

Estrella Warbird Museum Newsletter



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

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Saturday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sunday: 12 noon to 3:00 pm



AUGUST MEETING

The August Meeting will be held Wednesday, August 4th, 2004 at Thomson Hall with Social Hour at 6 pm and Dinner at 7 pm. The theme is Hawaiian Night, so be sure to wear that wild Hawaiian shirt, Muumuu, or whatever you have that says "Hawaiian Holiday" to you. (Grass skirts and coconuts are also fine -- weather permitting!!)

Chef John and his Merry Band of Cooks de Cuisine are preparing Polynesian Chicken, Oriental Rice, Chinese Peas, Hawaiian Yams, Rolls, and dessert will be "Chef's Surprise" All of this for only \$10.00 per person. *Credit Cards Accepted!*

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227-0440 (machine) or Betty @ 466-1212

PROGRAM

LTC Harold E. Wear, USAF (Ret.)

81 years young, Harold Wear was born in Colton, CA (between San Bernardino and Redlands) After Pearl Harbor, Wear enlisted in the US Army Air Force at the age of 19. Wear hoped to get into the aviation cadet program, but a bout with malaria contracted while in basic training in Puerto Rico threw a monkey wrench into his plans. Wear likes to refer to his military career as "The Luck of the Draw". After getting over his malaria,

Wear went into training as a bombardier in B-24's. He was assigned to the 8th Air Force Command in the European Theater and flew missions over Germany and France. After getting out of the USAAF, Wear went into the Reserves where he retired in 1966. Harold Wear has had many memorable experiences, both in active duty service and in his civilian career. This promises to be an interesting evening.

Welcome Aboard!

to BOB KELLY & GEORGE TAYLOR

After a stint in the service, **Bob Kelly** was a technical writer for Cisco Systems. He wrote instruction and maintenance manuals for electronic equipment. Bob is now retired and is living in Atascadero with his wife Mary MacKenzie.

George Taylor joins us as a Star Member of "Lightening Flight". George is a Union 76 dealer in Lompoc, but has a home near Lake Nacimiento, where he spends most weekends. George was stationed at Lemoore NAS in the mid 60's where he was attached to VA-122 as an aviation jet engine mechanic.

Welcome Bob and George!

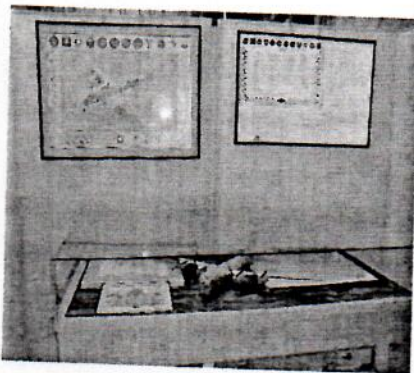
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New B-29 display in the Museum Hangar. Go visit the Museum during our Social Hour and see the changes!



Gift Shop Gab

Jackie Brooks

Summer Special Sale Items -

Christmas or Birthday gift for the kids & grandkids--We have YOUTH sizes in the Royal Blue EWM logo T-shirts only \$9.00 each - that's 10% off! Sizes Small 4 to XL 16 are available now.

Red "TOP GUN" Caps, only \$15.00 each (16% Off!!!) these are really great looking.

New Estrella Warbird Logo Items:

NEW ITEM: EWM License Plate Frames \$3.50 each ~ get one for each of your vehicles and help support your organization.

NEW ITEM: EWM ball point PENS. Nice weighted ballpoint with rubber sure grip. Good as a gift or for your use only \$3.50

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Estrella Warbird Museum to Man Polling Place for November 2, 2004 Election

We have been asked by the County Clerks Office to staff a polling place in the upcoming Presidential Elections. If you are interested please contact Jackie Brooks at 462-8141 ASAP so that we can get materials and training slots set up. This is fun and interesting as well. We have "Old Timers" that did the last elections that can help you out. It is something that you will enjoy and it will make some much needed \$\$\$\$ for the Museum as well! **Call Jackie TODAY!**



VOTE

Notes From the Prez..... Chuck Miller

Dear Fellow Members & Friends,
Just a few words to say "Hello" and to thank some of you for doing so much for so many.

The Museum is progressing nicely and we now have plans to add 20 feet to the southern wall of the Hangar to house the new Gift Shop and the Resource Library. We will be adding another 25 feet to the north side of the Hangar and extending into the hangar 12 feet so that we will have a new separate hangar area for our display aircraft. The remaining portion of the Hangar will become the Museum and will have a new ceiling, and insulation so that it can be air-conditioned in the summer and heated adequately in the winter. I know that this will make the docent's job much more pleasant and hopefully will encourage more of you to volunteer to work the Gift Shop or as a Docent.

Speaking of Volunteers ~ we do need more people that can spare a Saturday morning once in a while to help with some of the projects we have to complete. You don't have to be an "expert" in anything to be of help. We have flower and tree planting projects, aircraft restoration, vehicle restoration, painting, framing, dusting, and many other things going on that need an extra pair of hands.

If you feel that you can spend some time with a great group of folks on a Saturday (and we feed you a FREE lunch!) please contact me at 466-1212, or any other member of the Board and let us know so that we can add you to the list of "the too few".

Chuck Miller

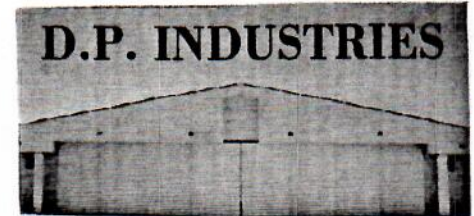


NEW TREES PLANTED IN THE NEW PICNIC AREA!

Fred Hahn and Ed Chidlaw picked up some trees at "The Tree Man" and with lots of help got them planted on Saturday. Please help these lovely trees grow by keeping our younger guests off of them. These trees will offer shade for the new picnic table and chairs for you to enjoy during our sunny days.

Thank You Tree Planters!!!

Our Editor, Bruce Toomey, is on a short vacation this month. You may have noticed a different format on this newsletter. This is because Betty Miller is "subbing" and her computer didn't have the formats loaded in for the newsletter or the ads and you will note a change for just this edition!



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Saturday Lunch Bunch

Our Saturday Volunteers enjoyed another great meal provided by Chefs Ed Chidlaw and Fred Hahn. Hamburgers with all the fixings were served to 19 hungry folks. These Volunteer Lunches are greatly appreciated by those folks who turn out to work on all our projects. We are still looking for folks to step up to the plate and cook ONE lunch during August. Please call Betty at 466-1212 or Jackie at 462-8141 to help out.

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Reserved.....

The following dates have been reserved for the use of either the Kitchen or Thomson Hall by paying guests. We are grateful for their financial support and we hope that we are able to have more folks rent our facility. On that same vein, when the Hall or Kitchen are in use, please utilize the Library or Museum Hangar for lunch or meetings. **Thanks!**

AUGUST:

Sunday, August 15

KITCHEN

Kathleen DeChadenedes

Saturday, August 21

HALL & BBQ PIT

Horton B'Day Party 7pm to midnite

SEPTEMBER:

Monday, September 13

HALL & KITCHEN & BAR

Paso Main Street Installation

6 pm to 11 pm

Saturday, September 18

HALL

Mercedes Benz Club Luncheon

30 people 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm

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From the collection of the late Capt. Don McBain, UAL

Nostalgia...

Captain E. Hamilton "Ham" Lee

Pictured as he completed the first Air Mail run from Chicago to St. Louis, August 16, 1920 for the US Post Office. Lee was a long time United Air Lines Captain. At the age of 101, Capt. Lee flew a DC-3 for a Commemorative Run of "The Valley Queen" with UA Capt. Clay Lacey. Lee passed away at the age of 103 after a lifetime of Chicken Fried Steak and Fried Eggs for breakfast, and the enjoyment of a good cigar! (He chewed his cigars after burning some holes in his United Airlines uniform!)

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Minutes of Board Meeting

July 21, 2004

Meeting opened at 5:00 p.m. by President Chuck Miller. Others Directors present were: O. Atkinson, R. Brooks, J. Brooks, E. Chidlaw, P. Clark, G. Corippo, J. Cromwell, F. Hahn, D. Highland, C. Martin, B. Miller, R. Netto, A. Schade, G. Thomson., B. Webster, T. Weiss. Editor-- B. Toomey. Invited Guest-Roger Oxborrow.

Minutes: MOTION: Glen Thomson moved to approve the minutes for June 16, 2004 as received on email. **SECOND** by: Conrad Martin. **CARRIED**

MOTION: Ed Chidlaw moved to approve the minutes of the Special Executive Committee meeting July 7, 2004. **Second** by Rosemary Netto. **CARRIED**

Treasurer Report Because of a computer problem there was none available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facility Report Ed Chidlaw reported Jim Patterson former owner of Bay Laurel Nursery, will be our adviser for tree and sprinkler plans on the premises. 2). A Front Sprinklers work party is scheduled for **Saturday August 7th**. 3)Removal of kitchen roll-up serving windows -- work party scheduled for **Saturday, August 21**.

Facility Rental Betty Miller reported Thomson Hall is rented for the following events: Monday Sept.13 P.R. Main Street. September 18 Mercedes Benz Club Luncheon for 30 people.

City of P.R. to have special Welcome Back for the Troops event, Parade & BBQ, Saturday 7/24 starting at 2 p.m. for Troops in Paso Park.

Membership Obbie Atkinson needs funds to be established for committee's use.

MOTION: Ed Chidlaw moved we ask Obbie & the Advertising Planning committee, - Rosemary Netto, Bruce Toomey & Bob Brown to meet and bring their plan back to the Board. **Second** by: Glen Thomson. **CARRIED**.

Picnic Area Fred Hahn reported the picnic area will have 5 trees planted and sprinklers installed this Saturday (7/24).

Restoration There was discussion to trade the Navy a repair job on one of their airplanes, in exchange for an airplane we want. Gary Corippo opened discussion on the possibility of acquiring other airplanes.

Guest Roger Oxborrow presented an update on the new Master Plan restrictions we will be under, and the possibilities available to us. A copy of current Master Plans will be left on premises for reference

MOTION: Al Schade moved we redefine the goals for the Planning Committee to come up with ideas to make our organization solvent. Second by Conrad Martin. Voting by Show of Hands. CARRIED

Planning Committee for fund raising to include: Betty Miller; Gary Corippo; Glen Thomson; Al Schade and John Cromwell.

Building Expansion/Design reported by Chuck Miller. Plans were shown for proposed vehicle restoration building . Museum plans are being worked on & showing progress.

NEW BUSINESS

Rental of Hall --- MOTION: Ed Chidlaw moved we approve Odette Howard's use of the facility at the cost of \$425.00 for a November 4th, 2004 event. Second by Conrad Martin. CARRIED

MOTION: Gary Corippo moved we give Betty Miller permission to use her own discretion in negotiations for facility rental, stating she will need to clear it with the Board. Second by: Al Schade. CARRIED

Fund Raising Ed Chidlaw reported meeting with Bob Brown and Chuck Miller. Bob Brown had some good ideas and is willing to take on our fund raising project, if we are willing to help. The Board is in agreement. Some ideas for the next steps were discussed.

MOTION: Glen Thomson moved we allow Gary Corippo to tie his **WW II BT -13** airplane down on our Aircraft Parking area. Second by _____ ? _____ CARRIED.

OTHER

MOTION: Glen Thomson moved to allow the Ultralite group to meet here with supervision. Second by: Betty Miller. CARRIED.

Our flag pole now has three places for flags. Discussion followed on replacing our current American flag. Also having a special Museum flag with our Logo made.

Al Schade asked if we were interested in having an anti aircraft gun. YES was the unanimous response.

Fred & Ed will schedule a work party to install the Name Tiles in the Concrete area.

Jackie Brooks showed the License Plate Frames and Ink Pens. They sell for \$3.50 each..

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



GLEN THOMSON

GARY CORIPPO

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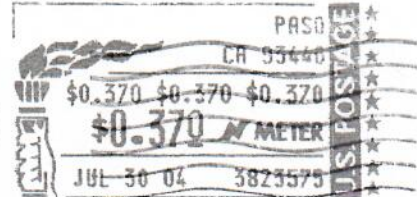
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