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AUGUST MEETING

The August Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 2, 2000 at Thomson Hall with Social Hour commencing at 6:00 pm and Dinner at 7:00 pm.

Our program for the evening will be provided by Joe Kline of Joe Kline Aviation Art in Gilroy. Mr. Kline came by the Museum several months ago and donated two beautiful prints which we promptly had framed and which we will proudly have on display at the meeting. It is to be hoped that Mr. Kline will bring others with him also.

As a Vietnam Veteran with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam he will probably speak about his experiences as well as how he became interested in military art. A brief biography on Joe Kline appears on page 4

This will be an interesting meeting and we are, (as we usually should but sometimes neglect) asking that you call in for reservations.

FINAL USO SHOW ACCOUNTING!

Chuck Miller, Air Show Director, announced that all the known bills have been turned in and paid and our NET PROFIT from the USO Show is

\$9,906.12. Our heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make this a success. Miller says that this will help defray some of the up-front costs for the 2001 Air Show. A request for the USN Blue Angels was sent in this past April and we will get the final confirmation in December of 2000 as to whether or not Paso Robles will be on the Blue Angels schedule for 2001.

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY FOR NEW AIRPORT TERMINAL

The long awaited Paso Robles Municipal Airport Terminal is getting closer to reality. There will be an official groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday, August 9 at 9:00AM near the old terminal building. Please come out and show your interest and support. Those of you who have the new Estrella Warbird Museum tee shirts and polo shirts and or hats, be sure to wear them so the City knows how interested we all are.

NEW HOURS OF OPERATION FOR THE MUSEUM

After some discussion, our Board of Directors has come up with new hours for the Museum for a number of reasons. It was felt that Wednesday was not a particularly great day to be open in view of the very few people

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466-6680

Membership

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238-9212

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239-8029

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466-1212

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239-1598

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237-0222

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237-1567

Activities

OPEN

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227-0245

Newsletter Editor

Bruce Toomey
238-9266

Site Improvements

Glen Thomson
238-4858

who showed up on that day. It was also sort of a pain for a Docent to take time out of a whole day just to come to the Museum for a two hour period. It was also thought that a Friday afternoon period would be better so that people could come out after getting off work at 3:00pm, for instance, with kids, or even four or five o'clock up to dinner time. Saturdays are being extended by two hours as shown below and Sundays by one hour.

A press release was sent out this week as follows:

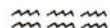
The Estrella Warbird Museum announced new hours of operation to be effective August 4, 2000:

MUSEUM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

FRIDAYS 2:00PM TO 6:00PM
SATURDAYS 10:00 AM TO 4:00PM
SUNDAYS 12 NOON TO 3:00PM

The Museum houses a collection of military aircraft from W.W.II, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm, as well as military artifacts and displays from this period.

Private tours for groups can be arranged by calling 227-0440



We will be setting up new schedules with our Docents and we believe that the new hours will be a little more worthwhile for the Docents and will certainly give us more exposure at more opportune times.

We are still in need of Docents, young or old, male or female, firm or infirm. We have a fairly comprehensive notebook available with information on many of the displays and other aspects

of the Museum which is handy for new Docents as well as those who are not too well informed (such as your Editor) as to details of various items, etc. We are still trying to work up a Docent School or at least a program which will make them more familiar with what's on the premises.

Please think about helping out. With just a few more we can have it arranged so that one would work only one day a month. Of course there are those who don't mind working more. God bless 'em, and if you are so inclined you would be most welcome.
Call Bruce Toomey at 238-9266.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We have some exciting money-makers lined up (see the articles elsewhere in this edition), a Fly-In Pancake Breakfast on September 24th and a Mega Rummage Sale/Flea Market in October. These should be fun and make some much needed capital as well, so please volunteer to join a committee and help out.

Last month we had some "at home" tasks that the Museum needed done. We had a great response... "Thanks" to Cathy Paine for counting up our June volunteer hours.

For the month of August we have the following:

1. Some one to take over covering the tables with plastic covers and decorating them for the August 2nd Dinner Meeting. (We have the decorations and rolls of plastic).
2. July Volunteer Hours need to be tallied up with the hours worked by individual members and total for all.

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3. We still have several framed pictures that need to have the frames cleaned and wiped off and the glass cleaned with Windex.

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.

Betty Miller

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting July 18, 2000

Meeting called to order by Chairman. Glen Thomson.

Present: Atkinson, Chidlaw, Clark, Corippo, Gleim (advisory member) Marrett, Martin, Miller B., Miller, C. Schade, Thomson, Toomey, Wright.

Absent: Cromwell, Davis, Russell

1. The minutes of the June 21, 2000 meeting were corrected to reflect that the fire truck was donated to the museum by Chris Johnson. George Marrett moved to accept the corrected minutes of the June 21, 2000 meeting and the minutes of the May 12, 2000 meeting. Conrad Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2. Conrad Martin submitted the Treasurer's Report. Betty Miller moved to accept the report and Al Schade seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. Marty Wright submitted the Museum Gift Shop report and submitted a proposal gift shop budget. The issue of a resale license was discussed. Both Ed Chidlaw and Paul Clark recommended that the museum apply for the resale license and file the required returns. Marty Wright also discussed whether or not the museum should obtain the capability of accepting Mastercard or Visa as a form of payment.

4. Marty Wright updated the board regarding bids to install the ducting and fire system in the meeting hall kitchen. He has received various bids and will report to the board when he has more information.

5. Chuck and Betty Miller gave the final report in the USO Show. The museum made a profit of \$9,906.12 on the show. Chuck Miller then discussed the need for the museum to find a successor to Chuck as Airshow chairman in the year 2002.

6. Betty Miller reported that the Museum had 585 visitors for the month of June. Betty then recommended that museum hours be changed so that the museum would not be open on Wednesdays but on Friday afternoons instead. Gary Corippo moved to change the days of museum operation to Fridays, 2:00pm to 6:00pm, Saturdays, and Sundays 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Chuck Miller seconded. Motion passed. (Times later changed slightly by Executive committee vote.)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Chairman Thomson reported that the July 4-6 display in the Paso

Robles Park received \$209 and the VFW donated another \$100 to the Museum for participating. It was further reported that all future participation in home shows has been canceled. p9
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2. George Marrett submitted the Museum's 2000-2001 budget. He then agreed to revise it to include the Gift Shop budget.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mac Gleim reported that 9 hangars on the airport need to be relocated. He was presently discussing the issue with the City Manager.

2. Chairman Thomson discussed security issues and the necessity of controlling key access to the meeting hall. It was suggested that the gate and door combinations be changed.

3. Betty Miller discussed the museum hangar displays. She asked that volunteers not use the cleaning rags used by Betty and the Docents. Betty then discussed the possibility of repositioning the F-86 engine and have a plaque made for it.

4. Possible fund raisers for the museum were discussed. The first suggestion was a breakfast fly-in. Obbie Atkinson volunteered to coordinate different flying contests. The proposed date is September 17, 2000. Another proposed fund-raiser for the museum was a rummage sale to raise money and to remove some of the items at the museum that the museum cannot use. Members would be encouraged to bring their own items to see and donate the proceeds to the museum. Proposed

date was October 28, 2000.

5. The museum needs a volunteer coordinator. Either a board member or museum member is welcome. Nominations will be accepted.

6. Al Schade discussed the need to activate the various committees created by the board in the early spring.

7. Gary Corippo moved that for future dinner meetings, drink tickets be sold at the door along with the dinner tickets rather than accepting money at the bar. Al Schade seconded. Motion passed.

8. Chairman Thomson discussed the possibility of having the full museum board meet every other month and just have the museum executive committee meet on a monthly basis instead. Most members disagreed and the consensus was that in order to keep the entire board active and involved with the museum, the board should continue to meet once a month.

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

Paul Clark, Secretary

Brief Biography of Joe Kline

Joe Kline was born in Washington, D.C. in 1949. He traces his interest in aviation to his father who was a b-25 bombardier in the European Theater of Operations during World War II. Knowledge of his

subject matter came from reading and model building at an early age. He garnered valuable firsthand knowledge while serving as a helicopter crew chief with the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam in 1970-71.

Although he has painted a wide variety of aviation subjects, his primary interest is in military aviation, especially for the World War II and Vietnam eras. He has works on display at the U.S. Air Force Museum and the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. Recipients of his work include many former military aviators including, General James Doolittle, and President Bush.

Joe is a life member of Vietnam Helicopter Crew Members Association, 101st Airborne Division Association and is the founder of the Kingsmen Reunion Association. He is an engineer by profession and lives in Gilroy, California with his wife and three daughters.

Membership Cards

At long last we have been able to come up with some annual membership cards, courtesy of the ubiquitous Betty Miller with just a little help from your Ed. These are for Estrella Squadron members and represent the fact that they are supporters of the Museum and its facilities. We are happy to be able to offer these and we are considering a slightly different card for our Life Members. The cards are being stapled to

the inside page of this newsletter and we ask that you make sure that you received it and if not, please let Bruce Toomey know at 238-9266 after 9:00am, any day.

Hangar Condition

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The next time you go to the Museum, take a look around you. The different look comes from the fact that Betty Miller and Carol Weiss have spent a considerable amount of time out there straightening up, cleaning pictures, counters, walls and artifacts and generally making the place look better. Other than the bird poop, which may be with us 'till the end of time, the place looks vastly better than it has for some time. We are also soliciting suggestions regarding the elimination of future bird poop!

In any event, this is being mentioned just to show you that much can be accomplished by just a few. Please take Betty's suggestions in her column as a gentle hint to do just a little bit more because it will make a difference way out of proportion to the small amount of time donated. Nuff said.

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Please excuse the appearance of some of these columns. I'm doing my usual experimenting without the help of my computer expert, son Stuart

**Docent Shift Assignments**  
**August 2000**

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Docent Name</u> | <u>Phone#</u> |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Fri 04      | 2 - 6       | B. Toomey          | 238-9266      |
| Sat 05      | 10 - 4      | B. Toomey          | 238-9266      |
| Sun 06      | 12 - 3      | C. Weiss           | 226-9627      |
| Fri 11      | 2 - 6       | D. Blomquist       | 227-0362      |
| Sat 12      | 10 - 4      | T. Weiss           | 239-2637      |
| Sun 13      | 12 - 3      | A. Britton         |               |
| Fri 18      | 2 - 6       | M&E Hudson*        | 467-2619      |
| Sat 19      | 10 - 4      | Doug Moore         | 466-6142      |
| Sun 20      | 12 - 3      | C. Weiss           | 239-2637      |
| Fri 25      | 2 - 6       | A. Britton         | 226-9627      |
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| Sun 27      | 12 - 3      | OPEN               |               |



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