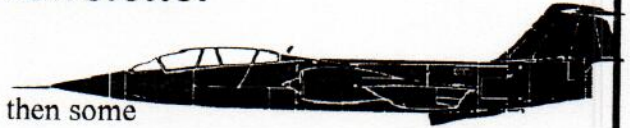


# *Estrella Warbird Museum*

## *Estrella Squadron Newsletter*



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

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October 2001

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### October Meeting

The October Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 3, 2001 at Thomson Hall. Social Hour commencing at 6:00pm and Dinner at 7:00pm.

Al Davis will be the Chef de Cuisine on Wednesday and has promised barbecued chicken with all the regular goodies and maybe even a peach cobbler for dessert.

As usual, reservations will be required. Please do your best to call in because it helps us greatly when ordering food.

Our program for the evening will be truly unique. As you all know, there have been a number of efforts made to locate those Missing in Action in Vietnam. On Wednesday evening we will be privileged to hear from Mr. Bruce Giffin who traveled to Vietnam in 1997 to search for evidence regarding his uncle, Lt. Col. Ross Fobair whose F-4 was claimed to be the first American plane to be shot down by "surface to air missiles" employed by the enemy in Vietnam.

Mr. Giffin accompanied and documented a 1997 Joint Task Force search and the results of the operation proved to be incredible. This will be a most fascinating program and you are all urged to attend.

### Airshow a Great Success!!

Although absolute final figures are not yet completed it is apparent that the Airshow was a financial success as well as a lot of fun.

An Airshow Committee Meeting was held on the Thursday after the Show to give Committee Chairmen a chance to discuss what went on during the Show from an operational standpoint and to provide suggestions for improvement for Shows to come.

A lot of effort was expended by a great many committee people and volunteers. Most of the Show operations went fairly smoothly but there were other areas which would have benefited greatly from more volunteers. Those member volunteers who were there busted their tails as usual. And, as usual, members of the little group whom I have dubbed as "The Few", appeared on Monday morning, "clean up" day and worked until all evidence of the Show was taken apart and deposited in the proper storage space.

The success of this whole operation is built, for the most part, on the foundation that Betty and Chuck Miller have established over the past years. The majority of the membership has no idea as to the effort put out by these two for the benefit

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

### Program

George Marrett  
466-7640

### Dinners

John Himes  
466-6680

### Membership

Obbie Atkinson  
238-9212

### Grounds

John Kendall  
239-8029

### Airshow

Chuck Miller  
466-1212

### Ground Equipment

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239-1598

### Insurance

Brian Webster  
237-0222

### Public Relations & Media

Catherine Paine  
239-2274

### Supply & Refreshments

Tom Gabele  
237-1567

### Site Improvements

Glen Thomson  
238-4858

### Research Librarian

K.O. Eckland  
466-5373

### Restoration

Al Schade  
927-8303

of the organization. As most of you know, they will not be running the Airshow in the future since they seem to have the strange notion that there is something else to do in life besides taking on the headaches of the Airshow. Our whole membership is forever indebted to Betty and Chuck for their efforts.

Many, many others deserve our appreciation and I have my own little band of fence post pounders, table movers, plane pushers, fence stringers, sign erectors, trash men, 55 gallon drum haulers. steel post stanchion carriers and on and on, without whom the Show would be chaos. I wish I could name them all but they know who they are and I am personally deeply indebted to them, especially this year when I was unable to do much physically myself.

And lest we forget, there is one other guy who usually gets overlooked when the eulogies are handed out and that guy is Roger Oxborrow. To be perfectly honest about it, without Roger's help and massive cooperation there would be no show. Having worked closely with his for the past 7 or 8 airshows I can attest to the tremendous amount of energy, helpfulness and physical effort that he expends on our project.

### Life Members

A number of members took advantage of the April "special offering" whereby they could become Life Members by paying an initial amount down and the balance over the next several months.

As of today only two of those members have made more than the initial payment!! Now this was a special thing guys, designed to help out the Museum and to give you the satisfaction of being

known as a Life Member. I am one too and I think it's an honor to be thought of as someone who believes in what we are doing to the extent of helping out financially.

So anyway guys. You know who you are so I won't publish a list but how about sending in a payment or two to bring yourselves up to date!!

### Attention Ladies!!

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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

### Membership Pins

Obbie Atkinson, our Membership Chairman, has informed the Board that we have received the new membership pins that were ordered some time ago. These will be a nice little sales item in the Gift Shop because everyone wants some sort of memento but they don't always have the money for an expensive item. In any event, each member will be given a pin as his or her own. Obbie will have them available at the next monthly dinner meeting but if

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any of you have any other ideas as to how to better distribute the pins please let Obbie know.

### Tiger's Folly Trip

Hey folks, don't forget to sign up for the trip on the Tiger's Folly scheduled for October 14. at 1:00pm in the afternoon This is a lot of fun, the food is great and it's a chance to do something different with your museum friends and serve a good purpose as well. Please note the flyer printed on one of these pages, cut it out, call Jackie Brooks or Cathy Paine and have some fun!!

### "Bird Flight" Serves Again

On September 24, 2001, "Bird Flight", composed of Bob Foote, Obbie Atkinson and George Marrett flew a formation flyby for Steven Lively over the Templeton Cemetery. Lively, 80 years old died on September 19, 2001 at his home in Templeton, California

Lively served in the United States Army for 24 years being involved in the invasion of Normandy at Utah Beach during World War II and the Inchon Landing during the Korean War.

For his combat activity in these two wars he was awarded many medals including the Bronze Star.

Lively retired from the Army in 1965. He was nicknamed "Sarge" by his fellow soldiers and the nickname continued to follow him into civilian life.

Bird Flight carries the name and presence of the Museum many times each year in formation flights over various ceremonies including Member and Military funeral services.

Presently they are scheduled for a Pioneer Day flyby and at Veterans Day ceremonies in Los Osos.

### Minutes of the Estrella Warbird Museum Board, 19 September 2001

1. Meeting called to order 7:01 pm
2. Attending: C. Paine, R. Netto, G. Thomson, P. Clark, B. Toomey, O. Atkinson, G. Marrett, C. & B. Miller, M. Wright.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as published in the newsletter.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report:

Account balance: 10,061.  
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= +231.22 !

#### 5. Committee Reports:

##### A. Program

October - Bruce Giffin from Santa Barbara will share his experiences about going to Vietnam to look for his uncle who was MIA.

##### B. Dinner - no report

C. Membership - EWM pins have been distributed. 38 applications were given out during the Airshow.

##### D. Grounds - status quo

E. Airshow = along with the USO Show and with the final accounting almost complete a profit of around 15,000 is expected.

The Central Coast Air Service is interested in running the Airshow next year and made a presentation to that end. The tentative date is September 8, 2002. A meeting for considering the Show will be October 11, 2001 at 7PM

F. Ground Equipment - no report

G. Gift Shop - \$83 worth of merchandise was sold at the Airshow.

H.. Facilities - Bookings for November and December have been made.

I. Insurance - no report

J. PR/Media - status quo

K. Refreshments - no report

L. Site improvements - no report

M. Research Librarian - no report

N. Newsletter . Unfortunately, Bruce Toomey will no longer be publishing the newsletter after this edition. We will need to find a successor for him if that is possible! ANY TAKERS? Bruce also resigned from the Board. We will miss him!

O. Restoration - no

report

**6. Old Business**

A. Casa Jet was sold. Check received. Final agreement not fully resolved.

B. Name tags for Life Membership - To be researched by B. Toomey assisted by M. Wright.

C. Mission Statement - no report.

D. Our California non-profit status has been filed.

E. Credit cards for EWM were discussed

**7. New Business**

A. Building inspection results: - Numerous defects/deficiencies discovered. Plans and permit for the library were requested. The proximity of the BBQ and the air intake for the kitchen could be a problem. Other lesser items were noted.

B. New Construction - A master plan for buildings was agreed on. Future plans are dependent on the City in most part. A Building Committee was formed consisting of G. Thomson, W. Engle and M. Martin.

C..Tiger's Folly - minimum not met at this time so the public will be invited. 14 October is the date

D. Pioneer Day - no report but we are going to participate. Fly-over may be possible by then.

E. F-4 offered by the Navy. Thought to be in China Lake. Estimated to cost about \$ 10,000 to transport it here. Will be considered. It was motioned and seconded that we finish projects that are current before new one are undertaken with occasional opportunities for acquisitions approved by the Board. Motion carried.

F. Motion made/carried to close out account at Heritage Oaks Bank.

8. Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm

Respectfully submitted,

Will Irwin, Secretary

**Lost & Found.**

Lost - one man's jacket at the Airshow. Yellow and green reversible (military style) Please call 805 610-2764 if you know of whereabouts.

Lost, strayed or stolen - The brass stand-up (floor type) cigarette ash collector in front of FAA offices at the airport.

Did one of our zealous clean-up crew take it to empty it and then forget where it came from? Look around the hangar and meeting room and elsewhere to see if we can locate it. Calf Roger if located.. 237-3877.

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**Estrella Warbird Museum, Inc.**

**Life Members**

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, 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
33. Dirk Hale
34. Dick Umphrey
35. Gerald Grady
36. Dieter Eckert, MD
37. Art Britton
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 Events

### 2002

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

### A Fond Farewell

While I'm kind of rambling on here and making this sort of a personal newsletter I might as well let it be known that this will be the last newsletter I will write for the Museum. It all started in 1989 when I asked Glen if he thought we should have some sort of bulletin so we would know what was going on.. He said it was a good idea and grinned at me in such a way that I knew who he had in mind to write it. So I have been doing it ever since with the exception of several months in 1993 when I had to go back East and good 'ol Rosemary volunteered to put it out until I got back and she did so and did a great job of it too!

This has been definitely an amateur offering on my part but it has been a lot of fun and I have enjoyed doing it as a volunteer effort for the organization. We now need someone else to take on the writing of the newsletter and I am sure that there are many who could do it. We need a whole new fresh approach with a new masthead and new ideas. It's not a difficult task but it does take some time. Joan and I have been doing it alone since the beginning including the writing, copying, inserts, folding, stamping and mailing. Stuart Toomey, (also a Life Member) of Toomey Racing here on the airport has always provided the paper and the Xerox use which has saved the

Museum about 90 bucks a month compared to having it done on the outside.

We really should think about supplying our own paper and using our own copying equipment so it wouldn't be a financial burden on one individual.

If anyone would like to take this on please contact me or any Board Member. I'll be glad to help in any way I can.

Joan and I will be doing some leisurely traveling in a modified motor home we recently purchased since there is no way she can negotiate the rigors of air or train travel. We will be gone for extended periods so I am going to have to give up all of my other duties with the Museum as well.

I have enjoyed writing this little missive, not only because I thought it would help us all get together but also because it gave me a chance to get to know everyone by putting the faces together with the labels that I ground out every month. This is one great group of individuals and as I wrote in my letter of resignation to the Board, I have never enjoyed myself more than I have as a member of the Museum nor have I ever been associated with a finer group of people.

**God Bless You All !!**

### Notice, Notice, Notice

The Museum's new address is **4251A Dry Creek Road,** no longer P.O. Box 570.

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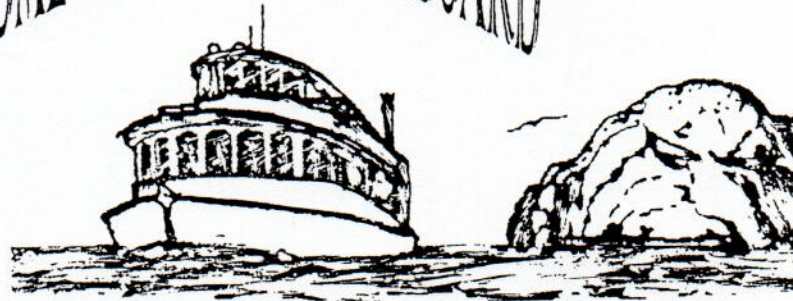
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COME CRUISE WITH US ABOARD

**TIGER'S  
FOLLY II**

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SUNDAY OCT 14TH 1:00 p.m.

PLEASE JOIN YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE ESTRELLA  
WARBLER MUSEUM AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR A RELAXING  
1-1/2 HOUR LUNCH CRUISE AROUND MORRO BAY.

ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE PROVIDED BY GARY RYAN

LUNCHEON MENU: Roast Beef, Baked Fish, Salad Bar, Vegetables,  
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Free—children 2 and under

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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## Docent Shift Assignments

October 2001

As of September 25, 2001

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Docent Name</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
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Sat 06	1 - 4	R. Blomquist	227-0362
Sun 07	12 - 3	A. Britton	226-9627
Sat 13	10 - 1	L. Campo - Ruth Dickey - Trainee	238-7702 (C)
Sat 13	1 - 4	R. Kinsell	237-2586
Sun 14	12 - 3	T. Weiss	239-2637
Sat 20	10 - 1	L. Campo	238-7702
Sat 20	1 - 4	R. Netto	467-3521
Sun 21	12-3	H. Earley	239-2353
Sat 27	10 - 1	L. Campo	238-7702
Sat 27	1 - 4	A. Hermansen	467-3343
Sun 28	12 - 3	R, Passon	466-7234

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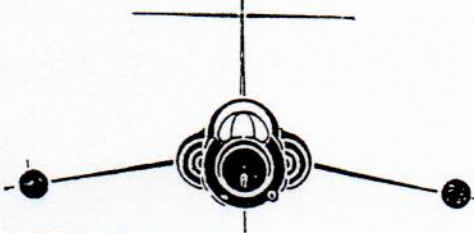
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