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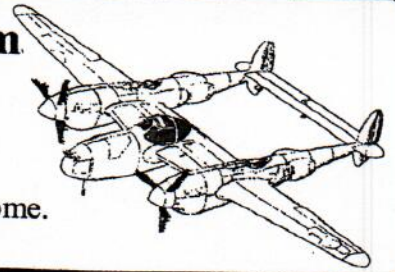
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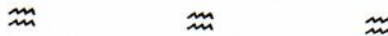
All the news that's fit to print and then some.
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September Meeting

The September Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2003 at Thomson Hall with Social Hour commencing at 6:00pm and Dinner at 7:00pm. Chef John has promised an Italian chicken dish, probably Chicken Primavera which sounds great.

Our program for the evening will be Navy Commander Doug Denny who is just back from flying F-18s in Iraq. He is the Squadron Commander of VFA-2 at Lemoore. This should be a real winner so try to be there!



Good Things Happening

On the 21st of August we were happily "invaded" by 40 Grizzly Cadets, our hard working friends from Camp San Luis. These young men and women have been instrumental in helping us with many of our projects as well as helping greatly at the Air Shows.

We had a mountain of projects ready for them, stuff that has needed attention for months. With the help and supervision of our regular group of volunteers many tasks were accomplished.

We would like to offer out sincere thanks to those who took on the responsibility of being Team Leaders supervising these tasks.

Chuck Miller and Forrest Johnson
Static display aircraft washing,

something that needs doing at least once a year. This is no small job.

Conrad Martin
Washing and polishing the F-104. It looks just like it came off the line!

Glen Thomson
Repairs on the front lawn watering system and tracing leaks. This is not exactly a fun job but well worth the effort.

John Kendall
General grounds maintenance and clean up. John is one of the "quiet ones" who just come out, do their job week after week, and give us a place of which we can be proud.

Ron Brooks
World War I Ambulance bright work polishing. This vehicle now looks great and it should be in a place where it can be appreciated more often.

Carol Weiss and Betty Miller
Museum clean-up. What more needs be said. These two have been responsible for turning a sow's ear into a silk purse. Having the Grizzly's to help for a change must have been most rewarding for them!

John Himes and Jim Iverson
Kitchen clean-up, scrubbing and polishing and noon meal preparation for the working crews

All of these jobs were completed because of the help of the Grizzly group. We have been informed that

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Please send all submissions to the Editor at P.O. Box 3065, Paso Robles, CA 93447 or FAX to 238-9516 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 great crew at Pete Johnston Chevrolet Cadillac

they have "adopted" the Museum as their Community Service project so we will see them again at the "Sock Hop" in October.

THANKS TO ALL!! MANY JOBS WELL DONE!

Publicity and PR Director Needed

We are informed that our good friend and member, Cathy Paine has agreed to continue to help with the above tasks, **as her time permits**, because she is extremely busy in other areas of DP Industries. We are, therefore, looking for someone to fill the job. It would be great if we could get someone with a journalistic or media background but don't let that stop you if you think you could help Please let Betty Miller 466-1212 or Bruce Toomey 238-9266 know if you would be willing to help.

Proffer of Gift Forms

As you know, when someone donates an item for the Museum we would like to have them fill out a Proffer of Gift Form for several reasons. Number one, it gives the person donating the gift an opportunity to obtain a tax write off, especially if the item has some significant value. Secondly, it enables us to know who donated the item and when, so we can, at least, give them our personal thanks for the donation and acknowledge the individual.

Please see to it that a form is filled out. We have been given a number of items and we don't have the faintest idea who brought them. We need a name, address and phone number for all donations.. Thanks!

Children's Interactive Exhibit

As has been mentioned before, we have received a nice grant from the County to establish a children's interactive exhibit, something they can play around on and have fun and something that will be educational as well. What we would like to do is utilize an aircraft fuselage and a couple of seats or even a whole airplane, if possible, as the basis for this project. We are asking, therefore, that you try to think of someone who might be able to donate a derelict fuselage, or more, for this project. Some of you must know some aircraft salvage people who could provide something like this and even get a tax break for doing so. We need this ASAP because the County has a time limit on the grant. Please call Betty Miller or Carol Weiss or Bruce Toomey if you have any information.

As a side comment regarding the above, we have been informed that an individual offered us a fuselage last year, one that was part of a beautiful little homebuilt biplane under construction. We were told that "someone belonging to the Museum" told the prospective donor, rather brusquely, that we weren't interested because it didn't have an engine! This

attitude is just what we DON'T need. We have enough image trouble with a number of people and this person was quite put off by the response he received and said something to the effect that we certainly didn't seem to care much about other people but only our own little projects. Let us be reminded, NO ONE speaks for the Museum other than the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors. Contact any Board member if a similar situation arises.

'Nuff said.

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Docents Needed

Here we are, back at our perennial plea for the most basic of our frequent volunteer requests.

The Docent program is absolutely vital to our growth, our image and the whole future of the Museum. The business of being a Docent is truly a lot of fun and that's a promise. You do NOT have to be an expert in ANY field regarding the Museum. We have a wonderful fact filled book you can refer to if you need it but most people just want to be welcomed and allowed to look around. Many who come by are old timers who know considerably more than most of us about certain areas of aviation history and they are fun to listen to and love to talk.

It's a fun job! On Saturdays you will be mingling with many members, all involved in working somewhere around the building or outside. You'll hear all the talk about what's going on and you will be well appreciated for what you are doing. You are supposed to be

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Docent Schedule for 3rd Quarter 2003

August

Sat 2 Smith
Smith
Sat 3 Smith

Sat 9 Miner
Weiss
Sun 10 Blomquist

Sat 16 C. Weiss
Campo
Sun 17 Passon

Sat 23 Corippo
Hermansen
Sun 24 Miner

Sat 30 **Open**
Blomquist
Sun 31 Corippo

Dick Blomquist 227-0362
Arniold Hernansen 467-3343
Larry Campo 238-7702
Tom Weiss 239-2637

September

Sat 6 Smith
Smith
Sun 7 Smith

Sat 13 **Open**
Corippo
Sun 14 Hermansen

Sat 20 Miner
Open
Sun 21 Passon

Sat 27 Blomquist
Campo
Sun 28 Corippo

Doug Miner 239-1054
Gary Corippo 238-2090
Al Smith 239-9433
Ray Passon 466-7234

October

Sat 4 C. Weiss
Hermansen
Sun 5 Miner

Sat 11 ~~Weiss~~ Netto
Blomquist
Sun 12 Campo

Sat 18 Corippo
Hermansen
Sun 19 Passon

Sat 25 Miner
Weiss
Sun 26 Blomquist

available for people coming in so no one expects you to be out working on some project in the hot sun or freezing cold.. That's not the job of the docents. That's for those whom I, as the writer of this rag, have always dubbed "The Few". The dedicated core of our volunteers who make it all happen. But being a docent is a vital, important job and everyone will acknowledge that fact

We are only open formally on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday there are two shifts, 10:00 to 1:00 and 1:00 to 4:00. You can work one or the other or both if you want to. Bring you wife or your husband, bring your laptop and do some honest work, bring your knitting or some other project, pay bills or whatever but just devote a little of your time. On Sunday we are open from 12:00 to 3:00.

In a five week month we only need 15 people for the entire month to man the docent station, which means that you work only ONE SHIFT a month.. In a four week month we only need 12 for ONE SHIFT a month. Guys and girls, it just isn't too much to ask, one three to four shift a month. Now with even more people you could work less that but PLEASE, think about signing up.

We realize than many people join the Museum for different reasons. Some just to come out and have dinner, socialize a bit and pay their dues. THAT IS NO SMALL THING AND THE MUSEUM COULDN'T EXIST WITHOUT YOU! Others do more. Some jump in with both feet and make the place work. EVERYBODY IS OF VALUE AND EVERYBODY IS WELCOME.

We sincerely believe, however, that many of you could help more if you would just give it a chance and being a docent is a great way to start.


We're going to start putting the docent schedule in the newsletter again as we used to do. And we are going to post a big sheet in the meeting hall again so that you can see just what positions we need to fill and where and, hopefully, write your name in an empty slot. You can see how many people take on more than one shift to help out. If we just had a few more there would be no need to have more than one shift

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a month for each individual. If every member took a shift they would only have to do it once year!!

Some docents work all year, and around this time we have problems filling spaces because of vacations. You will be able to see that there are those who work multiple shifts every month and even more during the vacation time. During the course of discussions it was brought up that Board members would be asked to perform as docents as needed. Typically, the first one to sign up was

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Brian Webster. Thanks Brian. This is the kind of instantaneous response that means so much when we are in a jam.

Please think about volunteering for this most important and valuable job. You will be making a great contribution without a whole lot of effort!!

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Estrella Warbird Museum
Minutes of the Board Meeting

August 20, 2003

The meeting was opened at 6:08 pm by President Paul Clark. Other members in attendance were; Obbie Atkinson, Jackie Brooks, Ron Brooks, Gary Corippo, Fred Hahn, Conrad Martin, Betty Miller, Rosemary Netto, Al Schade, Brian Webster, Tom Weiss. Chuck Miller, City Liaison, Bruce Toomey Editor.

Minutes:

The minutes of July 16 were e-mailed ahead of time. **MOTION:** Conrad Martin moved to accept the July 16 minutes received on e-mail. Second by Al Schade. **CARRIED**
 Minutes of August 6th Special Meeting were read by Jackie Brooks. **MOTION:** Conrad Martin moved to accept the August 6th minutes. Second by Betty Miller, **CARRIED**

MOTION: Conrad Martin moved to accept the minutes received by e-mail for the special board meeting of August 13. Second by Al Schade, **CARRIED**

Treasurer's Report was handed out and reviewed. **MOTION** Gary Corippo moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Second by Conrad Martin, **CARRIED.**

MOTION: Betty Miller moved to pay the bill for \$523.00 for 1,000 promotional Wings Badges. Second by Al Schade. **CARRIED**

Committee Reports

Facility - Betty Miller reported that the Quota Club of Paso Robles is interested in using our facility for their fund raiser. We will tend the bar. **MOTION:** Gary Corippo moved to charge them \$500.00 for use of the facility including the kitchen for prep work only.. Second by Brian Webster. **CARRIED.**

The Flying Samaritans also requested to rent the facility. Discussion: regarding what prices to charge for

non-profit groups. **MOTION:** Conrad Martin moved that we follow the recommendations of Betty Miller, out Facility Director. Second by Obbie Atkinson. Motion **FAILED**.
By general consent, we will stay with our rental guide lines and bring any special situations to the Board for final decision.

Docent shortage was discussed by Tom Weiss. Discussion followed.

MOTION: Conrad Martin moved we pursue the Junior Docent program and tie it in with the Venture Scouts. Second by Betty Miller **CARRIED**. Tom Weiss agreed to bring the suggestions that have been presented by the Board to our Head Docent, Al Smith.

Additional Committee Report: Job Descriptions were tabled Four (4) will be covered at the next meeting.

Old Business

Wayne King Hangar removal. Chuck Miller reported that the removal date will be after September 1st. Removal techniques were discussed.

Copies of the DRAFT agreement with King and Burnell were given to the Board.

Gary Corippo recommended we add an item (#5) to include "We will not be responsible for any hazardous materials," Brian Webster suggested we use the wording "other than any loss arising out of the negligence of the "Donors" be added.

Chuck Miller has a copy of the new Airport Master Plan which we reviewed. This brought discussion regarding placement of the new storage buildings. **MOTION:** Conrad Martin moved: A committee to include Betty Miller, Chairman, Chuck Miller, Glen Thomson, Gary Corippo and Conrad Martin be formed to study and bring proposals regarding new buildings. Second by Tom Weiss, **CARRIED**.

Betty Miller reviewed the list of duties for the 40 Grizzly Cadets who will be here to work on Thursday the 21st.

Board members are needed to oversee the work.

Brian Webster reported that he has the statement regarding the Vampire we requested from Jim Moody. Also, the Vampire is covered for "Ground Only" insurance.

Sock Hop update. Betty Miller reported that on September 1st we will have tickets for sale at Paso Robles and Atascadero Chamber of Commerce offices for our Fund Raiser, October 25th at the Museum.

Executive Committee Guidelines tabled. We will be supplying static aircraft displays for Airport Day, September 13.

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New Business

Collins Foundation discussed. Wally Engle appointed as Activity Chairman to be in charge and do research for sponsors He will bring information back to the Board.

Al Schade has a buyer for the tip tanks from the Navion for \$400.00 **MOTION.** Gary Corippo moved to give approval to sell the unusable tip tanks from the Navion for \$400.00 Second by Betty Miller. **CARRIED**

Submitted by Jackie Brooks,
Secretary.

New Items In Gift Shop

Jackie Brooks, who is in charge of Gift Shop sales, along with a couple of dozen other chores, has let it be known that there are a number of new and interesting items at the Gift Shop.

#1 New tote bags/Royal Blue with Logo similar to those on the polo shirts. (\$15.00)

#2 New EWM earrings made from our lapel pins. These are for pierced ears and really are eye catchers. \$10.00 per pair.

#3 EWM Hats - Back in stock at \$18.00!!

Take a look troops. They make nice gifts!

Classified Ads

For Sale

One A-2 Leather flying jacket, size XL Long, (46/48) regulation brown goatskin, brand new, never worn other than to try on for size. Manufactured by Cooper Leather Division of Neil Cooper LLC in New Jersey, one of the original government contractors in the 1940's. I paid through the nose for this item (\$324.00) wanting to get a true replica from an actual old Mil-Spec. manufacturer of A-2's. Weight loss, almost at the time of purchase, from diabetes and stroke makes it look like a Shar-Pei dog skin on me at this point. Beautiful jacket for the right guy. Asking as close to \$300.00 as I can get but if I can't get that I will auction it off at the Sock Hop in October! **What ever happens, the money will go to the Museum for a Lightning Flight membership.** Can be seen at Thomson Hall at next dinner. Call B. Toomey at 238-9266



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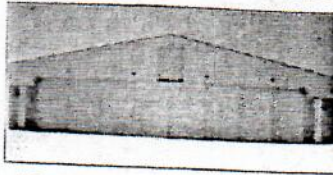
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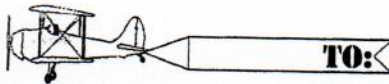
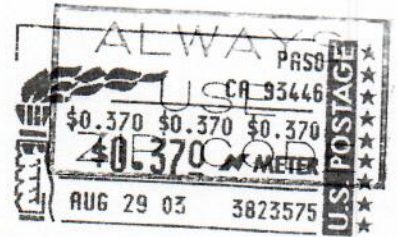


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