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Estrella Warbird Museum

Newsletter

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

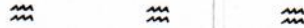
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August Meeting Vol. XIV - 08

The August Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 6, 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 Ham Dinner with scalloped potatoes and other good stuff so please plan to be there!



Our program for the evening will be provided by Col. James S. Stewart USAF (Ret) Col. Stewart at one time in his career was a Navigator on B-17s including one piloted by our own Dick Blomquist. This will be an interesting evening as Col. Stewart has served through three wars!

Please try to make this meeting! A short biography of Col Stewart is offered on page 2.

Really Good News!

At long last! our kitchen has been inspected and approved by the City of Paso Robles and we can now offer it to outside groups which will provide much need funds for the Museum. This final sign-off has taken forever, mostly because of our own bumbling and not getting things done in time or properly. We would like to say that the City inspectors, Doug Monn and Steve Perkins have been extremely patient. While they have been very strict as far as making us meet every requirement in the code they have also been most cooperative and helpful in guiding us to the point where we could finally be accepted. We sincerely appreciate their good services.

If you haven't stuck your head in the kitchen door you really should. We have new sinks, new steam tables, double convection ovens and all kinds of great stuff. The stoves were brought up from Vandenburg by John Himes and Ed Chidlaw. And

a whole raft of workers, Chuck Miller, Ron Brooks, Conrad Martin and others have been working their tails off to get the place ready for inspection.

Speaking of Kitchens

We have run into a slight but nevertheless real problem regarding food storage in the kitchen. It seems that some of our highly appreciated Saturday volunteer crews are leaving their sandwiches and other food items in the Museum refrigerators which poses a problem for our cooking crews as well as those renting our facilities. Many of our food items are purchased in advance and the kitchen crew needs all the room they can get in the refrigerators. There have been instances where Museum food was taken out of the reefers, maybe just temporarily, but then left out causing spoilage. There have also been instances where caterers and others renting our facilities were unable to store thier food when getting ready for a banquet or other program.

We would like to ask that the Saturday volunteers, and others, bring their own coolers for their lunches and not use the refrigerators. This goes for other days of the week as well because rental activity does not necessarily occur just on weekends. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Quiet Crew

Just a gentle reminder that our landscape areas look as good as they do thanks to John Kendall and Ron Thompson. These are the guys who just come out weekend after weekend and do their voluntary work without a lot of fanfare Thanks guys, you are much appreciated.

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Submissions for inclusion are not only welcomed but solicited, including articles, display and classified ads, etc. Please send all submissions to the Editor at P.O. Bopx 3065, Paso Robles, CA 93447 or FAX to 238-9515 or e-mail to bruce@toomey.com

Final folding, sealing and stamping of the newsletter as well as the cost of mailing, is being paid for as a donation from Pete Johnston and his helpful crew at
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F-4

The F-4 is here! If you haven't seen it take a quick trip to the rear of the Museum. It looks kind of scraggly now but just wait! It will be one gnarly machine when it's finished! This has really been a labor of love by a great crew over many months. We are indebted to all of them!



All Museum Members

All Board Members

Mark your calendar and be sure you put down our normal monthly dinner meetings are **ALWAYS** (unless we advise you otherwise) the **1st Wednesday** of the Month.

Board Meetings are **ALWAYS** the **3rd Wednesday** of the Month, and all are welcome to attend.

Save us a few bucks and time by not having to make a call to remind you.

A Brief Bio of Col. George S. Stewart, USAF (RET)

Born in Georgia Mountains, January 12, 1917. Grew up in Decatur, Georgia, graduated from high School, 1935. Accepted in Army Air Corps Cadet program 1942, came on active duty January 1943 and was assigned to navigation school.

Graduated September 1943. Assigned to B-17 crew, Alexandria, LA for transition crew training. Finished training and picked up B-17 to fly to the 2nd Bomb Group in Italy. Flew 50 Missions-many as Group Navigator. After war, accepted Reserve Commission and left Active Duty.

Recalled in 1950 for Korean War. Headed Navigation Training Section at B-29 Transition School at Randolph Air Base.

1952 transferred to 581st Air Wing in the Phillipines as Crew Navigator on C119. Flew Missions to French Foreign Legion in Indo Chin. Became Personnel Officer in MATS Headquarters followed by assignment in the Secretary of the Air Force office as Congressional Liaison Officer.. Personnel Officer in USAFE. Chief of Security in PACAF. Retired January 1977.

Awards and Decorations

1. Legion of Merit and one Oak Leaf Cluster.
 2. Distinguished Flying Cross
 3. Air Medal with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters
 4. 2 Presidential Unit Citations
 5. Air Force Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster
 6. Army Commendation Medal
- Various Battle Stars and Campaign Ribbons

Recent Addition to the Museum

Artifacts



A
Captain George C. Watkins, USN (Ret). Captain Watkins resides in Lompoc and sent a biography

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Program
George Marrett
466-7640

Dinners
John Himes
466-6680

Membership
Obbie Atkinson
238-9212
Co-chair Pam Morrison
239-2330

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462-8141

Grounds
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239-8029

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466-1212

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239-1598

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237-0222

Refreshments
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467-3521
Kathy Neitz
Bob Miller
434-1594

Activities
OPEN

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Wally Engle
227-0245

Site Maintenance
Glen Thomson
238-4858

that is so incredible that it should be transcribed in full. Unfortunately, there just isn't enough room in this newsletter so we can only hit a few highlights but we sincerely hope that he will come to see us and hopefully be a speaker some day.

Captain Watkins attended the San Diego Army/Navy Academy, The Citadel, and graduated from the US Naval Academy. He became a Main Battery Turret Officer on the USS Pennsylvania and after nine battles/invasions later was sent to Ottumwa, Iowa and Corpus Christi, Texas to earn his "Wings of Gold" in 1945. From then on he flew TBM's on the Ranger (CV-4) He flew all over the Pacific and in 1950 was sent to Test Pilot School at Patuxent River. In 1965 he set a World Altitude Record of 73,000 feet and a World Speed Record of 1210 mph in a Super Tiger.

This just goes on and on, At one time assigned to command the Blue Angels, then commissioned a new air group, then became an aide to Pres, Kennedy and Nixon and on and on with one fabulous assignment or responsibility after another. After retiring he became highly involved in glider aerobatics which is a whole other story.

We are most grateful for his donation of the pressure suit and we truly look forward to having him come to the Museum. PLEASE!!!

Another Of Our Little Mysteries

It has been brought to our attention that we have another case of some things being either misplaced or borrowed or whatever. After Christmas it was discovered that 20 of our china dinner plates were missing and that figure has now increased to 30. It is entirely possible that some of our visiting caterers or renters got them mixed up with their own tableware but we have contacted them and they assured us that that was not the case.

Could it be that one of our members borrowed them for a big reunion picnic or something of that nature and simply forgot to return them? In any event, give it some thought, troops, and let's see if we can locate these items.

Welcome Life Member, Col.

Robert S. Gay

by, Obbie Atkinson, Membership Chairman

Longtime EWM regular member, Bob Gay, recently upgraded his membership to Life Member. His donation and continued support are deeply appreciated by all. Bob, one of our many members who served in our military, was Executive Officer of the 34th Bomb Group serving with the 8th Air Force at Station 156 in Mendelsharm, England and in charge of the Base. We are indeed grateful for his service in World War II and his continued service to the community. If Bob is able to attend our forthcoming meeting he will be presented with the distinctive "Life" name badge and "Life" Certificate by President, Paul Clark.



Refer inquiries about "Life" membership or "Star" member to Chairman, Obbie Atkinson at 238-9212. Questions concerning "Regular" and other categories of membership should be directed to Membership Co-Chairperson Pat Morrison, 239-2330.

New Roster Available

Our hard-working Membership Co-Chairperson, Pam Morrison, who keeps the membership roster up-to-date, makes labels for the newsletter and delivers them to us, and who handles a myriad of other chores, has informed us that anyone wanting a roster of members should call her at 239-2330. She will bring them to the next dinner meeting where you can pick them up. In the past we occasionally incorporated the roster in the newsletter but it adds significantly to the postage cost and we always had the feeling that most people didn't really need or want a complete list.

If you can't call Pam or if you forget this timely message we plan to have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at Thomson Hall. We will even mail one to those signing up if there are not too many.

New Project in the Works

As we all know, our hangar, which has served as a meeting hall, banquet hall, dance hall, Museum and a few other things ever since it was erected, leaves something to be desired in several areas. It is a great hangar but between the bird and mouse doots, dust and dirt etc. it is not a great place for displaying our artifacts and memorabilia, some of which are very fragile and others valuable and worthy of better protection.

At the July Board Meeting, Betty Miller presented a plan for erecting a new facility which would be a true museum including an area which would be our Research Library. It would be a temperature controlled, insulated and animal proof building that would allow us to display many more artifacts that are now in storage, with more coming in each day, and also allow us to utilize the present building as an aircraft hangar alone. Betty presented a beautifully prepared brochure with pictures, diagrams and a fairly comprehensive outline of the proposed project that was well received. A suggested name for the building would be the Freedom Exhibit Hall of the Estrella Warbird Museum.

As presently conceived, the building would be a 4800 square foot rectangular edifice that would be built parallel to the present street or road that begins at the entrance of the property and continues (on paper, at least) in a straight line toward the rear making it accessible to traffic and providing for ample parking.

To achieve this long desired plan would cost money. We are estimating that we would need to raise at least \$125,000. with \$150,000. being more realistic to create a finished project. This is not beyond the realm of possibility. Our

Museum is a community project, serving a memorable purpose and is a worthy addition to the City's place in the history of the State. We will soon have a plan prepared with which we can go to the people, businesses and other possible donors in the area as well as those outside of the area who can see the value of what we are proposing.

At this point we are just asking our members to keep this in mind and to think about possible avenues of endeavour that would help us to raise this kind of money. Donations of any size would be welcome, even at this point, but we will soon begin with a comprehensive plan for approaching the public and others.

Think about this plan. It would be a giant step in making our present operation grow from a purely local entity to a state or even nationwide facility that would be recognized as a professional Museum.

Estrella Warbird Museum

Minutes of Board Meeting July 16, 2003

The meeting opened at 6:05pm by President Paul Clark
Other Board members present were. Obbie Atkinson, J.&R Brooks, E. Chidlaw, J. Cromwell, W. Engle, F. Hahn, D. Highland, B. Miller, R. Netto, A. Schade, G. Thomson, B. Webster, T. Weiss, City Liaison-Chuck Miller, Guests: B. Toomey, Editor, Clark Scoot and Jim Moody.

Minutes:

The Minutes were e-mailed and reviewed individually by Board

Members.

There was a Motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second. Carried.

Treasurer Report was handed out and reviewed.

Motion: Betty Miller moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Second by Al Schade. Carried.

President's Comments:

Our By-laws were sighted as to the correct way to get Board approval for circumstances needing prompt attention. It was agreed that the Executive Committee should meet and draft parameters. Their recommendations will be presented at the next Board Meeting.

Committee Reports

Chuck Miller reported the F-4 arrived July 9 and restoration has begun.

The new three part sink and the Commercial Dishwasher is being installed in the kitchen. Everything should be ready in a week or so.

Jackie Brooks reported the need for available cash for Gift Shop Ordering.

Motion: Ed Chidlaw moved the Gift Shop Manager has the authority to make any single order up to \$500.00 without approval of the Board. Not to exceed \$1,000.00 in multiple orders. Second by Fred Hahn. Carried

Betty Miller reported the Facility Rental went well. They were in and out in 9 hours.

A flyer will be going out to the P.R. Chamber of Commerce advising of our facility.

Discussion: The need of a better plan for Caterer admittance into the facility

Old Business

Vampire Airplane: Owner Jim Moody was present. The Vampire that is on display in the hangar, and the Vampire he previously offered to donate were discussed. An agreement satisfactory to all was reached.

Motion: Al Schade moved that the Board approve leaving the Vampire in the hangar, pending further Board action.

Providing insurance requirements are met. Second by: John Cromwell, Carried.

Betty Miller reported things are moving ahead well for our October 25 Sock Hop fund raiser. Each Board member received a flyer with complete information. Tickets have been given to the Car Club for presale. Flyers will be at the P.R. Chamber of Commerce and Atascadero at the Atascadero Factory Outlets.

Obbie Atkinson read the letter he sent to Anheuser-Busch regarding the C-47 sponsorship. Each Board member received a copy and discussion followed.

Other Old Business

Motion: Al Schade moved that at each meeting critiquing of one job description be done and presented to the Board. Second by Dave Highland. Carried. The members of the Committee are Tom Weiss and Rosemary Netto.

New Business

Betty Miller presented a proposal for a new Artifacts/Exhibit Hall and Research Library Building. Copies were given to Board Members. Explanation followed. We will be looking for approximately \$125,000 to \$150,000 from sponsors.

Motion: Al Schade moved that the Board

authorize Betty Miller to go ahead with the Building Draft and report at the next meeting. Second by Obbie Atkinson. Carried

Motion:


Fred Hahn moved to allow Al Schade to use the F-4 Cockpit for Labor Day. Second by: Tom Weiss. Carried.

Rosemary Netto offered to donate a 2 car portable garage for storage. Betty Miller will take a look at it.

Motion: to Adjourn: Glen Thomson
Second, Meeting closed at 8:27pm

Submitted by Jackie Brooks, Secretary

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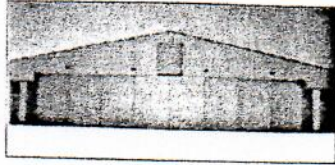
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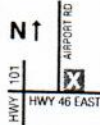
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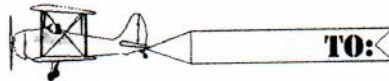
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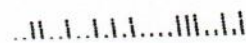
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