

# ESTRELLA WARBIRD MUSEUM

## ESTRELLA SQUADRON NEWSLETTER

VOLUME XIII, NUMBER 9 PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA September 2002

### September Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 4

#### *What's Cooking!*

Join your friends and fellow members for an End-of-Summer BBQ -

Chef John Himes and his trusty crew will be BBQing in the newly enclosed BBQ area. The Menu features: Pork Loin, Salad, Vegetable, Rolls and Dessert

Wednesday, September 4 at 6 pm

\$10.00 Per Person

*Reservations Please*

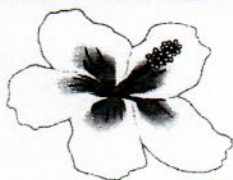
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### *Our Guest Speaker:* Dwight Fegley

Dwight is a pilot for North American Jet Charter, flying as Captain on the 30 and 60 series Learjets. Dwight grew up on a farm in Ohio, and is a graduate of Moody Aviation, a branch of Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Illinois. At Moody, Dwight earned his Commercial, Seaplane, Instructor and Multi-engine licenses.

Dwight's wife Vicki graduated from Fort Wayne Bible College in Fort Wayne, Indiana. They moved to Redlands, CA in 1982 and served with an interdenominational group called Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) based in Redlands for 17 years. Twelve of those years were spent overseas, when they moved to Indonesia in 1984, where Dwight was flying and maintaining single engine Cessna aircraft.

Dwight has flown nearly 50,000 people in his career, most of them in the Cessna 185. Other aircraft flown were the Cessna 206 and the Caravan. Dwight took up a position teaching maintenance at the MAF mission headquarters in Redlands in 1997, and moved on to North American Jet in the Summer of 1999. He has over 8,000 hours of flying time. Vicki works in the Attendance Office at the Paso Robles High School. Dwight and Vicki live in Paso Robles with their two children, Kenny and Stephanie, both born overseas, who attend Lewis Middle School and Paso Robles High School. Dwight and Vicki look forward to sharing some of their varied experiences with you.



### *"Tales From The South Pacific"*

Dinner Dance & Troop Show



*Choose*

Friday, September 20 or Saturday, September 21

6:00 pm at the Estrella Warbird Museum Hangar

*Support Your Museum and the USO!*

This is our only major fund raiser for 2002. We need to complete our Research Library and this year a portion of the net proceeds will be going to the USO (United Services Organization) to help support our men and women serving in the military during this time of war.

Come join us for a wonderful evening of Dancing, Dining, and Entertainment.

**\$45.00 per person advance ticket sales (\$60.00 at the door)**

**Tickets on Sale at the Dinner Meeting or call Betty at 466-1212**

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# ESTRELLA WARBIRD MUSEUM

The Estrella Squadron Newsletter is published monthly for distribution to members and friends of the Estrella Warbird Museum. 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.

## 2002-2003 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Last month we had twenty more people show up for dinner than we had reservations for. We ran short of chicken and the cooking crew went without. Please be a considerate guest and make reservations. *Thanks.*

Betty Miller's cousin, Ruth Billheimer, c. 1925 in an early seaplane carrying mail to Catalina Island. (Note the "steering wheel" on the yoke.)

*Dinner Reservations are a Must...*

*Please Call 227-0440 Today & Leave Your Name and # of Guests*

**ESTRELLA WARBIIRD MUSEUM**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

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*Board of Directors Meeting*

*Highlights*

August 21, 2002

The meeting was called to order by President Betty Miller at 6:00 pm with 13 of the 16 Board Members present.

Minutes were approved as written and the Treasurers Report was presented and approved. (See Copy later in this Article)

Old Business:

1. Glen Thomson gave a tour to the Board of the new redwood fencing that he and Ron Brooks have installed around the BBQ pit. This should help our BBQ crew to combat errant winds.

2. Obbie Atkinson reported on a meeting he had to go over ideas for improving our offerings to our members. Recent members Ed and Pam Morrison have stepped forward to help Obbie with Membership. Many Thanks Ed and Pam!

3. Al Schade reported that he needs a fuel line for the Navion which will be a special order and run \$75.00. Board approved expenditure which will allow the Navion wings to be mated to the rest of the aircraft once it is installed.

4. Chuck Miller reported that White's

Drywall are scheduled to start installing the metal studs for the two-hour fire wall on the Museum Hangar on Tuesday, Aug 27th. He needs a crew to remove the existing tin from the west wall on Saturday. Board Members Ron Brooks, Ed Chidlaw, Wally Engle, Glen Thomson and Tom Weiss volunteered to be at the Museum at 8:30 am to help Chuck. (We have a Board that is to be commended for stepping forward and doing the hard work when it is needed!)

5. Job Descriptions for Safety Chairman and Supply Chairman were handed out by Al Schade for review. These will come up at the September 18th meeting for approval.

6. Museum 10 Year Plan. The Board was asked to take parcel layout maps and indicate where future buildings and artifact areas should be. A suggested layout from Gary Corippo was reviewed & discussed. The Board will review other layouts at the next Board Meeting.

New Business:

1. Dinner Dance Producer Betty Miller went over the plans for the September 20-21 Dinner Dance. We need to have volunteers for the Bar, ticket taking, and Host and Hostesses. Time is getting short.

2. Ed Chidlaw reported that he has the ID badges for DRMO surplus ready to send off for issue.

3. David Highland asked the Board to consider putting an ad in the Atascadero Colony Days Marching Band Competition program. It was approved to take out a 1/4 page ad for \$50.00 as advertising.

4. Jackie Brooks has indicated that she

would be willing to take over the Gift Shop at the Museum. Betty will contact her and get this set up.

5. Al Schade reported that it will take at least a crew of 8 people to go to Yuma in October to pick up the F-4 Phantom aircraft. A date will be set. Anyone interested in helping should contact Al. While in Yuma, a side trip to El Centro will be made to check out an F-14 Tomcat aircraft that has been located by member Wayne King. If it is acceptable, plans will be made to transport that aircraft at a later date.

6. Negotiations are still underway on obtaining an F-8 aircraft to add to the Museum fleet.

7. Betty Miller asked the Board to consider authorizing Carol Weiss, and Betty to attend a conference in San Francisco October 8 on Museum display techniques and preservation. The cost will be \$130.00 for two. Approved.

8. Corporate Member, Les Fox of Fox Graphix and Multimedia, will take on the job as Newsletter Editor beginning with the October issue. (A Bio appears elsewhere in this issue.)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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# TREASURERS REPORT

as of 8-18-2002

## Net Worth Report:

<b>Assets</b>	
Cash & Bank Accounts	
Checking	\$ 2,389.42
Money Mkt.	\$ 39,470.58
Savings	00.00
Total Cash & Bank Accts	
	<u>\$41,860.00</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$41,860.00</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
City of Paso Robles \$7,682.23	
Sales Tax Payable	\$ 184.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$7,866.23</b>
Total Overall <u>\$33,993.77</u>	

## Register Report

July 18 through August 18, 2002

Beginning Balance \$ 3861.10

## Income

### Dinners & Beverages

Dinner Mtgs	\$ 770.00
Bar	\$ 168.00
Pepsi Machine	\$ 51.00(Mus.)
Pepsi Machine	\$ 21.50(Hall)
<b>Total Income</b>	
Dinners & Beverages	\$ 1010.50

Museum Tours	\$ 121.00
Museum Gift Shop	\$ 175.00
<u>Donations</u>	<u>\$ 157.00</u>
<b>Total Museum</b>	<b>\$ 453.00</b>

Dues INCOME \$ 915.00

## Memorial

Donations \$ 25.00

## USO SHOW INCOME

Adv. Ticket Sales \$ 495.00

**TOTAL INCOME \$ 2898.50**

## EXPENSES,

July 18 thru Aug 18, 2002

<b>Utilities</b>	
PG & E	\$ 354.48
Pac Bell	\$ 39.79
Alarm Sys	\$ 25.00
Gas	\$ 24.55
Water	\$ 182.06
<u>Garbage</u>	<u>\$ 52.65</u>
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>\$ 678.53</b>

## Dinners & Beverages

Food	\$ 253.46
Bar	\$ 118.73
<u>Servers</u>	<u>\$ 65.00</u>

## TTL Dinner/Bar

Expense \$ 437.19

Repair & Maint \$ 135.37

Loan \$ 460.09

Int Exp 40.71

City of PRB \$ 100.00

\$ 600.80

Insurance \$ 1070.00

## Publicity/Advertising

Website 12 mos \$ 167.40

Asset Purch (S-2) \$ 750.00

Bldg Permit-Wall \$ 356.66

USO SHOW \$ 169.63

Taxes \$ 5.43

**Total Expenses \$ 4371.01**

## Beginning Bal.

7-17-02 \$ 3861.10

Income \$ 2898.50

Expenses <\$ 4371.01>

Balance as of 8-18-02:

\$ 2388.59

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Thanks to Tom Gabele, Bartender

Tom Gabele, our Bartender of the past three years, has decided to go back to being a "civilian" again. Tom has been helped this past year by Betty Gabele and we appreciate their teamwork to serve our thirsty guests. We know Tom will enjoy having a chance to get in line with his friends and fellow members, instead of being the last one to be served! Tom has been an integral part of our Museum with his donation of time and materials to help the Museum grow. We wish him all the best in his retirement. Thank you Tom and Betty Gabele.



The USO was conceived in 1941 in response to a mandate from President Franklin D. Roosevelt to handle the on-leave morale needs for members of the Armed Forces. Today there are 118 USO Centers around the world and over 5 million service members and their families visit each year. The USO is a non-profit organization supported by donations.

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### Saturday Workers get Free Lunch

The first Saturday following a Dinner Meeting (next Saturday is Sept 7th) always includes lunch for all volunteers that come out to work. September 7th we will be reinstalling the tin on the west wall of the Museum Hangar. This goes over the two-hour firewall that is being installed. We need your help on getting things organized and picked up for the upcoming Dinner Dance, as well as cleaning up items on display in the Museum. Please mark your calendars and turn out for a good time and a good meal! Board member Gary Corippo has been providing lunches on other Saturdays as well. Thank you Gary.

### News from the Hive



Saturday, August 24 found a large contingent of Museum Helper Bees on site. Gary Corippo, Forrest Johnson, Doug Anderson, and David were all working to get the A-7 ready for painting.

Conrad Martin was busy working on the installation of the hangar doors that he donated for the Restoration Hangar. He could always use some more help!

Ruth Dickey and Larry Campo both pulled Docent shifts and had lots of visitors to meet and greet.

Ron Brooks, Tom Weiss, Glen Thomson, Dave Geiger, Wally Engle and Chuck Miller removed the steel siding from the entire west side of the Museum Hangar in preparation for the installation of the steel studs and drywall to complete the two-hour firewall. They tried to beat the heat by coming in at 8:15 am and had the job finished by 2 pm. Way to go fellas!!

Willa Killion made up some new curtains for the Meeting Hall. Then Dewey and Willa Killion came out Sunday to hang the new curtains in the meeting hall - they look great!! What a difference.

Les Fox, one of our 2001-2 Corporate Sponsors, will be our new Newsletter Editor. A SLO County Native, Les served in the US Army during Vietnam in a Recon unit. After his tour of duty he was a general contractor until an injury sidelined him. Working two part-time jobs, Les put himself through UCSB and got his degree in Fine Arts Studies with emphasis on Computer Art & Animation, and Pottery. Les owns Fox Graphix & Multimedia and has designed our last three Airshow Programs and the 2000 USO Show Program.

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During WW II, the most utilized USO services included dances, snack bars, libraries, showers, sleeping facilities, radios

and record players. Today, service members and their families continue to enjoy many of these same services. USO Centers today also provide cultural orientation, travel assistance, language classes, health and fitness programs, and nursery facilities. *Help Support the USO by attending the 2002 Dinner Dance!*

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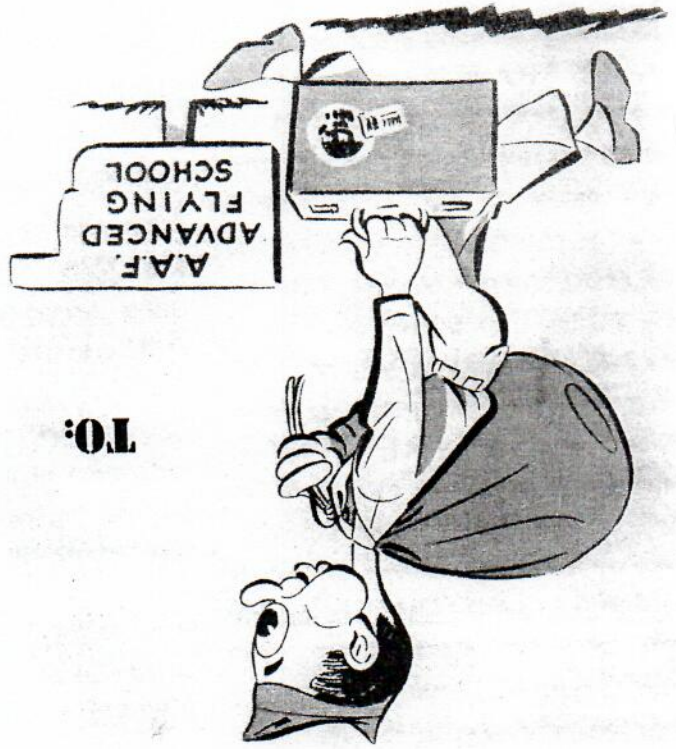
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