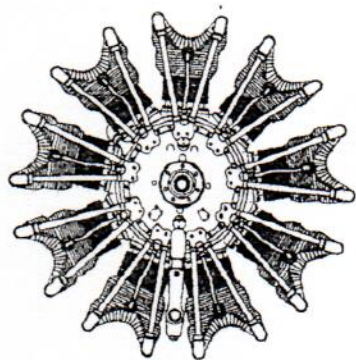
This promises to be an interesting and fun evening. Lets all try to be there.

SKILLS QUESTIONNAIRE

Submitted by Al Schade

The CAF operations and the Warbirds Museum of the Estrella Squadron involve far ranging activities to sustain our performance capabilities. These activities include tasks common to every household and every personal hobby.

Our CAF central theme is aircraft. However, aircraft maintenance requires many supporting activities



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involving ground support equipment, i.e., power units, workstands, ladders, tables, chairs, air compressors, spray painting equipment, welding equipment and many, many more items too numerous to mention.

Our aircraft maintenance also involves activities that few people can imagine. We have fabric covered aircraft as well as metal clad aircraft, requiring tasks such as sewing, wood work, metal forming, machine work, welding, painting, gluing, and again, it can go on and on.

Each person within our organization has skills that have been developed through home activities, hobbies, work activities and education. At one point in time any and all skills might be required to maintain a high degree of performance in the Estrella Squadron. Where special tasks are required, our various maintenance operations would like to draw on these capabilities but we cannot if we do not know what skills are available within our personnel.

Therefore, this questionnaire is submitted to each and every member for visibility wherein we might optimize on our capabilities. It is requested that each member diligently fill out the questionnaire and identify your knowledge and skills. Performance levels are not important in that we may only ask an opinion on task approaches.

We also ask that you identify those tasks that you are interested in, but not necessarily having skill capability. In such cases we would team you with a member that has acquired skill capability.

Editor's Note Regarding the Above

I would merely like to add that, while there have been other questionnaires in the past, we have many new members about whom we know very little and

there are even old members who have not seen fit to fill out previous requests for information.

If you will look around when you are out at the hangar you can't help but notice things like the T-33, the F-86, the L-19 and numerous other items that are either completed or in progress. There is a whole new attitude about getting some of these projects done and most of the push has come from Al Schade. I think the best way we can show our thanks and our interest in what's happening is by filling out this questionnaire and returning it to Al and helping with the things that make the organization what it is!

Hangar Etiquette

No Smoking!!!

Several members have made mention of the fact that there are those who continue to smoke in the hangar and that outsiders, especially dinner guests, are among the worst offenders.

We should all be aware that smoking around hangared aircraft at any time is strictly forbidden. For that matter, smoking in the proximity of any aircraft, in or outside, isn't particularly smart. We have fabric aircraft, vehicles, solvents and other items of varying degrees of flammability and it simply makes sense to avoid creating any type of ignition source.

We will get some fairly large "No Smoking" signs in the near future but, in the meantime, if you see someone smoking, politely ask him or her to extinguish the cigarette or whatever they are smoking.



If a man speaks in the forest and there is no woman to hear him, is he still wrong?



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Col. Gary Corippo
Executive Officer
Col. Ron Mullisen
Finance
John Himes
Adjutant
Col. John Davis
Operations
Col. Glen Thomson
Maintenance
Col. Al Schade
Safety
Col. John Cromwell

Staff Appointments

At Large
OPEN

PIO and Activities
Elaine Borden
Linda Hermansen
Maria Goldman

PX Officer
Willa Killion

Aircraft Restoration Projects
Col. Al Schade

Historian
Col. John Davis

Flight Coordinator
Col. Bob Singleton

CAF Hangar Phone
238-9317

Finance Officer; Col. Al Schade, Maintenance Officer; Tom Gabele, Supply Officer; Col. Ron Mullisen, XO; Col. John Cromwell, Safety Officer; Col. Glen Thomson, Operations Officer.

OLD BUSINESS

January Staff Meeting Minutes were read and discussed. Corrections were made on titles of several of the Staff officers. A motion was made by Glen Thomson to accept as modified. Davis seconded the motion. Passed

February General Meeting minutes were read and discussed. Minutes were corrected to reflect that Col. James McCall paid checks totaling \$2,000 instead of \$200. Glen Thomson moved to accept the minutes as corrected. John Davis seconded. Passed.

The proposed Air Show budget was discussed and evaluated. John Davis moved to accept the proposed Air Show budget. Thomson second. Passed.

It was disclosed that the Museum has an Air Show account that could provide seed money for this year's Air Show and those funds would be replaced after the Show. It was decided to do a telephone poll of the Museum directors to determine if the funds would be available to the Squadron.

The Draft Agreement between the Squadron and the Museum is under review by member Col., (Judge) Ed Chidlaw, His job is to make sure that all the legalities have the i's dotted and the t's crossed.

The subject of equipment use by members was brought up. Some items have found their way to member's homes or property without a hand receipt to keep track of Squadron or Museum property.

Gary Corippo gave a report on a letter from the Civil Air Patrol. They want to use the Museum Hangar two nights a month (probably Tuesdays) for

meetings of their adult members. John Cromwell moved to allow the meetings for a six month trial period. Mullison seconded. Passed

Gary Corippo talked about our request from Target Stores for a gift of funds as part of their non-profit organization assistance program. The Paso Robles Store opens on March 8, 1998.

The design of the kitchen of the new meeting building was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

Potential Stars of the Month were suggested. Included were a number of members who do a lot but are seldom noticed.

Replacement Staff Officers: Several Staff positions need to be filled.

Program Chairman - Suggested were Jim Heggerty, Jim McCall and John Dolan. This would be a three to six month temporary job.

PX Chairman - Suggested were Bob Singleton and Larry Campo.

PIO - Suggested was Jim Heggerty

The Rotary Club wants to have a luncheon meeting at the Museum hangar on Thursday, May 28, 1998

ADJOURNED: 2056 Hours.

CAF Staff Meeting Minutes. **February 18, 1998**

ELECTED AND APPOINTED STAFF PRESENT: Col. Gary Corippo, CO; John Himes,

1998 CAF FLIGHTS-- MASTER SCHEDULE

11/10/97

MONTH OF THE YEAR	DINNER MEETING		DOCENT PROGRAM	
	DUTY FLIGHT	BACKUP FLIGHT	DUTY FLIGHT	BACKUP FLIGHT
JANUARY	ALPHA LDR: DON HILSTON 239-8809 WINGMAN:	BRAVO	HOTEL	JULIETT
FEBRUARY	BRAVO LDR: KEITH BOWERS 239-3358 WINGMAN:	ALPHA	JULIETT	HOTEL
MARCH	DELTA LDR: JOHN KENDALL 239-8029 WINGMAN:	ECHO	KILO	LIMA
APRIL	ECHO LDR: RON MULLISEN 528-4686 WINGMAN: BILL CARLSON 595-7935	DELTA	LIMA	KILO
MAY	FOXTROT LDR: TOM WEISS 239-2637 WINGMAN:	GOLF	MIKE	NOVEMBER
JUNE	GOLF LDR: DOUG MINER 239-1054 WINGMAN:	FOXTROT	NOVEMBER	MIKE
JULY	HOTEL LDR: DIRK HALE 237-0819 WINGMAN:	JULIETT	ALPHA	BRAVO
AUGUST	JULIETT LDR: EDWIN VINCIC 466-3758 WINGMAN:	HOTEL	BRAVO	ALPHA
SEPTEMBER	KILO LDR: LARRY CAMPO 238-7702 WINGMAN:	LIMA	DELTA	ECHO
OCTOBER	LIMA LDR: BOB SINGLETON 239-2084 WINGMAN:	KILO	ECHO	DELTA
NOVEMBER	MIKE LDR: KENNY FINCH 238-1199 WINGMAN: GARY MORRISON 434-1673	NOVEMBER	FOXTROT	GOLF
DECEMBER	NOVEMBER LDR: BRIAN WEBSTER 237-0222 WINGMAN: RICHARD MATTSON 238-6910	MIKE	GOLF	FOXTROT
ANY QUESTIONS? CALL BOB SINGLETON, FLIGHT COORDINATOR 239-2084				
Flight master sched)		* These two flights work as a team		

CAF VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the CAF Squadron. There are a number of tasks that need help. The variety of the tasks means that most everyone will find a task that matches his or her interest and experience. We need you to get involved so please contact the following team leaders:

TASK	TEAM LEADER	PHONE
A. VEHICLE RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE		
AIRCRAFT & MISSILES	Al Schade	927-8303
1. T33		
2. Navion/L17		
3. A6		
4. Titan missile		
MILITARY GROUND EQUIPMENT	Gary Corippo	238-2090
1. Trucks and Jeeps		
2. Tanks and Cannon		
AIRCRAFT GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	Dave Geiger	239-1598
1. Tugs		
2. Compressors, Battery Chargers, etc.		
B. HANGAR ACTIVITIES		
1. Hangar maintenance and repair	Kevin Craig	238-4643
2. Grounds and landscape	John Kendall	239-8029
3. Dinner-Food preparation & serving	John Himes	466-6102
4. Museum-Provisioning & Operating	Gary May	466-9807
5. Flight duties (Host, dinner meetings *) (Host/docent, museum)	Bob Singleton	239-2084
		*includes setup and cleanup
C. SPECIAL ACTIVITIES		
1. Program Chairman	George Marrett	466-7640
2. Publicity Chairman (PIO)		
3. Treasurer		
4. Newsletter	Bruce Toomey	238-9266
5. New building construction	Glen Thomson	238-4858
6. Activities chairman		
7. Air show	Charles Miller	466-1212
8. Safety officer	John Cromwell	237-0605
9. Explorer air scouts liaison		
10. Obtain military hardware	Gary Corippo	238-2090
11. Membership chairman	Obbie Atkinson	238-9212

(caf volunteer teams)

(ORGANIZED AND SUBMITTED BY BOB SINGLETON)

SKILLS QUESTIONNAIRE

Check the boxes as appropriate showing your skills by task and/or skills on interest with little or no capability.

When complete, print your name at the bottom and mail, or deliver, to Al Schade, 2035 Spencer, Cambria, CA 93428

TASK	ACQUIRED SKILL	INTEREST SKILL
Metal Working		
Wood Working		
Spray Painting		
Welding		
Aircraft Engine Overhaul		
Aircraft Structures		
Aircraft Assembly		
Aircraft Plastics		
Aircraft Riveting		
Aircraft Instruments		
Aircraft Wiring		
Aircraft Propellers		
Aircraft Rigging		
Aircraft Plumbing		
Fabric Aircraft Rib Stitching		
Fabric Aircraft Recovering		
Aircraft Hydraulics		
Vehicle Maintenance		
Industrial Wiring		
Refrigeration		
Air Conditioning		
Landscaping		
Industrial Carpentry		
Industrial Painting		

Name

Estrella Squadron

"Star of the Month"

If there was such a thing as a perpetual "Star" it might well be Col. Al Schade. Al lives in Cambria but is here for every monthly meeting, every Staff and Airshow meeting, and is usually here three to 4 days a week, working on at least one of half a dozen projects he is currently "ramrodding."

Al joined our group in his own quiet way without saying much about his background in aviation. When we found out the depth of his knowledge and his incredible ability it was like a gift from above. It seems as though Al can do anything mechanical with anything that moves and his levelheaded advice and suggestions make him a multi-talented man. We have had potential plans for restorations since day one but Al is the guy who has brought it all together through his organizational ability and his spirit of do-it-now. We have been present when Al was asked to do something that seemed insurmountable and he either said "Okay" or that the job was already half done.


Look at the T-33, the F-86, the L-19 and the Missile Project. Most of these things simply sat around looking forlorn until Al started organizing the work schedules and the work teams. Al was at the T-33 dismantling site from beginning to end and was invaluable during the transportation. The same can be said for the F-86 and the Missile. Al's aviation knowledge seem almost encyclopedic. If he is handed a piece of what looks like just bent metal to most of us he knows just what aircraft it's from, where it goes and just what it takes to reinstall it. He looks at a fuselage or a wing section and knows just where the seams are to dismantle it and what the brackets are like that hold it together. His life-long association with so many different aspects of the whole aviation scene has proven to be an overwhelming asset to our organization

For all of the above and for jump-starting a whole new attitude toward getting things done, we are happy to salute Al Schade as our "Star of the Month".

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