

# CONFEDERATE AIR FORCE NEWS

## *Estrella Squadron*



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

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September 1995

### September Meeting

The September Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 1995 at the regular Hangar, not the new one. We still do not have enough in the way of facilities there to conduct a dinner meeting. Hopefully, next month.

Social Hour will commence at 6:00 pm as usual with Dinner at 7:00pm. We have been told that this will be a true, top sirloin steak dinner, not tri tip.

In the absence of a regular dinner crew, Willa Killion, Bob Miller and Mike Wing have volunteered to take up the slack with the help of some of the dear ladies who seem to jump in when needed. If you can help, please call Willa.

Colonels are requested to be in uniform, as usual.

Our speaker for the evening will be Bill Anderson, a resident of Atascadero whose subject will be "A Boyhood Dream Come True", covering 55 years in

aviation. Bill will review highlights of his career as a Naval Aviator, 22 years as Engineering Test Pilot for Northrop and North American/Rockwell and as a Corporate Pilot.

Bill has flown over 100 different types of aircraft and continues to fly a Cessna Citation and a Cessna 340 for corporate flying and he also does some occasional flight instruction. When not "working" he enjoys flying his own Piper Twin Comanche!

### Flight Duty Roster

For the month of September: Kilo Flight, under the able direction of Col. James Wood (772-1362) will be in charge of the September Meeting and the month's activities.

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

coordination procedures for the meeting.

### Membership News

Membership Chairman, Col. Obbie Atkinson, has returned from an extended trip and we are delighted to have him back with us! He reports as follows:

Col. Dewey Killion, who seems to be working full time now, between helping Willa with the PX and devoting day after day to the hangar construction, has asked to be relieved of his duties as Flight Leader of Kilo Flight.

The new Leader of Kilo Flight will be Col. James Wood of Morro Bay. Col. Wood is expected to be very active with the Squadron and has already been extremely helpful with his engineering and construction knowledge during the erection of the new hangar.

Col. Wood operates as James E. Wood, Marine Surveyor, and is a U.S. Navy veteran having

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- Operations Col. Glen Thomson
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- Safety Col. Keith Bowers

### Staff Appointments

- PIO Col. Blake Wideman
- PX Officer Willa Killion

served in carrier duty aboard the USS Hornet. So, Kilo Flight, shape up and welcome your new Leader who has some big footsteps to follow.

Many thanks to Col. Dewey Killion for his example in leadership and service!!



### New Members

New members reporting and assigned to Hotel Flight under Col. Dirk Hale are as follows:

- William Dotts
- Chris Jenkins
- Patrick Stanhope.

Please welcome these new members and make them feel at home!

Col. Obbie Atkinson  
Membership Chairman



### Dues

Again we have to report that there are those who have not paid their '95/'96 dues. If you are wondering why you didn't get a newsletter, that's why. As of the end of August if you weren't paid up you are no longer considered a member.

Looking at the list, it is obvious that some have just overlooked their dues payment because they are still very active in the organization. PAY UP GUYS, we need your bucks and your support.

### Museum Building Construction

Most of the information on the new building is being covered

under the Museum News section as is only proper. As the new home of the Squadron, however, it remains of considerable interest to us.

The only problem at the moment is the shortage of help. This structure is being erected by a handful, and we do mean handful of people, anywhere from two, to four, or to none, showing up in the mornings. If it weren't for the Boys School we would not be any where near as far along as we are at this point. Again, we are all aware that many of us are employed and some of us have other obligations that require our attention first. It would seem, however, that many of us could afford at least three morning hours a couple of times a week. You're not going to be pressured to put in a lot of time if you do go out there. Whatever you can spare would be great. If you can, however, a regular stint of two or three hours would be of tremendous help, especially if you could be counted on.

A lot of the hard and more dangerous, or at least more physically demanding work has been done. There are a lot of small details remaining, however, which must be taken care of before other things happen; things as simple as weeding so that we can get the layer of asphalt on the taxiway that the FAA has available for us for instance.

If you have some time, try to make a difference. It will help all of us.

# Estrella Warbirds Museum, Inc.

## Museum News

Volume I Number 6

Paso Robles, California

August 1995 August

### From The Construction Trailer

By Gary Corippo,  
Project Manager,

Greeting to all you Couch Potatoes. When you drive by our building site you will see that we are, indeed, making progress. All the tin is on the building, the insulation is in, the septic tank is installed with one leach line completed and one still to be done. The restrooms will soon be installed, along with curbs and gutters. Electrical, water and telephone lines are installed and will soon be in working order.

Our next focus will be on the following:

Installation of skylights, preparation for priming and painting, installation of the 6 foot glass entry door and window, and concrete pad and walkway at the entrance. The Museum Board has OK'd the purchase of prefabricated hangar doors which we will install. When that is complete we can move into our new hangar.! We hope this will happen in the next 30 days (depending upon how much help we can get from you members)!!

Speaking of help!! I thank the faithful crew of 3-4 workers who take the time from their schedules to complete the hangar for the rest of you. I made 30 phone calls asking for help last weekend and I received 28 ways to say no. It's unfortunate when this occurs.

Working together we can do great things!!

How about showing up to help next week?????



(Editor's Note)

Work at the hangar starts about 9:00 am and goes to 12 or 1:00pm when it starts to get too hot.

In other words, you won't be stuck all day!! For that matter, it's all volunteer anyway so why not come out and just spend whatever time you can? It will be much appreciated and you'll be glad you did. Call Col. Glen Thomson at 238-4858 or Col. Gary Corippo at 238-2090.

### Big News!!

Now, if you want to hear something really fantastic, read the next two pages.

At the top under "Subject" you will see "A-6 ACFT"(aircraft).

After you get through all the gobbledygook you come to BT, which means beginning of transmission of main message. (Old Navy Signalman talk!). You will see two numbered sentences. Number 1 starts, "To facilitate assignment and transfer of ACFT(aircraft)", etc.etc. Moving down to, " BUNO (Bureau Number) 155615 ", you will see "Estrella Warbirds, Paso Robles, CA".

Sentence number 2 starts, "Delivery of aircraft etc.".

What does all this mean? Well, dear friends, it simply means that the Estrella Warbirds Museum is in line for the delivery of a surplus U.S. Navy A-6 Marauder jet fighter on approximately November 15, 1995, if all goes as expected!!

All that's necessary from our end is to provide a suitable airfield for the aircraft to land on, (Would you believe PRB!!) a place or places for the demilitarization (mechanical) crew to stay and maybe a car or two while they are here and then, transportation back to their base, which might mean all we have to do is get them back to Lemoore where they could pick up Navy transportation to their home base.

*Is That News Or What??!!*

This means so much to us as a group that it's almost unbelievable. We are a recognized Museum in the eyes of the U.S. Navy and, perhaps, the GSA and other government departments as well! From a meeting over the Kyodo hangar six years ago to our present status says a lot for a bunch of hard working volunteers, generous sponsors and a responsive city government.

This is getting to be big time stuff, guys and gals. The dreams of a few dedicated souls are being realized by and for all of us!

We have made all this happen by our selves and we are going to have something that will be a source of pride for us as well as the entire Paso Robles community.

Let's Keep Going, We Are So Close!!

### Stay Tuned!!

Yes, Friends, Stay Tuned. We might even have MORE incredible news for you in the near future!!

### Things Are Rollin'!

BE A PART OF SOMETHING GREAT!

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### A Generous Donation

We have just been informed that the owners of the former Mid-Cal Airmotive, Squadron Sponsor member Marc Dart and

Joe Yarborough, have donated a Piper Cherokee 180 to the Museum!

As you know, Marc and Joe have closed Mid-Cal and are heading for new careers, much to the sorrow of most of the airplane owners on the field. The Cherokee is one that they have owned for a time and one they were contemplating bringing back to airworthy condition. The aircraft is complete with the exception of the engine.

At this juncture, from an economical standpoint, we don't know whether or not the aircraft can be brought back to flying condition within our means but at the very least it can certainly serve as a great project for our Explorer group to work on.

Marc and Joe, many thanks and we all wish you both great success in your future endeavors.

### Report:

Estrella Warbirds Museum Staff Meeting, August 22, 1995.

Present: Glen Thomson, Gary Corippo, Jim Cole, John Cromwell, George Marrett and Blake Wideman. Newsletter Editor, Bruce Toomey

Minutes of previous meetings read and approved.

Financial Report: Report put on hold until next month.

Voted: Existing balance to be verified.

At present:

Museum \$2315.67  
Air Show \$10,267.13

Voted: Three outstanding bills to be paid; Gorham (contractor), American Sanitation; Electrical, Steve Cerveny.

Voted: \$2675.00 to be left in Air Show account, the balance to be transferred to the Museum account.

### Old Business:

1) Letter read from Jeff Welles regarding Budget. Voted: To accept Welles cost breakdown as Budget for EWM construction.

2) Review of City loan. 5yr loan at 6% to be paid annually in July after air show. (Loan set up to be on an "as needed" basis.) (ed. note)

Voted: Glen Thomson and Blake Wideman to sign loan papers on behalf of EWM

3) Building Status: Walls up; roof 2/3 on; grading being done in conjunction w/trenching.

Present Priority: Get utilities in trenches.

Very few volunteering to help at site. Need more help.

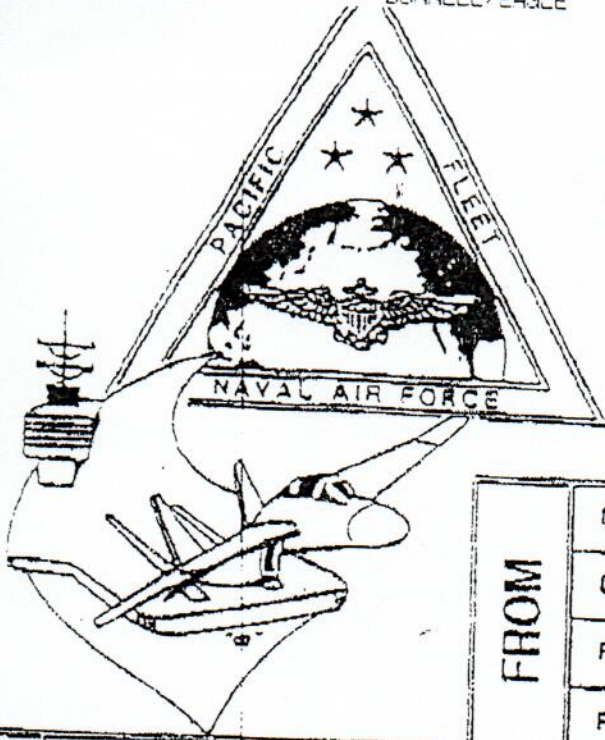
4) Future Building Needs: Door costs/type discussed.

No special action taken pending additional review.

### New Business:

1) Letter from NavHisCen: A-6 jet approved for loan to EWM. Available in approx 30 days.

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 Subject: R:O/N421A:PROPOSED CNAP A-6 ACFT MUSEUM AS...

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2. DELIVERY OF ACFT, NOT CURRENTLY IN PLACE, IS DEPENDENT ON  
 PROXIMITY OF SUITABLE RECOVERY AIRFIELD, MUSEUM FUNDING TO COVER  
 ALL EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH DELIVERY, DEMIL, RETURN OF AIRCREW/MAINT  
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EWM to pay Demilitarization charges.

2) F/A-18 No new news on acquisition of plane.

3) By-Laws: By-laws not complete with regard to membership, museum operation etc.

Voted: Panel of 3 to rewrite, Jim Cole, John Cromwell and Bruce Toomey.

4) Insurance (old business) Jim Cole and Bruce Toomey to review and report on insurance status.

5) Safety at Site: It was noted that many safety procedures at site not being followed. Most abused - Not wearing hard hats, not wearing gloves.

...Meeting Adjourned.

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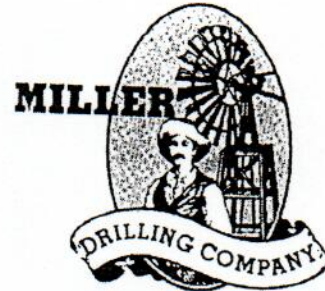
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