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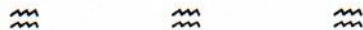
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July Meeting

The July Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 2, 2003 at Thomson Hall with Social Hour commencing at 6:00pm and Dinner at 7:00pm. Chef John and dedicated crew will be offering a BBQ Chicken dinner with corn on the cob, cole slaw and other items as sort of a July 4th Picnic Celebration. Sounds great as usual.



Our program for the evening will be provided by Joan Cox from Templeton. Joan was 12 years old when her father, who was a Navy Seabee, was killed in Vietnam. She will talk about growing up without a father as well as a most interesting story having to do with some of the men who served under her father and who survived. This will be a rewarding and interesting evening and everyone is urged to attend.

New President And Directors Elected

At the Board of Directors Meeting on Wednesday, June 18th a new slate of officers was elected as follows:

President, Paul Clark; 1st Vice President, Wally Engle; 2nd Vice President, Ed Chidlaw.

Conrad Martin and Fred Hahn were both newly elected to the Board.

In addition, the following candidates were elected: Obbie Atkinson, incumbent; Jackie Brooks, Glen Thomson, incumbent and Al Schade, incumbent. The other Board members have two year or longer terms to serve and remain the same.

These elections represent a new direction as far as the Museum is concerned and it is expected that the entire membership will welcome the new officers and do everything possible to aid them in their efforts to continue to make the Museum a more professional entity.

Our Thanks To Betty Miller

As Betty Miller steps down from the office of President it is very difficult to put into a few words what she has meant to the Estrella Warbird Museum over the years. Along with husband, Chuck, the effort put into the Air Shows, Dinner Dances, USO Shows and much more has been nothing short of phenomenal.

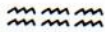
During the two terms that Betty was President there was a change in the Museum both from the standpoint of outlook and as well as content.

From what was an unorganized collection of stuff to what we see today is a direct result of her organizational ability and interest. If anyone doubts her interest and dedication, all one has to do is go to

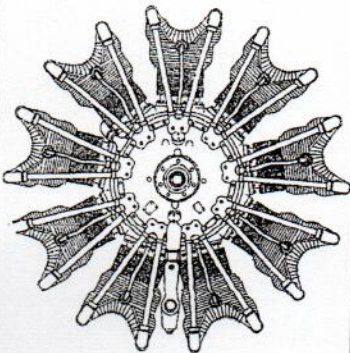
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the Museum on a Saturday or any other day and watch while Betty crawls around on her hands and knees wiping the dust off each and every model in the display cases and then leading a group of kids through the Museum explaining everything about the place. In addition, her leadership ability in her position as President has resulted in important changes and decisions for the benefit of the Museum

Our restoration crew is doing a great job with the aircraft and exterior of the place but the interior of the Museum has been sadly neglected for years.

One of Betty's most important accomplishments has been to get a number of wives and lady members involved in different aspects of the Museum. All of these fine ladies have made an incredible difference in bringing the Museum up from a dusty hangar full of cast off junk in the corners to the handsome operation it presents now to the public and the members as well. In addition, the involvement of many in the administrative aspects of the organization has been of significant benefit.

This is very inadequate thanks to a person who has done so much but much of what had been accomplished in recent years will serve as a monument to Betty Miller's efforts.

George Marrett Resigns From The Board Of Directors

The Board of Directors reluctantly accepted the resignation of George Marrett at the Meeting of June 18, 2003. Citing the press of other business, George announced that, although he no longer has time to be a Board Member, he will still continue to

be the Program Chairman. This is great news because George has been absolutely miraculous with the difficult task of providing us with so many fine speakers over the years.

In addition, George has been a very contributory Board Member in dozens of other areas and his knowledge of aviation and his sensible and concerned approach to many of our problems has been of inestimable value to the Museum. Thanks, George, for 10 great years of personal effort.

The Stairs Are Finished!!

After a lot of work by a lot of people, the most recent being the final welding by Marty Martin, the stairs to the Library are finished and the final inspection had been made and approved! We can now concentrate on the installation of the new kitchen items which will result in a final inspection and approval of the entire building

A small, informal Champaign Christening was held, just for fun, during the last Board Meeting to celebrate this long anticipated and necessary accomplishment.

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Museum Mourns Death of Dori Foxworthy

As many of you know, one of our treasured members, Dori Foxworthy died on June 6, 2003 after a long illness. Dori arrived here a number of years ago from the Camarillo area where her former husband had been a Colonel in the Confederate Air Force in that city. When she took up residence here she immediately joined the Paso Robles Wing of the CAF as a full Colonel. In later years she became a much valued member of the Museum serving in many helpful capacities with the kitchen crew as well as being a bartender during meetings. Dori also helped with the decorating of the Hall for meetings and other functions. Wherever there was work to be done you could always count on her being in the middle of it.

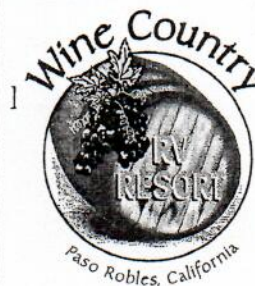
Dori always had a wonderful slow smile and something nice to say to everyone with whom she came in contact. She will be sorely missed as a wonderful member and good friend.

Treasure Trove of Pictures.

We are the fortunate recipients of a huge box of negatives, all carefully placed in individual envelopes from new member Clark Scott. Your Editor has been given the enviable task of going through each and every one to catalog them and make an identifying list. To say that this a labor of love is putting it mildly. There are pictures of civilian and military airplanes in the box that date back even to before I was a child and that's just a couple of years after the Wright Brothers!! Seriously, there are some incredible negatives of wonderfully obscure

aircraft in the stack and after I get finished happily wallowing through them I will see to it that they are made available to all.

If anyone has or has access to or knows someone who has a special computer printer that will accept 3"x4" negatives that could be used to print these out they could all be cataloged in a decent album for everyone to see.



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We are very sorry to have to report that there are still quite a number of members who have not paid there dues for the 2003/2004 membership year. Please folks, dues are a vital part of our financing and we need every dime we can get. Please don't continue to enjoy the benefits of membership without paying your dues.

Send a check to our Treasurer, Rosemary Netto, as soon as you read this. Mail to: 998 River Road, San Miguel, CA 93451.

Apologies To Our Advertisers

Your 'umble Editor wishes to apologise to several of our advertising sponsors for leaving them out of the June newsletter. This was totally my fault as I gave the pages to be copied to Office Max and goofed up by giving them

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New Member Shows The Way

Frank Ragland, a brand new member, appeared at the Museum at the beginning of the set-up period for the IAC meeting. He immediately jumped in, tackling the moving and placement of the heavy tables and continued to work with the crew in any way he could help.

This was unique enough to generate the thanks of those in charge but the day after the meeting Frank returned and again pitched in for the massive clean-up job. We found out later that he was supposed to be doing something else but he put that aside and helped us all.

This is just a great example of the spirit of volunteerism that some of our members exhibit when there is work to do. Thanks, Frank, and welcome aboard!!

A Most Useful Donation

At the last Board Meeting we were informed of the donation by another new member, Clark Scott, of a huge tool box which is absolutely stuffed with an incredible supply of dandy items. Not only are there complete sets of various types of wrenches, screw drivers and other hand tools but things like torque wrenches, a Skill Saw, trouble lights and other

items, mostly Craftsman grade. It's almost like the set most of us would dream of getting once in our lives! Clark also donated the DC7 and DC8 models that are in the Museum. All of this is extremely meaningful and useful and we are sincerely indebted to Clark for his generosity.

Docents Needed

The Docent Program is in good shape, thanks to long-time member Al Smith who has been voluntarily in charge for several years. Over a period of time, however, the roster changes because some get involved in other things or have valid reasons for having to back off from taking part in the program. It gets to the point that a few people work many hours

Being A Docent is really a lot of fun. I have volunteered again because it **was** fun and it is an important part the overall Museum concept. One meets a lot of interesting people who drop by the Museum, many with very interesting stories and many with a lot more information about certain displays and artifacts than some of us have. This is not a reason for embarrassment for any Docent but actually a learning process and a lot of these people love to tell us about their past experiences which certainly adds to our knowledge

We have a great Docent Handbook that we can refer to as far as Museum background and displays are concerned so almost anyone can become familiar with what we have without much effort.

Please give some thought to becoming a Docent. On Saturdays

and Sundays there are usually quite a few members at the Museum, both male and female, either restoration people or others working in the Museum itself so there is a lot of camaraderie throughout the day. It's a great way to get involved.

If we get some volunteers we will conduct an informal Docent school on a couple of weekends, as we have done before, which will help them get over any hesitation or nervousness about not being completely informed.

Give it a try, it's a lot of fun!

County Makes Grant Available

Thanks to Supervisor Harry Ovitt, it looks as though we could be getting a grant of \$1,000 from San Luis Obispo County. They would like us come up with a children's interactive program at the Museum and this is presently under discussion. There are several plans under consideration and we would have to meet fairly stringent standards to be able to get the grant but this is all being worked on by the Board. It's a wonderful opportunity and could be a meaningful program.

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Estrella Wardbird Museum
Minutes of Board Meeting
June 18, 2003

The meeting opened at 6:04 p.m. by President Betty Miller.
Others Board members present were: Obbie Atkinson, Ron Brooks, Paul Clark, Gary Corippo, John Cromwell, Wally Engle, George Marrett, Rosemary Netto, Glen Thomson, Tom Weiss. Also Chuck Miller, City Liaison; Conrad Martin, Procurement Officer. Guest Members: RADM James Gleim, Advisory Board. Bruce Toomey, Editor; Fred Hahn; and Jackie Brooks.

First order of Business:

The City signed off the Library Stairs. Meeting adjourned outdoors for a Champagne Christening of them. Meeting resumed at 6:18 p.m.

Minutes:

Motion: Gary Corippo moved to accept the minutes as presented.
Second by: Obbie Atkinson. CARRIED

Treasurer Report was handed out and reviewed.

Motion: Wally Engle moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted.
Second by: Glen Thomson. CARRIED

Committee Reports

Library Stairs --**Chuck Miller** reported the Library stairs have been signed off by the City. Finishing the kitchen is next. Kitchen equipment is ready for pick up.
F-4 Yuma, Az. Trip-- Chuck Miller, Bob Miller and Al Schade spent 2 days getting the Plane ready for shipment. Chuck will complete final arrangements.

IAC Event --**Betty Miller** reported the three day lunch sales went well but were a learning process. IAC wants to use our facility for their Banquet again next year.
Safety --John Cromwell reported he met with Fire Inspector. Both Kitchen and Building were included. We were approved and will get our certificate. The need to keep fire extinguishers in their numerically designated place -- was stressed.

Old Business

Election of Board Members/ Appointed Officers--

Ballots were passed out to fill six (6) three year terms and the remaining one (1) year vacancy. The complete slate was elected.

President Betty Miller turned the EWM gavel over to President Paul Clark.

President, Paul Clark read the results of the election.

Obbie Atkinson-incumbent; Jackie Brooks; Fred Hahn; Conrad Martin; Glen Thomson-incumbent; Al Schade-incumbent and Paul Clark-incumbent.

President-Paul Clark,- 1st Vice-Wally Engle;- 2nd. Vice-Ed Chidlaw;- Treasurer-Rosemary Netto,- Jackie Brooks-Secretary

Motion: John Cromwell moved that we keep the outgoing President on the Board as an ex-officio member. Second by: Glen Thomson. Carried

President Paul presented our gift of appreciation to Betty Miller.

A large roll around toolbox, including tools. has been donated to the museum by new member, Clark Scott.

Fly-in & Rummage Sale Since we do not have a chairman, scheduled dates of September 6 & 7 were canceled. Item Tabled.

Other old business: Gary Corippo updated us on guns, planes and a possible engine for our new 60 ton tank

New Business:

Sock Hop Betty Miller has asked to put on a 50's-60's Sock Hop Dance as our fund raiser to be held in the Museum hanger The Golden Oaks Classic Car Club has an event scheduled for October 25th but no dance.

She also proposes that we charge an admission to the Dance and then sell foods of the 50's--hamburgers, fries, hot dogs, milk shakes-- for a separate price. Wine and beer would also be sold. A "DJ" will provide music. Decorations will not need to be elaborate. This will be open to our members and the public as well as the Car Club.

Motion: John Cromwell moved we use the Sock Hop as our big fund raiser this year.
Second: Gary Corippo. CARRIED.

President will call on Tom Weiss to address the need for more Docents, at the July Dinner meeting. Noting that a docent training session, open to anyone interested, will be Wednesday July 9. For more information phone Betty Miller;- 466-1212.

Rosemary Netto and Betty Miller were asked to leave the room.

Motion: Obbie Atkinson moved to award Rosemary Netto & Betty Miller a Star Membership. Second by: Glen Thomson. CARRIED.

We all welcomed our new Star Members, when they were called back in.

Jackie invited everyone to visit the Gift Shop. We have a New Gift Shop Sign plus several new items for sale. Including Signed Copies of George Marrett's book "Cheating Death".

Motion: Gary Corippo moved we adjourn. Second by: Fred Hahn. CARRIED.
Meeting closed at 8:38 p.m.

Submitted by,
Jackie Brooks, Secretary

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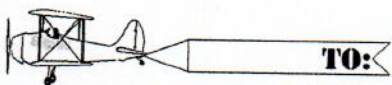
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