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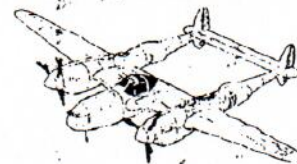
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Estrella Warbird Museum, Inc.

# *Estrella Warbird Museum* *Newsletter*



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

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## November Meeting

The November Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 3, 2004 at Thomson Hall with Social Hour beginning at 6:00pm and Dinner at 7:00pm

Chef John and the Museum Gourmet Group will prepare our annual Thanksgiving Dinner with turkey and all the trimmings.

**Reservations will be necessary, as usual.** Call the Museum at 227-0440 or Betty Miller at 466-1212.

Our program for the evening will be a review of the trip to the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C. and will be described by Judy and Gary Corippo with the able assistance of Ed Chidlaw. This was a great trip and the members were treated to a great many interesting facets of the Museum which will be of interest to all.

## Notes from the Prez...

This month I have both good news and bad news for you. I'll give you the bad news first -

The "marriage" of the Fred 'n Ed Team is over!! Fred says he has had

enough of digging, hauling, raking, hammering and lifting and only wants to work on Airplanes!

Ed says, "No Problem", he can supervise all the building and maintenance chores himself - PROVIDED he can keep **Forrest Johnson, Ron Brooks, Bob Kelly, Tom Weiss and Arnold Hermansen** !! (just to name a few!) who are always gainfully employed keeping your Museum looking great.

Part of the Good News is that the Fred 'n Ed team are not only organized and very hard workers but that they are also my 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President respectively!

Now, the rest of the Good News! The Museum keeps improving and our airplane fleet keeps growing, thanks to the dogged dedication and hard work of **Gary Corippo**. We will be getting an F-14 flown in from Oceana NAS in either November or December!. Very exciting news. We will be kicking off a "Save a Cat" campaign to help defray some of the costs of flying the crew back to Oceana after they have demilitarized and moth-balled the aircraft.



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Aircraft Acquisitions

Gary Corippo  
238-2090

Hopefully you have taken note of all the attractive decorative rock (replacing lots of weeds) around the Museum Building and tank turret behind Thomson Hall and out by our light pole in front. Thanks to Fred 'n Ed and their hard working crew. (All the back breaking chores from here on out will be contracted out to a labor contractor.)

More Good News is that **Fred Hahn** is not only going to work on airplanes with Al Schade but he is taking on the task of PIO (Public Information Officer) for the Museum! Busy folks around here.

I am also happy to report that my lovely bride Betty is back from her "vacation" to Connecticut. **Dorothy McBain** and I held down the fort and survived quite well. However, Dorothy did tell me that the next time, I get to go on a vacation, but Betty needs to stay home....wonder what she's telling me?

**Jackie Brooks** and **Betty** will be in charge of our "Adopt A Poll" project and we have 14 volunteers manning Precinct 109 on Election Day from 6am to 8pm! **Jackie Brooks** is the Precinct Clerk and **Betty** is the Precinct Inspector.

Thanks to **Rosemary Netto, Ruth Dickey, Carol Weiss, Judy Corippo, Gary Corippo, Noreen Ragland, Frank Ragland, Norma Holzer, Clark Scott, Glen Thomson and Conrad Martin.**

Jackie, Betty and myself will be working most of the day. This is a worthwhile project and the Museum gets some much needed financial aid for doing this.

Have a great November, don't eat too much turkey and I hope to see

you all at the November Dinner Meeting!

**Chuck**

A Note of Thanks to Chidlaw's Rockhounds!

The next time you go out to the Museum take a good look at the two corners at the entrance to the Museum off Corippo Way. Also the area to the south of Thomson Hall on either side of the roll up door AND the area between Thomson Hall and the Museum Building.

No longer do we see a bunch of ratty weeds and sickly grass, but instead, nice neat areas of handsome gray rock, all unloaded and spread by a group of really hard working volunteers hereafter called Chidlaw's Rockhounds! They included, Ed Chidlaw, Don Peckinpaugh, Bob Kelly, Chuck Miller, Wayne Rice and Fred Hahn.

Eight yards of rock were provided for us at a nice discount by Steve Schmidt and the Hounds did a great job of unloading, spreading and leveling the whole shebang so that the area is really something of which we can be very proud. Thanks to a super group of guys!!

Speaking of Volunteers

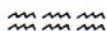
We have a great group of volunteers, a hard core of regulars who put in an uncountable number of hours EVERY WEEK, weekends for sure, and many week days as well. We have the dedicated Restoration troops who have provided us with beautifully restored static displays for years.



## The Estrella Squadron Newsletter

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Final hand 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 Pete Johnston Chevrolet Cadillac.

We also have people who come out when they can, but unfortunately, they often run into a situation where things are somewhat disorganized because they haven't been planned for and the volunteers often wind up doing scut work that isn't a heck of a lot of fun and of questionable value. In addition, a great many of our members are not exactly in their prime (yeah, me too!) and some of the tasks they are asked to do are simply too darn difficult for them to handle. There soon gets to be a general feeling that they could be doing a few hundred other things for themselves

that would be a whole lot more interesting!

Ed Chidlaw and others have come up with a series of great planned projects, some of which can and should be handled by Museum members, and other projects which require able-bodied and practiced laborers.

In discussing this matter, the Board agreed that there are many times and many jobs that could and should be handled by outside hired help. This poses somewhat of a problem because we, as a Museum, do not want hired employees for many reasons. The Board has decided that it will look into the possibility of contract help through a labor broker which would avoid the problems of Liability Insurance, Worker's Comp, Withholding and a multitude of other things resulting from hired employees.

The hiring of outside help could be of real help in accomplishing some of our major and more difficult projects. It would also allow us to organize what we would need in the form of volunteers for a number of projects which require less brawn and more brains. Since we have an amazing number of highly skilled and capable members we would hope to make them know that their expertise is much more valuable to the Museum than the tasks they have been asked to do so far.

More on this later.

### Upcoming Events

Although the Museum will no longer be catering events (see Board Minutes of 9/15/04) we will be renting out our facilities to

generate an income for the Museum. The decision to no longer cater was based on the fact that some 10 to 12 volunteers were working five to ten hour shifts three or more times a month, in addition to volunteering as Docents, restoration and maintenance workers and a dozen other jobs.

To keep you up to date on what events are coming up, here is our current Museum calendar.

Thursday, November 4, 3pm to 10pm, San Luis Obispo County Contractors Association. Catered by Odette Howard.

Friday, November 19, 12 noon, Paso Robles Women In Business. Privately catered.

### Additional Information

#### **Meetings**

Estrella Warbird Museum monthly Dinner Meeting  
1st Wednesday of every month.

Airport Advisory Committee Meeting  
4th Thursday of each month.

Paso Robles City Council Meetings  
1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 465 Meetings  
1st Thursday of each month.

### A Little Airline Humor

"Thank you for flying Delta Business Express. We hope you enjoyed giving us the business as much as we enjoyed taking you for a ride."



## Docent Schedule November 2004

Saturday Nov. 6  
10 - 1 Ruth Dickey  
1 - 4 Bruce Toomey

Sunday Nov. 7  
12 - 3 Gary Corippo

Saturday Nov. 13  
10 - 1 Dick Blomquist  
1 - 4 Arnold Hermansen

Sunday Nov. 14  
12 - 3 Tom Weiss

Saturday Nov. 20  
10 - 1 Ruth Dickey  
1 - 4 OPEN

Sunday Nov. 21  
12 - 3 Ray Passon

Saturday Nov. 27  
10 - 1 Doug Miner  
1 - 4 Tom Weiss

Sunday Nov. 28  
12 - 3 Jackie Brooks  
Norma Holzer

## December

Saturday Dec. 4  
10 - 1 Ruth Dickey  
1 - 4 Bruce Toomey

Sunday Dec. 5  
12 - 3 Gary Corippo

Saturday Dec. 11  
10 - 1 Dick Blomquist  
1 - 4 Doug Miner

Sunday Dec. 12  
12 - 3 Jackie Brooks  
Norma Holzer

Saturday Dec. 18  
10 - 1 Ruth Dickey  
1 - 4 Bruce Toomey

Sunday Dec. 19  
12 - 3 Ray Passon

Saturday Dec. 25  
CLOSED

Sunday Dec. 26  
12 - 3 Tom Weiss

NEW DOCENT!  
John Whitworth  
Thank you, John!

### **Docents and phone numbers:**

Dick Blomquist 227-0362  
Gary Corippo 238-2090  
Ruth Dickey 239-8242  
Jackie Brooks 462-8141  
Norma Holzer 461-5186  
Linda & Arnold Hermansen  
467-5186  
Doug Miner 239-1054  
Ray Passon 466-7234  
Bruce Toomey 238-9266  
Tom & Carol Weiss 239-2637  
John Whitworth 772-0847

### **Estrella Wardbird Museum Minutes of Board Meeting Wednesday -- October 20, 2004 -- 5 p.m. EWM -- Thomson Hall**

Meeting opened at 5:pm. By President Chuck Miller.

Other directors present included: R. & J. Brooks; E. Chidlaw; P. Clark; G. Corippo; F. Hahn; C. Martin; B. Miller; R. Netto; A. Schade; G. Thomson; B. Webster; T. Weiss; Editor-B. Toomey; Advisory Board-Mac Gleim and Guest-Tom Gabele.

**MOTION:** Glen Thomson moved we accept the Minutes of September 17, 2004, as received via e-mail. Second: Paul Clark. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** Ed Chidlaw moved to accept the Treasurer report. Second: Paul Clark. CARRIED.

### **COMMITTEE Reports:**

1. Docents - Tom Weiss reported we have a new Docent, John Whitworth. The Museum will close Christmas Day and be open Sunday, Dec.. 26.
2. Facilities
  - a). **MOTION:** Ed Chidlaw moved we allow up to \$1600 for concrete & labor to complete the new patio area. Second by: Al Schade. CARRIED.
  - b). ADA update  
Betty Miller brought to our attention the list of corrections EWM needs to do to be in compliance with State and Federal requirements. Discussion followed.  
**MOTION:** Fred Hahn moved we give Betty authority to bring EWM up to date with ADA compliance, as economically as possible. Second by: Ed Chidlaw.



c Update on projects - Ed Chidlaw reminded us of Motion Lights,  
Weather Proofing buildings and Airplane tie downs.

A special thanks to everyone who worked on Ed's "Rock Hound" project.

Special thanks to Don Peckinpaugh, Bob Kelly, Chuck Miller & Wayne Rice.

3. Restoration Al Schade reported the F4 will be finished and moved this weekend.  
Then move the Crusader in and begin work on it.

**OTHER:**

Gary reported EWM will get an F14 Tomcat the end of November, mid December.

**MOTION:** Glen Thomson moved we give Gary Corippo authority to sell the blue tug. Discussion followed. Second by: Al Schade. CARRIED.

Our PIO Fred Hahn reported meeting with our advertising assistant, Bob Brown.  
We are gathering **Museum History**. Anyone with something to contribute, please contact Fred Hahn, 464-0863.

President Chuck noted EWM has been in Paso Press and Atascadero News.  
Each have interviewed George Marrett about his new book.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Building Expansion/Design Chuck Miller passed copies of scale drawing for people to draw in new proposed building location. **MOTION:** Ed Chidlaw moved we set the agenda item for November meeting to make the basic decision on what we really want. Second by: Al Schade. CARRIED

Aircraft Layout- Planes have been moved. Gary Corippo & Ed Chidlaw will get together and decide the location before next meeting.

Insurance figures were handed out for review. A committee consisting of: Al Schade, Ed Chidlaw and Conrad Martin will research personal property of our 3 buildings.

**MOTION:** Ed Chidlaw moved the matter be referred to Executive Committee for final decision based on the findings of this committee and that the Executive Committee meet before the dinner meeting November 3rd..

Second by: Glen Thomson CARRIED.

**MOTION** to Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm, until Wednesday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5 pm.

Submitted by,

Jackie Brooks  
Recording Secretary

**Last Minute News Flash from Gary Corippo**

Gary has just informed us that Lemoore NAS has agreed to accept another group of Museum members to let them fly the F-18 Simulator on or about December 27th. There will be a signup sheet at the Dinner Meeting for all those interested and more information as to an actual date.

This can be fantastic so see Gary at the Meeting!!

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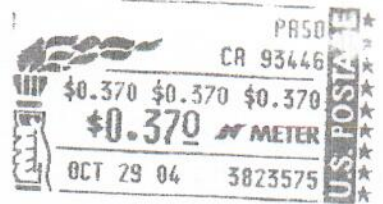
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