

Estrella Squadron Newsletter



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

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December Meeting

The December Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 2, 1998 at the Hangar with Social Hour commencing at 6:00pm and Dinner at 7:00pm.

As of this writing it is not known as to whether or not we will have a speaker or program other than our usual Christmas get-together, HOWEVER, we will have a full Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings which will be put on by our own Super Chefs, Bob Miller and Rosemary Netto! They are coming out of retirement (as far as cooking is concerned!) just for this occasion!

So this should be a nice party and we hope to have a good turn-out. It's a chance to just relax, have some good food and talk to old friends before the end of the year.

And What a Year!

When you arrive at the Complex (it's no longer just the one building "Hangar", it's a three building Complex!!) you will immediately be struck by how nice the new meeting/assembly building looks with its brown decorative stripe around the perimeter just below the roof line. This is just an exterior finishing touch that exemplifies what has been going on out there for months.

So much has happened in the last year that its hard to believe. We have had so many volunteers working there and so many projects under construction that it looks like a big city job site almost every day.

Air Show '99 A Sentimental Journey June 13, 1999

Voice Mail # for Air Show Info
805 227-2142

The latest major improvement is the barbecue area with its wind buffer wall and the big pit in the center. Its not quite finished but it wasn't even started when we had our last meeting!

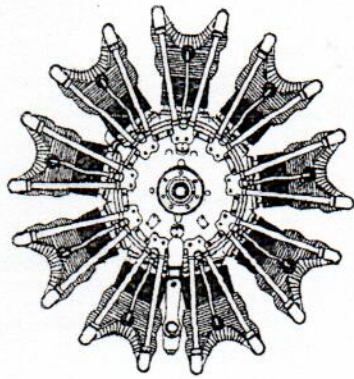
The grass is starting to grow, the sprinklers are working perfectly, the building looks great and on and on...!

Veteran's Day Dinner a Huge Success

The dinner put on by the Air Show group could not have been better. As a sincere "thank you" for our Show Sponsors, it is to be hoped that they really felt the gratitude of all of the members in attendance.

Not only were we all delighted to honor our Sponsors, there was another, somewhat unexpected bonus. We served 148 meals with 92 paid for which accounted for a return of \$920. We had a \$238. dollar raffle which was donated back to the group. We had a \$346. dollar bar so at a meal cost of about \$800. dollars plus the Quartet we still actually made money on what was to be a "thank you"

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dinner for our Show Sponsors no matter what the cost! And everyone seemed to have a good time!

We were delighted to see three City Councilmen in attendance and rumor has it that at least two of them signed up for membership!

For the members, one of the best aspects of the meeting was that it was held in our new building. It was a little rough, there were a few extension cables running along the floor to provide power, there were portable propane heaters instead of permanent ones and it was a bit dim without all the lights installed but it was in our permanent HOME! We were feeding almost 150 people with room to spare, and we would have had even more room if we had been able to utilize the whole area, some of which was taken up with temporary storage.

As to the food, Chef John Himes and crew pulled off an even bigger coup than usual by having Prime Rib which was delicious, warm and cooked to perfection with good warm veggies, cool salads and super desserts courtesy of Dessert Lady Carol Weiss and other contributing wives.

Our congratulations to all involved!

Elections

As you all know, the Nominating Committee has been working diligently interviewing candidates for the various CAF Staff positions that are up for renewal for the coming year. These various positions require a good deal of a person's time and not everyone can or is willing to spare the time and the effort that they require.

For the year 1999, those nominated to serve are as follows:

Comm. Officer: Col. Bruce Toomey
Executive Officer: Col. Betty Miller
Finance Officer: John Himes

**Air Show Volunteer
Coordinator
Judy Crownover
238-3426
e-mail: lolalu@tcsn.net**

Adjutant: Col. John Davis**
Operations Officer: Col. Glen Thomson
Maintenance Officer: Col. Al Schade
Safety Officer: Col. John Cromwell

** Col. Davis is currently on sick leave and a temporary replacement is being sought.

=These officers compose the minimum Staff of the CAF Estrella Squadron as required by Headquarters. Other Staff Officers may be appointed as well to fit the requirements of individual Wings or Squadrons. In addition there are appointive positions which must be filled that are non-voting but nonetheless very essential to the organization of the Squadron. These positions will be filled by the newly elected Staff.

Ballots will be mailed to CAF colonels along with newsletter and they are asked to indicate a yea or nay preference for the entire slate of candidates. These ballots must then be returned PRIOR to the January General Meeting at which time the results will be announced and new Staff members will accede to their positions.

Air Show Committee News

Col. Chuck Miller's committee is running flat out with plans and projects for the 1999 Show. Its unbelievable just how much there is to do so far in advance of the show.

Estrella Squadron Staff

- Commanding Officer
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
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**

Col. Gary May is in charge of one of the most vital aspects of the event and that is, raising money from sponsors. The main object of obtaining sponsor or early money in advance is so that the basic expenses can be met which

includes sponsoring expensive acts and exotic aircraft which can make or break the show. With this money on hand the receipts from the gate are considered profit, less certain other items such as a gate fee for the City and other expenses that are determined by the number of people attending and/or the net receipts, etc.

So... the upshot of all this is that sponsorship is vital and this is one area where each member can help. Now we are not asking that everyone should go out and pound on doors but we are asking that if you know someone that would be a good candidate for sponsorship, please let Gary May know the name. At that point, Gary or Chuck or some other committee member will call on the individual with the new Air Show Sponsorship prospectus, which is pretty nice, by the way, and try to interest him or her in being a show sponsor.

This the kind of event that can appeal to a business owner if increased numbers of people are attracted to the area and this holds for many different kinds of businesses. Others have other reasons but they all result in sponsorship.

So there you have it. You don't have to call on anyone or embarrass yourself by putting the bite on a friend if this kind of thing bothers you. Armed with attractively produced promotional information, Gary and others will make the pitch in a highly ethical and professional way. They just need the names of those who are in a position of importance to their business or those who could easily contribute to such a fine upstanding organization!.

The reason that it is necessary to start early is because many businesses set up their budgets well in advance of the new year and we need to be included in their expense picture if we are going to receive funds.

Just think of it. If each member could come up with one name and if we could

get only \$100 from each business we would have over \$14,000! This alone would go a long way toward funding the Show!

As an added bonus, Gary and Chuck are working on an in house contest for those turning in the most names. This will entail various worthwhile items, such as dinners and other types of incentives for those people who produce the most cooperative names or even the greatest number of names. They just haven't worked out the details as of this writing but rest assured it will be worth considering. Call Gary May. Please: 466-9807. His FAX # is 466-9806.

**CAF Staff Meeting
Minutes**

November 18, 1988

Submitted by Col. Betty Miller, Acting Secretary
Edited and paraphrased for length by Ed.

Staff present: Col. Corippo, CO; Col. Mullisen, XO; John Himes, Finance Officer; Tom Gabele, Supply Officer, Col. Toomey, Col. C. Miller. Visiting members Col. Betty Miller and Col. Dori Foxworthy were also in attendance.

Minutes of the last meeting were not available as there had been a lack of a quorum and no meeting was conducted.

Treasurers Report Moved by Col. Miller and seconded by Col. Mullisen to accept Treasurers Report as presented. Accepted by unanimous vote. After acceptance of the Treasurers report a discussion followed during which it was decided that a monthly treasurers report should include a breakdown on income and expenses for Bar operation, Dinners and the Raffle. This will help the folks directly involved in these activities.

Committee Chairs

CAF

Program

George Marrett
466-7640

Dinners

John Himes
466-6680

Membership

Obbie Atkinson
238-9212

Hangar/Grounds

OPEN/
John Kendall

Air Show

Chuck Miller
466-1212

Ground Equipment

Dave Geiger
239-1598

Project Manager

Gary Corippo
238-2090
237-2090

Insurance

Brian Webster
237-0222

Refreshments

Tom Gabele
237-1567

Activities

Linda Hermansen
Maria Goldman

Photo

OPEN

JOINT CAF/EWM

Joint Site Improvements

Glen Thomson

Joint Community Events

Committee
Gary Corippo

Old Business 1. The A-4 Skyhawk is scheduled for pickup during the first week in December, if possible.

2. As of November 18 we are still awaiting approval on the new kitchen plans by the City Building Department.

3. The CAF Sponsor Thank You Dinner was a great success. (Results were reported on page 1 of the newsletter from Staff note figures).

4. Status of the Armored personnel carrier: Still trying to get it as well as a possible tank from Camp Roberts. (Title 24)

5. Casa Jet Status: It appears that the engine is OK so it should be back up and flying soon.

6. Museum certification from TACON US Army and AAM: If the Museum can get accreditation as a bonafide Army Museum we can also get American Museum Association accreditation. Still working on this.

7. Nominating Committee has submitted the name of Col. Bruce Toomey as the CO for 1999 and Col. Betty Miller as XO.

New Business:

1. New Letterhead design for CAF and Museum will have CAF Wings in half tone as background

2. Col. Gary Corippo and Col. Chuck Miller have talked to some of the City Council regarding getting some funds from the City Bed Tax.

They have met with Dee Mason from the Chamber/Visitors bureau as well and will continue to pursue this possibility for additional financial aid to the Museum.

3. Possible chance of obtaining a WWII Civilian Observation Corps Observation Shack. This will be followed up by Staff.

4. Crum's Chaparral going out of business. Possible chance to get some display cases, etc. for the Museum.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Col. Betty Miller, Acting Secretary.

CAF Roster

We have not had more than five or six calls regarding mistakes on the roster that was included in last month's newsletter. The fact that we had some, however, is reason enough to ask again that you check your own listing. We want this thing to be accurate. Call B. Toomey at 238-9266.

Beech Parts

The following was handed to me by a visitor while doing docent duty last Saturday. We have his name on the register and he indicated an interest in joining.

As follows, verbatim:

C.A.F.

There is a stripped hulk of a Beech B-18 twin with twin tail. Engines, nose, plexiglas are gone. Fuselage, tail and wing seem intact.

It is located approximately 1 mile north of Beatty, Nevada on US 95. Chance of good airframe parts if nothing else.

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Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year  
to all from Joan & Bruce Toomey!!

## Estrella Squadron

### Star of the Month

The "Star of the Month" for the month of November is our own Andrew "Andy" Henry. This is one of those of over-due honors because Andy has been a part of the scene for a number of years and has quietly given of his time and expertise during all that time.

Andy was a career Air Force officer flying everything from fighters to 141's. As such his knowledge spans an era all the way up through Vietnam and is one of the reasons his input is so valuable. One of the other reasons is that he is always on hand for any type of job from restoration to hard labor. From my own recollection Andy was one of only four kind souls who appeared on Monday after the last Air Show for clean-up time.

Andy has a fabulous background in aviation and perhaps we can get him to talk with us at a future monthly meeting.

Andy recently has been working with Glen Thomson in the Restoration Building and has been in the midst of everything every time I have been there. Andy is one of the quiet ones who doesn't talk about what he does, he just gets the job done.

We are pleased to take this opportunity to name Andy Henry as our "Star of the Month", a well deserved honor.

With all of the "stuffers" in November's newsletter, Andy was left out because of lack of space. There is no way Andy should be left out so here he is, albeit a bit late. Sorry Andy!

**CAF VOLUNTEERS**

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

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                       |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>A. VEHICLE RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE</b> |                |                             |
| 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>B. HANGAR ACTIVITIES</b>                   |                |                             |
| 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 *)    | Bob Singleton  | 239-2084                    |
| (Host/docent, museum)                         |                | *includes setup and cleanup |
| <b>C. SPECIAL ACTIVITIES</b>                  |                |                             |
| 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)

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