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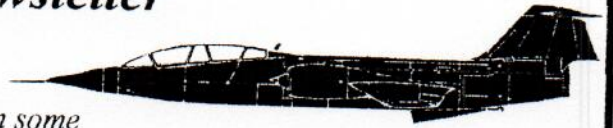
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All the news that's fit to print and then some

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March Meeting

The March Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2001 at Thomson Hall with Social Hour commencing at 6:00pm and Dinner at 7:00pm.

Chef John Himes has indicated that we will be having Corned Beef & Cabbage (since St Pat's Day is this month). for our meeting dinner. John and the voluntary Culinary crew have been outdoing themselves in recent months and the dinners have been wonderful.

Please remember that reservations are a MUST. Call 227-0440 and leave your name. and the number attending.

Our program for the evening will be unique in that we will have two speakers, both of whom were intimately involved in the U-2 and SR-71 development along with other projects. Robert F. "Bob" Murphy was instrumental in development and manufacturing while Martin A. "Marty" Knudson was one of the first of the U-2 pilots with over 4000 hours in the U-2.

This will be a most interesting evening and we urge all to attend. If you ever wonder why I write up these biographies all you have to do is read these two. As an aviation buff I can't imagine a more rewarding life than that led by these two individuals and I am hard pressed to think of any, who, in their way, have

made more significant "hands-on" contributions to our country's security and well-being.

President's Corner

(Editor's Notes)

The drawing below shows the current status of our overworked President; eyeballs hanging out doing mountains of Air Show paperwork and still being expected to take care of all of the Museum stuff of which there is a ton if it's done responsibly. On top of that she is expected to help other organizations to which she belongs as well as to carry on a real estate business. Strangely enough she also has a personal life to which she is able to devote about 11 minutes per day



In other words there isn't going to be a Column this month although I think its sort of unfair that she can't shrink that 11 minute personal time to about 3 and spend the rest on Museum and Air Show business!!!!

Bugsmashers Soar Again!!

by Obbie Atkinson

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George Marrett
466-7640

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466-6680

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238-9212

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238-4858

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K. O. Eckland
466-5373

Newsletter Editor
Bruce Toomey
238-9266

Activities
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"Bird Flight" is again alive and well. The L-16 has been replaced by the "Bugsmashers" group with a beautiful Aeronca 7AC-DC conversion. The "Champ" will soon be in the Museum and on the "flight line" as "Bird Flight" continues as a visual presence for the Museum at local functions, memorials and "flybys".

The "Bugsmashers" newly acquired aircraft boasts many new features appealing to "tail dragger" pilots. It has an integral electric system featuring starter, generator, nav and landing lights, strobe, nav-com, GPS and extended range fuel tanks. It will soon have military colors and markings and a "mode c" transponder. We will then have a x-country aircraft equipped to fly into "controlled" air space.

The membership in the Bugsmashers" group has now been filled. Members wanting to join should contact Obbie Atkinson (see below) and will be placed on a waiting list in the order received. Membership in the group is a great opportunity for out pilot members to have flying fun for mere "peanuts" Another great Museum membership benefit. Contact Membership Chairman, Obbie Atkinson at 238-9212 for details.

Membership News

Our devoted Membership Chairman, Obbie Atkinson, has been working like a beaver on a number of different fronts with regard to increasing membership as well as providing new incentives and rewards. He has come up with several plans; one to attract corporations and businesses to become \$500. annual members; another, to provide incentives for corporations to become

Life Members and still another to intrigue our own regular members to become Life Members! In addition, we already have established a new category of Family Memberships which includes spouses and children 18 and under for \$75.00/year.

Primarily, Obbie has developed a new brochure which will be available in March. This publication, unlike our last one, will be in full color and it will have a number of new features which are intended to attract new business and corporate members. These features include a map of the area showing points of interest for tourists with an emphasis on the wine industry. Names of local wineries and their location are listed and will be shown on the map. This should be a real selling point when trying to promote our organization to these businesses.

In addition, all the corporate tenants on the airport are listed with their addresses and a smaller inset map will show the streets on the airport proper.

It is obvious that Obbie has been bringing all of his well known talents as a marketing expert to bear on these latest projects and he has spent a great deal of time in getting the program up and running.

It goes without saying, however, that he can't do it alone. Each member is going to be asked to think of at least one business or corporate individual who could be approached, either by the member him or herself, or by one of our solicitors, whoever they might be.

We are also going to have to disseminate these brochures around the Central Coast and even places further away so we will be asked to stuff some in our cars or planes and see that they are displayed at other airports as well as tourist spots and motels. Obbie has obtained some nicely made plastic stands which can display the brochures in an attractive way, either on a counter or hung on a wall or some other vertical space.

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This is going to be a real effort to promote our membership and the Museum but it won't be truly successful unless we contribute in one way or another.

More on this later.

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A Super Life Membership Opportunity!!

In conjunction with one of the programs mentioned in the previous column, Obbie has come up with an offer that will not only solidify our own membership status as individuals but one that will greatly aid the Museum as well.

The present cost of becoming a Life Member is \$400 dollars. Starting on May first, when annual membership dues are billed and sent out, the cost of a Life Membership will be \$500 dollars. It has been agreed that those members who have paid their current dues for the year May 2000 through April 2001 may take advantage of the following proposition: since current members have already paid for the current year, any member who wishes to become a Life Member can do so by paying \$350 dollars **before May 1, 2001**. This year's dues will be credited against the current \$400 dollar fee for Life Membership!!! After this date above, Life Membership will become \$500 dollars.

This is a great opportunity to show your faith in the Museum and will certainly help us over the present financial hump that we are now experiencing because of our inability to rent the Meeting Hall before our kitchen is completed

The Unsung Heros Dept.

While hammering out this deathless prose I started to think of our meetings and what it takes to put them on.

We usually think of the dinner crew but we seldom think of others who contribute also such as Doug Miner, Dorothy McBain and Bob Blash.

Doug has been holding down the ticket sales desk for what seems like years, collecting money for the dinners, steering new people to our facilities and being a fountain of information for new folks.. It usually means that he also gets his dinner well after everyone else is served Doug has been a member since practically day one and has always been a solid contributor of time and effort in many areas.

Dorothy and Bob handle our bar sales tickets and also fall into the category of getting their dinners late. This is another of those sort of boring tasks but one that is vitally important to our bottom line.

These may not seem like the most high profile jobs in the group but in earlier years the collecting of money had often been sort of a hit and miss operation which occasionally became a horror show.

Again, thanks to our volunteers!!

Safety First

by John Cromwell, Safety Chairman

I started the last column by saying that safety only works when everyone is involved.

Well that is a true statement but it also means we have to think about it ALL the time.

It was brought to my attention recently that we, the Museum, are not acting in a safe manner There were reports of one of the "Museum" aircraft being flown in a dangerous and unsafe manner.

Now you and I know that the Museum doesn't own any flyable aircraft, other than the Casa jet, but the public thinks we do and when those aircraft violate safety and FAA regulations we all get the blame.

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Life Members

Nineteen and
Counting!!

1. Glen Thomson
2. Obbie Atkinson
3. Allen Smith
4. Conrad Martin
5. Gary Corippo
6. Al Schade
7. John Cromwell
8. Ed Chidlaw
9. Ken Grubb
10. William Sima
11. Gerald Taylor
12. Marty Wright
13. Marilyn Webster
14. Brian Webster
15. Jim Pickens
16. Arnold Hermansen
17. Greg Sudderth
18. Bob Kinsell
19. James Bryant

I don't want to belabor the point and I am sure that "a word to the wise" is all that is required. Remember we all suffer from the actions of a few.

**Safety Meeting 1745 hrs Wed. 7
March in Thomson Hall.**

Brief Biography of Bob Murphy

Bob Murphy enlisted in then USAF in 1948 and served as a Flight Engineer on C-54's and B-25's in the Berlin Airlift and in the Korean War. In 1952 he went to work at Lockheed as a Flight Line Mechanic and by March 1954 he was a Flight Test Mechanic on the XF-104 and YC-130 projects.

In March 1955 Murphy joined the Skunk Works flight test organization as Flight Test Supervisor for the U-2. The U-2 first flew at the Nevada "Ranch" in August 1955. In January of 1957 he was assigned as Manager of U-2 ground Operations to the CIA Detachment about to be deployed to Atsugi NAS, Japan. In December 1958 Bob was transferred to the Detachment at Incirlik, Turkey in the same capacity.

Following his return to the U.S. in December 1959 Murphy held managerial positions in the Skunk Works of increasing importance. These included setting up and running U-2 overhaul programs; shop development and system test, controls, electrical, electronics, plumbing and static test; and division manager for manufacturing of the D-21 Drone and all non-metallic fabrication for the A-12, SR-71 and D-21.

In September 1964 Bob became Plant Manager, Site 2 at AF Plant 42 in Palmdale. Here he was responsible for final assembly, ground test and flight test for SR-71 production. From January 1969 until his retirement in 1986 he was

Deputy Director and then Director of Operations for the Skunk Works. This included all manufacturing, purchasing and support of engineering projects and manufacture of the Have Blue Stealth Demonstrator and the F-117 Stealth Fighter.

Today Bob and his wife Mary Jane reside in Palmdale, California and Bob is self-employed as an Aviation Operations Consultant. He has also been instrumental in acquiring and refurbishing aircraft for the aviation display at AF Plant 42 and other locations.

Brief Biography of Marty Knutson

Marty Knutson was in the initial group of six pilots "hired" by the CIA in 1955 for their covert U-2 program. This group was the first to deploy overseas. Knutson flew many missions, including Soviet overflights, during his service with the CIA. He retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1970

In 1971 Marty joined NASA at the Ames-Moffett facility as manager of the Airborne Instrumentation Research Project. This enabled him to continue flying the U-2's assigned to NASA for high altitude research. From 1975 to 1984 he served as Chief of the Airborne Missions & Applications Division at NASA Ames.

In 1984 he became Site Manager of the Ames-Dryden Research Facility located at Edwards Air Force Base. He was responsible for the conduct of aeronautical flight research with some of the most advanced aircraft in this country. His responsibilities included the X-29 Forward Swept Wing program and operations readiness for landing of the Space Shuttle. From December 1990 to February 1997 Knutson served as Chief of Flight operations for NASA's Ames Research Center. Here he was in charge of flight research/test operations, modifications and maintenance on a variety of advanced rotorcraft and

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Docent Shift Assignments

As of 3/01/01

March 2001

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Docent Name</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
Sat 03	10 - 1	L. Campo	238-7702
Sat 03	1 - 4	R. Blomquist	227-0362
Sun 04	12 - 3	A. Britton	226-9627
Sat.10	10 - 1	L. Campo	238-7702
Sat 10	1 - 4	M. Chambers	239-2888
Sun 11	12 - 3	A. Britton	226-9627
Sat 17	10 - 1	A. Smith	239-9433
Sat 17	1 - 4	D. Miner	239-1054
Sun18	12 - 3	S. Forsman	461-6324
Sat 24	10 - 1	L. Campo	238-7702
Sat 24	1 - 4	R Blomquist	227-0362
Sun 25	12 - 3	R. Passon	466-7234
Sat 31	10 -1	L. Campo	238-7202

Please call Bruce Toomey 238-9266 if you have a problem with your assigned shift

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and power-lift vehicles and for conduct of airborne experiments utilizing a fleet of science and applications aircraft as national facilities for earth system sciences and infrared astronomical observations.

His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross from the USAF, the intelligence Star (twice) and NASA's Outstanding Leadership Award. He has received other NASA and Presidential honors and is an Associate Fellow of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots.

Marty has logged more than 8,000 hours of flight time, most of which are in high performance single engine jet aircraft. In twenty-nine years of flying all versions of the U-2 for the CIA and NASA he has accumulated about 4,000 hours in that aircraft. To cap his flying career, Marty recently flew the SR-71 at Mach 3.2!

He is married to the former Jeanine Lucas of Paris, France. The Knutson's reside in Los Altos Hills, California and their four children reside in various locations in the United States.

Docent School

The Docent "school" on February 10 was well attended by both current and prospective docents which was heartening. Betty Miller conducted the meeting and asked for museum historical information which was offered in part by Bruce Toomey and expanded upon by Rosemarv Netto. Betty then led

the group on an instructive tour of the facility, both inside and outside.

We will soon have enough docents so that those who can work only once a month or every other month can be accomodated. In the meantime, most current docents are filling more than one shift a month with many doing two or more days a month.

We sincerely appreciate the interest shown and our volunteers will soon be scheduled as it suits them and they will have some decent tools to work with in the way of instructions and general information about the Museum as a whole.

Thanks again guys and gals; this is why the Museum works as well as it does!

Front Gate Problems

A week or so ago some visitors came to the Museum on one of our very windy days. As they drove through the gate a strong gust of wind slammed the gate against their car. Fortunately the gate hit the side of the bumper which, although slightly dented, was not an insurmountable problem. We apologized profusely and the visitors were quite nice about it and continued the tour, showing a great deal of interest.

In any event, it is suggested, strongly, that the front gate be lifted slightly and placed on the curb when it is opened. This will keep it from moving in the wind

and will also ease the strain on the gate post from which the gate is hung.

Alarm and Door Problems

Another little problem we have has to do with closing and locking the doors at the Museum on especially windy days and nights. I guess it's more my problem than anyone else's because I'm the first one on the calling list when there is an alarm problem.

Anyway, please make sure when you leave the Museum by the side door that the door is latched, not just padlocked. If it isn't latched there is enough play in the padlock hasp so that a hefty wind can rattle the door back and forth and set off the alarm.

Also, as far as the front glass door is concerned, if the wind is really blowing it would be appreciated if everyone would wad up some paper or cardboard and stuff it between the door and the side sill as you close and lock it. The front door really rattles if it's not snugged and will also set off the alarm. I don't mind it during the day so much but a call at three or four AM is not a lot of fun. I canceled the automatic call to the police because they get a bit miffed when it's a false alarm since they have had a number of them in the past. It's kind of a spooky place in the middle of the night and I never know if someone has broken in and is waiting in the shadows so, if we can somehow reduce the false alarms it would be appreciated

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Food Problems

Sorry that so many problem are being brought up but I believe they deserve attention.

Quite often those who work at the Museum through the day bring a lunch. They often have cookies or other similar desserts and occasionally they leave them on the table for anyone to help themselves after they have gone home. This is most generous but it should be remembered that we, at one time, had quite a serious problem with mice and other vermin, maybe rats, in the Meeting Hall.

A few days ago, when delivering mail in mid-week, I noticed a plastic container with cookies left on the table and couldn't help but notice some mice "doots" on the table and in the container. I then remembered that there were some donuts left lying around from a few days before and I found them thrown away in one of our open fibre drums right in the meeting room proper.

It is strongly suggested that you either take your left overs, of whatever kind, home with you or at least place them in a tightly covered garbage container in the kitchen if not in the dumpster behind the block wall.. We certainly don't need something about that will invite our furry friends to

return after spending quite a bit of time getting rid of them! Nuff said!

Memorial Fly-by For Peyton Shur

On Monday February 26th four of our mrmbers participated in a memorial fly-by for Peyton Shur who was recently killed in a tragic accident at his own nearby ranch landing strip. Involved in the fly-by were Obbie Atkinson, Steve Cerveney, George Marrett and Bob Foote.

As a bit of background regarding this tragic occurance, Mr. Shur was the son of Colonel Eugene P. Deatrick, USAF (Retired).. Many will remember that Col. Deatrick was a speaker at one of our meetings in February of 1994.

The Colonel was accompanied at the meeting by Dieter Dengler who, as a Lieutenant in the USAF was shot down on his first mission over Laos and was imprisoned for six months. Dengler escaped with several others and after a hectic time in the jungle and near exhaustion, crawled onto a high piece of ground alongside a river. Deatrick was flying a mission up the river and saw a man waving as he passed overhead Helicopters were called and

Dengler was soon rescued! This is an extremely abbreviated version of a fantastic story.

Mr. Shur was well known in the area and had flown many hours in a Piper Malibu. a high performance aircraft often seen at the airport. Evidently he had flown his son into the ranch and dropped him off. Shortly thereafter he took off at dusk and crashed as he was apparently turning back toward the strip.

The entire Squadron of the Museum offers their deepest sympathy to Mr. Shur's family and to his father, Col. Deatrick.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

ESTRELLA WARBIRDS MUSEUM

February 21, 2001

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Glen Thomson.

Present: Atkinson, Chidlaw, Clark, Cromwell, Martin, Miller B., Miller C., Russell, Thomson, Wright

Absent: Corippo, Davis Al, Marrett, Schade, Toomey

1. Treasurer's report was given by Conrad Martin. Marty Wright noted corrections for the 2000 year-end report. Conrad Martin stated the corrections had been made. Clark moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Cromwell seconded. Motion passed.

2. Betty Miller gave the docent report in Bruce Toomey's absence. The Museum held a Docent School on the 18th of February that was well attended. Bruce and K.O. are working on Docent Handbook that will be issued to each docent.

3. Obbie Atkinson gave the Membership Report. The Museum brochure/membership application is in final form and ready to be mass printed. Obbie requested help in converting the disk to a program that can be used by a printing shop.

4. Marty Wright gave the Museum gift shop report. No sales occurred in January. Marty is getting caught up with thank-you letters to donors.

5. No program report was given.

6. No Restoration report was given. Glen Thomson reported, though, that the forklift was dug out of the mud.

7. EAA/EWM liaison report was given by Conrad Martin. EAA B-17 is scheduled to arrive on 26 April. B-17 bbq to be held April 28.

8. Chuck Miller gave the airshow report. Sponsorships are already selling. City has agreed to cosponsor the airshow and guarantee Museum costs for up to \$15,000. Chuck Miller hopes to have all airshow expense met before the gates are open on airshow day.

9. Betty Miller gave the visitor and volunteer report. Annual report was submitted to the City Council.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Glen Thomson reported on the kitchen hood status. David Payne is presently expanding the width of the hood. Glen is presently looking for filters.

2. Members are reporting that the freezer in the kitchen is about to break down. Bill Russell offered to donate a freezer.

3. Chuck Miller revisited the issue of appointing a new airshow director. This is Chuck's last year and the board needs to appoint someone now so that he or she can start working with Chuck to learn the system and meet the various parties involved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Bill Russell reported on the CASA flying status. The jet is presently flying and is available to perform in the airshow.

2. Betty Miller proposed that the Museum consider naming a charity as the beneficiary of the airshow. Board members are to propose charities at the next meeting.

3. Betty Miller reported that Camp Roberts may have M-151 jeeps to donate to the Museum. John Cromwell will inspect the jeeps to see if they would serve the Museum well.

4. Bill Russell reported that an individual may be interested in donating an L-39 jet trainer to the Museum.

5. Glen Thomson reported that the carpet was ready to be installed in the library. He needs four volunteers with strong backs to meet him on Friday, February 23.

6. Ed Chidlaw reported that the Audit committee completed their review of the Museum books. Everything is in good order and the committee has certain suggestions to make to the Treasurer.

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

Paul E. Clark, Secretary

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