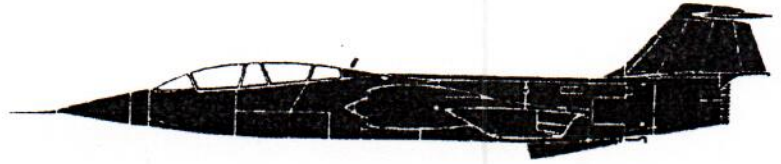


# *Estrella Warbird Museum*

## *Newsletter*

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



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### Annual Board Meeting Held May 17, 2000 Betty Miller Elected President, George Marrett Vice President Glen Thomson Remains Board Chairman

#### **June Meeting**

The June Meeting will be held on our regular first Wednesday of the month, June 7, 2000 at the Meeting Hall. Social Hour beginning at 6:00pm and Dinner at 7:00pm

Our speaker for the evening will be Gale Moore from Mariposa, CA who has flown actively for 45 years and whose span of activities include the Army Air Corps, flying B-17's and B-29's, Western Air Lines, flying DC-3's and DC-4's and flying helicopters for Los Angeles Airways and testing experimental helicopters for Hughes Aircraft Company This is a "hands on" guy if there ever was one A brief biography appears on Page 3.

#### **Annual Board Meeting**

The Annual Board Meeting of the Estrella Warbird Museum, Inc. was held on May 17, 2000 at the Glen Thomson Meeting Hall.

The reason for establishing this date for the annual meeting was because some serious reorganization was needed, and fairly quickly, with regard to the Board structure in view of the fact that we were no longer operating under the CAF umbrella. It had previously been decided by the Board that an Executive Committee composed of 5 Board members was needed to serve as a smaller, more responsive and more accessible group as far as the day to day operations of the Museum were concerned. In addition

the Board wished to add two new members, Obbie Atkinson and Chuck Miller.

The establishment of the Executive Committee, which includes the Chairman, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer means that many issues can be discussed and decided upon without having to convene the entire, rather cumbersome Board of Directors. Questions regarding acquisitions and other matters that need quick action can be acted upon by the Committee, often by making just a few phone calls, if necessary, for speed of execution. All in all, a tremendous benefit to the organization offering a considerable amount of flexibility of action. A list of officers and their terms of office are shown on Page 2.

#### **Elizabeth Renton Miller Chosen as President of the Museum**

As she is known to one and all, Betty Miller was unanimously elected to the office of President of the Estrella Warbird Museum, Inc. at the last annual meeting. Anyone who has witnessed the dynamic efforts, organizational ability and leadership qualities of Betty Miller will realize that the Museum is very fortunate in having someone with Betty's capabilities to fill the newly created position of President.

George Marrett, whose accomplishments in so many areas are well recognized by all the members is a perfect choice to fill the position of Vice President and member of the newly established Executive Committee. We are extremely pleased that these

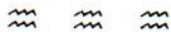


individuals have offered to devote their time and effort on behalf of the Museum, along with the other members of the Board and Executive Committee. Glen Thomson, Paul Clark and Conrad (Marty) Martin.

The Museum Board is approaching the new year with a most positive attitude and with many plans for improvements in all areas of the administration of the Museum. Fiscal responsibility, member involvement and organizational improvement are high on the list of things to come.

Now is the time for every member to take a good look at those areas in which they could be of assistance. We have some incredibly talented people in our midst and with our new administration being as receptive as they are we can utilize these abilities as never before without a lot of wasted motion or efforts.

Give it some thought folks. We are in a wonderful position to really make our little Museum become what we want it to be, for ourselves and as a worthy community asset



**The Current Board of Directors for the Period 2000/2001:**

	<u>Term of Service</u>
Obbie Atkinson, Membership Chairman	3 years
Ed Chidlaw	1 year
Paul Clark, Secretary	3 years
Gary Corippo	2 years
John Cromwell, Safety	3 years
Al Davis	2 years
George Marrett, Vice President	3 years
Conrad "Marty" Martin, Treasurer	2 years
Betty Miller, President	1 year
Chuck Miller, Airshow Director	1 year
Dr. Bill Russell	1 year
Al Schade, Restoration	1 year
Glen Thomson, Chairman of the Board	3 years
Bruce Toomey, Newsletter Editor	2 years
Marty Wright, Gift Shop Manager	2 years

**Dues for 2000-2001**

We have received dues payments as of this date from nearly 73 members as well as a number of donations from many of those members in amounts as high as

several hundred dollars. In addition, of course, we have our seventeen Life Members for a current total of 90 paid up members with more to come. We are extremely grateful to all and wish to especially acknowledge those who made matching dues donations and all the others who were able to help as much as they did. This has been a great outpouring of support at a time when we can really use it and you won't be sorry you helped so much. pg 2

About 175 individuals were invoiced from the list of newsletter recipients that I have maintained alongside John Himes official CAF list. I have carried a number of people on my list who have dropped out over the past year as well as some who didn't renew for one reason or another last year. Some were honorary newsletter recipients and others, I knew, still had at least some interest and I was hoping to entice them back by letting them see what was going on.

As of this year, however, we are going to tighten up on the mailing list. I will contact those who have not paid by the end of May, 2000 and those who no longer have an interest will be removed from the list I hope most of those who haven't paid yet have simply forgotten and will send a check immediately. As of May 15 those who have not paid will be removed from all Museum lists.

Please think about it friends. We need your support in the worst way at this time because we have not been able to receive income from the rental of the Meeting Hall as we expected. We're hoping to remedy that as soon as we can but it really takes some bucks. So please continue to support the Museum if you possibly can of if you have any interest in seeing something grow that will be a plus for our community. Many thanks.

**President's Column**

As you are aware the Board of Directors of the Estrella Warbird Museum elected some new officers from the Board membership to serve on an Executive Committee. Since I am now your new President I would like to have the equivalent of a monthly "Fireside Chat" to share some of my goals and thoughts and to invite comment and participation from the Membership at large.



I feel that we are in a very exciting time for the Museum. We are starting a new Millennium and are on our way to developing our Museum into a major tourist attraction for the North County. We have the basic items in place with a great physical plant, some interesting artifacts and an absolutely fantastic group of people as members. You have so much talent and ability, it is staggering.

I have some Good News and some Bad News. The Bad News is that not all of us can repair airplanes or mow lawns or paint new signs. Even if we have the talent we may not have the time or the interest or be physically able to come out to the Museum and spend the entire morning or afternoon. The Good News is that the Museum has many small jobs that could be done in an hour or so in your home and many are not a continuing project.

As a member, I know that all of us have walked through the Museum or Meeting Hall at one time or another and thought, "somebody ought to fix that", or "they need to get that cleaned up, it looks terrible!". I found myself doing that last week and then realized that the "somebody" is all of us. I will be asking my fellow Board Members to help me make note of some of these small items that need attention and then I will be including some of them each month in the "President's Corner" for you to consider helping out on.. Most of these items can be taken home and completed in a minimal amount of time. The items might seem small but they are just as important as helping to put fabric on a wing or adjusting the tension on a cable or changing a tire on a jeep.

For the month of June we have the following:

1. Take some of our framed pictures and clean the glass with window cleaner and wipe down the frame with a clean cloth.
2. Take the Volunteer Hour sheets and tally up the hours worked by individual members.
3. If you have a typewriter or a computer, there are some forms that need to be completed for our monthly report to the City of Paso Robles.
4. If you happen to have a sewing machine there are some repairs that need to be done to some of our flags and banners.
5. We need an accurate account of our stainless flatware. This will probably take two people and will

need to be done at the Museum in the Meeting Hall. (one time job!)

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These are simple and seem pretty easy but not something that can be done by our dedicated Saturday Work Party because the few precious hours that they have are taken up with time consuming duties that need to be done on the site with a lot of help from others. We really need these small projects done and I hope that I can interest some of you to take these on at home. I will be happy to deliver and pick up the projects if you will give me a call at 466-1212,

### **Brief Biography of Gale Moore**

I have spent 45 years actively flying, and since 1985 intermittent flying with local pilots. Spent four years in the Army Air Corps in WWII flying B-17's and B-29's in Europe. Departed for overseas the day after the Japanese surrendered and spent seven months on Tinian and Okinawa wishing I could go home and join Western Air Lines but I became very proficient at GCA approaches. My Western Captains refused to let a ground operator tell them how to make an approach until I proved that the guy on the ground knows exactly how far you are off the glideslope. Flew DC-3's and DC-4's with WAL for eight months as first officer until furloughed due to overhiring of pilots. Learned to fly helicopters at Los Angeles Airways delivering Airmail to many towns in Los Angeles, Orange County and San Bernadino Counties. In four years I accumulated 2500 hours, over 17,000 landings and take-offs and over 100 autorotation landings. In 1952 I joined Hughes Aircraft Company to test the Experimental XH-17 helicopters for the Hughes Tool Company with no testing experience. Loved every minute of it - panic puckers and all. Helped develop the TH-55 Army helicopter trainer.

### **Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting Estrella Watbird Museum**

May 17, 2000

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Glen Thomson.



Present: Atkinson, Chidlaw, Clark, Corippo, Davis Al, Marrett, Martin, Miller B, Miller C, Schade, Thomson, Toomey, Wright.

Absent: Cromwell, Russell

1. The minutes of the March 29, 2000 meeting were revised. Conrad Martin moved and George Marrett seconded to accept the revised minutes of the March 29, 2000 meeting and the April 5, 2000 special meeting. Motion passed.

2. The Treasurer submitted his report. Betty Miller moved and Conrad Martin seconded to reimburse Bruce Toomey for various expenses. Motion passed. Gary Corippo moved and Conrad Martin seconded to reimburse Warren Bailey for expenses. Motion passed. After review of the remaining bills, Gary Corippo moved and Al Davis seconded to authorize payment of the remaining bills. Motion passed.

3. Al Schade gave the restoration report.

4. Marty Wright gave the museum gift shop report.

5. Chuck Miller gave the airshow report. We are presently on the list for the Blue Angeles in 2001 and we are working to get on the list for the Navy Leapfrogs.

6. Betty Miller gave the visitor report.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Glen Thomson reported Flight Adventures still cannot obtain insurance. We cannot allow them to conduct their school on the museum premises until they do obtain insurance.

2. The Casa jet insurance will be paid and the museum will be reimbursed by Bill Russell

3. The City correspondence concerning Warren Bailey has been responded to. The museum has not received a reply from the city at this time.

4. K.O. Eckland will be the museum librarian and will begin work to organize the library.

5. The museum now has possession of the trailer that was in Camarillo. The museum will work out a lease

arrangement with Bim Peterson who will pay for licensing costs, insurance costs naming the museum as additional insured. In 12-13 months the museum will be able to sell the trailer to Peterson. pg 4

6. The sale of the steel to Tim Winsor has been completed. The museum had received the money and will send Winsor a Bill of Sale.

7. The F-104 unveiling was a success. An estimated 50 people were fed by the museum.

8. The F-4 cockpit was a success at the Anaheim Home Show. Al Schade reported approximately 1,600 people sat in the cockpit and the museum netted \$458.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Obbie Atkinson was nominated by George Marrett and seconded by Gary Corippo to serve on the museum board of directors. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Chuck Miller was nominated by Bruce Toomey and seconded by Conrad Martin to serve on the museum board of directors. Motion passed unanimously.

3. All board members drew their length of time designation by drawing a card out of a hat. The following board members will be up for reelection in one year; Betty Miller, Chuck Miller, Ed Chidlaw, Al Schade, Bill Russell. The following board members will be up for reelection in two years; Gary Corippo, Bruce Toomey, Al Davis, Conrad Martin, Marty Wright. The following board members will be up for reelection in three years. Glen Thomson, Obbie Atkinson, George Marrett, Paul Clark, John Cromwell.

4. Ed Chidlaw moved to reelect the following officers for one-year term; Glen Thomson, Chairman; Paul Clark, Secretary; Conrad Martin, Treasurer. Betty Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Betty Miller was appointed President of the Museum and George Marrett was appointed Vice President, each to serve a term of one year.

6. The kitchen hood was discussed. The museum needs to complete the hood as soon as possible. Marty



Wright will talk to the sheet metal workers at PG&E to solicit their volunteer help. Marty will also look into having the pipe fitters install sprinklers.

7. Warren Bailey's latest correspondence to the board was discussed. George Marrett informed the board that in speaking with Warren after his letter was submitted, Warren decided to withdraw his offer.

8. The Hearst Castle fire engine was discussed. Paul Clark would review the issue further and Al Schade would speak with the superintendent at the castle.

9. Chairman Thomson discussed the need for book cases in the library. Numerous board members pledged to purchase a set of shelves each, at an approximate cost of \$100 per set. It was believed that other members of the museum would volunteer to purchase any remaining shelves that would be needed. Glen will investigate the shelves further and report back to the board.

10. Chuck Miller reported on the upcoming USO Show. The show will now be held in the museum hangar. All contents in the museum hangar will need to be moved and/or moved out one week prior to the show.

11. Future fund-raisers were discussed. The USO Show will be the last planned fund-raiser for the year. All ideas are welcome.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned

Paul E. Clark, Secretary

### **Check Out the Library!!**

If you thought the euphemistically named "Research Library" was just a pile of stuff in the "attic" over the Meeting Hall I would suggest a hike up the steel stairs to take a look.

The place really is taking shape. Hours and hours of work by members of the famous Few have resulted in flooring, finished walls, painted beams and much more and, lo and behold, real bookcases!! The latter are the result of a few generous Board members who donated the funds to obtain the first batch of

bookcases which were ordered from Staples, assembled by volunteers and are now lining the walls. Many of the books have been released from captivity in their cardboard boxes, where many thought they would languish forever, and are now on display. We will need an additional number of shelving units and will, hopefully, look to the membership for a few more donors.

Our Librarian, K.O. Eckland, has been busy sorting and storing but this has been only after a massive amount of painting by K.O. himself.

I usually hesitate to name names because some diligent worker is always left out but in this case I have to say that Glen Thomson has worked like a beaver up there on everything from electrical work to flooring and on many, many days has worked alone. He really deserves our sincere thanks!

Speaking of the library, we need a good sized conference table up there and some of us seem to remember that one of the members said he would donate one that he had stored some place. None of us can remember who it was but if the dear soul would volunteer the offer again we would be most appreciative!

### **Other Projects**

All sorts of other stuff has been happening too. The F-104 looks great on the lawn thanks to the restoration crew and a lot of sustained help from Steve Forseman.

Ron Thomson bought a whole bunch of privet for along the front of the Meeting Hall and they were planted by Ron with a lot of help from our Green Thumb John Kendall and Walt Martin. Later Ron even tunneled under the concrete walkway to run a drip system for them They will look great if they survive. That's a tough exposure and the weather is really brutal to new plants there but "water makes the difference", as the valley growers say.

Gary Corippo arranged for the entire driveway and parking areas to be sealed and all we had to pay for was the sealer itself. All of the labor was donated by the contractor, Harold Peterson of Atascadero. Remember all this good stuff folks when it comes to calling for a personal job.



All in all, a great many improvements and we heartily thank those involved. There's good stuff going on out here, troops. Be a part of it.

### USO SHOW & DINNER DANCE

by Chuck Miller, Air Show Director

Saturday, June 17 at Our Hangar  
6:00pm to midnight

Tickets are now on sale at Pan Jewelers in Paso Robles at the corner of Park and 12th Street; at the Chamber of Commerce, now located at their temporary quarters on 9th Street and in Atascadero at Genie's Steak House at 7030 El Camino Real.

We can only seat 400 guests for a sit down dinner (your choice of Bar-B-Que Beef or Chicken plus side dishes, salad and dessert.) This will be followed by a great USO Show and capped off by 3 hours of dancing to the Big Band sounds of the "Main Street Big Band".

You can dress up in your 40's or 50's duds and compete for a prize as "Most Authentically Dressed Couple" or "Most Authentically Dressed Girl" or "Most Authentically Dressed Guy" or just wear your choice of an outfit and have a great evening. All this for \$40.00 per person. Any profit is going to support YOUR museum. Tickets are going fast so get yours TODAY.

### HANGAR CLEAN UP

We need to get the Hangar cleaned up for the USO SHOW & DINNER DANCE. We have a work party scheduled for Saturday, June 10 to move out the L-Birds, sweep the floor and mop it. Everything in the Hangar needs to be rearranged or moved to make room for the Stage and tables. We need to police up some of the outside area as well to "put our best foot forward." Please plan to come out at 8:30 AM or whenever you can to give some time on Saturday. We will be serving hot dogs and beans for lunch - price is any amount you can afford to donate to cover the cost of food.

See you there!

### Benefits Of Growing Older

- In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
- It's harder and harder for sexual harassment charges to stick.

- Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
- No one expects you to run into a burning building.
- People call at 9 p.m. and ask, "Did I wake you?"
- People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
- There's nothing left to learn the hard way.
- Things you buy now won't wear out.
- You buy a compass for the dash of your car.
- You can eat dinner at 4:00
- You can live without sex but not without glasses.
- You can't remember the last time you laid on the floor to watch television.
- You consider coffee one of the most important things in life.
- You constantly talk about the price of gasoline.
- You enjoy hearing about other people's operations.
- You get into a heated argument about pension plans.
- You got cable for the weather channel.
- You have a party and the neighbors don't even realize it.
- You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
- You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks into the room



# **“COMMAND PERFORMANCE at the STAGE DOOR CANTEEN”**

**USO SHOW AND DINNER DANCE  
SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2000**

**6PM to 7PM No-Host Social Hour**

Wine and Beer or Soft Drinks will be available at either the “Hollywood Canteen Bar” or the “Stage Door Canteen Bar” for your enjoyment as you gather with old friends and new.

**7PM DINNER**

You will sit down at your beautifully decorated table and be served your choice of Barbecued Chicken or Beef, Vegetable, Potato, Bread, Salad, Desert and Coffee.

**7:30PM “COMMAND PERFORMANCE at the STAGE DOOR CANTEEN” USO SHOW**

Join us for a step back into the 40's and 50's for a musical tribute to some of the best songs and dances of that era. Thrill to the melodies performed by some of the Counties' most talented performers. Your toes will tap to the exiting dancing of the “Love to Dance” group from San Luis Obispo as they perform some of the great dances of the 40's. Fall in love all over again as you hear some of the best music ‘this side of heaven’. Singers, dancers, musicians, many costumed in vintage clothing, will recreate a radio taping of a USO type show for the service men and women so far from home.

If you ever sat under camouflage netting somewhere in the South Pacific listening to Bob Hope, Frances Langford or visited a USO Canteen with smiling hostesses serving donuts, you will remember the great feeling of a touch of home coming to you in a far away land.

**9PM to Midnight DANCING TO THE BIG BAND SOUNDS of the  
“MAIN STREET BIG BAND”**

The hangar will echo once again to the great music of Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, and Woody Herman as you swing and sway to the Big Band Music of the era as well as some of the more recent favorites played by the Main Street Big Band. Dress up in your old uniform, Aunt Gerts' evening gown from the 40's, Uncle Freds' wide ties and double-breasted suit, or wear that poodle skirt from the 50's with your favorite beau in his levis, horseshoe taps, and a well greased “D.A.” and get ready to dance the night away. One added reason to dress up in your 40's and 50's garb is to have a chance to win a prize as “The Most Authentic Dressed Guy and Gal” of the evening.

**Tickets are on sale at the Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce for \$40.00 Each**

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