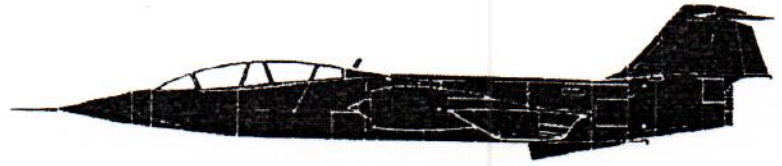


Estrella Warbird Museum

Newsletter

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



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May 2000

NOTICE! May Meeting Date Change to May 9, 2000 NOTICE!!
Will Hold Joint Meeting With Navy League
Vice Admiral Mike Bowman USN to Speak

May Meeting

The May Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9 at Thomson Hall. This is being done to accommodate the Navy League of San Luis Obispo because of the opportunity to have Vice Admiral Mike Bowman, Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, speak to both groups. A brief biography on Vice Admiral Bowman appears on page 3.

This is a real plus for the Museum and we are grateful that the Navy League has included us in this important event.

As usual, Social Hour will commence at 6:00 pm and Dinner will be at 7:00 pm. We will be having a barbecue which everyone should enjoy.

In view of the fact that there will be quite a number of Navy League members attending this event **IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT RESERVATIONS BE MADE BY OUR MEMBERS!** On a deal like this we **HAVE** to know how much to buy and without your help it can be a money losing proposition which we definitely don't need at this point. Call the regular number 227-0440 and leave your name and number of guests in message box #1.

Annual Dues

Since the demise of the CAF unit here in Paso Robles, a number of people have inquired as to the designation,

Estrella Squadron. We have chosen to keep the Estrella Squadron name alive as our membership or sponsor designation so that we are still members of the Estrella Squadron.

As has been the case for the past several years, dues run from May 1 through April 30. Anyone joining during the year will have his or her dues prorated. This program has become a bit messed up because of the changes in the Museum and the demise of the CAF so we are starting all over again this May. Since your Editor has tried to keep up the membership list over the years because of the newsletter mailings, I offered to help Marty Martin, our Treasurer, and take on the membership invoicing.

Quite frankly, I invoiced every warm body that has been on the list for the past two years since (I) we haven't been too careful about deleting names, hoping that some people who have left would come back. This, however, is it. Everyone who does not send in dues by the end of May will be contacted once more and then dropped if there is no response or no interest shown. We would like to have a nice tight list of active members who receive the newsletter and continue to be interested in what's going on.

On the other hand, we are delighted to have people become members who either live fairly far away or don't chose to become active but who wish to support us with dues. There are several of these good people and we sincerely appreciate their support. So, even if

you can't actively partake of our various activities we are most appreciative if you continue to support us financially.

If anyone has a problem with this billing please don't get upset. Just call me at 238-9266 (after 9:00am) and we can straighten it out. I may have invoiced someone who just joined late last year or early this year and paid full price for part of a year so don't hesitate to let me know if there is a problem.

Work in Progress

Our usual crew of The Few are out at the site every weekend flailing away at one job or another. Lots of work going on at the moment with the F-104, getting it ready for the May 6th unveiling. Glen Thomson is still working on the Library and could use some help and the grounds crew is keeping the place looking trimmed and fit. Good Stuff happ'nin.

We certainly hope that as many of you as possible will turn up for the F-104 event on the 6th of May. We will have an open house starting at 2:00 pm which would be a great time to bring out your friends who have been wanting to join or who just wonder what you do out at that strange place at the airport when you're not cutting grass or performing home chores We'll have a barbecue after the dedication and George Marrett will have a program on the F-104 with which he is very familiar. It will be a lot of fun.

Estrella Warbird Museum Board Special Board Meeting, March 29, 2000

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Glen Thomson

Board members present: Warren Bailey, Paul Clark, George Marrett, Conrad Martin, Betty Miller, Bill Russell, Glen Thomson, Bruce Toomey, Marty Wright.

1. Minutes of the March 15, 2000 Board of Directors Meeting were read by the Secretary. It was moved by Bill Russell and seconded by Bruce Toomey to accept said minutes. Motion passed.

2. No Treasurer's report was given. However, the Treasurer reported that the museum's present bank

balance was \$1,494.82. The Treasurer also received \$83.00 from the PX.

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3. Marty Wright reported that the gift shop inventory is complete but in rough draft. He then made a shirt order request of \$780. Glen Thomson volunteered to advance the required money and would be reimbursed later by the museum.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Conrad Martin moved to adopt the proposed by-laws presented to the Board. Betty Miller seconded. Motion passed.

5. Conrad Martin gave a budget committee report. The budget committee had not yet completed the budget. Martin stated that at this moment, museum expenses exceeded museum income.

6. The F-104 fund raiser was discussed. The May 6, 2000 unveiling of the F-104 would include a barbecue and a presentation by George Marrett. The unveiling committee is: Betty Miller, George Marrett, Glen Thomson and Marty Wright. The committee would meet on April 2, 2000 at 2:00pm.

7. Bruce Toomey to write letter to the owner of the L-3 to instruct him to remove the airplane from the Museum within 30 days or the museum would tie the airplane down in the transient tie down area.

8. The Flight Adventures contract was discussed. Conrad Martin moved and Betty Miller seconded a motion to enter into a contract with Flight Adventures for the use of the premises with the stipulation that they carry a \$1,000,000. liability policy with the museum and its members as named additional insureds, and the requirement that each student sign a "hold harmless" statement signed by any Flight Insurers student. Motion passed. A second motion was made by Betty Miller and seconded by Conrad Martin that the Flight Adventures contract require that Flight Adventures design a web page on the internet for the museum, pay the initial fee for establishing and registering a web page, and pay the museum's monthly fee while Flight Adventures was using the facility. Motion passed.

9. Personnel issues were discussed. Conrad Martin moved and Paul Clark seconded that we accept Warren

Bailey's resignation as museum curator with a two week severance pay. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Bill Russell discussed the present status of the Casa jet owned by the museum. It was discussed that because Bill was a substantial donor to the museum he was prohibited from purchasing the jet from the museum, regardless of the jet's price. It was then moved by George Marrett and seconded by Conrad Martin to inform Bramar Insurance that the museum did not wish to change the insurance broker of record on the Casa. Motion passed.

11. Paul Clark moved and Betty Miller seconded that the museum board hold its annual meeting on May 17, 2000 for the purpose of electing directors and officers. Motion passed. Conrad Martin moved and Bruce Toomet seconded to hold both elections by ballot. Motion passed.

12. There being no other business to come before the board, Bruce Toomey moved and Bill Russell seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Paul E. Clark, Secretary

Brief Biography of Vice Admiral Mike Bowman

Born in St. Joseph, Missouri, Vice Admiral Bowman is a graduate of Kansas State University. He received his commission through the Aviation Officer Candidate Program and was designated a Naval Aviator in February 1967.

In operational assignments at sea he has completed thirteen deployments to the Western Pacific and Southeast and Southwest Asia during tours with Attack Squadrons 97 and 146, the Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN Staff, and as Commanding Officer of Attack Squadron NINE SEVEN. Additionally he has commanded three air wings: an abbreviated tour as Commander, Carrier Air Wing THIRTEEN and full tours as Commander, Carrier Air Wing FIVE, forward deployed to Japan embarked in USS MIDWAY (CV 41) and Commander, Carrier Air Wing ONE, embarked in USS AMERICA (CV66). Vice Admiral

Bowman commanded Carrier Group SIX from March 1994 until June 1995.

Shore assignments include Fleet Replacement Pilot Instructor duties in Attack Squadron ONE TWO FIVE, duty as the Principal Deputy to the Secretary of the Navy for Senate Liaison, and three tours in various divisions within the Bureau of Naval Personnel, including assignment as Director, Aviation Officer Distribution Division. Flag assignments included Chief of Legislative Affairs and Commander, Naval Doctrine Command. He served as Chief of Naval Training from December 1996 through December 1997. In January 1998, Vice Admiral Bowman was assigned duty as Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

He has completed 250 combat missions in the Vietnam and Desert Storm conflicts, has accumulated more than 4000 accident-free flight hours in 25 aircraft types and has logged over 1200 carrier landings. Personal awards include the Legion of Merit (four awards), Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), and the Air Medal (three individual mission and 22 strike/flight awards.)

Vice Admiral is married to the former Sally Porter of San Francisco, California. They have two children and two grandchildren.

Estrella Warbird Museum Board Meeting Minutes, April 19, 2000

Since a quorum was not present the meeting was not formally held. Members discussed a number of issues but no official business was conducted.

Press Release

FROM: Estrella Warbird Museum
CONTACT: Betty Miller, Board Member 466-1212

WHAT: Dedication F-104 Starfighter
WHY: Fund Raising event and Open House
WHEN: Saturday, May 6, 2000 - 2:00PM to 8:00pm

F-104 Starfighter to Aid Kids

What weighs over 27,000 pounds, is blue and white, was piloted by Chuck Yeager at speeds over 1400 mph

and is the newest resident at the Estrella Warbird Museum?

Come on out to the Estrella Warbird Museum on Saturday, May 6th for an Open House and the official Dedication of the F-104 Starfighter that is the newest addition to the aircraft on display at the aviation museum. The F-104 Starfighter that is now the newest addition to the aircraft on display at the North County aviation museum.

The F104 Starfighter now at the Estrella Warbird Museum came from the Cal Poly Aeronautical Engineering Department. Prior to the five year stint at Cal Poly, this particular aircraft was one of several F-104's flown by Chuck Yeager at speeds above Mach 2 at over 1400 mph. The Starfighter was first built by Lockheed Aviation in 1954. In 1958 an F-104A set a world speed record of 1404.19 MPH and in December of 1959 an F-104 set a world altitude record of 103,395 feet.

An Open House will start at 2:00PM and will offer the public a chance to see all of the latest aircraft and exhibits at the Museum. The official Dedication Ceremonies will be at 5:00PM. At 6:00PM there will be a barbecue dinner with all the trimmings for \$10.00 per person with a program at 7:00PM by former USAF test pilot, George Marrett who has over 350 flight hours in the F-104. who flew the F-104.

Proceeds from the barbecue dinner will be divided up between some of the local youth groups including the Oak Park Recreation Center in Paso Robles as well as the Estrella Warbird Museum for completion of the Aviation Library

(Thank you Betty for a nice job!!)

Docents

Our volunteer Docents continue to be a great source of help to the Museum. It is necessary to have someone there at least on a scheduled part time basis so that we may eventually be certified as a Museum rather than just a collection of artifacts. If we get certified, many new opportunities present themselves for our benefit from various groups.

My sincere apologies to the Hudson family who have faithfully taken on a Wednesday whenever Mike's flight schedule permits. I did not inform them of the new lock combinations and they arrived last Wednesday and couldn't get in

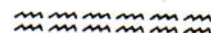
Speaking of new combinations you can call a Board Member for the new ones.

Docent Shift Assignments

May 2000

Date	Docent Name	Phone #
Wed 03	K. Haeuser	995-2079
Sat 06	B. Toomey	238-9266
Sun 07	B. Toomey	238-9266
Wed 10	OPEN	
Sat 13	D. Blomquist	227-0362
Sun 14	T. Weiss	239-2637
Wed 17	M & E Hudson*	467-2619
Sat 20	Doug Moore	466-6142
Sun 21	Art Britton	226-9627
Wed 24	J. Heggarty	238-6846
Sat 27	C. Weiss	239-2637
Sun 28	Art Britton	226-9627
Wed 31	B. Toomey	238-9266

Still need a few more volunteers so that each won't have to work more than one day a month. If someone can fill in on the 10th please let me know 238-9266 (after 9:00am). I wish a few more people would just give it a shot. Its not very arduous and usually there is some sort of activity which makes it fun. At least there is someone to BS with!

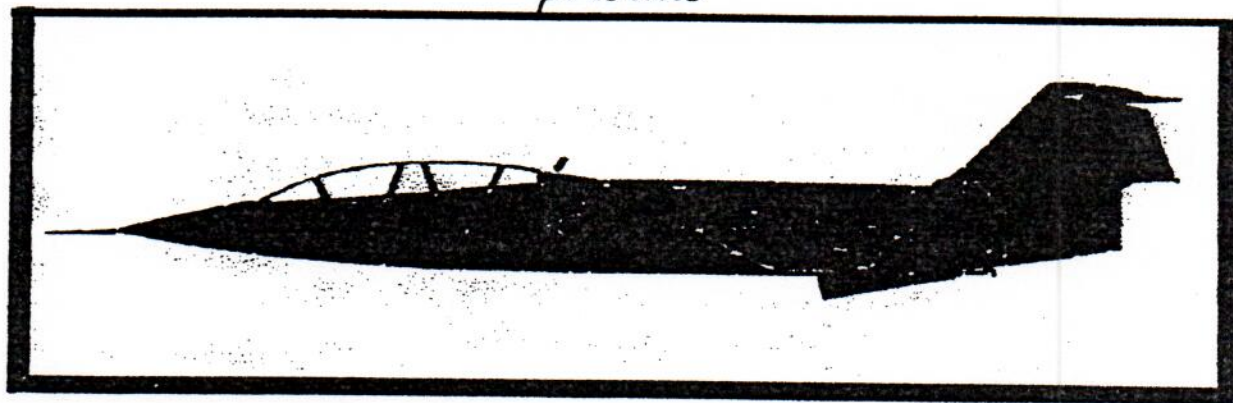


If this looks as though I'm trying to fill up space you're absolutely right!

I'm late getting this out for a variety of reasons but will try harder next time. BT

Estrella Warbird Museum

presents



F-104 Starfighter

DEDICATION & BARBECUE

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2000

Free Open House 2:00PM to 5:00PM

Dedication Ceremony at 5:00PM

Benefit Barbecue and Program 6:00PM

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