

# *Estrella Warbird Museum*

## *Newsletter*



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

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## FlightAdventures To Offer "Weekend-to-Solo" Program At Estrella Warbird Museum Facility

### **Presentation At February Board Meeting.**

At the February Meeting of the Board of the Estrella Warbird Museum a presentation was made by three highly qualified aviation professionals who are the members and founders of "FlightAdventures" a new organization dedicated to "the business of making aviation dreams a reality". Utilizing Microsoft Flight Simulators and new Cessna 172 aircraft, the program is designed to actually solo students within a three day period.

The program is designed for people with means but without the time to take initial steps to develop their interest in actual participation in aviation and flying. It is further designed to appeal to successful professionals with aviation interests who are presently unaware of the opportunities available.

Various other programs will eventually be offered such as "Famous Flight Adventures , Warbird Adventures, Flight Sim Adventures" and others,

FlightAdventures is primarily interested in utilizing the Paso Robles Airport for a number of reasons such as the availability of interesting nearby tourist attractions, lodging, wine tours and the like. In addition the relatively light traffic at the airport itself and the availability of the facilities of the Estrella Warbird Museum are also very attractive factors.

The initial advantages for the Museum would result from increased awareness of the Museum itself through

direct links to the Museum Web site on a national basis, increased Museum traffic and sales, live "on site" aviation activities etc. all of which would increase the public's awareness of the Museum.

The community would also benefit from increased revenue opportunities from lodging, wine tours, antique tours, shopping and restaurant usage and the like.

The Board believes that this is an excellent opportunity for the Museum to become involved in a first class aviation activity that could be beneficial to both groups. The start-up date for this activity is expected to commence in late March and the Museum members will continue to be fully informed of developments as they occur.

### **March Meeting**

The March Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 1, 2000 at Thomson Hall with Social Hour commencing at 6:00pm and Dinner a 7:00pm. Chef John has promised Corned Beef and Cabbage which is appropriate for the month!.

Our speaker for the evening will be Bud Layman of Pismo who spoke to us four or five years ago. Bud was a CIA employed U-2 pilot who flew multiple missions over Russia. and will speak to us on that subject. This should be an unusual and most interesting meeting.

PLEASE CALL 227-0440 FOR RESERVATIONS.

## Agreeable Meeting Held With CAF Headquarters Staff Members

On February 10 a meeting was held between several members of the CAF HQ Staff and various Staff members of the Estrella Squadron. CAF Auditors Floyd Houdyshell, Controller, and LaTanya Swinney, Unit Finance Coordinator, were accompanied by Mr. Robert Rice, Executive Director of the CAF. Representing the Squadron were Unit Commander Bruce Toomey and Exec Officer Betty Miller. Most other members of the Squadron Staff were also in attendance.

After a series of far-ranging discussions concerning almost every aspect of the relationship between the Squadron and Headquarters agreements were reached regarding asset disposal, financial considerations and other aspects arising from the dissolution of the Squadron.

In view of the fact that the CAF owned so few assets, which has been a bone of contention for some years, it was agreed that the Museum would purchase the fixtures such as chairs, tables and certain display cases and other items which were originally owned by, assigned to or licensed in the name of the Squadron. The 1941 Dodge pickup truck, for instance, also titled in the name of the CAF, is to be released to HQ to reassign as they wish.

Leasehold improvements, which were made for the benefit of the Squadron in view of the fact that they were subleasing from the Museum, will, of course, remain on site.

Signed agreements were made on the spot which covered all areas of contention and both groups parted in a friendly fashion.

## Local CAF Future Prospects

As an indication of the atmosphere that prevailed during the meetings, Bob Rice indicated that Headquarters would probably be inclined to look favorably upon a request for the formation of a new CAF unit to accommodate existing local CAF Colonels as long as it was not in the immediate Paso Robles area. This would avoid the entanglements and

misunderstandings which have plagued the former Squadron's relationship with Headquarters and would allow a new unit to have a fresh start. There are a number of colonels who have indicated that they might be interested in a new unit and this might be something that should very well be considered. 1292

## A Bright Future Seen For The Museum

As an indication of the relief felt as a result of the clarification of the Museum/CAF contentions it has been noted that there has been an amazing increase in the number of Museum members showing up on the last two weekends. There have been a number of small projects that have been waiting for resolution that have miraculously been accomplished and a number of larger projects seem to be attracting an increasing number of volunteers.

Quite frankly, there seems to be a measurable resurgence of interest in everything that is going on and the positive attitude being displayed is truly uplifting. We have a wide open future full of possibilities. The USO Dance in June can be a great help in raising some much needed funds but in the meantime there are all sorts of possibilities. We have a Museum Association event coming up on the 26th that can be very important in helping to establish our place in the western museum circuit. We have the F-4 cockpit heading for Anaheim for a Home Show and several others during the Spring that will attract possibly hundreds of thousands of people who will see our display.

Now that we know who we are and where we can go and what we can do, the future is limited only by our imagination and our willingness to volunteer for things that will be of definite benefit to US locally. We have a lot of new blood in our organization and these people have a different outlook and much more imagination than some of us "originals" and to listen to their ideas and enthusiasm at meetings and informal get-togethers is very heartwarming.

So, we stand at the threshold of fabulous things at a time when we can make our Museum something far beyond anything we even thought of in the beginning. Join up guys and gals. This is going to be worthwhile, interesting and FUN!! DON'T BE LEFT OUT!!!

## Ground School

A classic example of new stuff is the ground school that Marty Martin and others have been promoting. IT WORKS. Yes, by golly, it's up and running. It's not just an idea that was brought up and then died because of lack of effort. There are those who are MAKING IT WORK. Look into it. This is something of our own not part of the FlightAdventures deal and not in competition with them in any way. This is a group of our own with a great idea for low cost instruction and future flying utilizing our own facilities. This is the kind of stuff that will make us a valuable asset for the community and help put us on the map.

## Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Estrella Warbird Museum

February 16, 2000

Meeting called to order by acting Chairperson, Betty Miller

1. Welcome and introductions given by Betty Miller.
2. Minutes of the January 19, 2000 Board of Directors Meeting were read by the Secretary. It was moved and seconded to accept said minutes. Motion passed.
3. Al Schade gave a detailed report concerning the restoration status of each museum aircraft.
4. Conrad Martin gave the Treasurer's report and a ledger of all outstanding bills owed by the Museum. It was moved and seconded to authorize the Treasurer to pay the bills. Motion passed.
5. Marty Wright gave a status report of the Museum gift shop. Marty also asked Board members to encourage the sale of the new Museum T-shirts.
6. Betty Miller gave a Facilities Use Report. The next group to use the Museum's facilities will be the Association of Western Museums. The Museum will be paid \$750 to provide dinner to the group.
7. Warren Bailey gave the Curator's Report which was attached to the previous meeting ,minutes.

8, It was moved and seconded to consider New Business on the agenda before Old Business to accommodate guests at the meeting. Motion passed. pg 3

9. Brian Webster discussed the Museum's present insurance policies. He stated what Museum assets were and were not covered. He also discussed what activities were and were not covered. He then stated that the Museum needed to keep him informed about changing activities and any new assets acquired in order for him to ensure the activities or assets are covered under the Museum's existing policy.

10 Ben Chiu and his partners gave a presentation about their new entity known as FlightAdventures. They proposed that the Museum and FlightAdventures form a joint venture to allow FlightAdventures to use the Museum facility on certain weekends to train student pilots. In return for allowing FlightAdventures use of the facilities, Flight Adventures would establish for the Museum a Web page on the internet and assist the Museum in other public relations areas. It was agreed that the Board of Directors would hold a special meeting the following night to discuss the proposal.

11. It was agreed that the issue of proposed Bylaws be tabled until the next meeting to give all Board members an opportunity to review the Bylaws and make any suggested changes.

12. It was agreed and seconded to appoint Conrad Martin as Treasurer. Motion passed.

13. Chuck Miller gave a report on the upcoming USO Show and that the Paso Robles City Council agreed to be a cosponsor of the show.

14. Further discussion was held about displaying and utilizing the F-4 cockpit in a home show in Anaheim on the 24th through the 28th of February

15. Warren Bailey has completed a preliminary inventory of the Museum property. More detailed inventory to follow.

16. Guidelines for donated and loaned property to the Museum were discussed. Marty Wright submitted to the Board a standardized form to report any property loaned or donated to the Museum. Completed forms are to be given to Warren Bailey.

17. Board members were reminded that no individual board member can commit the Museum to any financial or staff commitment without prior approval of the Board.

18. The various Museum committees need to submit budgets to the Board.

19. It was moved and seconded that Warren Bailey be appointed to the Museum Board. Motion passed. It was moved and seconded that Admiral Gleim be appointed to the Museum Advisory Board. Motion passed.

20. The issue of the CAF trailer was discussed. It was moved and seconded that Gary Corippo take the necessary steps to resolve the issue. Motion passed.

21. Al Schade discussed the issue of deteriorating equipment and mentioned the need of a maintenance fund.

22. It was moved and seconded that the monthly meeting be held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Motion passed.

There being no more business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned..

Paul E. Clark, Secretary

### Special Board Meeting

A special Board Meeting was held on February 17, 2000 just prior to the Air Show Committee Meeting, to consider the proposal by the members of FlightAdventures regarding the use of the Museum facilities to conduct their operations. In attendance were Betty Miler, who chaired the meeting, Ed Chidlaw, Chuck Miller, Bruce Toomey, Gary Corippo, Marty Martin Marty Wright and Al Schade.

There were no minutes of previous meetings read nor was there a Treasurer's Report.

The general proposal by the FlightAdventures group was given at the regular meeting of the Board of the Museum on Wednesday, February 16, 2000.

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During a general discussion it was agreed that we should welcome the FlightAdventures group and their plan for the weekend flight schools and flying program subject to further discussions with our legal staff.

There was some concern voiced as to the added expense to the Museum that would be caused by increased use of utilities and other facilities and it was agreed that there would be some wording in an agreement between the two entities that a monitoring of expenses would be carried out for a three to four month period for purposes of establishing increased costs that would be reimbursed by the FlightAdventures group. There were other concerns regarding the fact that the Museum is a 501c corporation and what would be the effect of certain types of income. It was also agreed that after another suitable period of time there would be a further review of the overall operations with the possibility in mind that the Museum could share in possible profits or at least establish a charge for facilities that would be of value to the Museum and also fair to the FlightAdventures group. It was also agreed that FlightAdventures name the Museum as an additional insured.

1. Further discussions were held regarding the McAfee/CAF trailer and ownership and more information will be provided by Gary Corippo.

2. Discussions were held regarding the Casa jet and the possibility of obtaining an AT-6.

3. Warren Bailey is to obtain new locks for the Museum Office and keys are to be restricted to himself and the CEO.

4. A check for \$29.58 was issued to Marty Wright for a PX (Gift Shop?) expense. Meeting adjourned at 1900. Submitted by B. Toomey, Acting Scribe.

### F-4 Travels

As most or some of you know, Al Schade's daughter has made it possible for us to have the F-4 appear as an

attraction at four or five Home Shows in the LA area and south. These shows are attended by thousands if not hundreds of thousands in areas the size of LA and are, consequently, a terrific place to show off our F-4 and bring some quality attention to the Museum.

As most of you also know, Wayne King has been hauling the rig to air shows and other events during the past several years and has stayed at the shows taking pictures and letting kids (and adults) sit in the cockpit and poke around it in general.

Now that the F-4 is back on premises we have the opportunity to haul it around and reap some donation money and the initial visit to the Home Shows could be most worthwhile. The only problem is that it takes BODIES to haul it around and to stay with it taking pictures and handling the people who want to take advantage of a fun deal.

There are some who can do the hauling down and back and some of them can stay occasionally but it's up to all of us to provide the personnel for this project in general. There are helpers and volunteers at the Shows who can be assigned to help by those who run the shows but we're not sure at this point as to the dedication of the help. They might be flighty teen agers who would work for an hour or two and then take off or that might be pretty good. In the long run it's up to us to make this thing work.

If this sounds like it might be fun contact Warren Bailey or another Board member and let's see what we can work out. Let's not just dump this on a few and let a good opportunity go down the tube. It could be a lot of fun for a few of us to get together in LA or Anaheim or San Diego for a couple of days and see a good trade show and make some bucks for the Museum as well as promoting our image. Give it some thought.

### Docents

The Docent program is up and running but we still need help. We have lost one but gained another (thank you Jim Heggarty!) but a few more volunteers would really help to spread out the load. At this point we are running on the basis of each docent working one day a month with the exception of Art Britton and myself each taking two. We also have the ever faithful Tom

Weiss's working a shift each and Mike and Ellen Hudson doing all kinds of good things working together on a mid-month Wednesday. p95

Anyway... we could use more so please think about giving us two to four hours once a month. We have more and more going on all the time and weekends are getting pretty convivial! Come out and join the fun!!

### T-Shirts, Sweat Shirts, Cool Embroidery on Clothing of Your Own Choosing!!

Marty Wright says, "I need your help!! We went to a lot of effort to get some good quality shirts lined up at a reasonable price and worked hard to get a clear logo that shows up well. So if you're going to get a shirt or two or three, now is the time."!!!!

Yes, NOW is the time while we can still get the discounts! The shirt samples are located at the gift shop counter and order blanks are on the counter

Don't forget, you can have the large logo embroidered on a jacket or shirt of your own choosing for only \$25.00. Take a look when you come to the meeting on Wednesday. It would look pretty cool if everyone had a shirt with a logo or legend when we have an event like a dinner or fly-in or what have you. SIGN UP, SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL MUSEUM!!

### Letter from Jim Pickens

On Thursday night the 24th, just as I was about to head for Stuart's to Xerox this whole mess, already being a day late, I received a letter forwarded on to me by George Marrett from member Jim Pickens. If it were anyone but good 'ol Jim I wouldn't stay up till 2:00 am rewriting the newsletter that I had already set up for printing.

Dear George,

I hope you remember me from our association at the Estrella Warbird Museum. I am writing to you because you are one of the few members with an e-mail address and I wanted to touch base with everyone and send an update on the progress of my flight training.

I have been in San Diego since early January. I began working on my instrument rating right away and

**Estrella Warbird Museum**  
Docent Shift Assignments  
March 2000

<u>Date</u>	<u>Docent Name</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
Wed 01	K.Haeuser	995-2079
Sat 04	B. Toomey	238-9266
Sun 05	B. Toomey	283-9266
Wed 08	A. Britton	226-9627
Sat 11	D. Blomquist	227-0362
Sun 12	T. Weiss	239-2637
Wed 15	M & E Hudson*	467-2619
Sat 18	Doug Moore	466-6142
Sun 19	A. Britton	226-9627
Wed 22	J. Heggarty	238-6846
Sat 25	C. Weiss	239-2637
Sun 26	Open	
Wed 29	Open	

\* Depending on flight Schedule

Happily accepting any volunteers for days shown as Open

Anyone who could fill in on an occasional basis would be appreciated as well.

passed that check ride on February 4th. I am currently working on my commercial license. It has gone rather slowly due to the weather. Lazy Eights are much more difficult from inside a cloud. Presuming I get past this check ride I will begin CFI and CFII training on March 16th. I am loving every minute of it and expect to be a working pilot not later than mid-May.

May I ask a favor of you? Flight Examiners are in very short supply here in San Diego and schedules are very tight. It appears that I can not get a commercial check ride until late March, at the earliest. Do you know of any FAA Designated Examiners in the SLO, Paso, or Santa Maria areas? If you have any names and phone numbers (and a recommendation of who you or any of the other pilots around the Museum favor) I would appreciate your assistance. I would plan to come up there for for my check ride within the next two weeks or so and get it out of the way up there and return here for the CFI class. Any assistance you could provide would be greatly appreciated.

Please say hello to everyone for me, especially Obbie, Glen, Gary, Marty (Wright & Martin) Betty and Chuck, Bruce, Larry Campo, Dave Highland, and well, everyone I guess. I miss you all.

I have stopped in at the CAF Wing at Gillespie Field down here. They are a nice bunch and have expressed interest in setting up a fly-in to Paso some time soon. Float that idea with our group and let me know if they want to be in contact with this group.

I have a cross country coming up soon and will try to schedule it so I can attend the March dinner meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing you all very soon! And thanks again for any help you can provide on finding a Designated Examiner.

Please take care and keep in touch,

Jim Pickens  
<jpickins57@yahoo.com>

Let George or B. Toomey know if you can help Jim find an Examiner around here.

Subject: Airport control towers

Following are accounts of actual exchanges between airline and control towers from around the world:

The controller who was working a busy pattern told the 727 on downwind to make a three-sixty (do a complete circle, usually to provide spacing between aircraft). The pilot of the 727 complained, "Do you know it costs us two thousand dollars to make a three-sixty in this airplane? Without missing a beat the controller replied, "Roger, give me four thousand dollars worth!"

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A DC-10 had a exceedingly long roll out after landing with his approach speed just a little too high. San Jose Tower: "American 751 heavy, turn right at the end, if able. If not able, take the Guadeloupe exit off of Highway 101 and make a right at the light to return to the airport.

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It was a really nice day, right about dusk, and a Piper Malibu was being vectored into a long line of airliners in order to land at Kansas City.

KC Approach: "Malibu three-two-Charlie, you're following a 727, one o'clock and three miles." Three-two-Charlie: "We've got him. We'll follow him."

KC Approach: "Delta 105, your traffic to follow is a Malibu, eleven o'clock and three miles. Do you have that traffic?" Delta 105 (long pause and then in a thick southern drawl): "Well...I've got something down there. Can't quite tell if it's a Malibu or a Chevelle, though."

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Unknown Aircraft: "I'm f\*\*\*ing bored!". Air Traffic Control: "Last aircraft transmitting, identify yourself immediately!!"

Unknown Aircraft: "I said I was f\*\*\*ing bored, not f\*\*\*ing stupid!"

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Tower: "Eastern 702, cleared for takeoff, contact Departure on 124.7."  
Eastern 702: "Tower, Eastern 702 switching to Departure ... by the way, after we lifted off, we saw some kind of dead animal on the far end of the runway." Tower: "Continental 635, cleared for takeoff, contact Departure on 124.7; did you copy the report from Eastern?"  
Continental 635: "Continental 635, cleared for takeoff roger; and yes, we copied Eastern and we've already notified our caterers."

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