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# Estrella Squadron Newsletter



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

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## January Meeting

The January Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 5, 2000 at Thomson Hall with Social Hour commencing at 6:00 pm and Dinner at 7:00 pm. Chef John has promised Roast Pork as our dinner for the meeting

Our program for the evening will be provided by Sergeant Christine Moyers who was active in the United States Marine Corps from May 1980 through May 1987. During her Marine Corps career she originally worked as an Aircraft Maintenance Administration Clerk, a Technical Publication Librarian for both the OMA and IMA Maintenance Department and the White House Liaison Office at HMX-1. ....HMX-1 is the largest Marine Corps Aviation Squadron which is responsible for transporting the President, Heads of State and White House Personnel as well as all testing of new equipment prior to being released to the fleet.

Christine Moyers is presently a loan broker for NORWEST Mortgage at 6th and Spring St., Paso Robles.

This should be an interesting program and we urge all to be present.

AS USUAL, reservations will be required. Please get used to this!

It makes it easier for our meal planners to order the right amount of food and in the long run it will mean better and better meals. It's up to you, Call the Museum phone 227-0440 and leave a message.

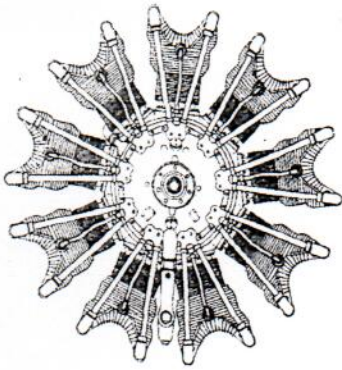
## A Fun Weekend With A Rare Old Bird

Last Saturday and Sunday we were visited by a Bushmaster 2000 which is a replica of the Ford Tri-motors of the 1920s. This Bushmaster was built in 1985 so it's kind of an interesting combination of old design and updated hardware technology.

The visit was arranged for by Curator, Warren Bailey with the help of some of the personnel at the Western Museum of Flight, namely Cindy Macha-Skjonsby, President and Fred Erb, Curator, who had dealt with the Bushmaster group previously. Warren was not given very much notice as to the availability of the airplane on that particular weekend but he jumped at the chance to get it here and we are delighted that he did so. It proved to be a real attention getter since we had some good publicity and it attracted people all during the day as it passed over town.

While not intended to be a fund raiser, in spite of what was written in the newspaper, we still made a few bucks from the affair but the benefit of the visit really came more from the positive publicity we garnered than anything else we have done since the last air show. We had a lot of people at the site who had a relaxing time looking at everything we have been doing and it was a very worthwhile low key mini open house.

It's entirely possible that, with some lead time, we can have another visit



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by the Bushmaster group and arrange for some community interaction at the same time such as working with an antique car group and having a barbecue as well. In any event, we thank Warren for providing a positive and rewarding event and this is just the beginning of things that he has in mind for us.

## All Colonels Called To January Staff Meeting

On January 19, 2000 all interested Colonels are invited to attend the regular CAF Staff meeting at Thomson Hall. At that meeting we will have an open discussion regarding the relationship between the Museum and the local CAF chapter and the direction that the latter should pursue.

As the Colonels have been advised, we will be visited by Mr. Robert Rice, Executive Director of CAF HQ, on February 9th and 10. This will be in conjunction with an annual audit, the second in two years, by HQ auditors. It is believed that Mr. Rice's visit will be in the nature of an inspection of our facilities and operation in view of the issues brought up at the last Mid-Winter Staff Conference in Midland. This will be the first official visit by HQ personnel other than the audit staff and we heartily welcome Mr. Rice to our operation

The Colonels should review in their own minds what the CAF means to them and how it relates to the Estrella Warbird Museum and operations. The two can no longer be intertwined as has been the case in the past, either intentionally or unintentionally. Each must stand on it's own merits and decide future plans independent of the other.

This meeting will give the Colonels a chance to develop a basis of future operation that will either embrace the strict rules and regulations of CAF HQ

or to consider other alternatives, either of which can be presented for Mr. Rice's consideration.

The actual discussions with Mr. Rice will be conducted by the local Staff in February.

We again request that all interested Colonels attend and respectfully request that this be limited to Colonels with the exception of those non-Colonel appointees who are committee chairmen. This is pretty much strictly CAF business and there will be ample opportunity for other members to consider their future needs and interests at soon-to-be-called other meetings.

## In Memory of Josephine Miller-Fulton

The entire Squadron extends its sincere sympathy to Bob and Marie Miller whose daughter Josephine passed away on December 10, 1999 after a long bout with cancer.

A resident of Los Alamos, Josephine was born in Paso Robles on June 1, 1955. She spent most of her life around the family's dairy in Templeton and raising horses. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in animal science from Cal Poly State University followed by an agricultural teaching credit. Recently she taught welding, ag science and ag mechanics at Santa Maria High School and was the driving force behind their Future Farmers of America program, the largest chapter in California with over 650 members.

Again, our heartfelt sympathy to Bob and Marie.

## Cataloging and Inventory

### Help Needed

As a Museum, and as we become more and more recognized by outsiders we continue to receive various

Estrella Squadron Staff

- Commanding Officer  
Col. Bruce M. Toomey
- Executive Officer  
Col. Elizabeth R. Miller
- Finance  
Col. John Himes
- Adjutant  
Col. Conrad L. "Marty"  
Martin
- Operations  
Col. Glen Thomson
- Maintenance  
Col. Al Schade
- Safety  
Col. John Cromwell

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- PIO  
Blake Wideman
- PX Officer  
Marty Wright
- Aircraft Restoration Projects  
Col. Al Schade
- Historian  
Rosemary Netto
- Flight Coordinator  
Col. Bob Singleton

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**Museum Hours**

- Wednesday 2 pm - 4 pm
- Saturday 10 am - 2 pm
- Sunday 12 noon - 2 pm

**In reality, whenever the gate  
is open!**

publications, books, etc. as well as other items ranging from photos to metric fasteners for the Casa Jet! We could use some serious help from those who would be interested in continuing with the organization and cataloging of material for the Museum. Glen Thomson has been working steadily on getting the library floor in as well as electricity and other items so we will soon be in a position to have this facility up and running. Some cataloging help would be appreciated. See Warren!

A-4 Tailhook Donated by  
Hawthorne Museum

We are pleased to announce that the Western Museum of Flight, a part of the Southern California Historical Aviation Foundation, has donated a tailhook for the A-4 to help in completing this project.

The donation was made possible by Ms Cynthia "Cindy" Macha-Skjonsby, President of the Foundation and Mr. Fred Erb, Curator of the Hawthorne-based Museum and was made during the weekend of the Bushmaster visit. Both of these good friends were with us for the two day weekend of the Bushmaster fly-in and were of considerable help during the occasion.

This cooperation between the two Museums is a wonderful example of what can happen between two such groups that can only consolidate all of our efforts to keep alive the interest in aviation history. By exchanging, loaning and outright gifting of artifacts between Museums we are broadening the availability of these items for thousands of people to see who would be unaware of their existence.

We are most indebted to Ms Macha-Skjonsby and Fred Erb for their interest in our Museum, their generosity and their friendly help during the weekend.

CAF Staff Meeting Minutes  
13 December 1999

Submitted by Col. Marty

Martin

The meeting was called to order at 1925 hours by Col. Toomey. Staff present at roll call were Col. Betty Miller, Col. Himes, Col. Schade Col. Thomson and Col. Martin.

A motion was made to dispense with the minutes for November 17, 1999 and was seconded and passed.

There was no financial report ready from Col. Himes.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made and seconded to sell all fixed assets to the Estrella Warbird Museum for the sum of \$4,200. dollars. A discussion followed the motion. There will be some adjustment of the total cost; motion passed.

New Business

A motion was made by Col. Toomey to hold all Staff officers over for another year; the motion seconded. After a discussion the motion passed. Election of officers will be held at the January 2000 meeting.

Col. Singleton talked about the Flight Leader Program and the dinner meetings.

A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting at 20:30 hours; motion passed.

Col. Conrad L. Martin, Adjutant, Estrella Squadron

Facility Rental Rules To Be  
Reworked

Now that we have had an opportunity to rent out the facilities at Thomson

**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**

**OPEN**

**Photo**

**Wally Engle**

**Newsletter Editor**

**Bruce Toomey**

**JOINT CAF/EWM**

**Joint Site Improvements**

**Glen Thomson**

**Joint Community Events**

**Committee**  
**Gary Corippo**

Hall on several occasions, we have seen the need for some restructuring of the rules and regulation regarding it's use.

One of the first considerations is to modify the terms of the "discount" that might be offered to members. In the future any member discount would apply only to personal gatherings such as a family reunion, family wedding and the like. It has become obvious that many if not most members belong to one service group or another or civic group of some kind. To offer a member discount in each of these cases would defeat the purpose of renting the facility and it should be clearly understood that the profitable rental of this facility is of paramount importance to the organization.

Also up for consideration is the matter of whether or not to serve hard liquor or even allow it to be served at all at various functions as well as the decision as to who provides the libations, whatever they are, the Museum or the renter. Also, who provides for the clean up after a rented affair, us for a clean up fee or do they do their own?

So anyway, there are some definite questions to be resolved. We don't want any hard feelings so we must establish up front rules so everyone knows just where they stand. We really need the income from the Hall, especially this year without an Air Show. So we want people to use the facility and be happy with it.

**Donation Info**

With respect to donations of any kind, we want to be assured that everyone who has or intends to donate anything is properly thanked and that tax deduction procedures are instituted on the donor's behalf. Therefore, if you have donated anything, either money or artifacts or whatever amounting to \$500. or more and have received a Proffer of Gift form, please make sure that it is filled out and returned to

Warren Bailey at the Museum so that proper tax forms can be issued to you.

If you have donated an item and never received a Proffer of Gift form, please contact Betty Miller who will arrange to send you the proper form.

**USO Dinner Dance Meeting**

In spite of the fact that there will not be an Air Show in 2000 because of the new Paso Robles Airport Terminal construction, we still will have at least one allied function and that will be the USO Show/Dinner Dance on June 17, 2000. We will probably have at least one more similar event but that has not been confirmed as yet. In order to start planning in advance and to help keep together the wonderful group of people who constituted the Air Show Committee, we will have a meeting at the Museum on January 20, 2000 at Thomson Hall with regard to the June 17 affair.

All Air Show Committee members are invited and asked to attend. This will be just an organizational meeting so it probably won't take too long but it will be an important one.

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# A Little Humor

## "Squawks"

"Squawks" are problem listings that pilots leave for maintenance crews to fix before the next flight. Here are some Squawks submitted by U.S. Air Force pilots and some "tongue in cheek" replies from the maintenance crews.

(P)=PROBLEM (S)=SOLUTION

- (P) Left inside main tire almost needs replacement
- (S) Almost replaced left inside main tire
- (P) Test flight OK except autoland very rough
- (S) Autoland not installed on this aircraft
- (P) #2 Propellor seeping prop fluid
- (S) #2 Propellor seepage normal - #1 #3 & #4 propellers lack normal seepage
- (P) Something loose in cockpit
- (S) Something tightened in cockpit
- (P) Evidence of leak on right main landing gear
- (S) Evidence removed
- (P) DME volume unbelievably loud
- (S) Volume set to more believable level
- (P) Dead bugs on windshield
- (S) Live bugs on order
- (P) Autopilot in altitude hold mode produces a 200 fpm decent
- (S) Cannot reproduce problem on ground
- (P) IFF inoperative
- (S) IFF always inoperative in OFF mode (IFF-Identification Friend or Foe)
- (P) Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick
- (S) That's what they're there for
- (P) #3 engine missing
- (S) Engine found on right wing after brief search
- (P) Aircraft handles funny
- (S) Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right and be serious
- (p) Target Radar hums
- (S) Reprogrammed Target Radar with lyrics

And with that your humble Editor leaves you for another year and wishes every member, spouse and all your kin a very

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