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Estrella Warbird Museum, Inc.

Estrella Warbird Museum Newsletter



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

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January Meeting

The January Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 7, 2004 at Thomson Hall with Social Hour commencing at 6:00pm and Dinner at 7:00pm.

Chef John Himes and crew will offer us a Ham Dinner with all the trimmings for the New Year. We are one lucky bunch to have these guys put out so much effort for us month after month and they all deserve a lot more credit than they get!

Our speaker for the evening will be KPRL News Director and "Sound Off" Host, Joe Benson. Joe hails from Wilmington, Delaware and is a fan of the Philadelphia Phillies baseball team. That puts him high up on your Editor's list as an old Pennsylvania resident. Joe is also a fan of the University of Delaware football team. He has been a good friend of the Museum for many years and has just become a full member. On "Sound Off" he has regularly scheduled George Marrett and others brought by George for interesting interviews which have certainly been favorable for the Museum. We are delighted that he will be available to speak with us.

Awards Dinner

The January Meeting will also be the time when we announce the Award recipients for the year. Actually we

will be doing this for the two years, 2002 and 2003. We got a little messed up last year and no awards were made. This will be rectified at this meeting so plan to be there!!

Earthquake Damage

We are delighted to report that there was virtually no damage done to the Museum or Thomson Hall by the recent string of quakes. Unfortunately, others of our group have had damage ranging from minor to some pretty serious problems. We are extremely fortunate that all the work that has been accomplished at the Museum by so many over the years has come through unscathed.

As we all know, the situation in the downtown area is a very different story. Just walking around, wherever one is allowed, is a very sobering experience.

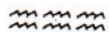
Most of us are pretty well acquainted with many who are local business owners and an incredible number of these friends have been absolutely devastated by the damage. We would like to suggest that the members make a special effort to support those businesses that are still open especially since many of them have been very supportive of the Museum and we offer our most sincere condolences to those others who have been so badly damaged. When they reopen we will be back to support them as well.

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Our good friends in Atascadero have also suffered. The city offices have had to be moved to a temporary location as have many other civic groups. We offer them our condolences as well and will help our neighbors to the south wherever we can

Some Nifty New Additions

We have been informed that we have two brand new appliances in our kitchen. a freezer and a refrigerator! These are welcome additions since our old ones were very inefficient and ran almost constantly at a considerable cost in electricity.

These two items were made available to us due to the kindness of Dorothy McBain and Ed Chidlaw. We still had some funds left over from Dorothy's generous gift for the dishwasher and other items and a most generous gift from Ed Chidlaw made the acquisitions possible. This should be a great boon for our kitchen staff because they have been struggling with inferior equipment for years. Ed has not only donated funds but is busily working on new counters in the kitchen which we badly need. As you may remember Ed also donated and erected all the shelving in our storage area several years ago which made an efficient area out of a pit! Talented guy this Chidlaw!!

A Helping Hand Needed

As you may remember, a year or so ago, George had as a guest speaker United Airlines Captain, Al Haynes who was the pilot of the DC-10 that crash-landed in Sioux City, Iowa. This was one unforgettable meeting as we heard how Captain Haynes and crew were able to save the lives of 185 of the 292 people aboard.

George passed on an article to me and asked that I put it in the newsletter which I am happy to do.

A Hero Seeks Help To Save His Daughter.

12-29-2003 Associated Press

Seatac, Wash. More than a decade ago, Capt. Al Haynes was credited with saving the 185 lives when he crash landed a crippled DC-10 In Iowa.

Now he's trying to save the life of his own daughter.

Laurie Haynes Arguello, 39, needs a bone marrow transplant because she suffers from aplastic anemia, a condition in which her bone marrow cannot produce enough white or red blood cells.

Although a donor has been found, Arguello, the mother of a 9 year old son needs to raise \$156,000 not covered by her insurance for the transplant, plus another \$100,000 for follow-up care.

In the two weeks since Arguello, her father and 25 friends began to raise the needed money, they have collected more than \$30,000 - much of it from the Airline Pilots Assn. and the Assn. of Flight Attendants.

"My wife died in 1999, my oldest son was killed in a motorcycle accident (in 1997) and now this is coming up with my daughter," Haynes said. "So we're having our share of bad luck, But we learned a long time ago that it doesn't do you any good to cry about it. You just do what you can and deal with what you have."

His daughter was diagnosed with the rare bone marrow disorder in December 2001. Chemotherapy reduced her symptoms for a period but did not cure her, leaving a transplant as her only option.

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Haynes was the pilot of United Airlines Flight 232 when one of its engines exploded, July 19, 1989, severing hydraulic lines that controlled the aircraft's flight. The crew used the throttles on the two remaining engines to make a crash landing in Sioux City. 185 of the 292 people aboard survived.

To make a donation, go to [www.friendsforlauri.com](http://www.friendsforlauri.com) or write to the The National Foundation for Transplants on behalf of Laurie Arguello, P.O. Box 7781 Covington, WA 98042 or call 800 489-3863

Many thanks.

### Clean Up at Glen's!

As is typical with any new group, "stuff" accumulates. Our "stuff" started accumulating in 1989 when we were scrounging for almost anything we could get to build or furnish a place of our own. Much of this was stored in a nice big dry building/hangar on Glen Thomson's property where it remained until mid December, 2003!!

After 14 years Glen decided he might just have a need for some of that space for himself, for a variety of reasons, so a crew was assembled and descended on the Pistachio Ranch and proceeded to haul off an unbelievable amount of picked over stuff, much with little or no value and other things that we may still use. Glen is to be congratulated for his patience and thanked for allowing all this stuff to remain there for so long!

### Now, For The Really BIG Clean-up!!

As stated in the December newsletter, on January 10, 2004 we

will have a massive clean-up at the Museum. This is a continuing effort to comply with the request of the City Council to shape the place up. This will be a lot of fun and a chance to really do something positive. Fred Hahn will be in charge and we are asking that as many people as possible show up to help with this. There will be a free lunch for the workers until the food runs out.

### In Addition!!

Fred has announced that we will also conduct a **RUNWAY SALE**. Sort of like a Flea Market. In other words we will have all kinds of stuff for sale!! This will help us eliminate more things that we don't need and will also be a chance to pick up some useful items. There is a LOT of stuff out there and some of it has some real value for the right guy! It will help the Museum greatly if we can sell some of these things and raise some money. **EVERYTHING THAT ISN'T SOLD WILL BE HAULED TO THE DUMP!!**

So, come on out, help clean up, buy stuff, eat with friends and have a swinging time. We'll also offer a free lunch to significant buyers. Over \$5.00 and you can eat free!! (This, again, is until the food runs out)

We will open at 9:00am. Rain or shine. Be there!! It'll be FUN!!

### UPS/FedEx Deliveries

Evidently someone used the Museum address for an order to be shipped by UPS. A delivery was made but there was no one there to receive the package. Obviously the Museum is only open when Docents are on duty and during the



time others are working on projects.

There is no real problem but it is suggested that if you order something, even for the Museum, that you have it delivered to your own home. It saves the delivery companies time and avoids the possibility of loss which can occur when packages get shunted around when not delivered.

### Caterers To Open Airport Restaurant Soon.

Matthew Riley and Pat Madden Crawford, operating as Riley Crawford Caterers, the group that has been renting our facilities for the past few months, as needed, will soon be opening their restaurant at the Paso Robles Air Terminal. This will be a boon to local workers in the airport industrial area and to those of us who used to hang out for hours at "Amelia's" in the old Building, eating great sandwiches and watching air activities.

At this point it is planned that the restaurant will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, with the dinners to be pretty much gourmet offerings. We are pleased that we have been able to help them while they have been waiting for equipment to be delivered and we trust that most of us will support them when they open.

The Paso Robles Airport has long needed a restaurant facility and this will be a most welcome addition. It will bring some life to the Terminal Building and should act as a magnet for those pilots around the state who are always flying around in search of the "Perfect Hamburger"!

### Two Members Hospitalized

We were distressed to hear that two of our members, Paul Sacks and Clark Scott, were recently admitted to Twin Cities Hospital, both with heart attacks. We are more than happy to report that both have been released and are resting at home. Paul is one of our hard working restoration group and Clark does everything from being a Docent to taking on almost any task asked of him. We wish both of them a speedy and complete recovery. Paul can be reached at 4520 Rosita Ave, Atascadero, 93422 and Clark at 283 Heather Ct. #5, Templeton, 93465.

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# Estrella Wardbird Museum

## Minutes of Board Meeting

Wednesday -- December 17, 2003

The meeting opened at 5:05p.m. by President Paul Clark. Others Directors present were: J. Brooks, R. Brooks, Ed Chidlaw, Gary Corippo, Fred Hahn, Dave Highland, Conrad Martin, B. Miller, C. Miller, Rosemary Netto, Al Schade, Glen Thomson, Tom Weiss and Newsletter Editor -- Bruce Toomey.

### Minutes:

**MOTION:** Conrad Martin moved to accept the November 19 minutes as received on e-mail. Second by Chuck Miller. CARRIED.

**Treasurer Report** was handed out and reviewed.

**MOTION:** Conrad Martin moved to accept the Treasures report. Second by: Al Schade. CARRIED.

### Committee Reports

Facility Betty Miller -- #1) addressed the problem of groups not being able to afford Liability Insurance to rent our facility.. Discussion followed.

#2) Riley Crawford Caters will be renting the kitchen this weekend Dec 19-21.

We need to stay clear of the area when it is rented.

Fred Hahn reported the clean up party went well. Glen's hanger & barn are completed. The restoration building has been worked on. A crew will work again Sat. Dec 20.

Gary Corippo reported the P. R. Children's Museum may be interested in the Fire Truck we want to dispose of. **MOTION:** Al Schade moved we approve donating the Fire Truck to The Paso Robles Children's Museum, if they will accept it. Second by: Betty Miller. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** Ed Chidlaw moved we give permission to Gary Corippo to pursue putting the yellow 1941 Ford Fire Truck on eBay for sale. Second by: Fred Hahn. CARRIED

### Old Business

Fred Hahn reported we are competing with 60 Cessna 340 for sale. Ranging from \$150,00-\$300,000.

Property Lease with City: Chuck Miller has met with and gave an overview of our plans to the City. They were very receptive.

Hanger Signage: Glen Thomson has been in touch with Mary Kalvans and particulars are being finalized.

**MOTION:** Conrad Martin moved to accept the cement job that has been poured in front of the Restoration Building. Second by: Chuck Miller. CARRIED.

The Board extended a big **Thank You** to Glen Thomson for advancing us the funds for the cement job, until the 340 plane is sold. CARRIED.

Gary Corippo reported Union Asphalt donated 11 yards of concrete. A letter will be sent thanking them for their donation.

Paul Clark confirmed that we are including the name of Frank Milkowski, a friend of Lance Petersen, in the current block of name Plaques to be installed in concrete.

MOTION: Ed Chidlaw moved to appoint Judy Corippo as Sunshine Chairman. Second by: Glen Thomson. CARRIED.

President Paul read a letter from Jackie Brooks resigning from the Decorating Committee. Resignation accepted.

We will have representation at the San Miguel Parade on Saturday, December 20. Gary Corippo is in charge of organizing.

Discussion— regarding the M-60 tank engine. It was decided to contact Camp Roberts and return the tank engine in order to maintain our status for Army surplus.

### **New Business**

Public Information Officer was discussed.

Photo Album Coordinator was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jackie Brooks, Secretary.

1/1/2004

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## EWM Docent Schedule --- 2004

**Saturday shift: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
**Afternoon-1 p.m. -4 p.m.**

**Sunday Shift 12 noon - 3 p.m.**

### January

Sat 10 Hermansen  
Miner

Sun 11 Brooks/Holzer

Sat 17 Toomey  
Webster

Sun 18 Passon

Sat 24 Weiss  
Bloomquist

Sun 25 Smith

Sat 31 Campo  
Corippo

### February

Sun 01 ??

Sat 07 Hermansen  
Miner

Sun 08 Brooks/Holzer

Sat 14 Smith  
Weiss

Sun 15 Passon

Sat 21 Hermansen  
Bloomquist

Sun 22 Corippo

Sat 28 Campo  
??

Sun 29 Toomey

### March

Sat 06 Webster  
Weiss (1-4)

Sun 07 Smith (12 p.m. -3 p.m.)

Sat 13 Bloomquist (10-1)  
Hermansen (1-4)

Sun 14 Brooks/Holzer

Sat 20 Campo (10-1)  
?? (1-4)

Sun 21 Passon (12 p.m.-3 p.m.)

Sat 27 Smith (10-1)  
Miner (1-4)

Sun 28 Corippo (12 p.m. - 3 p.m.)

( Prepared by Al Smith--typed & mailed by: J. Brooks)

Docent shifts are rotated in the order as follows\*\*.

1. Dick Bloomquist - 227-0362,  
 2. Larry Campo - 238-7702, 3. Gary Corippo - 238-2090, 4. Arnold Hermansen - 467-3343,  
 5. Doug Miner - 239-1054, 6. Al Smith - 239-9433, 7. Brian Webster - 237-0222.  
 8. Tom/Carol Weiss - 239-2637 (9) \*\* Ray Passon - 466-7234, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each Month.  
 (10)\*\* Jackie Brooks 462-8141/Norma Holzer - 461-5186, serve as a team, Sundays only.

NOTE: Docents are urged to exchange shifts when scheduled assignments interfere with a personal commitment. When a swap can't be arranged, call Bruce Toomey -(238-9266) first.. Second phone Al Smith 239-9433. OR Jackie Brooks for substitutes. Thank You. JB

If on a Saturday, it appears no Docent is on duty--, please Check The Schedule, look up the number and PHONE that person.

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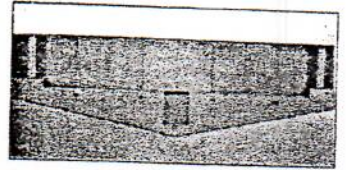
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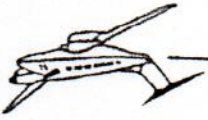


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