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NEWS

EDITOR NEEDED

Due to unforeseen work responsibilities and scheduling, our newsletter is once again in need of an Editor. Anyone interested in producing the Stellar Eagle please contact Betty Miller at 446-1212 ASAP. ✈

GARY AND JUDY CORIPPO TO VISIT LAND OF THE CELTS

Charter Members Gary and Judy Corippo are heading to Scotland and Ireland in June and are inviting you to join them! That's right, Gary is trading in his paint scraper for a few weeks to help Judy take a group to Edinburgh, Aviemore, Loch Ness (home to the fabled "Nessie") Glasgow, Giant's Causeway, Derry, Galway, Killarney, Dublin and more. Judy, as many of you know has been in the travel industry for many years and is an experienced tour escort. This tour will leave from San Luis Obispo County and includes airfare, first class hotels, 21 meals, sightseeing, taxes, portage, and most tips for only \$2899.00 per person (double occupancy) there is a \$200.00 deposit requested by February 15. See Judy or call her at 238-2090 for more information on this great trip. This is a good way to see Scotland and Ireland with folks you know and a tour escort that really knows her stuff! ✈

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F-8 CRUSADER WINGS AND TAIL ARRIVE

The week of January 13 found our inveterate Restoration Crew heading for the USS Hornet to bring back the tail and wings of the Crusader F-8 aircraft. The monumental task was accomplished with good humor and no small amount of nail biting on the loooooong drive home! The Crusader is now together and the "fun" begins with more scraping and sanding, then prepping and finally a beautiful new paint job! Come out and take a look what an awesome airplane! ✈

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RESTORATION CREW HEADS TO YUMA

On Thursday, January 30, some of the Restoration Crew flew to MCAS Yuma with Glen Thomson, while two hardy souls drove down with a truckload of dismantling tools (11 hour drive!) to tackle removing the wings from the F-4 Phantom aircraft. This must be done to prepare the Phantom for transport by a professional warbird trucking firm from Yuma to Paso Robles. Restoration Director Al Schade had hoped to be able to unbolt the wings, but after conferring with some other museums that have attempted this, it was decided to cut the wings off and reattach them once the aircraft has been moved to the Museum. It will be very exciting to have a complete F-4 Phantom on the Flight Line. As you know we have an F-4 Phantom cockpit mounted on a trailer, that was lovingly restored by member Wayne King, that is open for the public. ✈

News Flash on the Cockpit - Ron Brooks says he is close to getting our interactive sound installed on the cockpit. This will enable the "pilot" to "start" the engines and hear a pretty realistic jet engine spool up and also to "fire" his guns. We are getting closer to getting interactive exhibits for folks of all ages to enjoy.

THOMSON HALL NOW AVAILABLE

For those anniversary parties, or a function where you need more space than your home provides, consider renting Thomson Hall. We have a Fee Schedule available and we are taking reservations to rent out both the Hall and the Kitchen.

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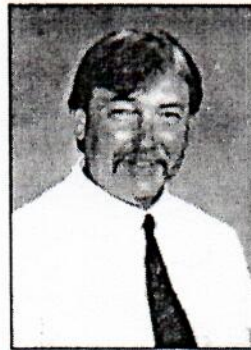
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NEW LIFE MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCED!

The Membership Committee headed by Obbie Atkinson and Pam Morrison announced a new membership category at the last Board of Directors Meeting. Obbie asked that the Board recognize and thank a member of the Estrella Warbird Museum for their dedication and support of labor, love, and financial contributions. Because an organization cannot grow on labor alone, there is always a need to be able to offer memberships for individuals, families, business or corporate sponsors or local, state and federal supporters. With that in mind, Obbie and Pam spent many hours working on a new type of Life Membership.



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The original 50 Charter Life Memberships of \$500.00 each were closed late last year. These fifty Charter Life Members will soon be issued a new badge, designating their status as original Charter Life Members.

Life Memberships not only offer members a chance to be free of annual dues, but help support your Museum financially as it continues to develop and expand. The new Life Membership Plan features "LIFE MEMBERS" and "STAR LIFE MEMBERS". "Life Members" will pay a one time \$500.00 and be designated with a special Life Member Badge. They will not pay any annual dues.

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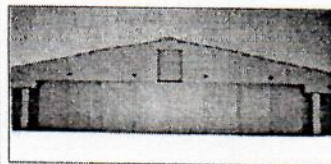


The new "Star Life Members" will belong to The Lightning Flight, which will be limited to 50 members with five levels of "Star" membership. The specially designed badge features a P-38 Lightning aircraft with a star for each level purchased. Lightning Flight has five levels of membership, each recognized by the addition of a Star (hence the name "Star Life Member") Each star costs \$1000.00. A Five Star Life Member of Lightning Flight will pay \$5000.00, a Four Star Life Member would pay \$4000.00, a Three Star Life Member would pay \$3000.00, a Two Star Life Member would pay \$2000.00 and a One Star would pay \$1000.00. Once Lightning Flight has been filled with 50 Star members (this will be a mix of One, Two, Three, Four, and Five Star Life Members) a new flight will be designated by the Board of Directors. The new flight will have a different aircraft as its logo and a name to match and the same five levels.

(3) Obbie Atkinson will manage the Star Membership program and Pam Morrison will manage the Life Members, Corporate Memberships, Family Memberships and Individual Memberships. Any questions about Memberships should be directed to Obbie at 238-9212 or Pam Morrison at 239-2330.

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Obbie says the Five Star Life Membership will be the ultimate donation goal of an individual or business. It can be donated as a memorial to someone deceased or proudly worn by an active member who desires to help out the Museum financially. All Star Life Members will be issued the special Star Badge, a framed, printed certificate and a special recognition plaque honoring all Star participants. This program will assure the Museum some financial income of \$50,000.00 to \$250,000.00 for each flight created.

The Original Charter Life Members are
Craig Armstrong, Obbie Atkinson, Obbie Atkinson, J MD, Mary Baiamonte, Art Britton, Ron & Jackie Brooks James Bryant, Bob Burgess, Larry Campo, Ed Chidlaw Gary Corippo, John Cromwell, Al Davis (Deceased) Dieter Eckert, MD, Kenny Finch, Bob Foote, Steve Forsman, Dori Foxworthy, Tom Gabele, Jerry Grady, Ker Grubb, Dirk Hale, Arnold Hermansen, Linda Hermansen Dave Highland, John Kendall, Dewey Killion, Mari Kinsell, Robert Kinsell (Deceased), George Marrett Conrad Martin, Bob Miller, Chuck Miller, Jim Pickens Al Schade, Bill Sima MD, Bob Singleton, Allen Smith Greg Sudderth, Gerry Taylor, Glen Thomson, Bruce Toomey, Stuart Toomey, Richard Umphrey, Brian Webster, Marilyn Webster, Bob Weiss, Mike Wing, and Marty Wright. ✈

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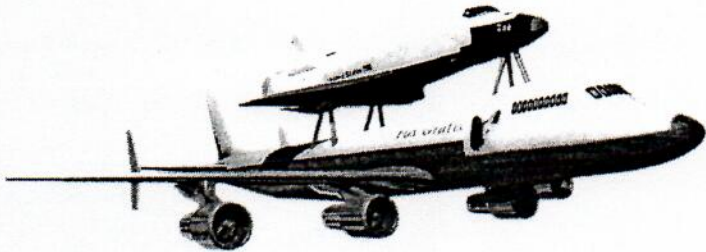
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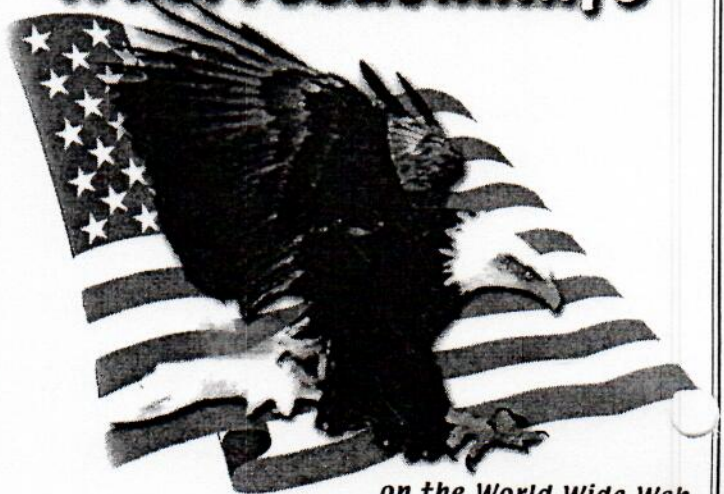
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