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Sunday 12n - 3pm
or whenever the gate is
open!

Estrella Warbird Museum

Estrella Squadron Newsletter



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

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December Meeting

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

This will be our annual Christmas Feast and Chef John has promised a roast beef dinner. He put on one of these before and it was excellent.

We will not have a speaker for the evening but instead will have our own Gary Ryan entertaining us and playing his banjo. If you have not heard Gary before I urge you to attend. He is a true pro and has some great songs, wonderful quips and a great program in general. You will be glad you came to hear him.

Again it will be definitely necessary to call 227-0440 for reservations. This too will be a promoted event so we expect a good turnout with many guests.

Large Weedwacker Missing

Glen Thomson brought a very expensive gasoline powered walk-behind weedwacker to the site for some major cleanup. This is his own machine and not the Museum's. It is strictly on loan.

Unfortunately, this machine seems to have "taken feet" because it is now missing.

This has happened on a few other occasions regarding tools and equipment, possibly by some one who just wants to use them for a day or two, thinking that they belonged to the Museum. Fortunately all of these items have found their way back to the tool crib after mention was made in the newsletter. We trust that this will be the case in this instance and that Glen's weedwacker will show up SOON. Just bring it back, no questions asked.

President's Corner



The **Holiday Season** is almost here...that means greeting cards for **Christmas** or **Hanukkah** festivities, great food, the gathering of those near and dear to us, and beautiful music. (It also means last minute shopping forays and those ever present bills in January!) In the case of our museum membership it also means a great program on **Wednesday, December 6th**.

Our Thanks to...

Those 85 people who called in to make reservations for the **November Dinner Meeting!** I am so *delighted* that you are all responding with RSVP's. We fed over 90 and since we have only 100 places available, it does ensure that we will have enough food for everyone attending. **Keep up the good work.**

Committee Chairs

Program

George Marrett
466-7640

Dinners

John Himes
466-6680

Membership

Obbie Atkinson
238-9212

Grounds

John Kendall

Air Show

Chuck Miller
466-1212

Ground Equipment

Dave Geiger
239-1598

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237-0222

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Refreshments

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Photo

Wally Engle
227-0245

Site Improvements

Glen Thomson
238-4858

Newsletter Editor

Bruce Toomey
238-9266

Activities

OPEN

Carol Weiss continues to restore paintings and prints and is busy framing some really great art work that has been donated over the past year. We will be displaying these in Thomson Hall starting in January.

December Tasks

1. We need to finish the painting of the Library. As you know the **Andy Henry Family** has offered to donate carpeting and the carpet installation for the Library. However, we can't install the carpet until the painting is finished. **Ron Brooks**, myself and **Chuck Miller** will be tackling the job mid December, but we need **two** more people to help...please call me at **466-1212** if you can help. Should be a 3 hour job and the day of the week is flexible!

Flight Program

Last year the Flight Leaders and Co-Flight Leaders had a Saturday luncheon to discuss some of the pros and cons of our existing Flight Program.

After much discussion among members and Flight Leaders, the Board of Directors has decided that the flights should reflect areas of member interest; i.e. Aircraft Restoration, Construction, Vehicle Restoration, Landscape, Docents, Planning and Membership to name a few. The membership would then be able to select the area they would be interested in supporting. This may mean fewer flights with more organization. **Bruce Toomey** and myself have been working on the reorganization of the former flight program to reflect this and will have a formalized plan to present to the Board of Directors at the January Board Meeting. Input from all Flight Leaders and Flight Members is always appreciated. Please call:

Bruce 238-9266 after 10 a.m.

Betty 466-1212 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Holiday Meeting - December

A very special dinner meeting is planned for your enjoyment. There will be a great Prime Rib dinner from Chef **John Himes** and professional entertainment by our own **Gary Ryan**, musician and raconteur. Special decorations have been put up by **Jackie Brooks** and her husband **Ron**. The Brooks' purchased the beautiful revolving Christmas tree and lights to add that special sparkle to the season. Thank you both from all of us.

Unfortunately Chuck and I will not be able to make our December Dinner Meeting to enjoy the great meal and entertainment. We will be at the ICAS (International Council of Airshows) in Las Vegas to get acts selected for the 2001 Air Show (and also to find out if Paso Robles will get the famed US Navy Blue Angels) We both wish you and yours a very Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Reminder...

Please R.S.V.P. for Wednesday dinner at 227-0440 and leave your name and the number of folks in your party who will be attending.

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.

Have a great Holiday Season!

Betty Miller

President

**DINNER RESERVATIONS
PLEASE!!!**

227-0440 227-0440 227-0440



Helping Hands

Dave Highland donated cleaning supplies for the Docents. Thank you Dave, this is greatly appreciated. The museum hangar shows the time and elbow grease that our Docents have put in. Thanks.

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Docents

We continue to give thanks to our few Docents who are manning the schedule completely in spite of their few numbers. It means that many are doing double duty and people like Larry Campo have volunteered to take a shift *every* Saturday! Please note, However, that we actually do have two more who have signed up since the last meeting, Ray Passon and Mary Chambers. We sincerely thank them for making themselves available

Again please take a look at our sign-up board in the meeting hall. Put your name down for one shift a month thereby helping out tremendously. It can be fun and it certainly helps the Museum. It's really delightful to be there when some of the visitors come in. They

are all enthused and some of them have some great stories of their own. Many leave donations and buy gifts for their kids or grandchildren so it's really fun to watch what goes on.

After the first of the year we will be holding several "docent schools" for present docents and for those who might have been reluctant to volunteer because they were afraid they might not know enough about the Museum and displays.

Member List Included In This Issue

We are including a year-end up to date member list for every one's convenience. Please check this list carefully to make sure that the information regarding your own entry is correct If not correct call Bruce Toomey at 238-9266 (after 9am) and please leave a message if no one answers

You will note that we have added an initial at the far right of the last name column. This is to indicate the Flight to which you belong and is being done just to help you find your ID cards on the wall boards.

In the near future we will make some major changes to the program and will probably rename it but for now these initials should be a help/

Please be advised that this list is for the members only and is not to be used by any member or anyone else for commercial purposes. We have never had a problem in this regard but we have been advised of the possibility of this happening and this is something we do not wish to have happen for any reason without express permission

from the Board of Directors. Our list has somewhat more than just a name and an address so it is important that we keep it confidential.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

Possible Visit BY EAA B-17!

The new Chapter #465 of the Experimental Aircraft Association (which meets in our Meeting Hall) has been approached by the Oshkosh headquarters as to whether or not they would like to have a visit by the EAA B-17 this spring, i.e., April, May or June. This of course would entail some logistic work by the EAA members such as rooms, people on hand to conduct tours and handle flights etc. The only problem is that the west side of the airport probably will still be torn up from construction when the proposed visit may take place.

We have been approached by Chapter #465 as to the possibility of having the entire operation take place at our facility if, indeed., Oshkosh agrees to have it in Paso Robles. While this is very much in the planning stage at this point this would seem to be a wonderful opportunity for showcasing our own facility as well as greatly helping another aviation centered organization. So far it's just pie in the sky but something like this could bring hundreds of people to the Museum who don't even know we exist.

We hope to keep working with Chapter #465 to bring this about and will keep you advised.

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS' MEETING

ESTRELLA WARBIRDS
MUSEUM

November 15, 2000

Meeting called to order by
Chairman, Glen Thomson.

Present: Atkinson, Clark,
Corippo, Cromwell, Gleim
(Advisory), Marrett, Martin, Miller
B., Miller C., Thomson, Toomey,
Wright

Absent: Chidlaw, Davis Al,
Russell, Schade

1. Treasurer's report was
given by Conrad Martin. The
Museum received two donations:
\$83.70 from PG&E, through Marty
Wright and \$200.00 from Paul
Clark. John Cromwell moved to
accept the Treasurer's Report. Betty
Miller seconded. Motion passed.

2. Bruce Toomey gave the
docent status report. Bruce is
modifying the sign up board to be
presented at meetings. The Museum
still needs docents.

3. Obbie Atkinson gave the
Membership report. As membership
chairman, Obbie is presently
creating the Museum's information
pamphlet and membership
application. Obbie solicited
suggestions and advice from the
Board. The Board discussed many
issues regarding the application.
The Board agreed to create a
committee to assist Obbie in
completing the brochure. The
committee will consist of: Obbie
Atkinson, George Marrett, Gary
Corippo, John Himes, Bruce
Toomey, Marty Wright.

4. Marty Wright gave the
Gift Shop Report. \$260 taken in
since October 1. Marty presented a
shirt sample. Thank you letters are
up to date.

5. George Marrett gave the
Program report. Gary Ryan will put
on the Christmas show. For January
3, Jack Olson will be the speaker.

6. Bob Singleton gave the
Restoration report in place of Al
Schade. Bob suggested the Navion
be privately owned instead of by the
Museum. The Board discussed
issues such as cost of buying an
interest in the plane as well as the
cost of completion.

7. Betty Miller gave the
Visitor Report. The Museum
received 40 people in 4 weekends.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Betty Miller reported that
the Rotary Club will tour the
Museum on November 16 at noon.
The Museum will be providing
refreshments.

2. Glen Thomson reported
on the kitchen status. Culver will
begin work next week.

3. Chuck Miller reported he
will know within the next month
whether the Blue Angels will fly at
our airshow.

4. Chuck Miller has not
received a response from the City
regarding his letter about Antique
Aero.

5. The Museum has not
received a response from the City
regarding the T-Hangar proposal.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Glen Thomson reported
that our insurance premiums have
increased. He will speak with our
insurance agent to investigate the
effect of increasing the policy
deductible limit.

2. Conrad Martin suggested
the Museum set up a mail box at the
museum location rather than having
a P.O. Box.

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3. Safety Chairman John
Cromwell requested topic
suggestions for the next safety
meeting to be held prior to the
December dinner.

4. Conrad Martin reported
that the accounting bill for preparing
the Museum tax return was due.
Chuck Miller moved to pay it. Betty
Miller seconded. Motion passed.

5. Betty Miller reported that
there was a scheduling conflict
between the Civil Air Patrol and the
Citizens' Airport Advisory
Committee. It was agreed that both
groups could use the facility at the
same time. The CAP would use the
library and the CAAP could use the
Meeting Hall.

6. Gary Corippo reported
that a status report is due to
Pensacola Naval Airstation by
January 5, 2001.

7. John Himes
recommended the Museum put on a
crab feed for a fund raiser. John
could make the arrangements with a
commercial fisherman to supply the
crab. Gary Corippo moved to go
forward with the event. Marty
Wright seconded. Motion passed.

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

Paul E. Clark, Secretary

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Docent Shift Assignments

As of 11/12/00

December 2000

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Docent Name</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
Sat 02	10 - 1	L. Campo	238-7702
Sat 02	1 - 4	R. Blomquist	227-0362
Sun 03	12 - 3	R. Passon	
Sat. 09	10 - 1	L. Campo	238-7702
Sat 09	1 - 4	M. Chambers	239-2888
Sun 10	12 - 3	B. Singleton	239-2084
Sat 16	10 - 1	L. Campo	238-7702
Sat 16	1 - 4	C. Weiss	239-2637
Sun 17	12 - 3	G. Corippo	238-2020
Sat 23	10 - 1	L. Campo	238-7702
Sat 23	1 - 4	R Blomquist	227-0362
Sun 24	12 - 3	A. Britton	239-2637
Sat 30	10 - 1	L. Campo	238-7702
Sat 30	1 - 4	T. Weiss	239-2637
Sun 31	12 - 3	B. Toomey	238-9266

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

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