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Estrella Squadron

Newsletter



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

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August Meeting

The August Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 4, 1999 at the Meeting Hall with Social Hour commencing at 6:00pm and Dinner at 7:00pm.

Our program Chairman, George Marrett has arranged for us to hear from Mr. Geoffrey Miller who is the owner of Rogue River Gun Works in Paso Robles. Rogue River produces a limited number of hand crafted, extremely high quality hunting and specialty rifles and is known throughout the world.

In addition Mr. Miller has had a long and fascinating career in the aviation field and is a good friend of Chuck Yeager from the days when they were both in the Mojave area.

These two diverse areas of endeavor are only the tip of the iceberg, so to speak, with regard to Geoffrey Miller so we are including a brief biography on page three of the newsletter. It is well worth

reading and will give you some idea as to what we can expect from Mr. Miller.

This should be one heck of an interesting evening.

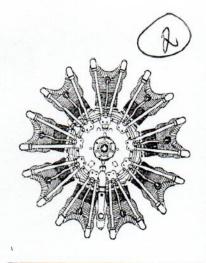
As for our dinner this too will be something special. The motif will be based on a Hawaiian Luau and will include Teriyaki Pork, Chicken and Beef as well as other items which will compliment the theme of the dinner.

Members and guests are asked and requested to wear their loudest and craziest Hawaiian -style garb for the occasion. This means that you guys can get out the shirt your wife won't let you normally wear in public and she can wear the Muu-muu she picked up in Hawaii and can sit there and let hang out and scratch comfortably all evening without anyone knowing.

Try to make it. It should be most interesting and a lot of fun.

We Mourn The Death Of A Dear Friend, Col. Harry Dixon Hines

By this time all of our members should be aware of the passing of one of our most beloved and respected members, Harry Dixon Hines, who died on July 18, just a few days after his 80th birthday. Harry was driving down to the beach with his dog to take a walk when he apparently had a heart attack and died instantly. His car went slowly



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Harry was a treasure, a lively, talkative, happy, interested, hard working, informed, religious, conservative, loyal friend and just an all around wonderful person. Those who attended his funeral services heard story after story about Harry and his positive outlook and attitude. His funeral was truly a classic celebration of the life of a wonderful person.

Harry was always in attendance at meetings, air shows, social events, work parties, and any other CAF event, always in uniform and looking the part of a dignified elder statesman but with a wicked twinkle in his eye.

As a veteran of the CBI (China, Burma, India) campaign in World War II (or eye eye as he humorously called it) he put in his time in a rough area and was proud of it. After the war and for many years he was deeply involved in the aviation field in a number of capacities with several different companies.

Yes, Harry was a treasure and we will miss him terribly but the wonderful thing about Harry was the fact that just because of being the kind of a person he was he will always be with us and we will continue to hear his voice somewhere in the room or out on the apron and will almost catch a glimpse of him out of the corner of our eye every now and then, forever. Godspeed Harry!

Work Progressing on Several Fronts

With the Air Show over, other projects are being tackled with the help of a good-sized group of volunteers. When you come out to the meeting on Wednesday, take a walk out by the static displays. If you go across the lawn you will notice a great new fence along the dirt driveway and when you go

through the gate you will see a newly painted F-86. In front of the Meeting Building you will see a number of newly installed irrigation pipes sticking up out of the ground and in front of the Museum you will see more of the same.

So, as you see friends, nothing stops our forward progress!! More to come!

Dues, Final Call

This is it, troops! In this newsletter we are including invoices prepared by our Finance Officer, Col. John Himes for those who have not yet paid their \$50.00 Squadron membership dues.

This the last notice you will receive. As of the end of August those who have not paid will be dropped from the membership rolls.

Please send in your check. Your continued support keeps us alive both monetarily as well as by your attendance and status as a member. Now that our building efforts are slowing down we have a tremendous number of other things in the offing that will be of great interest to all. We can now start to have more fun with less hard work which should be a relief to many of our sweat-stained volunteers. There are planes to work on and a slew of other things that will really make our organization a top notch addition to the community

Send in your check and continue to be part of a great effort.

Flight Leader Meeting

Just a reminder to the Flight Leaders that Betty Miller and Bruce Toomey, XO and CO respectively, have called for an informal discussion meeting on Saturday, August 7 at noon at the Meeting Hall. A light lunch of good hot dogs, buns, salad etc. will be served as a mild inducement!

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This will NOT be a rehash of the same old stuff but rather a chance for the F/l's to express themselves with regard the program, its future, changes to make it more effective or other suggestions as to how to accomplish some of the things that have to be done in one way or another in our expanding organization.

This is not going to be a long drawn out meeting but the present state of the Program suggests that some positive discussion is needed with regard to the whole picture.

PX News

Speaking of positive, our new PX officer, Marty Wright, continues to breathe new life into the whole scene with some real help from a couple of our newer members.

Dave and Jim Highland accompanied Glen Thomson in the S-2 to the Torrance Air Fair on July 10th and 11th and would up selling \$667.00 worth of PX items! This is a real bonanza in view of the fact that the PX has been idle, to say the least, since Willa and Dewey Killion stepped down after many, many years of superb service.

Our sincere thanks and a "hat's off!" to both of the Highlands for their efforts and interest.

Marty Wright also informs us that we now have the capability of accepting Visa and Master Cards for purchases at the PX. This also is a real boon because people are always showing up with 20 and 50 dollar bills to buy some trinket for a child or grand child and we don't have a lot of change on hand. So we're growing up, kids! This is just one more bit of evidence that we are no longer just a little hand-to-mouth operation. We are becoming a full-fledged business and it is the sincere hope of your present administration that we get a handle on to operate this outfit in a how businesslike manner.

Volunteer Sign-in Book



Museum Curator/Director Warren Bailey has set up a sign-in book for keeping track of the hours that are put in by the volunteers who work around the complex. This is not some idle exercise but something that is vitally important. The City wants to know just how much effort is going into the whole project. In other word, just how much work is actually going on out there to make this project worthy of city involvement and interest.

If this, in their opinion, is just a small bunch of old geezers playing around with some old derelicts then it doesn't mean much to the community. If, on the other hand, they can be shown that dozens of people put in hundreds of hours each month to create something of real value to the community they will be much more interested in looking at us with a kindly eye.

Brief Biography of Geoffrey Dean Miller

Born 1943 New York City United States Marine Corps 1959-1963

2nd Force Recon Company -Distinguished Marksman Republic of Vietnam 1961-1962 Two Tours

Part of 2nd Naval Advisory Group

Columbia University 1965-1969
University of California, San Diego
Salk Institute, La Jolla
Cal Tech, Pasadena
Doctoral Studies Molecular Biophysics
Helped build the first
laser/microscope, now commonly used
for eye surgery.

Founder and C.E.O. of American Aviation Industries - Modified the Lockheed Jet Star 4 engine (1,700-2,600 NM Range with 2 GE

Committee Chairs

CAF

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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

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Joint Site Improvements Glen Thomson

Joint Community Events
Committee
Gary Corippo

CF34 Fan engines increased range to 3,600 NM IFR)

Follow on programs were to be re-engineering Falcon 20 and Gulf Stream II and III both of which have been subsequently done by GE/Garrett Aviation.

Commercial, Multi Engine, instrument rated pilot, (not current) flown T-6, T-28, Lance, P-Skymaster, E90 King Air, 1121 Jet Commander, 1359 Jetstar, F-100D

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CAF Staff Meeting Minutes 21 July 1999

Submitted by Col. Marty Martin Paraphrased for length by Editor

The meeting was called to order at 1920 hours by Col. Toomey. Staff present at roll call were Col. Betty Miller, Col. Hines, Col, Cromwell and Col. Martin

Staff Advisor: Col. Gary Corippo
Guests, Committee Chairs etc. Warren
Bailey, Marty Wright, Tom Gabele

A copy of the 16 June 1999 meeting minutes was passed out to all persons present. The motion was made and seconded to dispense with reading of the minutes. Motion passed

Col. Himes gave a financial report on receipts and disbursements for the months of June and July. The financial outcome of the Air Show looks to be a lot less than we had hoped for. A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report as read. Motion passed. A copy of the financial report was attached to the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Col. Himes reported that we have a few members who are late with their dues. A second and final notice will be sent to the late paying members.

Col. Betty Miller reported on sending "get well" and condolence cards to members and their spouses.

Col. Toomey reported that we need to send out donation receipts for items received as donations on IRS Form 8283 so people can deduct the items on their income tax.

Col. Toomey reported on the difficult time that Flight Leaders are having in getting the help needed for the running of the Estrella Squadron.. A meeting has been called for all Flight Leaders to discuss the situation.

NEW BUSINESS

Col. Toomey reported that our dear friend and member, Col. Harry Hines passed away on July 18, 1999. We will miss him very much.

Warren Bailey, our Museum Curetor/Director spoke to the group about the need for all personnel who work around the grounds and on

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aircraft to: PLEASE SIGN THE NEW BOOK FOR THE NUMBER OF HOURS THAT EVERYONE PUTS IN. THIS ENABLES US TO COME UP WITH THE TOTAL NUMBERS FOR A REPORT TO THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES AT THE END OF THE YEAR. THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO DO THIS.

Col. Betty Miller spoke on the use and renting of the Meeting Hall.

We received a thank you note from the Silver Wings Flight Team for their nice time at Paso Robles. They hope to come back next year.

Tom Gabele requested that we get a one year liquor license. A motion was made, seconded and passed.

A motion was passed to set up a standard operating procedure manual for running the Air Show. Chuck Miller is going to retire as Show Director at the end of the 2000 Show. Warren Bailey has volunteered to work with Chuck Miller this year and take over for 2000.

Meeting adjourned 20:50 hours.

Help Needed for Upcoming Events

We have two events occurring in the immediate future. The first is the barbecue for the Air Show Sponsors which will be held on Saturday July 31. If you get this newsletter in time it would be sincerely appreciated if a few people would volunteer to help set up, serve and clean

up for this affair. This is not on our regular schedule so volunteers are needed. The first 10 or so will be able to partake of the dinner so that should be some incentive.

The other event is the luncheon being put on by the Newcomers Club on Wednesday noon, August 4. This is the same day as our regular monthly meeting. The luncheon is being catered by the Culinary School but we will need servers and some clean up people so that the regular dinner crew does not get overloaded.

We tried to get the group of young people who helped us before but because this is Fair Week all of these groups are tied up in other jobs or events so we couldn't get them for either day.

Help if you can. It will be much appreciated. Call Betty Miller 466-1212 or Bruce Toomey 238-9266 (after 9:00am) if you wish to assist us. Thanks.

Trash Problem

Our dumpster is getting a real workout as we continue to work on our buildings and other areas. Since we have a deal with the company at a reduced rate we only get two pickups a month on the first and third Wednesdays so it doesn't take much to fill the dumpster up.

One thing would be a real help. If you put cardboard boxes in, please flatten them by ripping down the sides or cutting the tape on the bottom so they can be folded. If they are not flattened it only take a few to fill up[the dumpster and we need all the room we can get.

Better yet, since cardboard is terrible for land fills, if you would flatten them and them place them vertically along side the dumpster, we will see to it that they are taken to the recycler for shredding. Thanks for your cooperation and again, remember, the dumpster is for the Squadron and the Museum. Please don't bring personal trash!!

POISON!!!!

As is the case in most isolated places where food is served we are beginning to see signs of rodents in the Meeting Building area, especially in the kitchen and and storage areas.

We are informed by a local pesticide operator that if we start off early to control this it won't get to be a problem. As a result, the Staff has decided to have a pest control operator place certain baits and other pesticides in areas where necessary.

We are asking, therefore, that people who bring dogs or other pets to the compound, please refrain from doing so at least for the immediate future. We regret having to take this action but the last thing we need is an inspection by the health authorities which could result in the closing of our food facility.

If anyone has a problem with this decision please let the Staff know but we feel this is something we have to face right up front.

See Page 6!!



What It Takes To Run An Air Show!

It takes People

And here is a list of those who helped in so many ways.

If you are surprised at the sheer numbers just be reminded of all those who are not members who also give of their time to make the Paso Robles Air Show a success!!

Our Grateful Thanks to All!

Agon	Lee	Sunday Ramp
Alesi	Bob	CAF Raffle
Anderson	Chris	Sun Ramp/w/7yr old son
Anderson	John	Admissions/ DD Decorations
Baird	Diane	Admissions
Beatty	Greg	Sat & Sun Server
Betts	Linda	DD Server
Borden	Elaine	CAF Bank
Bowers	Keith	Ramp/Operations CHAIR
Cameron	Tom	Sun BBQ Cook
Campo	Larry	DD Dec/Serv/Clean up
Carlson	Bill	Warbird Museum PX
Carlson	Joyce	Warbird Museum PX
Chidlaw	Ed	Admissions/Ticket Sales_CHAIR
Chidlaw	Emily	Ticket Sales
Chipman	Steve	Grizzly Academy Youths
Coale	Roger	CAPParking
Coleman	Gail	DD Serv, Head/Sun. BBth
Corippo	Gary	Parking CHAIR
Corippo	Judy	Warbird Museum PX
Cortese	Betina	DD Dac/st-up/server
Coulsen	Jean	Sunday Beer Booth
Cromwell	Ginger	CAF Raffle
Cromwell	John	
Crownover	Judy	Safety CHAIR
Daves	Al	Volunteer CHAIR Sat Meal Prep
Davidson	Jill	Sunday runner/helper
Davies	Gilbert	BBQ Cook Sun
Davis		Program CHAIR
Deiter	Ray	Sat & Sun Server
Edwards	Clint	DD Decorations
Eichinger	Joann	DD server/Sun security
Engle	Wally	Transportation Sat & Sun
English	Ed	Transprin/set up/clean up S&S
Erling	Jay	
Ewing	Linda	Sunday Ramp
Finch	Helen	DD Decorations
2.00	Bob	BBQ Cook Sun
Foote		Fuel&Oil Crew
Foxworthy	Dori	Hosp./Performer Ck-in CHAIR
Gabele	Tom	Beer Booth CHAIR
Gambaiani	Nick	Sunday security
Garcia	Cathy	30 Bearcat Bostrs/Sun Parking
Garvis	Connie	BBQ Cook Sun
Geiger	Dave	Fuel&Oil Crew CHAIR
Goldman	Maria	sat Meal Prep
Gosney	Bonnie	DD Decorations
Griffith	Dick	Sunday Beer Booth
Grim	Clark	CAF RAffle
Grim	Mary	CAF Raffle
Hale	Dorothy	CAF Bank
Hale	Sabrina	Beer Booth/soft drinks/12yr old
Handshy	Bear	Vets Organ. CHAIR
Handshy	Claraece	Asst Bear

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Palmerston Bill

Payne

Palmerston Joan

Charlotte

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