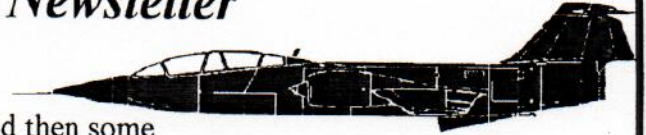


# Estrella Warbird Museum

## Estrella Squadron Newsletter



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

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Friday 2pm - 6pm

Saturday 10am - 4pm

Sunday 12n - 3pm

In reality, whenever the  
gate is open!

#### Hi There!

If you think this format looks like the one you have seen for the past 12 years (up to November 2001) you're right! After a year and some months off I'm even less computer literate than I was so bear with me and I will try to have a better format in the future. Les Fox and our ubiquitous President have done a great job over the last year and upgraded the looks of the newsletter considerably. I regret not being able to further their efforts for this month's offering.

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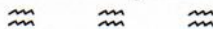
#### April Meeting

The April Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2003 at Thomson Hall with Social Hour commencing at 6:00pm and Dinner at 7:00pm. Chef John has indicated that we will be having either Roast Pork or Barbecued Pork with the usual trimmings.

#### RESERVATIONS AS USUAL,

PLEASE 227-0440

Our program for the evening will be provided by our own Arthur Schultz, a WWII pilot of various aircraft including the P-39 as well as the P-38. Trained at Gardner - Taft, Luke at Phoenix and later at Hamilton and flying the P-38 extensively, he will have a most interesting presentation of a somewhat earlier era not all that familiar to many of us.



(The next four items were written by our Pres., Betty Miller. They are an example of how grateful an Editor can be when people submit articles!!)

#### The Spirit of Volunteerism

##### Dewey and Willa Killion

Most of you know Willa and Dewey, for those of you who don't know them, please take time to meet these wonderful folks. They volunteered to take on the monumental task of cleaning our red dining room chairs! Armed with scrub brushes, "Fantastic", and elbow grease they worked on 25 of the most disgustingly dirty dining room chairs on Saturday, March 8th to see if cleaning could be accomplished. They chose the worst of the 100 we own and managed to make them look 100% better! Then, not content to "oversee" the next 75 chairs, they called upon Marge Singleton and the three of them took on the remaining 75 chairs. They worked ALL day Saturday, March 15th!!

None of these folks are under 60 years of age, but they really showed the folks under 60 years of age what the American work ethic is all about! These three are part of America's "Greatest Generation". They have been through a depression, , Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm and Bosnia. They didn't wait for "someone else to do it", they just rolled up their sleeves and got to work!! This is how being part of an "all volunteer" organization works. It is each and everyone of us doing a job. This is what keeps an organization vital and alive. Please join me (Betty) in saluting their dedication and tell Willa and Dewey and Marge how much we ALL appreciate it. (and enjoy our nice clean chairs on April 2nd.) (ERM)

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

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466-7640

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**John Himes**  
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**Wally Engle**  
227-0245

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238-9266

## **Cooking School Comes To The Museum...**

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We have had a great response to our newest fund raiser, "Italian Cooking with Jerry and Marsha DeAngelis". Our first class was held on Thursday, March 13th in our kitchen. Ten paying participants were seated at red and white checkered tables around the butcher block and learned how to create (and then eat!) homemade pastas, including ravioli and lasagna made with freshly made pasta using a pasta machine. They were assisted by Linda Hermansen and Betty Miller as prep help, Brain Webster and Chuck Miller as the wine sommeliers and Arnold Hermansen doing any and everything that anyone needed done quickly. The "students" were a lively bunch, ranging in age from a twenty-something newlywed to our own 93 year old Dorothy McBain! It was a lively group with lots of hands-on participation and everyone had more than enough to eat.

The next class is "Poultry and Game and the vegetables to go with them" on Tuesday, March 25th at 6:30 pm and then on April 15th at 6:00pm, "An Italian Easter Dinner". The Easter dinner will cost \$40.00 and feature lamb as the centerpiece. Classes are limited in size so call Betty at 466-1212 if you wish to spend a great evening with good food and learn something as well! (ERM)

## **New Kitchen Equipment Has Arrived!**

Thanks to the generosity of Dorothy McBain, the museum has a new steam table, food warmer, three tub stainless sink, garbage disposal, grease trap (20 gal of H2O per minute and 40 pounds of grease!) high pressure cleaning nozzle, soil sink, and clean table! The best present is a brand new chemical commercial dish washing machine and lots of dish racks to load into it.

The commercial dishwasher will allow us to use real plates and glasses and spare our bartenders from having to take home 8 dozen dirty glasses at the end of every meeting to wash in their home dishwashers!!.

We had hoped to have everything in place by the April 2nd meeting. Alas, the trucking company "lost" the dishwasher. It bounced around the east coast and then sat in a trailer for 2 weeks. All is computerized these days but some employee didn't (or couldn't) enter the lading number into the system and misdirected the washer. It arrived on Monday, March 21st at "high noon" to the great delight of President Betty who had been trying to get everyone involved to locate it.

Ed Chidlaw and Chuck Miller will lay out all the pieces of sink equipment and see what has to be done with the plumbing connections. They may be calling on some of you to help out with the actual connections, please say "yes", we will feed you lunch and you'll have fun with a great group of folks as well (plumbing "fun"??)

Ron Brooks and Kevin Craig, with the assistance of founding member, Glen Thomson, will be overseeing the electrical wiring work needed to beef up our existing system to handle the steam table, warmer and dishwasher. These guys are fantastic and we are all so lucky to have all of them.(ERM)

We have a new section or column for the newsletter, "Dear Star". which, of course, refers to the Stellar Eagle newsletter format that Betty and Les came up with which is currently defying me as an insert. Here is the first column.

## **Dear Star**

I am an active lady of 91. I have recently joined a group of folks who have asked me to participate in some of their outings. In great anticipation I had a session with famous makeup artist. Professor Corippo and got some new "warpaint". Then I was checked over by a team of "internal specialists" headed by Dr. Brooks. They have my innards working great. My problem is that I need some work on my brass "dentures". I desperately need a couple of dentists to shine up my dentures. What do you recommend? I need to look my best.

Signed,  
Ready to Roll But Anxious

## **Dear Ready To Roll**

I would recommend that your organization call

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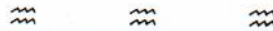
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upon some folks who have enthusiasm to come out, set up their chairs and utilize some Brasso and Twinkle to gussy up those dentures. Glen Thomson says he will spray your dentures with something to hold that shine once you get the polishing done. I'm sure that your organization has somebody who will step forward and help you out. Then you will be able to hold up your head (radiator!) high as you lead the group in their next outing.

signed  
STAR

(Thank you, Betty Miller for all of the above!!!)



**Quick Thanks!**

Our Grounds Maintenance Chief, John "Green Thumb" Kendall, has been a bit under the weather with a touch of flu. Before the grass got too tall our hard working Ron Thompson jumped in and cut it while Gary Corippo did the trimming with a hand mower. Thanks guys! There are always a few who can be counted on to step up to the plate and help when the chips are down! Get well John Kendall. We miss you!

**Media Appreciation Evening**

On April 23 between 6:00pm and 9:00pm we will be putting on a Media Appreciation affair to thank the many people in all the various forms of the local media who have been so generous with their time and space in helping the Museum. Obviously we pay for ads and the like but we have had a great deal of coverage at various time for various events that have been without cost. Articles have been written, TV coverage and radio time has been made available or instituted by the media themselves for which we are most grateful.

The evening is planned with sort of a casual Hawaiian flair and will include some interesting and unusual hors d'oeuvres with wine and Mai Tais. This get together is not an open membership meeting but will be more or less limited

to Museum board members, City officials and our media friends and other contributing members. Please remember that this is a "freebee" for the media, hosted by the Board, for the most part, with the preparations and food being provided by the board members and others who contribute their time and effort in putting this together. On the other hand, any members who want to contribute a tasty food item that would feed about 15 people are most welcome. (Please note: this does not include a package of chips and a purchased dip but rather some nice personal dish that you would be happy to serve to friends.)

**Saving Money??!!**

It has been suggested that to save the Museum some money we might think of sending the newsletter by e-mail to those with computers and an e-mail address. This is being done very successfully by the local EAA group and the results are excellent.


Our member and benefactor, the Pete Johnston organization, is currently paying the postage for the newsletter as well as assembling the printed copy, folding, labeling, stamping and mailing which relieves the writer from one giant pain after two or three days of writing, editing and whatever research is required.

We still have to buy supplies and have it printed which is now being done at Office Max which is one more chore that the Editor no longer has to do, but it could save us money if we could e-mail the newsletter to whoever has the facilities to receive it. There are also times when it would be nice to get out some notices on short notice and e-mail could help here as well. If you have any other suggestions we would be happy to hear from you!

**Dues Due!!**

Hey Friends! It's that time of year again when we get chance to provide the major funding for the Museum. May is Dues Month and to make it a little easier we are including a form as a reminder and as a way of updating the information we have

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on our records. Please fill these out and return them with your check in the proper amount made out to Estrella Warbird Museum. Dues are vital for our continued success so please let us hear from you at your earliest convenience.

**May Fly-in/FleaMarket/ Hangar Sale!!**

On May 17th and 18th we will hold our first annual (hopefully) Fly-in, Flea Market and Hangar Sale. We are hoping that this will become a major fund-raiser for us as it is for a number of other aviation organizations in California and elsewhere. More information will be forthcoming but you should start giving some thought to items you might want to donate to the Museum for the sale. Naturally, we will issue donation forms for tax purposes on donated items so if you need a giant tax write-off for this year don't hesitate to offer your Learjet or some similar item that you no longer need.

Seriously, this can be a lot of fun with fly-in activities and competitions and it can be a great source of income and a chance to put us on the map with some national advertising in publications like the Pacific Flyer and others.

Many of these functions at various airports have developed into some important fund raising operations. One of the keys to success is that we provide USEFUL ITEMS in good operating condition. This is not an opportunity to get rid of junk like a garage sale although you can certainly get rid of any number of no longer needed items. Offerings should be so-called "hard" items not things like clothing

unless you have an A-2 flying jacket in great condition or authentic military flight suits and similar items. Nothing can kill a function like this by getting a reputation for offering junk. If this thing gets big enough we will soon see outside purveyors of both old and used items wanting to come to the sale day and these people can bring in hundreds of interested buyers for all kinds of things if we want to accommodate them.

In our case, the Museum has a number of aviation and non-aviation related items that we can offer to the public, other collectors, repair shops and the like. It's important that we have as much in the way of aviation gear as possible to attract the type of people who are looking for hard-to-get, perhaps no longer manufactured, items and who attend these affairs wherever they are held.

So look over what you have and give some real thought to donating things to the Museum that will help provide us with ever-needed funding.

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## **Up Close and Personal with Marilyn and Brian Webster**

Brian Webster was born in London, England. After completing his education he was employed by Lloyds of London. He remained with the prestigious firm for 20 years, learning valuable insights into the world of insurance. Marilyn was born and raised in Houston, Texas. She worked for NASA at the Mission Control Facility as a math aide on the first controlled flight of the Gemini III program. They met on a blind date, conducted a long distance courtship and were married in 1980 in Martinez, California.

For the next 5 years they operated an aviation insurance agency based at the Oakland Airport. Deciding to move closer to the main office, the Websters assigned a manager for the Oakland office and moved to Rancho Cucamonga. That was home for the next 10 years. It was there that they began Bramar Associated, an aviation insurance agency. Rancho Cucamonga had started to loose some of it's appeal, with smog, congestion and crime all on the rise. Driving back from a business meeting in San Francisco, they camped for the night at Lake San Antonio and fell in love with the Paso Robles area. In 1993 they bought 30 acres in the hills west of 101 and built their home overlooking Paso Robles. In 1998 they purchased the property that houses the Bramar Associates on Golden Hill Road. Extensive remodeling was required to bring the property up to its current showplace quality.

Brian is a Senior Active member of the Sunrise Rotary Club and was instrumental in the organization of this chapter. He served as president of the Rancho Cucamonga branch from 1990-1991. He and Marilyn attended the International Convention of Rotarians in Seoul, Korea. Afterwards they and 130 other Rotarians flew on to China for vacation. Their hotel faced Tiananmen Square. On Saturday night, hearing loud popping noises, Bryan told Marilyn that it was probably just firecrackers and to go back to sleep. The next morning, realizing that a massacre had taken place, the American Embassy assisted in getting the entire group out of the country. They were flown out on a Chinese military aircraft to Shanghai. Everyone was literally kept in the dark, as the government ordered all television stations, radio stations and newspapers shut down. Even the bus they were traveling in was not allowed to turn on it's headlights. All of a sudden even Rancho Cucamonga didn't seem to bad!

The Websters joined the Estrella Warbird group while it was the Confederate Air Force, Estrella Squadron. Almost immediately, Bob Singleton recruited Brian to be the "November Flight" leader, a position he held for over a year. They remain active within and outside of the Museum, both being Life members in their own right. Brian loves to "putter" both on the golf course and in his woodworking shop. Marilyn oil paints when time permits and cook "soul food with a southern flair".

They have three grown children; Ian, who works at Bramar and lives in Paso Robles with his wife Georgina; their daughter, Amanda who lives down south and son Kyle who resides in Texas. Two grandchildren, Wesley and Hannah are the children of Amanda and her husband Joseph Lockhart. In appreciation of all of the valued Museum members, the Websters are offering a 5% discount, exclusively to Museum members, on aviation insurance that is transferred to or opened with Bramar Associates. So, folks, get out those policies and save some money!!

Submitted by Cathy Paine

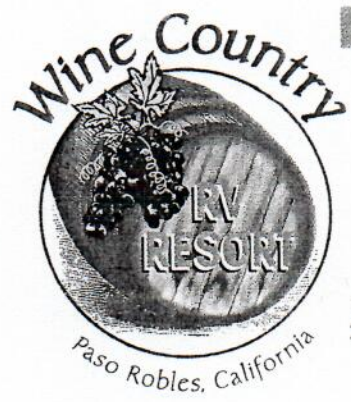
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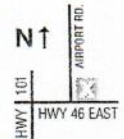
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