

Estrella Warbird Museum

Estrella Squadron Newsletter

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

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May Meeting

The May Meeting will be held on May 2, 2001 at Thomson Hall with Social Hour commencing at 6:00pm and Dinner at 7:00pm

Chef John Himes Has promised a "Chicken Italiano" with some good sauce and pasta etc. All of our dinners have been getting better and better all year long and this sounds like a good one too.

Remember: Reservations are a Must!! Call 227-0440

Our speaker for the evening will be our own Professor Ron Mullisen. During WWII Ron's wife, Claire's, father was a co-pilot on a B-17 which crash landed in the far northern Italian Alps. Her father survived with several others and they were rescued.

Last year while on a teaching exchange in Europe, Ron and Claire traveled extensively in the area where her father was rescued and Ron's program will concern their trip and the extremely interesting contacts they made and information they discovered in the small towns near the crash. We were able to read parts of the event and it was fascinating but we don't want to say more until Ron presents his story

Most of the older members will remember that Claire Mullisen painted the nifty water-color picture that depicted what our Museum site would hopefully look like in years to come. It gave us our first idea as to what could be, with enough effort, and the painting has always been sort of a spur to many of us to make it look like Claire imagined it.



President's Corner
By Betty Miller

Special Thanks to...

All of you who remember to call in for reservations for our dinner meetings. It sure helps out Chef John and the kitchen crew.. It also lets them keep turning out quality meals which we all enjoy.

**RESERVATIONS CALL
227-0440**

Housekeeping notes from "MOM"

Our Meeting Hall is looking much better since you have been keeping it picked up and clean. The Decoration Committee appreciates this more than you can ever know!

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Committee Chairs

Program
George Marrett
466-7640

Dinners
John Himes
466-6680

Membership
Obbie Atkinson
238-9212

Grounds
John Kendall
239-8029

Air Show
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466-1212

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239-1598

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237-0222

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239-2274

Refreshments
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237-1567

Photo
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227-0245

Site Improvements
Glen Thomson
238-4858

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466-5373

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238-9266

Activities
OPEN

The vacuum is by the Volunteer Sign-In Sheet in the Refreshment area. PLEASE do not use it anywhere else but in the Meeting Hall. If you need a vacuum in the Museum Hangar, use the Shop Vac located there. The Restoration Hangar should use the Shop Vac as well. Bird nest materials, nuts, bolts and grease make the vacuum VERY SICK. We spent close to \$90.00 to get it fixed and do not have extra \$\$ a the moment to fix it again. THANKS!

Love,
"Mom"

On Another Note

This will be my last column as President. We will have elections for 2001-2002 Board Officers at the May 17th Board Meeting. Even though we have five members serving three year terms, five serving two year terms and five serving one year terms, the Officers of the Board are elected from the board members on an annual basis.

I have really enjoyed serving you all for the past year. I know I can count on all of you to support our new board members and new officers.

Thank you all for a great year.

Betty Miller

Membership Saddened by Tragic Death of Tom Gabele's Son

Members of the Squadron were shocked and saddened by the

untimely death of the son of one of our most contributory members, Tom Gabele. Tom's son, John T. Gabele, 39, died on April 9 and services were held on April 17 at St. Rose's Catholic Church. A gathering of friends and relatives was held at the Estrella Warbird Museum after the funeral services.

John Gable was the owner of Best Bet Towing and had helped us out on many occasions without charge when we had things to be done with the sort of equipment that he had available.

Tom Gabele, as we all know, is our Refreshment Chairman and acts as our bartender at our monthly dinner meetings. Tom has also donated a tremendous amount of highly useful items to the museum including all the silverware that we use at the meetings as well as glassware and many other items.

Tom has been a devoted and active member of our group and every member extends their deepest sympathy to him and his family.

Thanks are also due to members Al Davis, Bob Chambers, Cathy Paine, John Himes, Dorothy McBain, Dori Foxworthy and Betty and Chuck Miller for handling the reception at the Meeting Hall for Tom's family and guests. This was all handled by them with no outside catering help whatsoever.

Read the Minutes of the Board Meeting

There is a lot going on at the Museum and with the upcoming Airshow. Sometimes we rehash

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most of the material in the Minutes as news which gets a little redundant. The minutes this month are particularly complete as written by Betty Miller in Paul Clark's absence. Therefore, it is

suggested that you read them carefully to see what has been transpiring as well as what the immediate future holds. Check page 5!

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Calendar of Coming Events **2001**

April 26, Thursday. Airport Advisory Committee Meeting, 7:00pm Thomson Hall.

April 27-30, Friday thru Tuesday. EAA B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" visit.

April 28, Saturday EAA B-17 Barbecue - 5:00pm - 7:00pm Sponsored by EWM.. Tickets \$10.00. At the Museum

May 1 Tuesday Cuesta College Tour with History Advisor & Students. 1:30 pm at the Museum.

May 2, Wednesday. Estrella Warbird Museum Dinner Meeting and Speaker. 6:00pm Thomson Hall.

May 16 Wednesday. EWM Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm. Open to all members.

May 17 Thursday. Airshow Committee Meeting 7:00pm Thomson Hall.

May 24 Thursday Airport Advisory Committee Meeting 7:00pm, Thomson Hall.

August 25, Saturday. Dinner Dance & USO Show. "A Night in the Tropics". At the Museum (Social Hour 6:00pm. Dinner

7:00pm. USO Show 7:45pm. Dancing 9:00pm to ?)

August 26, Sunday. 2:00pm. Air Show Volunteers lunch and Show prep, (T-shirts, badges etc. To be a volunteer one must call the Coordinator Judy Crownover at 238-3426.

September 8, Saturday Sponsor's Reception 6:00pm to 9:00pm for those sponsor packages of \$200.00 and above. This reception is not open to the public.

September 9, Sunday. "28th Annual Paso Robles Airshow". Rollie Gates Entrance. Gates open at 8:00am. Parade 11:00am to 12:30. Show at 12:30pm - 4:00pm

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January 9, Wednesday Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce "Mixer" at the Museum.

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### **Life Membership Program** **Last 15 Days!!**

The Membership Committee has decided to extend the time allowed to sign up for the special price of \$350 for Life Membership until May 15, 2001!! This is for existing regular members who have paid their regular dues during this past year.

That's just 15 days, brothers and sisters, to take advantage of a



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**Life Members**

Twenty-five 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
- \*20. Bruce Toomey
- \*21. Kenny Finch
- \*22. Marie Kinsell
- \*23. Ron Brooks
- \*24. Jackie Brooks
- \*25. Dewey Killion

(\*New this Month)

wonderful opportunity to help out the Museum.

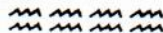
Without much fanfare we have already signed up seven members!!

After the 15th of May, Life membership will be \$500 so now is the time to show your support for the cause.

**REMEMBER YOU DONT HAVE TO PAY IT ALL AT ONCE!**

Ninty \$90.00 per month for 4 months will handle it but you can save \$10.00 by paying up front. WHAT A DEAL.

**Let's hear from you!!**



**First Director's Meeting in the Library**

On April 18 the Board met in our Library for the first time. This was after much consternation during the past few weeks as to how to get the huge, donated table up a flight of stairs and through the rather small door to the Museum. This was accomplished by taking the table partly apart and reassembling it in place.

They all sat around the very imposing table in padded high back chairs, all donated by the Clark family. Everyone felt it was sort of like the Board of General Motors because it was so plush compared to the somewhat rag tag operation that we have lived with for so many years.

A large thanks to the Clarks for their magnificent gift.

**What Airplane Is That?**

Those of you who have ever taken someone on a tour of the Museum have probably stopped at the two cases containing a gazillion models all loaned to us by Dr. Bill Russell. These are a big attraction and many ask if they are for sale. Invariably some little kid will say,

"What's that", about some obscure model the likes of which you have never seen in your life. Not being able to answer, instantly makes you an idiot in their eyes, or so you think.

Well all of this is being solved. Doc Russell was out at the Museum last Sunday while Tom Weiss was a Docent and the two of them labeled dozens of models in the cases for the benefit of everyone.

The other cases along the east wall contain another huge batch of models on loan from Tom Weiss. He too has been talking about labeling them so eventually we will be experts instead of old dopes! Thanks-you guys, this is really a big help.

**Wonderful Donation!**

Those of you who have been out to the Museum in the past week were no doubt much impressed by what looked like a big cage chained to the forks of our lift truck. This, my friends is one of the greatest boons we have had in quite some time.

David and Cathy Paine have donated a nifty heavy duty platform which makes a safety cage that can be lifted up as high as the top of our hangar on our big fork lift. We have had a crying need for something like this for a long time. Marty Martin borrowed a similar one from Santa Maria for several jobs but they wanted it back so we have been trying to figure out some way to take care of quite a few problems. Number one has been to put up netting around the front of our hangar doors to keep the birds out once and for all.



The other is to fix up the main sign on the front of the hangar which we painted, partially, to get rid of the CAF name and logo, as requested by Midland.

If this platform is affixed to the forks properly it is even OSHA approved which is a minor miracle as far as things around here are concerned. In any event, it is truly an incredibly worthwhile object and we are indebted to the Paines.

### The Docents Are Doing It Again!

We sent out an informal request for Docents to help out with regard to the visit of the EAA's B-17 on Thursday afternoon April 26. The plane will probably stay through Monday afternoon and it was thought that we should have at least two docents on hand in the Museum just to keep an eye on everything because of the number of visitors we hope will show up. We don't need little guys punching holes in our fabric aircraft and we don't want them crawling up on things that could potentially hurt them.

Well, as usual, we are getting calls right and left from our Docents, some willing to put in an extra shift on the weekend and others who have said they will come in right after work or whenever they get some time off. What a bunch!

These folks rate right up there with our devoted kitchen crew.

So if you want to be a part of something great, think about becoming a Docent and really make a difference!

## Estrella Warbird Museum Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting, April 18, 2001

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### **1. Call to Order / Member Roll Call**

(Determination of Quorum Status)

**Present:** Atkinson, Chidlaw, Davis, Al., Martin, Miller, B., Miller C., Thomson, Toomey, Wright. **Absent:** Clark, Marrett, Russell, Schade.

**2. Welcome:** Chairman of the Board, Glen Thomson.

### **3. Reports:**

#### **Minutes/Paul Clark**

Minutes from the Board Meeting of March 21, 2009 were not able to read due to the absence of Secretary, Paul Clark.

#### **Treasurers Report/Marty Martin**

Beginning Balance (2/28/01)  
\$1,782.54  
Deposits totaled \$2,272.89  
Expenses totaled <\$2,059.39  
Ending balance (3/30/01)\$1,996.04

Cromwell moved, seconded by C. Miller to accept Treasurers Report. Passed unanimously.

#### **Airshow Report/Chuck Miller**

A parachute team, "Just in Time", has been signed as an act for the 2001 Airshow as well as Chuck Wentworth flying the Legacy Flight with the F-18's from Lemoore, Jack Sinton Helicopters will perform a comedy routine and the CDF will participate with a simulated fire drop. As of 4-18-01, Airshow acts under contract include the Silver Wings with

Margie Stievers - Wing Walker, "Russian Thunder", John Colliver and his AT-6 doing a Salute to Veterans, "Wild Thing" the China Doll C-47 from Camarillo plus U.S. Army tracked vehicles from Camp Roberts, helicopters from VAFB and a 30 man mass parachute drop from the USMC. The 2001 36 member Airshow Committee, plus a Military subcommittee have been meeting for the past five months to get everything ready for the August 25th Dinner Dance and the September 9th Airshow.

Chuck reminded the Board that the Estrella Warbird Museum needs to get someone lined up to be the Director for the 2002 Airshow since he will retire after this year's show. Cromwell moved and Marty Wright seconded to have Chuck and Betty get bids from some professional Airshow Producers for the Board to consider. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Docent Report/Bruce Toomey**

Great turnout of Docents. Because of the increase in volunteers to be Docents, the coverage of the Museum has been going exceedingly well. Bruce is asking for extra coverage for Thursday April 26th through Monday April 30th when the EAA brings in the B-17.

#### **Membership Report/Obbie Atkinson**

Obbie passed around the completed Corporate Sponsor Plaques. They are really attractive and of high quality. Corporate Sponsors to date are; Chemron Corporation, Duke Energy, Central Coast Air Service, D.P. Industries,



Bramar Insurance, KIQO/KJUG. KPRL, MorganStanley, Paso Robles Press, Pete Johnston Auto Center, Specialty Silicone, and Sunny Country 102.5. Marty Wright is working with Obbie on some EWM pins with a P-38 on them. The completed brochures are printed and now Obbie needs some volunteers to take them to local areas. Marty Wright volunteered to take them to the local wineries. Bruce Toomey volunteered to take some to each airport tenant on the Paso Robles Airport. Obbie needs three more volunteers to take on the local restaurants in the North County, the major motels and hotels and someone to take some to Hearst Castle and a few other major county tourist attractions.

#### **Gift Shop/Marty Wright**

Marty reported \$94.00 in sales from January 1 thru the end of March. He requested \$800.00 to order merchandise for the Airshow and replenishment of stock. He will meet with Airshow Director Miller to coordinate items and funding for the Airshow. Marty Wright moved, seconded by John Cromwell to set aside the \$800.00 as soon as it becomes available. Passed.

#### **Programs/George Marrett**

George had sent word that the speaker for the May meeting will be member Ron Mullisen. George also sent along his proxy vote for the election of new board members.

#### **Restoration Report/Al Schade**

In Al's absence Glen Thomson reported that Al Schade really needs some folks to turn out on

Saturdays to work on the Navion. This great aircraft could be completed much faster if more folks would help out.

#### **Visitor and Volunteer Report/ Betty Miller**

Betty reported that she is working on completing the 1st Quarter Report and will have it for the May 16th Board Meeting.

#### **Old Business**

##### 1. Board Vacancy Nominating Committee Report

Glen Thomson, Betty Miller and Bruce Toomey reported that the five 2000-2001 Board positions are up for election for the 2001-2002 term. The five members who drew 1 year terms in May of 2000 are; Ed Chidlaw, Betty Miller, Chuck Miller, Dr. Bill Russell, and Al Schade. The two Millers asked not to be considered to run again for the 3 year term. Chidlaw, Russell and Schade all asked to be on the ballot. The Nominating Committee also contacted several members about running and the following expressed interest; Wally Engle, Will Irwin, Catherine Paine and Brian Webster. Rosemary Netto asked to be considered to fill out the 1 year term left on the recent vacancy created with Board Member Gary Corippo's resignation.

Secret Ballots were passed out and votes cast with a tie vote. Another round of votes were cast to break the tie and the following individuals were elected to fill a three year term from May 2001 to May 2004. They are: Ed Chidlaw, Al Schade, Will Irwin, Catherine Paine and Brian Webster. Rosemary Netto was unanimously

elected to fill out the one year term.

#### **New Business**

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1. Need for 2001 Fly-in Dates. The following dates have been chosen to set aside for the Fly-in's for this year; Saturday, June 9th, Saturday July 14th and Saturday August 11th. Marty Martin, George Marrett, Cathy Paine and Obbie Atkinson will be asked to head up a Fly-in Committee to organize these.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 9:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Miller,  
Acting Secretary

#### **Last But Not Least!!!**

**DON'T FORGET!!! THE EAA  
B-17  
"ALUMINUM OVERCAST"**

**ARRIVES ON THURSDAY,  
APRIL 26.**

**RIDES AVAILABLE ON  
FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY AND  
MAYBE MONDAY.**

**BARBECUE ON SATURDAY  
AFTERNOON**

**LOT'S OF FUN FOR  
EVERYONE!!**

**BE THERE!!**



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## Docent Shift Assignment

### May 2001

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Docent Name</u> | <u>Phone #</u> |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Sat. 05     | 10 - 1      | L. Campo           | 238-7702       |
| Sat 05      | 1 - 4       | M. Chambers        | 239-2888       |
| Sun. 06     | 12 - 3      | A. Britton         | 226-9627       |
| Sat. 12     | 10 - 1      | A. Smith           | 239-9433       |
| Sat, 12     | 1 - 4       | D. Miner           | 239-1054       |
| Sun. 13     | 12 - 3      | T. Weiss           | 239-2637       |
| Sat. 19     | 10 - 1      | R. Netto           | 467-3521       |
| Sat. 19     | 1 - 4       | R. Blomquist       | 227-0362       |
| Sun. 20     | 12 - 3      | R. Passon          | 466-7234       |
| Sat. 26     | 10 - 1      | L. Campo           | 238-7702       |
| Sat. 26     | 1 - 4       | R. Kinsell         | 237-2586       |
| Sun. 27     | 12 - 3      | A. Britton         | 226-9627       |

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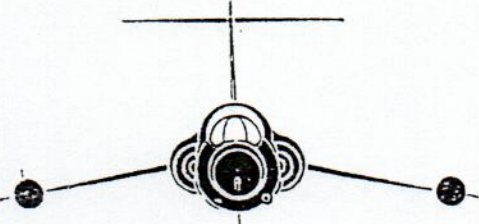
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