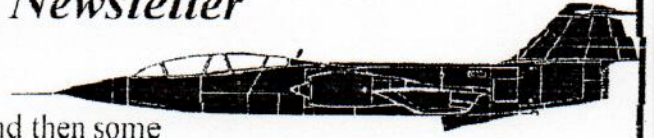


# *Estrella Warbird Museum*

## *Estrella Squadron Newsletter*



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

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Friday 2-6

Saturday 10-4

Sunday 12-3

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### September Meeting

The September Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 5, 2001 at Thomson Hall. Social Hour commencing at 6:00pm and Dinner at 7:00pm.

Chef John and crew will have Roast Pork for our dinner if they still have the strength after all the meals they have been preparing this past week. The Dinner Dance must have been a mammoth undertaking but it was certainly worth it. When the last meal is over after the Sponsor's Dinner our steadfast crew will be ready for a vacation. You guys and gals have been wonderful!!

Our program will be presented by Chuck Miller and will be entitled, "Join The Army And See The World". Chuck will discuss some of his experiences in such exotic areas as Panama, Vietnam and a whole raft of other spots and will include some interesting slides. Chuck's Army career has taken him to a myriad of places that we have only dreamed of or for that matter have never even heard of!

Try to be there!

### Notes On The Dinner Dance & Show

by Betty Miller

The last orchid and coconut frond has been cleared away from the North American Jet Charter Hangar but the strains of tropical music and balmy breezes from long ago linger in the hangar.

"A Night in the Tropics" was the theme of our annual Dinner Dance and Troop Show held on Saturday August 25. Colorful flower leis awaited each guest and real orchids from the South Pacific graced each plate of tropical fare.

Show Producer/Director Betty Miller says that 438 people held tickets to the event. Of that number, 92 people who were fed were members of the band, stage performers, or CAP, Grizzlies and Oak Park serving staff. 346 people purchased tickets for the event and almost all of the 57 tables were filled. "We had a really successful evening and folks enjoyed the casual tropical theme. They all were out to have a really good time and did". Four of the five City Councilmen and their spouses attended, the fifth, George Finigan had a death in the family and had to cancel.

The show featured well known entertainers from all over the county including, Mixed Company, Chad Stevens, Brett Mitchel and a surprise visit from "Sonny & Cher". The "Piano Playing Mamas" featured our

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

### Program

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466-7640

### Dinners

John Himes  
466-6680

### Membership

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238-9212

### Grounds

John Kendall  
239-8029

### Airshow

Chuck Miller  
466-1212

### Ground Equipment

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239-1598

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237-0222

### Public Relations & Media

Catherine Paine  
239-2274

### Supply & Refreshments

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237-1567

### Site Improvements

Glen Thomson  
238-4858

### Research Librarian

K.O. Eckland  
466-5373

### Restoration

Al Schade  
927-8303

own Dorothy Renton McBain and Judy Harris playing a Cohen medley of patriotic songs plus the service songs from the Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Army, on two pianos. Our own Gary Ryan was the MC and also played his banjo along with his sidekick Liz Douglas on the bass.

As the seats became more and more difficult to get, some Museum members were heard to complain about the empty seats at some of the tables for Sponsors. There may be a misconception about whether sponsors were getting a "Freebie". "I can assure you that each Sponsor has paid the full fare for their seats. Depending on the amount they paid for their Sponsor Package they may have had 8 seats included in a \$5,000 Sponsorship package down to 2 seats for \$500. If the Sponsor chose not to come and use those tickets the seats still belonged to the Sponsor that night and we really couldn't resell what no longer belonged to us", said Miller

The Airshow Committee has had really favorable comments about the quality of the show and the Main Street Big Band who played until midnight.

Decoration Chairman, Donna Jordan, outdid herself and Chef John Himes and his talented kitchen crew served up a great meal and dessert. For those of you who missed it, get your names in early for next year!

### Speaking of Thanks and Accolades!!

We would like to "Thank" our volunteers who came out to the Museum on Saturday, August 11 and wrapped 500 sets of silverware for the USO Show, Rosemary Netto for enlisting help. Cathy Paine who

pre-printed the USO bands for the silverware, Jackie Brooks who filled all the salt and pepper shakers, Willa Killion and her guest Sybil, Judy Corippo, Marilyn Webster, Kevin Craig Mary Chambers and Stella Thompson. Afterwards they were joined by Dewey Killion, Chuck Miller and John Himes and had a wonderful lunch of fried chicken, cheese, wine, crackers, Kahlua and oatmeal cookies!!

Submitted by Cathy Paine

### Personal Thanks



For a number of years I have been responsible for much of what goes on at the Airshow with regard to setting up flight lines, barrels, fences, barricades, airshow signs, dumpsters, trash, port-a-potties, moving tied out aircraft and other stuff which Airshow Director Chuck Miller euphemistically calls "Logistics".

This year as a result of a few medical problems as well as those of my wife, I have been unable to participate in this area to any real extent. I wish to give my profound thanks to member and friend, Ron Thompson who has jumped in to do all the heavy work and much of the other stuff as well.

Along with Dave Geiger and Dewey Killion, Ron was part of the crew of 3 who always showed up at 8:00 o'clock in the morning after the Sunday Airshows when I would be standing in the middle of the mess that was left over and wondering what was going to be done about it. I referred to them as the DD&R (Dave, Dewey & Ron) crew and without them I would not have made it.

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### Attention Ladies!!

A Ladies Auxiliary Group is currently being planned. We have some wonderful preliminary ideas for a "Ladies Only" group at the Warbird Museum. Suggested activities are field trips to the IMAX Theater at Hearst Castle, Natural History Museum in Morro Bay, a day of shopping on the Embarcadero followed by a no-host lunch and a wine tasting tour.

We are also exploring ideas for different projects to focus on at the Museum. Our first meeting is scheduled for 11:00am, Saturday, October 27th. The location will be announced at a later time. Please mark your calendars and let's all get together and have some fun. For more information please call, Jackie Brooks at 462-8141. SEE YOU THERE!

Submitted by Cathy Paine

## Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Estrella Warbird Museum 15 August, 2001

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.
- 2) Attending: Glen Thomson, Wally Engle, W. Irwin, G Marrett, R. Netto, B. Webster, Ed Chidlaw, C. Paine, Al Davis, Al Schade, C. Miller, B. Miller.
- 3) Minutes of the previous meeting approved as submitted in the Newsletter.
- 4) Treasurer's Report Received.
  - Electric Bill up 50%
  - Inflow \$2415
  - Outflow \$1786
  - Report Approved.
- 5) Committee Reports
  - a) Program
    - Rehashed August speaker Sept., Oct. Nov speakers are lined up!
  - b) Grounds.
    - "weeder" to be sought
  - c) Airshow. C. Miller discussed advertising and logistics of the USO Show. A report of ticket sales etc. of the Airshow was presented.
  - d) Facilities Use. B. Miller indicated two requests received. 3 November and 25 December 2002 were received. Dates Approved.
  - e) Insurance: Liability coverages up for renewal were recommended and approved. Insurance for the Navion (non-fliable) was discussed. A copy of the policies and coverage was retained by the Secretary and is available for review. Coverage for the stolen property previously reported is pending.
  - f) P.R./Media: C. Paine said things are status quo with the local

media. Tiger's Folly II was discussed. The public may be invited.

g) Site improvement: The roof vent has been painted. Progress on the hood/vent reported. (3)

h) Research Librarian: Librarian position discussed (again) Newsletter solicitation may be necessary

i) Restoration: Al Schade reported a significant donation from the family of Larry Cooper (F.B.O.) This consisted of aircraft bolts, aluminum aircraft sheeting, equipment, storage shelving etc. The Board voted to give Airshow tickets to the family.

### Old Business

- 1) The kitchen hood is in but not inspected. It should be soon!
- 2) W. Engle discussed the Casa Jet sale with regard to the legal and insurance aspects. Finalizing estimated as soon. It can't be flown until sold. The accountant's letter is on file.
- 3) Mission Statement No update.
- 4) A new hangar instead of moving old ones to the 100 ft. strip next to the restoration hangar is being considered.
5. A T-shirt and certificate was awarded to Al Haynes for his excellent presentation at the August meeting was reported.
- 6) A donation for membership in the Atascadero C of C for one year was received. Renewal of membership in the PR C of C reported.

7) A reply to Todd Nash's proposal to run next year's Airshow was discussed (pro & con)

### New Business

- 1) An application to renew our non-profit status to be addressed.
- 2) Dept. of General Services has changed locations.
- 3) Bird devices discussed.
- 4) A Tribute to Veterans was received from the Lt. Governor was displayed.
- 5) Parade entry certificate to Atascadero Colony Days was received. (13 Oct)
- 6) Pioneer Days Parade in P.R. is 6 October.
- 7) A Woman's Auxiliary was suggested. This was favorably received., It will be discussed in the near future.

Meeting adjourned, 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Will Irwin, Secretary

### Docent Schedules

In view of the fact that school has started again and also because some of our docents are still taking vacations, we have decided to terminate the Friday Museum hours for the time being until it can be discussed further.

Docents will be informed of the September schedule by phone and the schedule will be posted

at the Museum on the clipboard and the bulletin board as usual.

### More Docents Needed

This is an appeal for volunteers to come forward to be Docents. We have had several who have had to give up their duties for personal reasons or other conflicts.

We have three shifts during the summer: Fridays\* from 2pm to 6pm, Saturdays from 10am to 1pm and 1pm to 4pm and Sundays from 12 noon to 3pm. If you could help with any of these shifts it would be much appreciated. Some of our Docents are taking on more than they should as far as hours are concerned. This is a vital program and we really need to make the it an ongoing and reliable part of the Museum organization. Please call Bruce Toomey at 238-9266

\*See previous column

### Tiger's Folly II!!

Please note the full page ad for the Tiger's Folly II trip as mentioned in the August Minutes.

This is scheduled for October 14 and there will be more about it in the next newsletter. This will be a lot of fun for everyone so keep this date clear and call the two ladies named in the display for more information.

### Estrella Warbird Museum, Inc.

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3. Allen Smith
4. Conrad Martin
5. Gary Corippo
6. Al Schade
7. John Cromwell
8. Ed Chidlaw
9. Ken Grubb
10. William Sima, MD
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. Mary Baiamonte
26. Dewey Killion
27. Bob Singleton
28. George Marrett
29. Larry Campo
30. Al Davis
31. Bob Weiss
32. Chuck Miller
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35. Gerald Grady
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38. John Kendall
39. Will Irwin, MD
40. Tom Gabele
41. Stuart Toomey
42. Bob Miller
43. Dave Highland
44. Steve Forsman

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## Calendar of Coming Events

### September 5, Wednesday

Estrella Warbird Museum Monthly Meeting

### September 6, Thursday

Last Meeting of the Airshow Committee before the show itself.  
Held at 7:00pm

### 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 Air Show". Rollie Gates Entrance. Gates open at 8:00am. Parade at 11:00am to 12:30 pm Show at 12:30pm to 4:00pm.

## 2002

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

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## Docent Shift Assignments

### September 2001

As of August 31, 2001

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Docent Name</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
Sat 01	10 - 1	L. Campo	238-7702
Sat 01	1 - 4	R. Blomquist	227-0362
Sun 02	12 - 3	A. Britton	226-9627
Sat 08	10 - 1	L. Campo	238-7702
Sat 08	1 - 4	R. Kinsell	237-2586
Sun 09	2 - 6	T. Weiss	239-2637
Sat 15	10 - 1	L. Campo	238-7702
Sat 15	1 - 4	R. Netto	467-3521
Sun 16	12-3	H. Earley	239-2353
Sat 22	10 - 1	L. Campo	238-7702
Sat 22	1 - 4	A. Hermansen	467-3343
Sun 23	12 - 3	A. Britton	226-9627
Sat 29	10 - 1	A. Smith	239-9433
Sat 29	1 - 4	R. Blomquist	227-0362
Sun 30	12 - 3	R. Passon	466-7234

Problems: call B. Toomey at home 238-9266 or on cel 459-1867.

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Please call Jackie Brooks at 462-8141 or Cathy Paine at 238-9011 to place reservations.  
Reservations and payment will be due no later than Wednesday October 3rd.

YES WE WOULD LOVE TO JOIN IN THE FUN!

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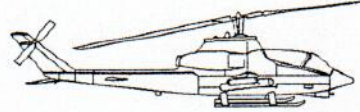
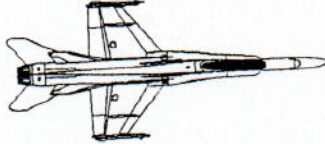
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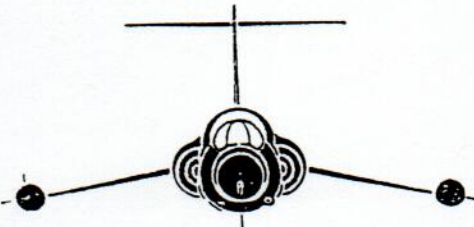
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