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Newsletter



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

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February Meeting

The February Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2004 at Thomson Hall with Social Hour commencing at 6:00pm and Dinner at 7:00pm.

This will be our Valentine's Dinner with the usual great decorations provided by the Decorating Committee. A lot of work goes into this so take a look and let them know how much they are appreciated.

Chef John Himes and crew will provide us with a delicious Lasagna dinner We have had it before and it was great.

As for our speaker for the evening, we will be honored to have the Honorable William P. Clark as our guest. Judge Clark, father of our President, Paul Clark, needs little introduction. He is counsel to the law firm, Clark, Cali and Negranti. He earlier served as United States Secretary of Interior, National Security Advisor to President Reagan, Deputy Secretary of State, Justice of the California Supreme Court, Justice of the California Court of Appeal, Judge of the Superior Court and Chief of Staff to Governor Reagan.

Following completion of eighteen years in full-time public service, Judge Clark was appointed by

President Reagan to serve as Chairman of the Task Group on Nuclear Weapons Program Management, as Presidential Emissary to the Chairmen of the Navajo and Hopi Indian Tribes, as a member of the Commission on Defense Management (Packard Commission), as a member of the Defense Department's Commission on Integrated Long-Term Strategy and as Trustee of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Library. Judge Clark is a Director on several national and international corporate boards.

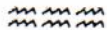
Judge Clark attended Stanford University, served in the United State Army Counter Intelligence Corps and later, attended Loyola Law School., Los Angeles. He was admitted to the California and Federal Bars in 1958. A fourth generation Californian, pilot, lawyer, rancher and Roman Catholic, the Judge is married to the former Joan M. Brauner. They have five children - Monica, Peter, Nina, Colin and Paul. He is a member of Rancheros Visitadores and Bohemian Club.

This will be a wonderful evening and we are expecting a large crowd.
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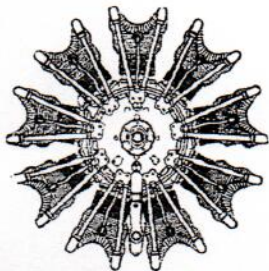
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Newsletter

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Awards Announced at
January Meeting

At our last meeting the annual Awards were given out for the two years 2002 and 2003. Those given special recognition were as follows:

Extra Mile

John Dolan 2002
John Himes 2003

Director's Choice

Chuck Miller 2002
Fred Hahn 2003

Top Gun

Gary Corippo 2002
Al Schade 2003

Grunt of the Year

Forrest Johnson 2002
Jim Moody 2003

Member of the Year

Ron and Jackie Brooks 2002
Glen Thomson 2003

While we regret that we unable to present the 2002 Awards during that year this does not detract in any way from the debt of gratitude owed to all chosen as well as to those named for 2003. These individuals are the backbone of the volunteer group. They are the ones who show up on call and on their own. These are the ones who are responsible for every improvement you see at the Museum. There have been many and there will be many more. We are happy that we can acknowledge our grateful thanks in a way that can be seen by all.

Great News

By Obbie Atkinson
Membership Chairman

We are pleased to announce that "Life" Member, Jim Pickens, has been

named by the Board as our new Public Information Officer.

Jim will be replacing Cathy Paine who has been carrying the load as PIO even though she found it necessary to resign some time ago from the Board because of the press of other business, but who **STILL** kept the job of PIO to help us out until we could find someone else, and who did a wonderful job while doing so.

Jim needs no introduction to older members. They remember his active gift of time, talent and resources before moving out of the area a few years ago.

Jim is back and now working out of San Luis Obispo as Operations Specialist for Le Bas International, Le Bas is an aircraft charter broker, providing world-wide flight services for private clients, American Express Private Jet Program (AMEX-PJB), airline flight crew movements, AOG and Cargo.

Jim is well experienced as a PIO having worked with local and area media in the past as Principal for Professional Flight Services, San Diego and Director and Public Information Manager of the Transportation Systems for the SLO County Air Pollution Control District and Manager of Transportation Programs for Ventura County Air Pollution District.

Jim holds Commercial Pilot and Flight Instructor Ratings, is a Navy veteran and served 1976-1977 at NAS Guantanamo Bay, Cuba as aircraft crash crew and served 1977-1979 on the USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67) as Flight Deck Director.

Committee Chairpersons

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466-6680

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238-9212

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Jim will be developing programs to assure Museum growth through additional membership and planning events to grow our financial position and develop public awareness as to who we are and our programs designed to serve our history, community and our Country.

Share with Jim your ideas and support for Museum growth. Contact him at 783-2334 or e-mail [jpickens57@yahoo.com](mailto:jpickens57@yahoo.com).

## Our Thanks to Cathy Paine

As mentioned above, Cathy Paine has had to curtail her involvement in the Museum to take on more responsibility with D.P. Industries, the Hangar Door Specialist business run by her husband David and herself.

This is a real loss to the Museum because Cathy is one of those dynamos who are much in demand in every organization. Everything she has done from being on the Board to taking on extra jobs like the PIO office have reflected her incredibly dynamic efforts with the usual superb results.

Not only in time and effort but along with husband, David, they have been very generous contributors to the Museum monetarily and other ways as well.

We will miss her vivacious energy on a day to day basis but we certainly hope she will continue to offer suggestions and ideas which have already proven to be of such great help to our whole endeavor..

## A Very Special Award

Those of you who attended the January Meeting are aware of the fact that one of our members was presented with a special award. This is called the "Above and Beyond" award and it was the Board's pleasure to present this to Elizabeth Renton Miler.

Above and Beyond clearly states just the kind of attitude and spirit that Betty Miller projects every minute of the day that she is at the Museum, which, with Kid's and Adult Tours, Museum organization and about 20 other projects means just about every day of the week.

The award reads as follows:

Estrella Warbird Museum  
"Above and Beyond"  
Elizabeth Renton Miller

Whose Dedication, Capability,  
Strength, Courage and Spirit  
are reflected in the quality  
and success that is  
the Estrella Warbird Museum  
today.

There is no facet of the  
organization that has been left  
untouched

by your years of effort, your  
hard work, your positive attitude  
and your leadership.

This testament is presented with  
the deepest gratitude and respect of  
the Board of Directors and the  
entire Membership of the Estrella  
Warbird Museum.

'Nuff said.

## Buy-A-Block

That's what it says, kids! Buy a block. Glen Thomson has already



fronted the entire amount of the new concrete poured in front of the Restoration Building and while there are a number who have pledged the \$100 bucks necessary for a portion of a block we still need more.

This is a great little program. Go out and look at all the names that are embedded in the concrete in front (back?) of the Museum. The names are cast in ceramic material that will outlast most of us. (Leaving generations to follow wondering, "Who the heck were all these strange people whose names are carved in stone?"

Have your own name placed there permanently. Memorialize an old friend, relative or whatever and help out the Museum finances at the same time. Send a check for \$100 made out to the Museum to Rosemary Netto, Treasurer, Estrella Warbird Museum, 4150 Dry Creek Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446. Write out the name you want on the plaque and Gary Corippo will have it cast at a place in the Valley that handles stuff like this.. It's fun, and we need the money THANKS!!

### Gift Shop News

We are informed by Jackie Brooks that we now have a nice stock, in many different sizes, of new blue windbreaker jackets with the EWM logo silk screened on the back. While we still have the sweatshirts and others, these new items are priced at only \$35.00 and would be great for personal use or as a gift.

Most of you will remember the little US Flag pins that one of the Oak Park boys had for sale a few months ago. They had battery

powered tiny lights and were quite flashy and a lot of fun and went for \$5.00.

At the Gift Shop we now have a good supply of these but these are an improved model with more lights They make nifty gifts and kids especially think they are cool. They are available for only \$2.50 and we also have a source for batteries for these as well as the ones sold by the Oak Park kids! Check these out. Your grandkids will think you're a cool dude if you give them a couple and the Museum will be grateful.

Also, don't forget that there is a beautiful brand new authentic



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original government contractors for this item. Neil Cooper, son of the founder is still in business and still making jackets from the old patterns Proceeds from the sale of this donated jacket will go directly to the Museum and we will be happy to set up an EZ payment program for anyone interested!!

### Adopt-A-Poll

You no doubt, have seen references to the above in the minutes and have heard of the program from Jackie Brooks.



The story is that we were approached as a group who might be able to provide poll watchers for the coming elections on March 2, 2004. This is not only a nice civic thing to do but the Museum stands to make \$575.00 for supplying Watchers at the Polls! We already have a number of volunteers but we still need about 6 more for a full complement at one of the Polls. You will receive instructions at a simple two or three hour class and will be expected to fill a three hour shift.

Not a heck of a lot of work and it sounds like fun because you will be working with other members. Betty Miller and Jackie Brooks are taking the full day shifts and will be there for advice after taking a more comprehensive course of instruction.

Call Jackie Brooks (462-8141) to volunteer. Be civic minded and make a few bucks for the Museum as well!!

### Advertisers

We need more. Truly folks, our advertisers are a real help to the Museum. At \$60.00 for a year you get a card sized ad in the newsletter and in so doing contribute mightily in paying for the newsletter itself. It costs us to have it printed, about the same as one advertisement, and we then take it to Pete Johnston's whose office staff collates all of them, folds them, seals them and places the labels on them and then Pete Johnston foots the bill for all the stamps and stamping. A whole lot more than just one ad's worth!

For the first 14 years I wrote the letter, Joan and I did all the folding etc. and son, Stuart, from Toomey Racing USA, provided the copy machine and paper and usually paid

for the stamps. It figured out to be worth around something like \$14,000 out of Stuart's pocket for all those years so we finally had to face the music and let him off the hook and have the Museum pick up their own tab. Joan's post polio arms and my patience finally gave out at about the same time and Pete Johnston volunteered to offer his staff's services.

Anyhow, you can see what a help our advertisers are, especially Pete, so we are asking for some others to help take up the slack. If you have a business, great, but you can also just have a "compliments of" ad with your own name or names and accomplish the same thing.

Please give it some thought and help if you can.

### Looking For Old Buddies

A local friend of the Museum dropped by the other day and asked if we might put a little notice in the newsletter for a friend of his. The friend is an older gentlemen.(ring a

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bell??) looking for old service buddies. He is, Paul Patten 855 Easton Drive, Felton. Phone (831) 335-7930. He was a 1st Lt., B-17 Pilot with 388BGp, 45th Wg., 3rd Div., 8th AF. He is looking for anyone with information about former members of this group. Some of the lettering might be a bit off because I just copied them from a handwritten note but the essentials are there, I think!

### Airport Restaurant To Open Saturday!!

Good News for all of us old airport bums and hangar rats! **Matthews At The Airport** will be open Saturday, January 31!! They are having limited service as we write this, (Tuesday) but according to

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reliable sources they will be fully open on the 31st.

This is great news. All of us who were around a few years ago fondly remember Amelia's, run by Marguerite Nunn, at the old Terminal Building. Marguerite made great sandwiches, wonderful salsa and other goodies and it was always fun to sit either in or outside and watch what was going on.

As you know, the people who operate Matthews used our facility for several months recently for their catering business while they were waiting for equipment for the new endeavor.

As of now, they plan to be open Monday through Saturdays for breakfast and lunch from 6:30 to 3:00, Dinners on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 4:30 to 7 and a Sunday Brunch from 9:30 to 3:00.

We wish them all kinds of success. A restaurant at the airport is something that many of us longed

for and we should get out there and support them as often as we can. See ya for Sunday Brunch!!

### Docent Schedule for February

|             |      |               |
|-------------|------|---------------|
| Sunday 01   | 12-3 | Toomey        |
| Saturday 07 | 10-1 | Hermansen     |
|             | 1-4  | Miner         |
| Sunday 08   | 12-3 | Brooks/Holzer |
| Saturday 14 | 10-1 | Smith         |
|             | 1-4  | Weiss         |
| Sunday 15   | 12-3 | Passon        |
| Saturday 21 | 10-1 | Hermansen     |
|             | 1-4  | Blomquist     |
| Sunday 22   | 12-3 | Corippo       |
| Saturday 28 | 10-1 | Campo         |
|             | 1-4  | Smith         |
| Sunday 29   | 12-3 | Smith         |

If there are conflicts or you are

unable to make your scheduled time, please contact Al Smith 239-9433 or Bruce Toomey 238-9266.

### Clean-Up Highly Successful!

January 10 was a red letter day for the Museum. Over 45 people showed up for our touted Clean-Up day and a mountain of "stuff" was either tossed out, sent to a recycler or organized for future sorting and possibly more tossing. We still have a way to go but we really made a large dent in our piles of miscellaneous junk. Many of the airplane parts were sorted and placed by their respective hulls for future use and decisions were made about other items that will result in a much cleaner looking plot.

We wish to thank those who showed as this was a really successful turnout by a large number of people. Our sincere thanks to all in attendance!!

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!

### **Estrella Wardbird Museum Minutes of Board Meeting January 21, 2004**

The meeting opened at 5 p.m. by President Paul Clark.

Other Directors present were: O. Atkinson; J. & R. Brooks; E. Chidlaw; G. Corippo; J. Cromwell; F. Hahn; C. Martin; B. & C. Miller; R. Netto; A. Schade; G. Thomson; T. Weiss. Guest: B. Toomey, Editor and Jim Pickens, PIO. Visitors: Mary Kalvans and Dennis Porter.

The Minutes and business portion of the meeting were TABLED.

Mary Kalvans was introduced.

Proposed ideas and sizes for the EWM sign she will create/paint for us were shown.

It will face the airport landing field and be hung over the Museum hanger doors.

EWM will purchase needed materials and notify her when they are here. She requested a ride in one of our members airplanes, as payment for her work..!

**MOTION:** Chuck Miller moved we use Dark Royal Blue with Gold letters for sign colors to be prepared by Mary Kalvans. Second by: Ed Chidlaw. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** Glen Thomson moved we purchase the 5 sheets of ¼" plywood for the sign. Second by: Al Schade. CARRIED



**Minutes:**

The minutes of December 17, 2003 and January 07, 2004, were E-mailed to Board members in advance.

**MOTION:** Conrad Martin moved to accept the December 17, 2003 minutes as published on e-mail. Second by: John Cromwell. CARRIED

**MOTION:** Conrad Martin moved to accept the January 07, 2004 minutes as published on e-mail. Second by: John Cromwell. CARRIED

**Visitor** Dennis Porter, Pres. EAA chapter 93. They are requesting the possibility of using our side of the field to hold their Ultralight Fly-in event this year on May 15. A list of activities and things needed by them was handed to Board members.

**MOTION:** Fred Hahn moved a committee be formed to look into details for the Ultralight event, May 15, 2004. Second by: Glen Thomson. CARRIED  
Glen Thomson & Conrad Martin on the committee.

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

**MOTION:** Glen Thomson moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Second by: John Cromwell. CARRIED

**Committee Reports:**

**Facility--Betty miller** reported 1)- she had inquiries regarding renting the hanger. Discussion followed. **MOTION:** Glen Thomson moved while Museum artifacts are in the hanger it will not be available to rent. Second by: John Cromwell. (12 y/3n). CARRIED  
2)- A Request to use our commercial kitchen to make BBQ Sauce one day a month for 12 months (which she sells). **MOTION:** Glen Thomson moved to allow the BBQ Sauce rental,- at the rate of \$250.00 for each 8am to 5pm day,- subject to insurance requirements. Second by: Fred Hahn. CARRIED.  
3)-Betty has flyers ready to go out advertising our Facility and Kitchen rental. The Board gives her full authority, to set prices and limit use of areas with prospective renters.

Fred Hahn thanked all the members who came out and helped on the **Facility Clean Up Committee** . Although there is more to do, there is definite improvement on the premises.

**Lease Proposal**-Chuck Miller shared copies of our proposed Site Plans. He will be presenting them to the city this week. They include the location of our new Museum Building.

**New PIO**, Jim Pickens was introduced and welcomed.

President Paul read a Letter of Resignation from Cathy Paine. The Board expressed gratitude to her for the years of service in this position.

**Adopt A Poll**--Jackie Brooks reported we have the need for 2 more people for each shift.

**Paso Robles Main Street** has been sent a letter regarding offering our building for use.

**MOTION:** Al Schade moved we take \$2400.00 from the Navion fund to pay off the T-33 to the DRMO. Put monthly payments back into that fund. Second by: Conrad Martin. CARRIED.

**New Business:**

**MOTION:** Glen Thomson moved to accept the donated Shop Equipment. Second by Chuck Miller. CARRIED.

Budget Committee discussed. Committee formed to allocate priorities : Ed Chidlaw; Fred Hahn; Gary Corippo; Chuck Miller; Glen Thomson.

**New PIO** Jim Pickens plans to be a regular contributor on the Board and will present a plan for our approval.

Betty invited Board to put in their **Docent time** by doing **Group Docent** work.

Jackie Brooks reported the **Great Western Alarm** contact names for 2004 as requested. Jackie will get price information from GWA on the cost of alarming the Thomson Hall Building.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Jackie Brooks, Recording Secretary