

# Estrella Squadron

## Newsletter



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

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### November Meeting Date and Time Changed

The November Meeting will be held on the second Wednesday of the month, November 11, Veteran's Day, not on the first Wednesday as is usual. The Meeting will start at 4:30 pm

The reason for the change is because this meeting is a special one, a Veteran's Day Barbecue, and is intended to thank our sponsors of the 1998 Airshow for their support and generosity. It is also our formal "kickoff" for the 1999 Show. All members are urged to attend to hear of the plans for the 1999 Show as well as to act as hosts to our Sponsors.

### Please See the Red Sheet Inside

In view of the distinctive nature of this meeting an effort is being made to make it somewhat more outstanding than regular meetings. Accordingly, a Prime Rib Dinner with all the "fixins" will be served and there will be a charge of \$10 per plate which will also cover the few frills added to thank the sponsors.

The following is a copy of the letter from the 1999 Air Show Committee which was sent to all the 1998 Sponsors. This will clearly explain the purpose of the meeting rather than trying to rehash it here as a news item.

### Letter to Sponsors

Dear;

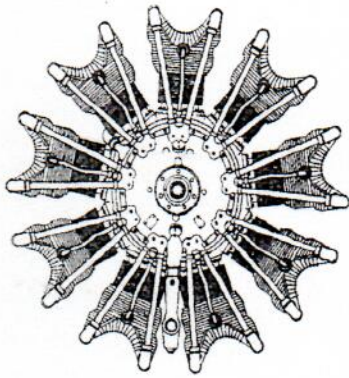
On behalf of the 1998 Paso Robles Air Show Director, Chuck Miller, we the

committee members, warmly extend to you and your immediate family an invitation to attend a Veteran's Day Barbecue, held in your honor, to say "thanks" for your most generous sponsorship of this year's Show. As you know, this year's Show turned a profit for the first time in awhile and we just can't tell you how much your participation meant to all of us. And so that you may see the fruits of your generosity our barbecue will be held at the Estrella Warbird Museum where there have been two new buildings erected and numerous additions to our Squadron's collection of vintage aircraft.

We have planned this event to begin with a family social hour starting at 4:30 on Wednesday afternoon, Veterans Day, November 11. The barbecue will be served at 6:00 pm. Bring the family early and tour the grounds. Let the kids play on the old jeeps, tanks and trucks. Have your picture taken in the cockpit of one of our aircraft. Listen to the Big Band Music of the 40's as you watch the sunset from the Museum grounds.

This event is dedicated solely to showing our gratitude for your sponsorships. There will be no formal program except a few words of thanks and the official kickoff and announcement of our 1999 Air Show plans. Please plan to attend and be our guests for a few hours of leisurely fun. One of our committee members will be contacting you soon to confirm you and your family's attendance. We





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are excited about getting all of us together. See you there!

Gratefully,

The 1999 Paso Robles Air Show Committee.

### Other Objectives

In addition to the "thank you" to the sponsors, this meeting is also intended as a formal "kickoff" for our New Membership Campaign. We are looking for 100 NEW members by the end of 1999!! Our Membership Chairman, Col. Obbie Atkinson, is working diligently on plans to attract new members and we will all be able to do our part. With everything that's going it should not be too difficult to interest others as to what we are all about.

For the purposes of the November Meeting, however, we are asking that each member bring someone he or she would like to see as a new member. Each member would be expected to pay for the potential member's dinner, of course, but we believe the quality of the dinner should be a real incentive. In addition there will be a good many interesting people in attendance.

In view of the fact that we expect a good crowd all members are being asked to let Obbie (238-9212) know if they are bringing one or more guests. This will give him a chance to get info to properly announce them at the dinner. ALSO, please give John Himes (466-6680) or Gary May (461-9303) a call as to the number of guests so we can have a good head count for John for preparing the dinner.

PLEASE CALL AS FAR IN ADVANCE OF THE 11TH AS POSSIBLE!!!!!!

This Meeting will be a tremendous "plus" for our group if every member will try to show up and if every member will act as an informal host to any one wearing a sponsor badge or just

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standing around looking lost. Just go up and introduce yourself and ask how you can help.

It is also suggested that all CAF colonels wear full uniforms or other appropriate military attire.

### And the Work Goes On!!

Anyone driving by the Hangar can't help but notice that the Restoration Building is no longer a wind tunnel. Col. Glen Thomson and crew, composed of many, but mostly Ron Thompson, Andy Henry, John Kendall, Al Schade, Dave Geiger and Fred Thacker have been working for the past several weeks putting up the inside walls across the width of the building. This will create a center shop and/or tool crib where good tools can be stored under lock and key and where the finer aspects of restoration can be accomplished. The open ends will then accommodate, under cover, actual aircraft parts i.e. fuselages, wings etc. where work can also be undertaken. A lot of work by some dedicated guys!

### The "Other" Building

On the other side of the Museum Building great strides are being made as well. Col. Gary Corippo slicked up the area to the north of the building and then scarified it. He then got several loads of fertilizer and John Kendall rototilled the whole area. All this is being done in preparation for planting grass to the north of the building.



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- 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**

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Col. Blake Wideman
- PX Officer  
OPEN
- Aircraft Restoration Projects  
Col. Al Schade
- Historian  
Col. John Davis
- Flight Coordinator  
Col. Bob Singleton



**CAF Hangar  
Phone  
227-0440**

Gary then rounded up another crew composed of John Kendall, Marty Wright, Walt Martin and Chris Anderson and the whole area was cross-hatched with trenches for a sprinkler system. This too is now installed and during the

week before the meeting all the heads will be adjusted and back filling will take place.

In the middle of all the sprinkler work, a call came from one of our concrete purveyors who said he had several yards of concrete he was going to have to dump...did we want it!!

Luckily, some of the troops had been working on putting in forms at each door of the new building so Gary said, "Heck yes," and since no one else was around except for Glen, the two of them manhandled enough concrete to do all of the door entrances! Truly, "effort above and beyond..."

And, as of today we have the pads poured for the T-33 which we will want to place in the lawn area before the first real rain. On Thursday the concrete will be poured for the barbecue area with the crew of Gary Corippo, Glen Thomson, John Dolan and Fred Thacker!!!

And this, friends is only the tip of the iceberg, just stuff I see. There are all kinds of other projects underway that I regret I can't report on because I'm not aware of them. I wish we had some reporters out there to keep me better informed! Call 238-9266 any time with news!

**Nominating Committee**

As was mentioned in the last newsletter it is again time to elect new officers for the CAF Staff. As of the last Staff Meeting we now have a Nominating Committee composed of Obbie Atkinson, Chairman, Gary May, Ed Chidlaw and Al Schade. They will be reviewing candidates for the various offices.

Now is the time for every colonel to think about how he or she can help the Squadron. If you are interested in becoming a Staff member or if you would like to have someone considered please call one of the Nominating

Committee Members. The Committee is charged with reviewing nominees and making up a slate of officers. This slate is then presented for a vote. We do not ask for nominations from the floor at the December Meeting when voting results are announced because it is unfair to all concerned. To take on an office calls for considerable commitment of time and effort. Every candidate who is finally nominated had agreed to provide this commitment. To make a nomination from the floor of someone who has absolutely no interest is most embarrassing to that individual and has caused some real problems in the past.

SO... if you want to be considered or have someone considered, now is the time!! Call a committee member.

**Membership Roster**

By now you have run across the new roster. John Himes is in charge of the official one but his prints out on 14 pages to go along with his printing company requirements. It would cost three times as much to mail a 14 to 18 page newsletter including a roster so I have recopied John's meticulously prepared list in a different form. Any mistakes are mine!

Please look at your name and info and call me at 238-9266 with any corrections.

The above is the reason for a short newsletter. I even have to cut Chuck Wentworth's ad again but I'll see to it that he gets an extra month at the end of his paid-for run. Sorry Chuck!

**READ THE STUFFER. COME TO THE MEETING!!!!**



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## "A Sentimental Journey"

A Salute to the Men and Women who served in WWII, Korea, Viet Nam, Desert Storm and those who continue to Serve

**NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> VETERANS DAY DINNER MEETING  
TO THANK OUR 1998 AIRSHOW SPONSORS AND  
KICKOFF THE 1999 AIRSHOW!!!!**

**PLEASE INVITE ANY PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS TO THIS WONDERFUL SOCIAL EVENING AT OUR HANGAR. WE WILL BE THANKING OUR LOCAL BUSINESS SPONSORS AND PROUDLY SHOWING THE NEW BUILDING PROGRESS MADE THIS YEAR. WE ARE ENCOURAGING THE WHOLE FAMILY TO COME ...KIDS AND ALL!**

**PRIME RIB DINNER WITH ALL THE FIXINS FOR \$ 10.00 PER PLATE WILL BE SERVED AT 6:00PM. PLEASE COME EARLY FOR SOCIAL HOUR AND SHOW OUR SPONSORS AND GUESTS AROUND OUR NEW AIRCRAFT AND BUILDINGS . WATCH THE SUNSET TOGETHER IN FRONT OF THE HANGAR AS WE LISTEN TO BIG BAND MUSIC FROM THE WAR YEARS. PLEASE BRING A GUEST AND BUY THEIR DINNER.**

**RSVP TO OBIE ATKINSON WITH ANY NEW MEMBER PROSPECTS AND ALSO RSVP PERSONALLY TO JOHN HIMES OR GARY MAY SO WE CAN PLAN TO HAVE ENOUGH PRIME RIB FOR EVERYONE.**

**GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING AND WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!**

**SO COME ON OUT FOR INFORMAL SOCIAL EVENING AND HEAR THE EXCITING PLANS FOR THE 1999 AIRSHOW. SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!**