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Estrella Warbird Museum

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

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October Meeting

The October Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2000 at Thomson Hall with Social Hour commencing at 6:00pm and Dinner at 7:00pm.

Chef John Himes has indicated that he will offer Country Beef & Gravy with potatoes, veggies, etc.

DON'T FORGET TO CALL FOR RESERVATIONS.

It's a big help in planning and allows us to save money by not overbuying.

Our speaker for the evening will be "Bud" Laymon from Pismo Beach, age 78, who flew in WWII. In the 1950s he became a CIA pilot flying 27 missions in the Lockheed U-2 over the USSR. Only 10 pilots were selected to fly from either Turkey or Japan on these highly classified flights.

He will talk about his overflights and about Gary Powers who was shot down in 1960:

Bud had eye surgery back in March when he was initially scheduled to speak with us. We are most pleased that he has agreed to be our speaker for October!

Fly-In a Success and Fun!

In spite of the fact that we did not have all the participants we had hoped for, the Fly-In attracted a great many people from the community as well as some from out-of-town. We sold 80 breakfasts all told which helped a great deal and George Marrett graciously offered to fly those who paid a fee as "bombardiers" on the bombing runs. This also accounted for some additional funds but, more importantly, generated a great deal of interest among those who had just casually walked in to see what was going on. We learned a lot from this event which will serve us well in the future.

It is apparent that we should start well in advance of the event to advertise in such publications as the "Pacific Flyer" and others. We missed the publication dates for some others simply because we came up with the whole idea a bit late. Obbie Atkinson is to be congratulated for his Herculean efforts to make this program work and he did the best job possible in the limited time allocated.

Committee Chairs

Program

George Marrett
466-7640

Dinners

John Himes
466-6680

Membership

Obbie Atkinson
238-9212

Grounds

John Kendall

Air Show

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466-1212

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239-1598

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237-0222

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Tom Gabele 237-1567

Photo

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227-0245

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238-4858

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Bruce Toomey
238-9266

Activities

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Many thanks are due to quite a number of people and while we don't usually pick out individuals in such a labor intensive program as this for fear of leaving someone out, we believe that those who helped so much should be recognized:

Obbie Atkinson, of course, for organizing the whole affair on short notice, Al Davis who arrived at am to help cook, John Himes and crew, the Hermansens as always, Catherine Paine and Kendall Gallanger. Also, Gary Corippo, Marty Wright, Jim Pickens, Ron Thompson, Glen Thomson, Doris Atkinson as always, Willa and Dewey Killion, Betty Miller as always, Doug Miner, Bob Chambers, Larry Campo, Marty Martin filling in everywhere, Chuck Miller, Tom Leatherwood and K.O. Eckland.

Saving this one for last, like dessert, to Steve Cervany who not only flew all over the central state on his own time putting up posters but who also donated his plane for the formation flight, who was the only guy who actually formally signed up and paid his fees and who won the \$400 and promptly donated it back to the Museum. This sort of speaks for itself doesn't it!!

If we missed anyone we apologize but you have to know you are heartily thanked.

Andy Henry's Memorial a Moving Farewell

The Celebration of Life for Andy Henry was a wonderful and huge gathering of relatives, friends, members and others from near and far. All kinds of funny, as well as heartfelt stories came out about our good friend and we learned much about what a wonderful man had been in our midst.

The decorations for the memorial were beautiful and the

appointments were far superior to the usual paper plates and plastic tools we use. The members in attendance were absolutely dumbfounded when the family told them that they were donating such things as the 100 four piece china place settings, all the stainless flatware, glasses and candle holders used at the dinner as well as all the damask table cloths. We are extremely grateful and the best part of it is that they will always be a reminder of Andy who put so much of himself into our organization.

We would also like to thank our two beautiful bartenders, Betty Miller and Jana Love who dispensed drinks for seven straight hours!



President's Corner

Please join me in offering our very sincere thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Chris Henry, son and daughter-in-law of Andy Henry for donating all the brand new china, stainless flatware and damask tablecloths to the museum in Andy's memory. We will have a really festive Christmas Dinner for our Organization!

Helping Hands

Member Cathy Paine has agreed to be our **Media and Public Relations officer**. This is a very important job and one that has been vacant for at least two years. Cathy is always ready to step up to the plate and take on a project. Thanks Cathy!

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October Meeting - Halloween

Visit the spookiest place ever! Thomson Hall is being transformed! Special decorations are being arranged by Dori Foxworthy, Jackie Brooks and Cathy Paine. Please join in the fun (You can wear costumes or just be a spectator) Treats for all!

RESERVATIONS PLEASE!!!

227-0440 227-0440 227-0440

I was so happy to have so many of you call in your reservations for the September Dinner! Lets make it 100% for October so that our hardworking kitchen crew can know how much to prepare! Reservations do make a difference in our ability to have really good menu choices. Please call 227-0440 and leave your name and the total number attending. A prize for the 10th person to call in!

Tasks for the Month of October

1. **Hoe, Hoe, Hoe!** If you have a hoe we need you both to remove some weeds and cultivate along the front of Thomson Hall and between the Museum Hangar and the Hall. You can schedule this at your convenience, but please call me (466-1212)

2. Along the same lines, we also need to remove the dead plants along the front of the museum. Anyone????



Betty Miller
President

A New Thought on Donations

In our constant quest for donations, especially for the kitchen exhaust ducting and sprinklers which will make the Hall available for paid rentals

and, consequently, self supporting, several members have put forth a new idea.

There are those who would be willing to put up substantial amounts of money on a low or no interest loan basis to the Museum if they could be assured that they would get their money back in a specific time frame.

We have a committee actively working on the kitchen and sprinkler problem, as this is being written, so that we can develop some hard and realistic figures. with which we can approach the membership for help. If the loan idea is of interest to the members we will make a definite plea for funds and explain fully what the time frame could be for their return.

This idea would be terrifically advantageous for us because it would get us into the rental business at an early date and would allow us to start making the Hall a revenue producer which we need badly.

It had been thought that we could use the facilities for our own meetings as well as renting to others and that we could defer the sprinkler and exhaust systems until later. We have since found out that renting the facility puts us in sort of a commercial status which requires that we meet commercial codes.

We will actively pursue the suggested fund raising plan and report progress in the very near future.

Speaking of Donations

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You may remember at the last Meeting, Glen Thomson offered to put up \$1,000 as the foundation for a matching gift program for the kitchen and sprinklers. So far we have received either cash or pledges so that the "pot" now amounts to about \$3,000. We have no idea as to whether or not the no-interest program will take off so please consider helping to match Glen's most generous offer. If we had just a little over 5,000 dollars we could complete the kitchen program and be well on the way to be a self supporting entity. Any amount will help. We have about 6 donors already so we're not asking for huge sums, individually.

(Editor's Note)

I get almost as tired of having to write about donations as I do about volunteering and I am sure you feel the same way This kitchen and sprinkler problem is a real thorn, however, because we thought we could easily handle it by rentals and were really stymied when the city would not grant us an occupancy permit for this type of use.

When we DO get this problem solved in the near future, however, it will go a long way toward making the Museum self-supporting, at least as far operating expenses are concerned and we may even have something left over for other projects.

So, please dig down some more and help out. With our newly elected Board of Directors and the realization that our Museum

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is now a lot bigger business that it used to be we are really getting a handle on the running of the place and this will continue to improve. So, believe me, you can have confidence about the future of the operation and the fact that money will be well and not foolishly spent.

Skills Inventory

You will note by the size of this letter that we have a few more pages than usual. This is to accommodate the enclosed Skills Inventory package prepared by Marty Wright for the Board. A lot of you are aware that this has been done before but not on the scale that Marty has planned. Besides, we have many new members and we need to

know what hidden talents are available.

Please fill this form out and either bring it to the Museum at the October Meeting or mail it in to EWM, PO. Box 570, Paso Robles, CA 93447.

Media Attention

George Marrett has given your Editor two interesting articles from two different publications.

The first is from the Jet Propulsion Laboratories "Universe" newsletter which concerns their program called "Space Place" which is intended to reach younger children and those adults who have very little knowledge about space exploration and technology. We regret that the article is just too long to include in this oversized issue but we will post it on the Museum Bulletin Board. The interesting thing for us is the photo that shows the "Space Place" board that George Marrett and Warren Bailey developed right here in our own Museum. The board is in the Hangar right by the side entrance door. It's nice to get the publicity from such a prestigious organization.

The second article is one written by Warren Bailey when he was still Curator of our Museum. It is the history of our F-104 Starfighter and details the whole story of the aircraft from the

time it was built to date. It even has a roster of all those pilots who flew this exact airplane. Lack of space again does not

permit reprinting the article but it too will be placed on the bulletin board.

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California Aeronautical Chart

Marty Martin informed us that he had an aeronautical chart of the entire State of California all on one page or sheet, that was printed in 1991. He has been looking for the proper authority to write to in order to obtain new charts and finally ran across it. He wanted to share this with everyone because its a nifty planning chart which is much more convenient to handle than the three or four regular VFR charts that we all use.

The address is: State of California

Department of Transportation
Aeronautical Program PS 40
P.O. Box 942873

Sacramento, CA 94237-0001

The cost is \$6.00 and it can be ordered either rolled or flat.

Copy Machine Donated

Marty Wright brought in a copy machine that has been donated to the Museum by his wife's parents, Herman and Doris Gonzales who were shutting down a business. This is a nice table top model which presently resides in the Museum in back of the counters, a nice handy spot!

We sincerely thank the Gonzales's for thinking of us and we can certainly put this machine to good use!

Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting - Estrella Warbird Museum, Inc.
August 23, 2000

Meeting called to order by Glen Thomson, Chairman

Present: Atkinson, Chidlaw, Clark, Corippo, Cromwell, Davis, Gleim (Advisory Board), Marrett, Miller, B, Miller, C, Schade, Thomson, Toomey & Wright.

Absent: Russell

1. Treasurers Report was given by Marty Martin. It was reported that the Museum's monthly expenses are exceeding monthly income. Allen Smith made a contribution of \$200. to the building fund. Shirley Keiper made a \$50. donation to Andy Henry's memory.
2. Bruce Toomey gave the Docent Status Report. The Museum needs more docents. Methods were discussed on how to get more Museum members involved in the docent program.
3. Obbie Atkinson had no membership report to give. He discussed the need for a Museum Public Information person.
4. Marty Wright gave the Museum Gift Shop report. Marty had received \$106. in shirt sales. He was instructed to retain the \$106. to purchase more inventory.
5. George Marrett gave the program report. Bud Laymon, a

U-2 pilot would speak at the next meeting. The Board discussed potential complementary gifts from the Museum for the speakers participation. Chidlaw moved and Betty Miller seconded that, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, guest speakers be given a one year membership in the Museum. Motion passed.

6. Al Schade gave the Restoration report. Presently, the L-17 is the Museum's first priority. The A-4 being almost complete, the two projects will proceed simultaneously. Al then reported that museum member, Bob Miller, will be donating many valuable aircraft parts to the Museum. Chidlaw moved and Wright seconded that, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, the Museum accept the donation from Bob. Motion passed.

7. Betty Miller gave the Visitor/Volunteer Report. Since mid August, 56 people have visited the Museum, including people from Thailand, Japan and New Jersey.

Old Business

1. Betty Miller reported on the Andy Henry Celebration to take place September 24. The Museum would provide minimal incidentals and bartenders. The Henry family would provide the rest. The Henry family will make a donation to the Museum for Library purposes and ask that a memorial plaque be hung in Andy's honor. Chidlaw moved and Corippo seconded that a plaque commemorating Andy

Henry be placed in the Library, wording to be worked out with the Henry family. Motion passed. Betty Miller moved and Corippo seconded that the Executive Committee set parameters for future commemoration of Donors to the Museum. Motion passed.

2. Obbie Atkinson reported on the Fly-In breakfast to be held by the Museum on Sunday, September 24. Thirty four airports had been notified. Obbie has received verbal commitments from various people. Betty Miller moved and Chidlaw seconded that the Treasurer withdraw four \$100. dollar bills as prizes for the contests. Motion passed.

3. The Board agreed to postpone the Museum rummage sale until spring 2001.

4. Glen Thomson and Mac Gleim reported their continuing talks with Jim App, City Manager, regarding the potential placement of hangars on Museum property. Talks would continue. Martin moved and Cromwell seconded to have committee negotiate with the City to obtain the necessary land to place hangars. Motion passed.

5. A discussion was held regarding the status of the Museum kitchen. Partial bids have been received but no complete bids have been received to date. . The Museum needs bids to complete the installation of stove ventilation and fire equipment as well as a bid for installation of the Meeting Room sprinkler system. Chidlaw moved and Cromwell seconded that the

Executive committee address the issue. Motion passed.

6. Marty Wright reported on the effort to sell the car donated to the Museum. The car is advertised in Photo Ad and the price has been lowered to \$1,000.

New Business

1. Betty Miller reported on a potential gift to the Museum of a conference table and 12 chairs.

2. George Marrett reported on a potential BBQ fund raiser for the Museum in Atascadero Park that would be organized by the Atascadero of Commerce.

3. Marty Wright presented a questionnaire to be handed out to Museum members to inquire what skills a member has that would benefit the Museum.

4. Betty Miller discussed revising Flight Member Duties and passed out proposed duties for Flight Leaders. The Board will review the proposal and discuss them at the next Board Meeting.

Other

1. Betty and Chuck Miller presented plaques to USO committee heads.

2. John Cromwell discussed plans for the Museum's involvement in the Pioneer Day parade this year. The Museum will tow the F-4 Cockpit and enter numerous jeeps.

There being no further business brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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Docent Shift Assignments

October 2000

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Docent Name</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
Sun 01	12 - 3	A. Britton	226-9627
Fri 06	2 - 6	B. Toomey	238-9266
Sat. 07	10 - 1	M. Baiamonte	
Sat 07	1 - 4	R. Blomquist	227-0362
Sun 08	12 - 3	A. Britton	226-9627
Fri 13	2 - 6	M & E Hudson	467-2619
Sat 14	10 - 1	OPEN	
Sat 14	1 - 4	B. Toomey	238-9266
Sun 15	12 - 3	A. Britton	226-9627
Fri 20	2 - 6	R. Blomquist	227-0362
Sat 21	10 - 1	T. Weiss	239-2637
Sat 21	1 - 4	OPEN	
Sun 22	12 - 3	OPEN	
Fri 27	2 - 6	OPEN	
Sat 28	10 - 1	C. Weiss	239-2637
Sat 28	1 - 4	OPEN	
Sun 29	12 - 3	OPEN	

Please call Bruce Toomey 238-9266 if you can fill in on one of the open shifts.

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