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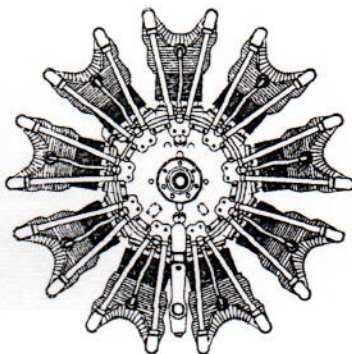
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July Meeting

The July Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 5, 2000 at Thomson Hall with Social Hour commencing at 6:00pm and Dinner at 7:00pm. Chef John has promised us a roast beef dinner with the usual trimmings.

It was recognized that this meeting will be held the day after Independence Day but it was decided not to move the date or cancel the meeting. Moving the date has been done once already this year and it was believed that we should not establish a precedent regarding changing schedules without some particularly good reason. Another consideration was that we have an excellent program for this month and we didn't want to possibly jeopardize losing the speaker.

Our program for the evening will be provided by Thomas R. Harrington, Lieutenant Commander, United States Navy Reserve who will speak to us on the subject of DESERT STORM and HELO SPECIAL OPERATIONS.

Lieutenant Commander Harrington is a native of Paso Robles and is currently teaching in the Social

Science Department at Paso Robles High School.

A brief biography of his military career follows on pages 3 & 4.

USO Show a Great Success

By all accounts the USO Show was a tremendous hit for everyone attending. Chuck and Betty Miller have said that they have had phone call after phone call from people saying what fun they had and that it was a perfect evening. Others were also very complementary during and after the Show. Even the weather cooperated and the wild winds subsided just as things started and the rest of the evening was a balmy delight.

We do not have a tally as of this writing as to what we made as a net profit but it looks pretty good from early tabulations. We should know by meeting time.

These affairs take a tremendous amount of work for a good many months. It's too bad that many of the members have no idea as to the amount of effort that goes into these programs, not only by many of the members but by a large number of non-members who just wish to be a part of this. Chuck Miller is trying to keep the wonderful "Airshow" committee

going so that we will have the usual hard working group available for next year when we will, hopefully, get the Blue Angels as the main attraction. This will be a huge operation and we will need all the help we can get. With a knowledgeable group like the "Airshow" committee as a base, they will provide the direction for those who will be asked to 'pitch in'. Further comments regarding the Show are in the following article.

Command Performance at the Stage Door Canteen

USO Show and Dinner Dance

by Chuck Miller, Air Show Director

As you are all aware the Museum produced a USO Show and Dinner Dance, "Command Performance at the Stage Door Canteen on Saturday, June 17 as our major fund raiser. If you couldn't attend you missed a really enjoyable evening.

It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to put something like this together.

Many people from the Museum membership worked extremely hard to make this a great success. A few members performed "above and beyond" and need special recognition for the time, thought and plain hard work they put in during the two weeks prior to the show to get everything ready.

I would like to say a *Special Thanks* to:

Dave Geiger, who not only worked to move the guests with the "People Mover" but also helped to build the

stage and do set-up and three days of clean-up after the show..

Ron Thompson who tirelessly marked the parking area and helped set up, clean up and then worked long after many of the rest of us had left for the day.

Ron also pulled duty with his lovely wife, **Stella** to help in the Bar during the show.

John Dolan who inhaled a lot of dust as he mowed the sides of the taxiway and uncovered ground we haven't seen in years!

Al Schade for installing the outside lights which we have needed for so long.

Arnold Hermansen not only helped build the stage but then put it all together and was always available to help out with any task that needed doing. **Linda**

Hermansen helped to gather up all the loose ends.

John Himes not only served up a fantastic meal for the Dinner Show but also came out and put together lunches on the two weekends before the USO Show for all the workers involved in setting up.

Dewey Killion was always there helping to get things cleaned up and moved and Willa was there working right along side.

Larry Campo stuffed programs, wielded a mean broom and always asked, "What else can I do?"

Glen Thomson operated the fork lift so that we could hang the major sponsors banners.

Bruce Toomey, involved in ALL aspects of set-up, cleanup and the hardest thing I had to do was to get Bruce to slow down and stop working for a little while so I could catch my breath.

I also want to thank the Air Show Committee which is made up of Museum members (EWM) and

non-members to produce our fund raising event for the Museum.

Ed Chidlaw, Finance (EWM)

Donna Jordan, Decoration and Design

John Cromwell, Safety (EWM)

Judy Crownover, Volunteer Coordinator

Catherine Davis, Program Design

Dori Foxworthy, Hospitality (EWM)

Tom Gabele, Beverage Service (EWM)

Dave Geiger, Transportation (EWM)

Bear Handshy, Vet Organization Liaison

Kerry Langford, Serving Coordinator

John Himes, Chef and Food Services (EWM)

Col. Larry Kimmel, Military Liaison

George Marrett, Beverage Services (EWM)

Forrest Martin, Parking Coordinator

Francis Martin, Beverage Ticket Sales

Betty Miller, USO Show Producer (EWM)

Bob Miller, Communications (EWM)

Chuck Miller, Event Director (EWM)

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B. Gen. Rick Thomas, Sr. Military Liaison

Bruce Toomey, Logistics (EWM)

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There are many other members that did "above & beyond" during the Dinner and Show itself.

Some of these dedicated folks are:
Bob Chambers, Kitchen
Al Davis, Kitchen and Hospitality
Wally Engle, Photographer
Jim Iverson, Kitchen
Doug Miner, Beverage Service

We had some great help from members of the Civil Air Patrol under the leadership of Roger Coale as well as eleven members of the Oak Park Recreation Center who performed as our tux shirted servers under the able direction of Vicki Jeffcoach.

I sincerely apologize if I left out anyone but my thanks are sincere to all of our membership for doing the hard work needed to make this the best USO Show and Dinner Dance yet! To those of you who didn't have the chance to help out, you missed some great camaraderie and the opportunity to work really hard with some very dedicated people to help make some money to support YOUR museum.

Thanks again,

Chuck Miller
Airshow Director

New Donations

You will note as you wander about the grounds that we have a new (to us) fire truck which was donated by Chris Johnson, Winemaker. It is a 1942 Ford "Maxim" Fire truck with a large tank mounted on the bed and numerous hoses, pumps and paraphernalia. This is a great gift, indeed, and we sincerely thank

Chris for calling us first and making it available to us.

Donations in General

This is just a reminder that the above donation was handled in exactly the proper manner. Mr. Johnson called first to offer it and was told that it would be considered by the Board or the Executive Committee which was informed immediately and which was able to render a fast but considered opinion in a very short time. A day or two after Mr. Johnson's initial phone call the unit was inspected by Dave Geiger, John Cromwell, Chuck Miller, Al Davis and Betty Miller and judged to be a worthwhile restoration.

Donations are welcome, encouraged and requested. Cash is never a problem, we need lots! Other types of donations, however, MUST be discussed by the new and fast acting Board or Executive Committee. There are a number of people who have said, rather disdainfully, that we have a collection of junk. This is partly true and part of the reason is that, often, some well-meaning person decides to clean out his own junk pile and sort of hates to get rid of some of the stuff that he has had around for a decade or two so he thinks the Museum might be able to use it.

Believe me, we appreciate the thought but what is junk to you is also junk to the museum. Please don't take this as being mean spirited. We can use all kinds of things and need many. I, for one, remember bringing a complete aluminum window that I removed from my house and happily dumping it by the cargo boxes

thinking we could use it. Well, there was just no earthly place where this could be utilized and after a year or so it was hauled to the dump and we paid to get rid of it. It would have been so simple for me to call a couple of the Board members and ask if it could be of any value to the museum. pg 3

Please keep this in mind. We need many things and I am sure there are dozens of items out there that we desperately need but, please call first and give the Board a chance to consider these items

Brief Biography of Lieutenant Commander Thomas R. Harrington.

A native of Paso Robles, California. Lieutenant Commander Harrington graduated from California Polytechnic State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1988. After completing Aviation Officer Candidate School (AOCS) and flight training in Pensacola, Florida and Corpus Christi, Texas, he reported on July 1990 to Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (light) FORTY ONE in San Diego, California for training in the Sikorsky SH-60B Light Airborne Multi-Purpose System (LAMPS) helicopter.

In April 1991 he reported to Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (Light) FORTY FIVE also in San Diego. While at HSL-45 he completed deployments aboard USS FIFE (DD-991) and a Desert Storm deployment in USS ANTIETAM (CG-54). His duties included: Detachment Administrative Officer, Tactic

Officer, Detachment Maintenance Officer, Public Affairs Officer, Aircrew Division Officer and Aircraft Division Officer.

In October 1994, he accepted an assignment as an instructor at Boston University-MIT NROTC. While in Boston he taught Navigation and History courses in addition to service as Senior class advisor and acting Executive Officer.

Leaving active duty in 1997, Lieutenant Commander Harrington continues to be active in the Naval Reserve as a pilot at Helicopter Combat Support (Special Mission) Squadron FIVE based at Point Mugu, California. He received his California Teaching Credential from Chapman University in 1999 and currently teaches in the Social Science Department at Paso Robles High School.

Lieutenant Commander Harrington is married to the former Ione Murray of New Orleans, Louisiana. The Harringtons have two daughters, Lauren and Taylor, and currently reside in Paso Robles, California.

President's Corner

Last month we had some "at home" tasks that the Museum needed done. We had a great response. "Thanks" to Willa Killion for counting our stainless tableware. We have a count and now know how many more spoons and forks we need to complete 400 sets... Great job, Willa! Cathy and Dave Paine rolled all the plastic place settings needed for the USO Show Dinner and then came up with "Uncle Sam Needs You" decorative

bands to put around each place setting. Hats off and many thanks to Dave and Cathy!

For the month of July we have the following:

1. We have several framed pictures that need to have the frames cleaned and wiped off and the glass cleaned with Windex.
2. Volunteer Hour sheets need to be tallied up with the hours worked by individual members and a total for all.
3. We have about 5 nylon flags that need to be washed and the ripped areas trimmed and stitched.

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. I will be gone from July 3rd to the 11th but available before and after that!

Betty Miller

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting - Estrella Warbird Museum

June 21, 2000

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Glen Thomson

Present: Atkinson, Clark, Cromwell, Gleim (advisory member), Marrett, Martin, Miller E., Miller C, Russell, Schade, Thomson, Toomey & Wright.

Absent: Chidlaw, Corippo

1. Reading of the Minutes, Treasurer's Report and all other reports were waived.

2. The Paso Robles Chapter of the EAA is starting up again and has requested the use of the Museum facilities. Chuck Miller moved to allow the EAA use of the facilities and John Cromwell seconded. Motion passed.

3. Marty Wright reported on his meetings with various local trade unions regarding the installation and completion of the Museum's kitchen ventilation system and the sprinkler system. Various union heads will be coming up to the Museum to inspect the building and review the project. Marty will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

4. Chairman Thomson discussed the ongoing issue of taking the F-4 cockpit to Southern California homeshows. Previous trips to the homeshows have proven time consuming and unprofitable. The Museum presently has no volunteer to take the cockpit to the July 7, 8 and 9 homeshow in Long Beach. Unless the home shows become more profitable and worth the effort, the Museum may have to stop attending. Obbie Atkinson reported that the July 4th BBQ in the Paso Robles City Park should be a good value for the cockpit.

5. A 1942 Fire Truck has been offered to the Museum through Dave Geiger. Various board members have inspected the truck and reported that it is in good condition. It was agreed that the truck would be a good addition to the Museum collection. Conrad Martin moved that the Museum accept the donation and Al Davis seconded. Motion passed.

Other Business

1. Chairman Thomson has donated a 1985 Chrysler New Yorker to the Museum. Obbie Atkinson is presently working on ways to either sell the car on behalf of the Museum or perhaps raffle the car.
2. Marty Wright and Betty Miller discussed donation procedures/loan procedures the Museum needs to follow in order to keep track of items donated. Appropriate forms are kept by the log book.
3. Betty and Chuck Miller gave an informal status report on the USO Show. The Board first commended Betty and Chuck for their tremendous effort and long hours they spent preparing for the Show. Betty reported unofficially that gross income from the Show was \$23,132. She will not be able to report the Show's net until all the bills have come in. Betty also noted that the Museum has left over soda, wine and beer that the Museum will be able to sell in the future as well as left over food items that are frozen and will also be used in the future.
4. Bill Russell revisited the CASA insurance issue. Because of past miscommunications, Bill asked for the Board's authorization to directly deal with the insurance in the future and to have the authority to choose the insurance broker of record. Chairman Thomson recommended that we revisit the issue closer to the time when the CASA insurance comes due.
5. Errors and Omissions insurance was discussed regarding Al Schade. It was agreed that the Museum should be covering Al Schade

personally for his work performed on Museum aircraft. Chairman Thomson will investigate cost and report back to the Board.

6. Marty Wright reported that his parents-in-law will donate a photo copy machine to the Museum once it is repaired.

7. Admiral Gleim discussed the proposed housing development southwest of the airport that is presently being considered by the City Council. He strongly encouraged members to make their presence known at any City Council meeting or any other meeting in which this issue is being considered.

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

Paul E. Clark, Secretary

Estrella Warbirds to Fly on Independence Day

by Obbie Atkinson

Bird Flight, composed of Bob Foote, George Marrett, Obbie Atkinson and Glen Thomson will make three flights for local ceremonies over the 4th of July holiday..

On the 3rd of July a flyby in formation is scheduled for 1800 hours over Paso Robles City Park to open the concert by the Air Force Band.

On the following day, July 4, a flyby will be made over Paso Robles City Park at 1200 hours to open the VFW Ceremonies. Again, at 1530 hours there will be a flyby over the Rock in Morro Bay to open annual ceremonies there.

Good show troops! We always get a lot of positive comments for our flybys and this should be no exception.

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Speaking of Bird Flight and the like

Wanted One Good Pilot

The Bugsmashers Group currently has one opening for membership. Sharpen your skills, for peanuts, in the Aeronca L-16 located in the Museum. Must be a Museum member or willing to become a member. Instruction available. Phone Obbie Atkinson 238-9212 for details

Annual Dues and Membership

As of this writing we have received annual dues payments from 93 members. To this we must add 18 Life Members for a total paid membership of 111. In addition we can add three honorary members and 7 of what I call "newsletter comps" or people we want to keep informed as to our happenings etc.

We have been sending our the newsletter to approximately 175 people, some of whom were members who had not paid for the 1999/2000 year but whom we thought might still be interested enough to rejoin. Others were individuals who had indicated an interest in the organization but had never followed up on it.

THIS IS IT, HOWEVER!

This issue is being mailed to the "old" list. This is the last time. After this mailing we will use only the new list for all official purposes.

Only those who are paid members, honorary members or "comps" will get the newsletter or be informed of any activities. In addition, our name badges will be culled and those who are no longer members will be removed.

Please look at the mailing label on this newsletter. If you have a RED CIRCLE on your label you are not on the new list. If you are not on it and think you should be PLEASE let me (Bruce Toomey, 238-9266) know so that I can make the proper updates. I have been helping (hopefully!) our Treasurer, Marty Martin, as far as the membership dues and lists are concerned. I get all the mail at the post office every day and distribute it so that I can snag the membership checks as they come in. If you have given a check or cash to Marty or somebody else and your name is not on the list, or if you have mailed in a check and are not on the list, please let me know.

Don't forget, this does not include any payments by CAF colonels that are made directly to Midland. We are no longer affiliated with the CAF, as you know, and we receive nothing from them. Those of you who wish to continue to be CAF colonels just to support them, that's great, but it has nothing to do with the Museum. The Museum dues are completely separate. .

It's entirely possible that I might have missed getting one or two into the computer properly so please help me out by checking the label for the red circle.

Many thanks!

Hangar Alarm

Those of you who are in and out of the Museum hangar day in and day out are usually pretty good about setting the alarm properly. There is one little problem however that I would like to address. If the side door (the one with the padlock) is not properly latched i.e., pushed in until the latch clicks, the padlock will not hold the door closed tightly enough to keep the alarm from going off if there is any sort of a wind. Lately, with the winds we have been having the door has rattled enough, if not latched all the way, so that the alarm goes off and I am then called by the alarm company and have to make a trip to the hangar to see if someone is breaking in or whatever else is going on. I don't mind if it's once in a while but I have been called four times in the last seven days, two of which were at 3:30am and 4:10am and this is just not my idea of a good time when it really isn't necessary. On all four occasions I have checked the door before I open the padlock and it is simply not latched. I happen to be first on the call list because I live fairly close to the airport but Ron Thompson is now number two to be called and I don't think he wants to get up in the middle of the night either.

So please guys, first make sure that nothing is blocking the beam across the main hangar doors, make sure the front door is locked and then please latch the side door after you leave and before you snap the padlock closed.

Want Ads

1 Chrysler New Yorker, \$1150.00.

Runs good, smogged, could use new shocks. Donated to the Museum by Glen Thomson. All proceeds to go to the Museum. pg 6
Current Wholesale Blue Book is #1450.00. Cheap transportation. Automobile can be seen at the Museum.

For more Information phone Obbie Atkinson 238-9212

Docents, God Bless "em

Last month I inadvertently, (which rhymes with stupidly in this case,) left the Docent list out of the newsletter. Even so, almost all of the Docents did their thing which made up for my mistake.

I wish I could make more of you understand how important this job is and volunteer to help out. I am sorry we haven't had the time to do the training we wanted to do but with the USO Show etc., there hasn't been a lot of time. Just being there to help people and to take them around and answer questions, however, has been a tremendous help. You have no idea as to the misconceptions people have about us and our purpose and you would be equally amazed by some of the older people who stop by and who have some tremendous stories of their own.

Please give some thought to being a Docent. With just a few more volunteers we could arrange it so that Docents could put in as little as one day a month and believe me, this would be a help.

Please call Bruce Toomey at 238-9266 and talk about it.

Docent sheet on next page.

Docent Shift Assignments
July 2000

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Docent Name</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
Sat 01	10 - 2	B. Toomey	238-9266
Sun 02	12 - 2	B. Toomey	238-9266
Wed 05	2 - 4	K Haeuser	99-2079
Sat 08	10 - 2	A. Britton	226-9627
Sun 09	12 - 2	D. Blomquist	227-0362
Wed 12	2 - 4	M&E Hudson*	467-2619
Sat 15	10 - 2	T. Weiss	239-2637
Sun 16	12 - 2	A. Britton	226-9627
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