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Estrella Warbird Museum Estrella Squadron Newsletter



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

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November

November Meeting

The November Meeting will be held on Wednesday November 1. 2000 at Thomson Hall with Social Hour commencing at 6:00pm and Dinner at 7:00pm

This will be our annual Thanksgiving Feast with turkey and all the trimmings. This takes a good deal of effort and we hope all our members will keep in mind the amount of work involved for Chef John Himes and his crew who just work away, behind the scenes. silently and almost unknown to many. They deserve much more than just thanks

It will be vitally important that the membership call for reservations since this is promoted event. (TV & newspapers) so there will be many with guests and only so many places for seating and only so much food available. If you don't call don't expect to have a meal unless you are very lucky. (Call 227-0440)

And by the way, thanks for the great job so many of you did by calling in for the October Meeting!!

Our speaker for the evening will be Charles J. Cook of Los Altos, CA., who was a B-17 pilot in WWII attached to the 94th Bomb Group at Bury St. Edmonds about 100 miles north of London.

Mr. Cook did not send us an actual biography but rather excerpts from a talk he gave at Foothill College about his experiences during the war. Since we presume he will discuss many of these stories when he visits us we do not want to print the three and a half pages he sent but I wish we could!! He wrote it in such a quiet, easy going manner that in the beginning one doesn't realize what is to follow but his experiences were nothing short of miraculous!! This will be a very fitting contribution Thanksgiving celebration!

President's Corner



As we approach Thanksgiving, let us all offer special thanks for our great country and the many benefits of freedom we all enjoy.

THANK YOU TO...

The 62 people who called in to make reservations for the October Dinner Meeting! You are

Committee Chairs Program George Marrett 466-7640

Dinners John Himes 466-6680

Membership Obbie Atkinson 238-9212

Grounds John Kendall

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> Activities OPEN

Our Awesome! Public new Relations spokeswoman, Cathy Paine has submitted the November meeting info to the local newspapers and KSBY-TV. This will probably result in a higher turnout for the November 1st Meeting. We want to be able to

seat and serve EVERYONE so please call 227-0440 to reserve your seats. THANKS!

Helping Hands

Our October Docents have done a fantastic job cleaning up the Museum display areas. They are in need of glass cleaner, rags and Webster dusters so if anyone can bring some of those items to donate at the November meeting, I know they will appreciate it.

Carol Weiss has reframed the picture of the famed Spruce Goose along with related information found on the back of the photo. Go check this out folks - it is on the east wall. Thanks Carol for your donation of time and materials.

Rosemary Netto has completed the cleaning of stored pictures and frames. We are recycling frames that have no pictures or pictures that are duplicates so this was a tremendous help in getting materials. Under much grime we have unearthed some great art that will be hung and displayed in the coming months. Carol Weiss will be working out locations and arrangements for our displays.

November Meeting Thanksgiving!

Special decorations are being arranged by **Dori Foxworthy** and **Jackie Brooks**, our two Decorators. You will get into the mood for sure

Tasks for the Month of November

1. Anyone with a strong arm, we need you to help clean our glass windows and doors. You can

schedule this at your convenience but please call me (466-1212).

2. **Dead plants** - (second request) we need you to remove the dead plants along the front of the museum. Anyone?

Reminder ...

Be a true host to guests and those members we haven't seen for a while. Be sure you have your name



badge on and introduce yourself to folks, make them feel welcome so they will feel like coming back.

San Luis Obispo Aviation Safety Program

Presents....

November 2000 Safety Seminar,

"In-Flight Emergencies"

Have you ever thought about being up yonder enjoying the "blue" when suddenly

>>the flying machine doesn't want to fly?

>>Are you mentally and technically prepared to quickly react?

>>Are your emergency skills well honed?

>>Do you have a current POH and emergency procedure check lists on board?

>>Are you familiar with their content?

>>Are you prepared to Avigate, Navigate and Communicate?

>>Do you remember all the "How To's" of getting your passengers and aircraft safely on the ground...in one piece?

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If you cannot answer YES to all of the above, then join us for this life-saving "In-Flight Emergency seminar. If you can honestly answer, YES, join us anyway as you are sure to learn something new that might save your day.

Several local G/A, commercial, air carrier pilots and CFI's will be sharing stories of their personal "In-Flight Emergency thrills".

Among pilots scheduled to speak are, Mike Busch, Editor of Av-Web, Steve Ellis and John Frank, Cessna Pilots Association, Gerrit Vanderziel and several other local pilots and CFI's.

They will also discuss what went right, what went wrong and what they would do differently next time!!!

Theory is nice but Experience is Priceless!!

Join us for this unique chance to learn from the experience of others.

A "Must Attend" program, especially for all new and student pilots!!

PLEASE NOTE!!!!

This Seminar Will Be Held On The "THIRD" Tuesday of the Month, Tuesday, November 21, 2000 SLO Veterans Hall 801 Grand Ave.
San Luis Obispo
Time 6:30 to 9:00PM

Refreshments Served - No Reservations Required For information contact Patrick Duncan at (805) 466-9725 or pduncan@ips.net.

(Personal Request from Pat Duncan.

Please remind all pilot friends who might not receive this message that the "In-Flight Emergencies" seminar will be held on Tuesday, NOVEMBER 21st instead of NOVEMBER 14th as originally published in NORCAL.

Thank you very much!!!)

EAA Chapter Formed in North County

On September 7, 2000 an organizational meeting was held in Thomson Hall by local members of the Experimental Aircraft Association to resurrect Chapter

#465 which had been in existence here in Paso Robles in past years.

Lead by Conrad L. (Marty) Martin about 25 prospective members attended and 22 signed up that evening. Since then several more have joined.

As most of you know, the EAA is best described as an aviation "home builders' movement that has been formally in existence since early 1950's. Originally organized by Paul Poberezny in Wisconsin and Illinois, The EAA now encompasses a number of divisions such as Antiques, War Planes. home builders and designers, race planes and more. It is a truly "grass roots" group that has grown from a handful of members to over 154,678 in the US and all over the world, with over 1,000 established chapters.

The next meeting of Chapter #465 will be held at Thomson Hall on Thursday, November 2, 2000 and anyone interested in attending can call Marty Martin at 238-9058 or Bruce Toomey at 238-9266

This is one great aviation organization and everyone is invited to find out more about it.

How Nice the Hangar Looks!!

Those of you who have been out to the Hangar since the October meeting no doubt noticed how clean and organized it looked The junk corner was neat as a pin, the various displays were straightened up and moved or otherwise organized and, "The Saints Be Praised", the Curators' Office was cleaned out!!! This is all the result of our do-it-all President and Carol Weiss along with a number of dedicated Docents who chipped in on their shift days as well as other days. This really makes a difference because the place can really look shabby when things accumulate and it must look like an indoor junk yard to our visitors.

Thanks to you all!!

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting, Estrella Warbird Museum, Inc. October 25, 2000

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Glen Thomson.

Present: Chidlaw, Clark, Corippo, Marrett, Martin, Miller B., Miller C., Russell, Schade, Thomson, Toomey.

Absent: Atkinson, Davis, Wright.

- 1. Conrad Martin moved that the Minutes of the September 2, 2000 Board Meeting be approved as published in the Museum Bulletin. Betty Miller seconded. Motion passed.
- 2. Treasurer's Report was given by Conrad Martin. The following donations were reported, F-104 crew member \$50,00 donation from Tim Hartzill; Andy Henry library memorial \$100.00 donations from Jacqueline S. Lahr; \$50.00 donation from Ed Chidlaw: Kitchen completion fund \$50.00 from Lawrence Campo: kitchen completion fund \$500.00 donation from Bruce Toomey; Andy Henry library memorial \$50.00 donation from Judy and Richard Clememsen: Andy Henry library

memorial \$100.00 donation from Dale Evans Rogers; Andy Henry library memorial \$15.00 donation from Earle and Margaret Mayfield; Andy Henry library memorial \$100.00 from Richard and Kaye Kater.

- 3. Bruce Toomey gave the Docent status report. We still need more Docents. Some time slots are vacant. Bruce will set up a sign-up board at the next diner meeting. It was suggested by Bruce to drop Friday hours during the winter months because of a lack of visitors. Gary Corippo moved we close the Museum on Fridays from Labor Day to Memorial Day. Betty Miler seconded, Motion passed.
- 4. No membership report was given. Bruce Toomey reported that Obbie Atkinson is rewriting the membership pamphlet and Jim Bryant is doing the art work for the new pamphlet.
- 5, No Gift Shop report was given.
- 6 George Marrett gave the Program report. Charles Cook, a B-17 commander will be the guest speaker for the November dinner meeting. There will be no guest speaker for the December meeting,. Gary Ryan will be conducting the Christmas Show.
- 7, Al Schade gave the Restoration report. The transfer of the Bob Miller donation is almost complete.
- 7. Betty Miller gave the visitor report. The Museum received 97 visitors in October.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Betty Miller reported that the Rotary Club will tour the Museum on November 16 at noon.
- 2. Glen Thomson reported on the kitchen status. The Museum has the opportunity to use some or all of the Black Oak Restaurant's hood and exhaust system. Gary and Glen will be meeting with Culver sheet metal for options.
- 3. George Marrett reported that the L-16 group will be meeting to decide what to do with the insurance proceeds.
- 4. Glen Thomson reported that a letter of proposal had been submitted to Jim App, the City Manager regarding the placement of T hangars on Museum property. Glen has not received a response to date from the City.
- 5. Other. Glen Thomson reported many requests for the Museum Brochure. Obbie Atkinson is completing the brochure.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Museum Direction and Priorities. Glen Thomson stated the Museum's priorities
 - a. Completion of kitchen
 - b. Restoration and completion of L-17
 - d. Windbreak for the BBQ
 - e. Library
- 2. Chuck Miller suggested that the Museum offer the Meeting Hall to the Airport Advisory Committee for a meeting place. Ed Chidlaw moved that the Museum make the offer. Al Schade seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- 3 John Cromwell presented new safety guidelines for the Museum and restoration areas. Ed Chidlaw moved to accept the guidelines. Al Schade seconded. Motion passed.
- 4. Glen Thomson reported that the Museum's property insurance policies were up for renewal. The Board discussed setting values for the various buildings and other assets owned by the Museum.
- 5. Chuck Miller reported on the Air Show status and submitted copies to the Board of a letter sent to the City Manager regarding Antique Aero's present unwillingness to close its business the day of the Air Show without first being paid \$2,000.

OTHER

1. Conrad Martin requested authority to open a Museum account with Paso Robles Jet Service. John Cromwell moved to give Conrad Martin the authority. Betty Miller seconded, Motion passed.

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

Paul E. Clark, Secretary

Small Apartment Wanted in February

One of our lesser known but contributory members, Neil Menard, from Redding, will be moving to the area in February and is looking for a small apartment to rent

Neil has been a member for almost a year, having joined after visiting our site on a trip from his home town. He is a Museum and restoration buff and has worked with a similar museum up north. He is also the one who donated those two big glass covered 4' by 6' or 8' display cases in the meeting hall and he has a number of others which are wall mounted which will be really handy to have.

If you know of a place to rent call Bruce Toomey at 238-9266 or Neil directly at (530) 242-1980

Rules of Flight

The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.

Board of Directors Meetings

We have had a couple of complaints from Squadron members regarding Board meetings. The complaints revolved around the issue of open meetings. We were somewhat surprised because we thought it was understood that all meetings were completely open to the membersat-large.

The meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month. Any Squadron member is more than welcome to attend the meetings. If there is anything we don't want to promote it is the idea that they are closed meetings and that certain things are discussed that are not the business of the members. In all actuality this is the most open organization I can imagine. There is nothing to BE kept from the members and nothing IS kept from the members

So welcome to a meeting. It might be nice to see some interested parties instead of just trying to get up a quorum of directors so we can HAVE a meeting.

Flights & Badges

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Our Flight Director, Bob Singleton, who has been working in this position for more years that we can count, has stepped down to pursue other interests He has long wanted to work more in the restoration side rather than anything else but took on the Flight Director job to help out, like he always does. We are most grateful to Bob for his dedication and for keeping the Program going.

We are working on changing the Flight Program to make it a little more germane as far as what we are now trying to accomplish.

If your Editor, and temporary custodian of the Program, gets his act together prior to the monthly meeting, you will have a list of members posted by the badge boards which will indicate to which Flight you belong regardless of the names on the boards presently shown The initial (A,B,C etc.) following your last name will indicate your Flight, (Alpha, Bravo, Charlie etc.). Many of them will be the same but there will be some changes and additions. We are also thinking of renaming the Flight Program. to make it better represent our present and future directions. If you have a name you think may be more appropriate than the present one we would be happy to hear from you.

Please try to remember to bring your badges from home. We will have a tape machine and badge forms to make new ones for new members and those whom we have just plain goofed up on, so we will make them for old members too. Just don't leave your badge in your sock drawer and make us issue a new one just to have you go home and find three others in some other drawer!!

We also plan to redesign some of the badges to indicate Docents, Committee Chairs and Board members etc. but this will take a little time.

Docents

Our Docent program is still being handled by a very few dedicated souls who take on much more than they should. On the night of the November meeting we intend to have a large sign up sheet on a tripod right in the middle of the meeting room. We will ask our present Docents to enter their names as a starter and hope that others will also sign up. As I keep harping, with 14 signed Docents each could work 3 to 4 hours ONCE a month. If we had 28 each could work once every TWO months.

It is really important to keep the open at specific times. We get a lot of people in and it really leaves a good impression when someone is there to take them around.

Please try to help!!

Addresses That Have Actually Shown Up In Our PO Box!! "Australian Warburg Museum, Inc.".

"Ms Estrella W. Museum"

Docent Shift Assignments

As of 10/26/00

Novem	ber	2000
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Date Set 04	Time	Docent Name	Phone #
Sat 04	10 - 1	L. Campo	238-2084
Sat 04	1 - 4	M. Baiamonte	237-8186
Sun 05	12 - 3	A. Britton	226-9627
Sat. 11	10 - 1	L. Campo	220 200
Sat 11	1 - 4	The state of the s	238-2084
~ II	1-4	R. Blomquist	227-0362
Sun 12	12 - 3	A. Britton	226-9627
Sat 18	10 - 1	L. Campo	238-2084
Sat 18	1 - 4	C. Weiss	239-2637
Sun 19	12 - 3	B. Toomey	238-9266
Sat 25	10 - 1	L. Campo	228 2084
Sat 25	1 - 4	R Blomquist	238-2084
		K Blomquist	227-0362
Sun 26	12 - 3	T. Weiss	239-2637

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

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