

Estrella Warbird Museum

Newsletter



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

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April Meeting

The April Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2000 at Thomson Hall with Social Hour commencing at 6:00pm and Dinner at 7:00pm. Chef John will prepare a chicken dinner but as of this writing was not sure whether it would be a barbecue or oven baked but either way it all sounds good!

Our program for the evening will be a bit different and it promises to be a nice sort of laid back affair with entertainment provided by "The Silver Belles" a signing group who will perform after dinner singing patriotic as well as other songs, according to George Marrett our Program Chairman.

"The Silver Belles" began in 1987 with a group of Paso Robles Woman's Club members getting together to practice singing Christmas Carols for the club's December Meeting. Sue Haley, a local musician and pianist asked the ladies if they would like to become a permanent chorus. It proved to be so much fun that they gave themselves a name, held regular rehearsals, bought outfits and sang often for local clubs and nursing homes. Then, in 1992, Sue remarried and moved away which left the group floundering. They convinced Liz Jenstad, a retired public school music teacher, to take over. Liz then asked her friend Nancy Kinsell to be pianist for the group. Nancy had served our country during World War II playing accordion and piano on many exceptional star-studded USO tours. When Nancy passed away suddenly in 1997, the "Belles" were again faced with the prospect of disbanding but, like a miracle, Kathy Garrett, an accomplished pianist, who had just moved to Paso Robles, heard about the plight of "The Silver Belles"; she walked in and said she would be happy to accompany the group; how lucky they were!

At that point the Belles established a scholarship in memory of Nancy Kinsell, to be given to a Paso Robles High School graduate planning a career in music,

Now all donations received for performing, plus proceeds from the annual fund raising concert go toward the Nancy Kinsell Scholarship. (Nancy was the former wife of our own Bob Kinsell, now married to Marie).

So, when the time comes kids, dig in and make a nice contribution to the "Belles" when the hat is passed!

Please remember to call 227-0440 for reservations!!!

Beer and Wine Sales

by Betty Miller

It has become necessary to increase our prices for our beer and wine sales during our dinner meetings. Many of you have asked for more variety in the wine selections and we are happy to offer rotating local and San Luis Obispo County labels for those who desire them. Because of the increased costs of these wines we must pass on the increase to the consumer.

We are a non-profit organization, but even "Non-profit" status does not pay the "rent" to the City or the gas and electricity. If any of you desire a different brand of beer, please let Tom Gabele know and he will investigate the cost and possibility of getting some other options. On that same note, please do not bring in your own beverages. This defeats the purpose of trying to raise money to support the Museum for your enjoyment. Most bars and restaurants charge a "corkage fee" if outside liquor is served and we feel we should be entitled to do the same. Please keep in mind that our drinks are still considerably cheaper than downtown bars.

Logo Hats, Shirts and Sweatshirts Now Available at the Museum Gift Shop

There is a selection of styles hanging up in back of the counter and order forms for the hats and shirts on the counter itself for these items. Part of the object of all this is so that the members will, hopefully, buy a shirt or two as a sort of uniform or at least a distinctive item of dress to show guests and outsiders at meetings and events that you (we) are a Sponsor member of the Museum. These are specially priced for all orders received before March 30!!

If you have a favorite style of jacket or brand of shirt the logo can be embroidered on the pocket area or even on the back for the larger logo. This would be for an item of your own that you would bring to Marty Martin yourself and ask that it be embroidered. The others are available as stock items as noted above. Check the low prices on the stock items. The special logo on an item of your own would be \$25.00 but just think how cool you'd look on the golf course sporting a groovy logo like the Museum's on your Tiger Woods custom jacket!!

Call Marty at 239-1759 BEFORE March 30 to get the price break he has arranged for on early orders.

Command Performance At The Stage Door Canteen!!

by Betty Miller

The 2000 Airshow was canceled because of the construction work on the new Paso Robles Airport Terminal BUT our annual USO Show is bigger and better than ever!!

The 2000 Airshow Committee under the direction of Chuck Miller has been meeting once a month since September on putting together the "Command Performance At The Stage Door Canteen" to be held on Saturday, June 17 in the main Museum Hangar. Social Hour will be from 6:00pm till 7:00pm with a served sit-down dinner at 7:00pm. Our menu will be prepared by Museum Member, John Himes, and his able staff and you may choose from barbecued Chicken or Beef as your entree when you purchase your tickets. A talent packed show with singers and dancers begins at 7:30 PM and dancing to the Main

Street Big Band will start at 9:00 PM till midnight.. All of this great entertainment is yours for only \$40.00 per person!!

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You are encouraged to wear styles from the 40's and 50's or even your old military uniform. Last year we had some great outfits and we will have a prize this year for the **MOST AUTHENTIC COSTUME**. We will have a secret judge roaming among you so get out that trunk in the attic and see what great finds you can use. Tickets will go on sale to the public on May 1 but members of the Estrella Warbird Museum have first pick by calling 227-2142 and giving your name, the number of tickets you will be purchasing and your phone number. You will be called a week prior to May 1 so that you can pay for and receive your tickets. For your information the above number is a special voice mail number specifically set up so you can make reservations so take advantage of it.

Museum member Betty Miller is the Stage Director as well as performing in this year's USO Show and promises a delightful evening of performances from Peggy Lee, Mario Lanza, Bing Crosby, the Andrews Sisters, Dinah Shore, just to mention a few! You will delight to the vocal renditions of Genie Dadsman, Dan Murray, Frank Sanchez, Robert Umphenour, to mention just a few.

You will be able to sit and be served by members of the Civil Air Patrol and the Grizzly Academy. There will be two bars, the "Hollywood Canteen" and the "Stage Door Canteen" manned by Museum members Tom Gabele and George Marrett.

There will be a Silent Auction featuring some great items and vacation stays at some exclusive resorts. A raffle will also be held for truly outstanding Grand Prize. Mark your calendars, pick up the phone and call for tickets before May 1. We have already received 60 names for advance tickets and we are limited to 400 persons maximum!

Recent Review By City Puts Hold On Meeting Hall Rental

At a recent meeting with Paso Robles City Administrators, a review of our operating permits for the Meeting Hall revealed the fact that, although it is perfectly acceptable for us to hold our own dinner

meetings, we are not cleared for renting out the facility to others for similar purposes because we do not meet certain code requirements. These include such things as a sprinkler system and an approved exhaust system over the kitchen cooking equipment, among others, which must be installed before the facility is rented out in any sort of commercial way. Fortunately, we are able to use the museum hangar, plus a tent and the meeting hall for the upcoming USO Show by a special permit for Temporary Use of a Non-conforming Structure. We will also be able to have outside activities during the summer months and ask that you support all these activities.

The constraints on the use of the building are a bit of a blow, to say the least, because we had counted on receiving substantial income from renting out the Hall. This is not just an arbitrary ruling on the part of the City because we are all well aware of the fact that the City has been most supportive of our whole endeavor in dozens of ways and we are most grateful for their consideration. This is just something we have to face if we want to utilize the facility as we intended.

Unfortunately, these improvements are very expensive and we have squeezed every dime we can out of the original large donation that made the erection of the buildings and most of the other improvements possible. The Board of Directors is considering every conceivable angle to create funds for these necessary improvements as well as our regular operating capital. These include such things as flea markets conducted on the grounds, utilizing donated items from members and others as well as a possible annual aviation flea market or sale where we would lease out space and receive a part of the sale amounts. Other forms of fund raisers are also being considered and we would welcome the suggestions of anyone who could contribute some ideas in this respect.

Annual dues from most members will become due and payable on May first but we will be getting out the invoices for dues within the next few days in the hope that we will receive as many early payments as possible. In view of our critical financial condition we are also asking that those who can and will to double their dues payments as a donation to help out during this period. This is not to put pressure on anyone but any donation over and above the \$50.00 annual dues will be greatly appreciated. A number of people have

suggested this as an emergency means to help pull us through this particular crisis and have already offered to come up with additional funds. It is hoped that the June USO Show will also be a source of more income. What we really need, however, is a benefactor who would take an interest in what we are trying to do and contribute a substantial amount of money to enable us to finish our projects, thereby making it possible for us to be able to generate sufficient future income to meet normal operating expenses.

If we were in a more populous area it would be considerably easier to raise funds both from individuals as well as corporate sponsors but it is much more difficult in a small town. We certainly don't have the big corporate base and those in the area who are fairly affluent are constantly being mauled by every needy organization imaginable. Nevertheless, we are appealing to every member to rack his or her brains to come up with an idea that will help us get over this immediate problem and make it possible for us to be self-sufficient from now on.

History On Display
by Curator Warren Bailey

The Link Trainer exhibit within the Museum has been enhanced by the addition of signage for the story line on the creation of the Link and its development during World War II to meet the demands of training our new military flyers of the time in the art of instrument flying..

Did you also know that the Army was still using the Link Trainer up until the early 70's? The current flight simulators owe their existence to the Link Trainer and that goes for the desk top computer types you see today.

Your Museum will continue to grow and be enhanced as everyone plays a part in it's development. Carol Weiss did the framing and glass work on the recent exhibit. Thanks Carol for your outstanding work. I encourage everyone to come out and learn from the exhibit. Bring a friend and become a member of this educational forum.

Estrella Warbird Museum, Board Meeting
Minutes, Wednesday, March 15, 2000

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1. CALL TO ORDER / MEMBER ROLL CALL

(Determination of Quorum Status) Present:

Bailey, Chislaw, Corippo, Davis Al, Martin, Miller B, Russell, Schade, Thomson, Toomey

Absent: Clark, Cromwell, Wright

Guests: Chuck Miller

2. WELCOME Chairman of the Board, Glen Thomson

3. REPORTS:

Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 17, 2000 were printed in the March Estrella Warbird Museum Newsletter

Ed Chidlaw moved to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Marty Martin. Passed Unanimously.

Treasurer Marty Martin gave the Treasurer's Report and presented the ledger with all checks written from February 19 through March 15.

Beginning Balance was	\$3772.64
Deposits totaled	1860.05
Expenses totaled	3592.41
	Ending balance
	in the account is \$2040.28

Betty Miller moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded by Ed Chidlaw. Passed unanimously.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Adoption of new Bylaws.

Board Members Al Schade, Al Davis and George Marrett have questions on items in the new proposed by-laws and would like clarification from Paul Clark who was not present. Chairman Glen Thomson appointed a committee of Members Schade, Davis and Marrett to meet with Paul Clark to go over questions and present findings at the next Board Meeting.

Gary Corippo moved to table voting for the adoption of the new proposed by-laws until the special scheduled meeting on March 29, 2000 Seconded by Al Davis. Passed unanimously.

Parliamentarian Appointed

Chairman Glen Thomson appointed Al Schade to be Parliamentarian

USO Show Budget

Because Chuck Miller had not arrived from another meeting, Betty Miller presented the Proposed 2000 USO Show Expense Budget. The total budgeted amount is \$16,793.81. The Proposed Income is \$24,000.00 +/- . Since this will be our major fund raiser for 2000 it is important to have all members obtain Business Sponsors.

Motion Detectors

There was discussion regarding the high cost of utilities such as gas and electricity for the Museum. To cut down the high cost of all-night lighting, motion detector light will be installed on the corners of the buildings. The pilot lights for the stoves in the kitchen will also be turned off. It was felt that the extra time needed to re-light the stoves will be worth the savings.

5. New Business

Piano

Betty Miller has had a piano technician check out the donated Wurlitzer piano to determine how much money it would cost to repair the instrument to playable condition. Due to water damage from being stored near the ocean and possible leakage in the storage unit, the cost and time required would be substantial. A replacement piano has been found and the seller is willing to take the Museum piano plus \$300. in exchange. Since the museum has no funds available, Museum Member and pianist Dorothy Renton McBain has graciously agreed to donate the \$300. and the exchange piano could be in place by the 23rd of March. The piano will be secured to stop unauthorized use and a damp chaser will be installed as well to balance the extreme temperature fluctuating in the building. Moved by Gary Corippo and seconded by Marty Martin to accept Mrs. McBain's offer and procure a playable replacement piano. Passed unanimously.

Curator Status

Glen Thomson brought up the fact that due to our financial status, the Museum does not have the funds available at this time to pay the \$1000 per month for Warren Bailey's salary. Glen Thomson recommended that Bailey's salary be reduced to \$250. per month until funds can be accrued to meet the obligation. After much discussion, Mr. Bailey tendered his two weeks resignation notice as of March 15 terminating his position as of March 31st. . Members Ed Chidlaw, George Marrett, Marty Martin, Glen Thomson and Bruce Toomey agreed to each donate \$200 to meet the \$1000. that will be owed Mr. Bailey for the period March 15 thru April 15.

Budget

It was moved by Al Schade and seconded by Ed Chidlaw to form a committee to put together a budget for 2000 for the operation of the Museum. This will be done within the next two weeks. The committee to be Marty Martin, Glen Thomson, Ed Chidlaw and Al Schade. Passed.

L3 Status

Discussion of the status of the L3 was followed by a motion by Ed Chidlaw, seconded by George Marrett to send a registered letter with Return Receipt requested giving the registered owner 30 days notice to remove the L3 from the Museum. Should said removal not occur, the L3 would be moved to City tie down space on the open ramp.

Gift Shop Request

Gift Shop Manager, Marty Wright, sent in a request to purchase stock in the amount of \$780. Since there are no funds available, Ed Chidlaw moved to defer this request until the next meeting, Seconded by Al Schade.

F104 Dedication

There will be an official dedication of the F104 on Saturday, May 6. 2000. Hopefully this will be a highly advertised event and we hope to make it into at least a minor fund raiser by having the dedication followed by a barbecue and having hot dogs and/or hamburgers available for the small fry so it won't be too expensive to bring the whole family for a Saturday afternoon.

George Marrett has some terrific slides on the development of the F104 and this should be a great attraction as well..

Fund Raiser Ideas

Because of the need for funds to continue to run the Museum much discussion centered on various ways to raise money. Among those mentioned were Fly-in Breakfasts for members, Aircraft Parts Flea Markets, Rummage Sale, etc. Glen Thomson suggested the next Dinner Meeting Raffle feature a one year Museum Membership as the prize. Moved by Betty Miller. Seconded by Ed. Chidlaw. Passed,.

Airshow/USPO Show Account

Airshow Director Chuck Miller asked the Board to consider putting all incoming USO Show Sponsor moneys into a separate account. This will ensure that all budgeted and previously committed USO Show expenses will be paid before distribution of the net. Discussion followed. Ed Chidlaw moved to place all incoming moneys into the Heritage Oaks account with the understanding that these funds will be used to meet USO Show budget commitments. Al Schade seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment to Special Meeting on Wednesday, March 29, 2000 at 7:00pm

Monthly Curator's Report

March 2000

Museum Visitors: 380

States Represented in March: - 9

States Represented to date: - 20

Countries Represented: Germany

Countries Represented to date: 8

Volunteer hours of service: 980.3

Service hours to date: 4,632.5

1. Provided 250 individuals on guided tours of Museum
2. Attended Chamber of Commerce mixer
3. Attended meeting with CA Army Guard unit for set up of educational program and visit of Army aircraft.

Docent Shift Assignments

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April 2000

<u>Date</u>	<u>Docent Name</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
Sat 01	B. Toomey	238-9266
Sun 02	B. Toomey	238-9266
Wed 05	K. Haeuser	995-2079
Sat 08	D. Blomquist	227-0362
Sun 09	T. Weiss	239-2637
Wed 12	Open	
Sat 15	Doug Moore	466-6142
Sun 16	A. Britton	226-9627
Wed 19	M & E Hudson*	467-2619
Sat 22	C. Weiss	239-2637
Sun 23	A. Britton	226-9627
Wed 26	J. Heggarty	238-6846
Sat 29	Open	
Sun 30	Open	

* Depending on flight schedule

Hi there everybody! Obviously we need more Docents. Can't we just get at least 12 to 14 people out of 150 to take just one day a month? Please call Bruce Toomey at 238-9266 and be a part of something good.

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4. Set up tour for March with Fresno school (155 visitors)
5. Held meeting for Annual Association of Western States Aviation Museums Conference in Santa Maria at end of month (planning)
6. Guest speaker at Experimental Aircraft Association meeting in SLO
7. Set up tour for Templeton Elementary School (180 kids, 2 days)
8. Set up tour for local Mom's
9. Sent inquiry for consideration of WWII T-6 aircraft exhibit
10. Co-hosted Annual Association of Western States Aviation Museums. Also held tour with 18 Museums at Estrella Warbird Museum (Exposure)
11. Participated in So. Cal. Home World Home and Garden Show with F-4 cockpit exhibit (Exposure)

Name Badges

We are still in the process of updating and issuing new name badges so that all museum sponsor members are identified with the same type of badge. Only the Life Members will have different distinctive badges.

We ask that you make an effort to wear them at meetings. This helps new members get to know the older ones and for that matter it helps everyone get to know each other.

We also ask that you make every effort to place them on the board when you are through. We are also updating the board so that every badge will have its own space.

Please help us help you. Thanks



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