

# ESTRELLA WARBLER MUSEUM

## ESTRELLA SQUADRON NEWSLETTER

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### Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

### Guest Speaker

Andrea Seastrand

Andrea has served as Executive Vice President, Strategic Policy and External Affairs of the California Space Authority (CSA) since May, 2001. Her responsibilities include overseeing the organization's division staff at both the Central and State Capital offices. She brings extensive knowledge of both the federal and state legislative process as well as her vision and drive to ensure California's success as a leader in the highly competitive international space marketplace.

Seastrand formerly served as Executive Director of the California Space and Technology Alliance (CSTA) and The California Spaceport Authority from February 1997 through April 2001. As Executive Director of CSTA, Seastrand developed the organization from a budget of \$127,000.00 in 1997 to a working budget of 3.5 million dollars in 2001. She provided the leadership for the creation of a statewide network of government and private stakeholders that collectively generated the first ever California Space Strategic Plan.

Seastrand was instrumental in launching CSTA's successor organization, the California Space Authority, as a public benefit, non-profit organization.

As a former U.S. Congresswoman, Seastrand led space support efforts at the federal level with the introduction of the National Spaceport Act of 1995. While in Congress, she served on the Committee on Science and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Seastrand served as a Member of the California State Assembly from 1990 to 1994.

Andrea Seastrand is presently Vice Chair and a founding member of the National Coalition of Spaceport States (NCSS). She is also a member of Women in Aerospace and the Air Force Association (AFA).

Seastrand was born and raised in Chicago and graduated from DePaul University. She raised two children on California's Central Coast with her late husband, Eric Seastrand, who was a member of the California State Assembly from 1982 through 1990. Seastrand currently resides in Grover Beach, California.

*Dinner Reservations Please!*

**Call 227-0440**

**Thanks!**

*What's Cooking....*



### *May Menu*

Lemon Chicken  
Spring Vegetables  
Rice  
Spring Salad  
Rolls  
Dessert  
Coffee or Tea.

**\$8.00 Per Person**

*Reservations Please!*

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When the announcement comes on press 1 and leave your name and the number attending. (You will NOT hear any other announcement after you have gone to mailbox 1)

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The Estrella Squadron Newsletter is published monthly for distribution to members and friends. The Squadron is dedicated to the restoration and preservation of aircraft and memorabilia and to those who flew and worked on them. The goal is not to glorify conflict but rather to assist in making future generations aware of the fact our way of life does not come without sacrifice.

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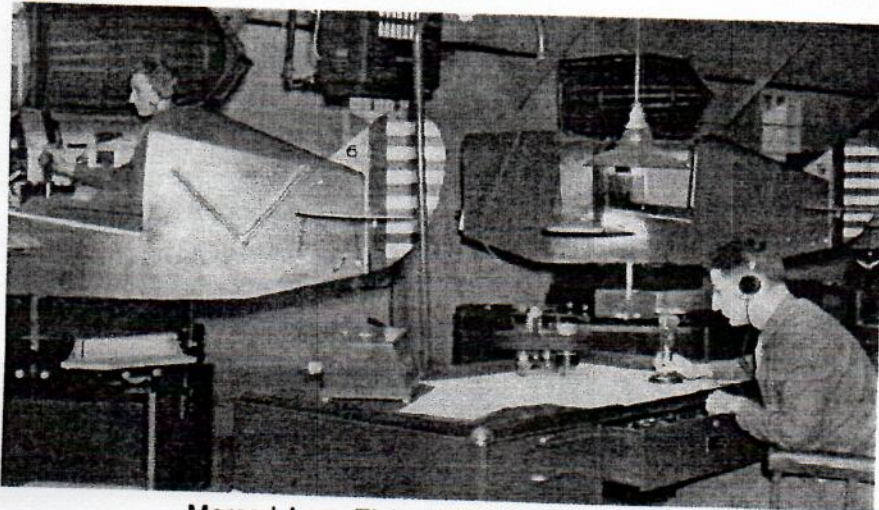
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## *Do You Remember When....?*



Merced Army Flying School March 30, 1942



## Special Thanks

We asked for help to get the kitchen organized and cleaned on Saturday, April 6th in our last newsletter. Due to the dedicated efforts of the following people, we not only have our kitchen sparkling, and the pantries reorganized, but we received many kudos from the Health Department on their inspection as well! We couldn't have done it without:

Gary Corippo, Jayne Sacks, Carol Weiss, Larry Campo, Ed Chidlaw, Ron Brooks, Tom Weiss, Glen Thomson, John Himes, Betty Miller, Arnold Hermansen, who rolled up their respective sleeves and scrubbed, washed, and organized. Great Job!

While this was going on we also had a meal that was prepared and then served by John Himes, Ed Chidlaw, Linda Hermansen, to all our Saturday Volunteers who turned out on April 6th. Included in the massive Volunteer turnout were Paul Sacks, Obbie Atkinson, Bob Singleton, Al Schade, John Dolan, Kevin Craig, Dave Geiger, Ron Thompson, Conrad Martin, John Cromwell, K.O. Eckland, Tom Gabele, John Kendall, and Chuck Miller. If I omitted your name -- apologies, but sincere thanks anyway!

We will have a Volunteer lunch again on Saturday, May 18th. We will be doing this once a month as a way of saying "thanks" to the dedicated folks that turn out to help the museum grow. Your efforts are not only appreciated, but are really making a difference in your Museum as well.



# HELP!!!

As you know we have been getting out our monthly newsletter through the efforts of Gene Hartley and Betty Miller. Due to some unforeseen changes, Gene will not be able to continue as an Editor, and Ed Morrison has his hands full building a new home and will not be able to help out as planned. Betty Miller says she cannot handle her duties as a Group Tour Docent, Board Member, Artifact Coordinator and be the sole Newsletter Editor as well .

We need a volunteer, or several, to take this on. If we cannot get any of you to step up to the plate now, the June Newsletter will be the last one you will receive.



*If you care.....*

Call Betty Miller at 466-1212 if you have any ideas on how to continue the Newsletter or if you can spare the time and effort to get this out.

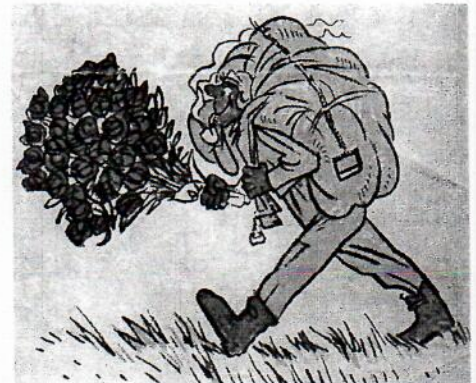
## 2002 Dues Are Now Due

Your 2002 Membership dues are now due.

\$50.00 for Individuals  
\$75.00 Family  
\$100.00 Sustaining  
\$200.00 Patron  
\$500.00 Corporate  
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Invoice Forms are available in the Meeting Hall next to the Volunteer Log, and you can bring in your check or cash and give it to Rosemary Netto at the May 1st Dinner Meeting.

Your dues help keep your Museum going so please renew today.



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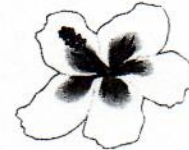


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Mark the Date, our annual Dinner Dance and USO-Style show will be held in September. You have two nights to choose from. Friday, September 20 or Saturday, September 21.



## The Best Deal Anywhere!

The Board of Directors recently asked for a review of the Dinner Meeting costs. Our current regular Dinner meal consists of main entree, salad, roll, dessert and coffee or tea and provides a program, and includes tax and tip. All of this for only \$8.00. If we have a special BarBQue, the cost is \$10.00.

A similar meal at Carrows Restaurant in Atascadero (based on the discounted Senior Menu) consists of:

Top Sirloin Steak,	
vegetable and roll .....	\$ 8.29
Salad.....	\$ 1.19
Special Dessert.....	\$ .99
Coffee.....	\$ 1.49
Sub Total	\$ 11.96
7.25% Tax	.87
10% Tip	1.28
Total	\$14.11


Denny's in Paso Robles  
 (No Top Sirloin on limited Senior Menu)

Roast Turkey, veg, roll	\$5.99
Dessert	\$2.59
Coffee	\$1.40
Sub Total	\$9.98
7.25% Tax	.72
10% Tip	1.07
Total	\$11.77

A Sirloin Steak dinner at Denny's from the regular menu with dessert, coffee, tax & 10% tip runs \$15.59!

As you can see, we provide not only an interesting and informative program, but a good meal as well! The Board will be reviewing our meals and related costs. If you have any comments or suggestions they are most welcome. Contact any of the Board members to relay your comments and suggestions.

Do you love to dance? We will have an hour of Live Big Band dancing from 6 pm to 7 pm before dinner and the show plus another 3 hours of dancing from 9 pm to midnight (unless your feet give out before!) At \$45.00 per person, it's the best deal in town! Mark those dates on your calendar today!



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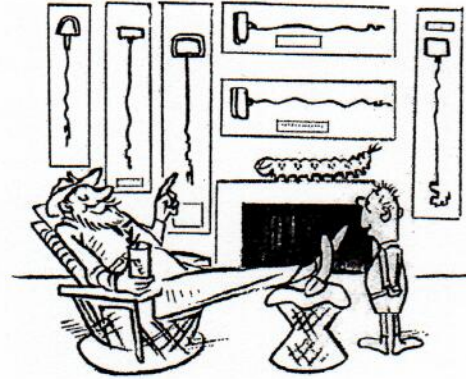
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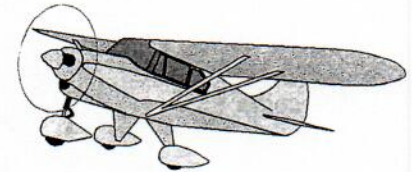
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Cessna 140 or Similar needed

If you have or know of a small, single engine, metal skinned airplane that is no longer flyable, we need it for an inter-active static display for the children who visit our museum. It doesn't matter if it has an engine or not, but we would like a propeller available to mount on the nose. We don't care how ratty it is, we will paint it in kid friendly colors and patch up the upholstery.

The high point for the children on the school visits to our Museum is getting in the Huey Helicopter. and pretending to be a real "pilot".

You can donate an aircraft that no longer is usable, your tax advisor can help you take the necessary deduction and we will be able to offer children a great hands-on exhibit.

Call Marty Wright at 545-3821 or Betty Miller at 466-1212.

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*Board of Director Meeting  
Highlights*

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Paul Clark at 6 pm on Wednesday, April 17.

The Minutes of March 20th were approved as corrected. Treasurer Rosemary Netto gave the Treasurer's Report. The cash flow from January 1, 2002 through April 15, 2002 was as follows:

<b>INCOME:</b>	
Advertising	\$200.00
Bar Income	\$868.00
Dinner Income	\$2058.00
Donations	
Cash	\$200.00
Concrete Blocks	\$1700.00
PG&E Employee Matching	\$115.84
Tours	\$375.00
Other	\$306.00
Dues	\$1210.00
Gift Shop Sales	\$281.00
Int. Income	\$ 99.35
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$7413.19</b>

<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Bank Charge	\$ 9.50
Bar Expense	\$343.37
Dinner Expense	\$1347.96
Improvements	
Land	\$358.79
Building	\$646.39
Int. Expenses	\$212.62
MembershipExp	\$152.32
Newsletter	\$176.64
Office	\$258.91
Publicity	\$ 25.50
Repair & Maint.	
Aircraft	\$156.90
Artifacts	\$183.44
Buildings	\$179.31
Equipment	\$134.19
Fuel	\$ 85.00
Office Equip	\$144.00
Special Events(Chamber Mixer)	\$528.70

<b>Utilities</b>	
Phone (2001 carry over)	\$137.20
Office Phone	\$ 85.71
Hangar Phone	\$ 29.24
Hangar Alarm Sys.	\$150.00
Electricity	\$661.74
Garbage	\$231.05
Gas/Heat, Stoves	\$358.92
Water	\$ 38.97
City of Paso Robles-Loan	\$1790.58
Misc Airshow 2001 exp.	\$522.17
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$8949.12</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>&lt; -1535.93&gt;</b>

As of April 15, 2002, the checking account has a total balance of \$2,051.52. Net Worth Report as of April 15, 2002:

<b>Assets</b>	
Checking Account	\$2,051.52
Savings Account	\$39,341.85*
*(Includes Airshow, Sale of Casa jet, Insurance Claim)	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$41,393.37</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
City of Paso Robles	
Loan	< \$ 9,508.90>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>\$31,884.47</b>

Discussion followed about the necessity of completing the Meeting Hall so that the Museum can generate income. Members Dues and the

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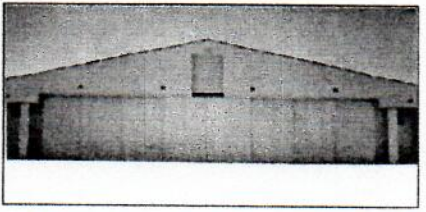
monthly Dinner Meeting and donations cannot bring in enough income without being able to rent out our Meeting Hall.

We have asked for bids on putting in a two hour firewall between the Museum Hangar and the Meeting Hall. This option will be less expensive than the sprinkling system originally required by the City under the old square footage guidelines. That was in excess of \$21,000.00. We have one more bid to be turned in before a decision can be reached.

Committee Reports were received. It was recommended that a 1 hour timer switch be put on the Heating/Air Conditioning system to help keep electricity costs down. As of this date that has been accomplished. (Thank you Ron Brooks). Cathy Paine passed out the form used to send to all media outlets about our monthly meetings and speakers. Glen Thomson announced that 22 people have asked to purchase cement blocks to continue the concrete ramp area, with 17 having turned in their \$100.00. These blocks can honor a loved one or friend or display the donor's name.

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Betty Miller announced that our required Department of Health check (needed for Final from the City) was successful. Some items to be completed before the final check:

1. Addition of grab bars in the men's room in the hangar
2. Automatic door closers for both men's and women's restrooms in the Meeting Hall.
3. Installation of weather strip on outside kitchen door, kitchen pantry door, and door between kitchen and hall.
4. Installation Janitors sink outside wall by water heater door.
5. Caulk all areas around sinks in kitchen and bathrooms.
6. Install shatterproof light in kitchen and pantry (these have been purchased-thanks Ed Chidlaw)
7. Install wall mounted commercial soap dispensers in bathrooms and kitchen (COMPLETED-purchased and installed)
8. We must not store any perishable dairy products in our bar refrigerator or black residential refrigerator in kitchen. Keep posted logs on temperature of all freezers & refers. (COMPLETED)
9. Remove gas flattop from barbeque area. Not allowed unless totally enclosed area. Barbeque is fine.
10. Must have at least one person that has completed National Restaurant Association ServSafe class on site any time food is being prepared and cooked. (COMPLETED-Have sent John Himes, Al Davis and Betty Miller through required class)

Al Schade needs anyone who has sheet metal experience to contact him at 927-8303. The Navion is progressing, but Al really needs some folks to volunteer to do some of the less strenuous work.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Paul Clark and Chuck Miller have met with the City Council Ad Hoc Lease Committee to discuss amending our current lease with the City to allow the Museum to stop putting on

an annual airshow. This has become necessary since the Museum was not able to continue putting on a major airshow as desired by the City due to a maturing membership and work and time constraints of the younger members. This item will come before the City Council in May.

All charge accounts that the Museum had at various hardware stores have been put on indefinite suspension according to Betty Miller. The Museum is on a cash & carry system until further notice. There is a \$50.00 limit for any purchases unless the Board has pre-approved the purchase.

Paul Clark announced that Betty Miller asked to be removed from the Nominating Committee for the upcoming May 15th elections due to a possible conflict of interest. Approved, with the addition of Glen Thomson and George Marrett to help Obbie Atkinson prepare the Slate of Officers. Ballots will be mailed May 1st to all current Board members. Tallies will be done by George Marrett, John Cromwell and Al Schade.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Al Davis has been appointed to the Advisory Board. He joins R/Adm Mac Gleim, Tom Bordonaro, and the Honorable William Clark

The Board has mandated that no individual Museum Member, Board Member and/or group may enter into any agreement or contract that binds the Museum without first getting approval from the Board of Directors. All agreements/Contracts will be signed by the President of the Board, following Board approval.

Conrad Martin and Marty Wright will check into energy conserving light bulbs for the Hangar to cut our electrical bills.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be at 7pm, Wednesday May 15th (Annual elections)



Talk to your friends and neighbors. Tell them about our Dinner Meetings and encourage them to attend as your guest.

Tell folks about our Museum and it's exciting changes. Encourage them to consider Membership.

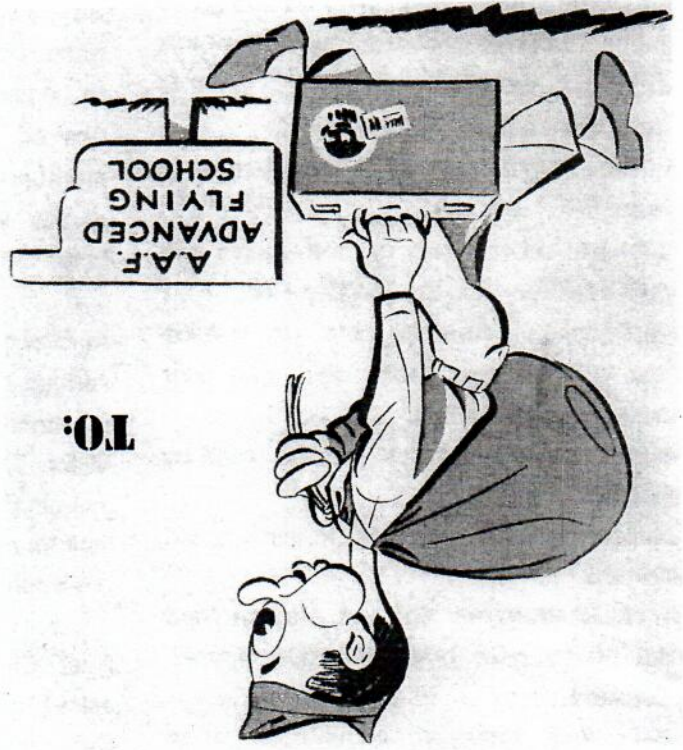
As a current member, remember your dues are due May 2002. If you have not yet sent in your dues you may give them to our Treasurer, Rosemary Netto on May 1st. at the Dinner Meeting.

Be sure to call 227-0440 and get your reservations in



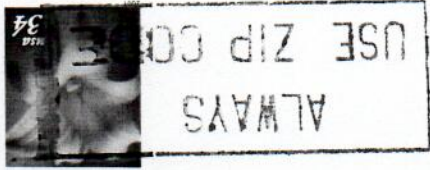
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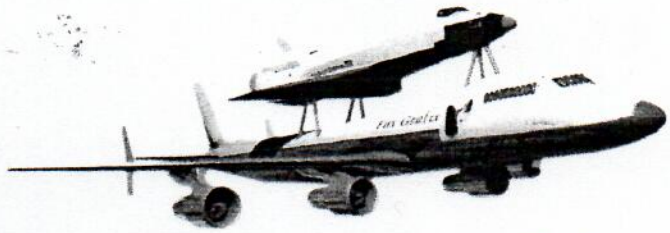


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