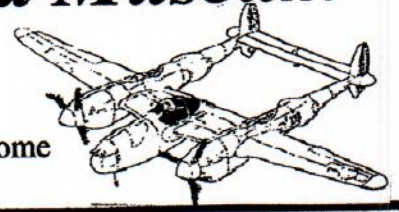


Estrella Warbird Museum

Newsletter



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

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Hours

Saturday 10am - 4pm

Sunday 12n to 3pm

In reality, whenever the gate is open!

The December Meeting

The December Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2004 at Thomson Hall with Social Hour beginning at 6:00pm and Dinner at 7:00pm.

Those of you who were lucky enough to attend last month's meeting were treated to a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner that many are still talking about.

This month we will have an equally wonderful Christmas Dinner with Prime Rib and all the trimmings!!

Reservations will be necessary, as usual. In addition, because of the cost of the excellent meat, we will be charging \$15.00 per meal for members and guests alike. Call the Museum at 227-0440 or Betty Miller at 466-1212.

Since this will be our annual Christmas meeting we will be again privileged to hear from our good friend and member Gary Ryan on Banjo with a variety of songs, comments etc. This is always a blast so try to be there!!



The Prez Sez.....

Brrrrrrrrt....it's cold! I promise never again to complain about how weather! Thank goodness we are back to normal—weather-wise that is.

We do have some wonderful news. Our Unit scrounger-devoted wheeler dealer-artful negotiator never-renting promoter of the Estrella Warbird Museum, Gary Corippo has done it again!

Gary has managed to procure an F-14 Tomcat for the Museum! We have received the official telephone notification that the aircraft will be flying into Paso Robles on Saturday, December 11, 2004! We do not have the exact time of arrival at pres

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466-7640

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Gary Corippo
238-2090

time, but as soon as we know we will pass it on to all of you.

The F-14 will be an impressive addition to our Museum. It will be flown in by a US Navy flight crew from Virginia and then be demilitarized by a civilian contract crew.

We are planning a reception for the aircraft's arrival with hot dogs and soft drinks at the Museum. I hope to see as many of you as possible to come out and welcome the Tomcat and the Navy crew.

If you haven't walked out on the Flight Line lately, do so. The F-4 Phantom that we trucked up from Yuma MCAS in July of 2003 has been completed and thanks to some dedicated folks headed by Al Schade, it looks better than when it rolled off the assembly line!

I finally found out why the Ed and Fred team has split up...it was caused by a woman! Fred says he can't commit as much time to clean-up and dump runs...all free time is committed to traveling and socializing with a certain lovely lady these days! We do thank Fred for all his hard work and the great organization of "treasures" that once

spilled out of every corner! I hope that any "free" time will be spent with us.

The Saturday Work Party continues to grow. Take a look at the grounds, the aircraft, the vehicle restoration, the artifact displays...these all contribute to make our Museum a large part of what makes Paso Robles a place to visit for residents and visitors alike.

On a more serious note, the Board of Directors and the Museum Membership would like to express our deepest sympathy to John Kendall in the recent loss of his lovely wife Jean on Saturday, November 20, 2004. A memorial service will be held in January, with the date and time to be announced later.

I hope to see you all at our Annual Holiday Dinner on Wednesday, December 1st and at the arrival of the Tomcat on December 11th.

Chuck Miller

Upcoming Events

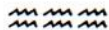
To keep you up to date on what events are coming up, here is our current Museum calendar.

Thursday, November 4, 3pm to 10pm, San Luis Obispo Count

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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.

Docent Schedule 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

Check Out the New Posters!

We have some wonderful WWI era posters that were donated by Pat Winnewisser in honor of his father.

There are five now hanging on the wall behind our steam table serving area, and the sixth one is over by the name badge area.

The posters were carefully mounted using historical preservation methods by Artifact Coordinator, Carol Weiss. They cannot be glued down, but have to be mounted by a hinge so that they can be preserved for future members and visitors may enjoy them for many more years.

Ed Chidlaw was responsible for telling Ms. Winnewisser about the Museum and obtaining these new additions to the Museum collection.

Thanks Carol and Ed!

"Tail Wind" is Official Museum Greeter.

If you haven't already met, "Tail Wind" is the Calico cat that is the mascot of the Museum. "Windv"

is a voracious hunter and has cut down much of our rodent problem in the Restoration Hangar as well as in the Museum Hangar. "Windy" was obtained by Al Schade from a local pound and Al and John Dolan are about the only two that can get within a whisker length as she rolls around in greeting So, the next time you're out at the Hangar say "Hello" to Windy as she races around.

By the way, "Windy" has a nice warm bed inside the Restoration Hangar and has her very own pet door for access. She is well fed and watered and likes being the Hanger Queen!!

BD-5 Moves Up

The BD-5 has been repositioned in the Museum Hangar so that it can be viewed easily by visitors. We have also added an information sheet so that you can have more background on it.

As a side note, if you have a computer and access to the internet, be sure to visit the Museum website at www.ewarbirds.org Long-time member KO Eckland is the Webmaster and has done a wonderful job on the website. We get many compliments about it from all our visitors, especially from the UK and Europe.

Estrella Wardbird Museum

Minutes of Board Meeting

Wednesday -- November 17, 2004 -- 5 p.m.

Thomson Hall

Meeting opened at 5:08 pm. By President Chuck Miller.

Other directors present included: O. Atkinson; R. & J. Brooks; E. Chidlaw; P. Clark; G. Corippo; D. Highland; B. Miller; R. Netto; A. Schade; T. Weiss. Guests--Tom Gabele and Carol Weiss.

MOTION: Ed Chidlaw moved we accept the Minutes of October 20, 2004 as received via e-mail.
Second: Betty Miller. CARRIED.

MOTION: Dave Highland moved to accept the **Treasurer report** and that the unused money allotted for the BBQ Patio, be put into the 340 General account. Second by: Al Schade CARRIED.

COMMITTEE Reports:

1. Aircraft acquisitions Gary Corippo reported the T-37 will be coming from Shepherd AFB in Texas.
MOTION: Al Schade moved we sign the agreement for the T-37, with total cost coming from the 340 general fund. Second by: Obbie Atkinson. CARRIED Gary also reported the F-14B is due here mid December 2004 to mid January 2005.

2. Facilities

(a) Betty Miller updated us on the progress for ADA compliance, according to the ADA handbook. Betty Reported 80-1st graders were here from Paso Robles School district 11/16. The facility is rented several times in Nov. & Dec...

(b) Ed Chidlaw reported progress on front area and new Patio behind the dining hall.

Restoration Al Schade reported the F-4 is essentially complete. Now we are concentrating on the Corsair.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 80ft. "Additional Property Acquisition" Chuck Miller presented copies and we reviewed- the lease agreement and construction cost estimate for the vehicle storage/restoration building. Discussion followed. MOTION: Ed Chidlaw moved we approve the lease agreement and authorize the President to sign and finish the transaction. Second by: Al Schade. CARRIED.

2. Insurance Review reported by Ed Chidlaw. The executive committee approved the Insurance premium for another year with no increase in business personal property. Ed recommends the subject of insurance be reviewed in February or March and we possibly become self insured at that time. **ALSO** the insurance Company now requires all buildings to be alarmed. By general consent Ron Brooks was given permission to research and install the simplest alarm system.

NEW BUSINESS: The need to Prioritize Construction Projects was presented by Chuck Miller.

MOTION: Al Schade moved we make Vehicle Storage/Restoration Building

#1 Priority. Second by: Betty Miller. CARRIED.

MOTION: Al Schade moved our #2 Priority be an Artifact Museum building. Second by: Dave Highland. CARRIED.

Gary Corippo will look into possible acquisition of a metal building.

OTHER Business

MOTION: Al Schade moved we get the Continental 225 aircraft engine from Lemoore. Second by Gary Corippo. Discussion followed. **Motion Defeated.**

MOTION: Al Schade moved we acquire the aircraft engine from Lemoore for display purposes only. Second by: Gary Corippo. CARRIED.

NOTE: Paul Clark/Betty Miller/Rosemary Netto voted NO

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. until Wednesday, December 15, 2004 at 5:p.m.

Submitted by,

Jackie Brooks

Recording Secretary

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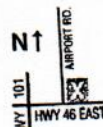
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F-14 "Tomcat"

The F-14 remains one of the world's most formidable warplanes even though early versions have served over 20 years. The prototype F-14 Tomcat completed its maiden flight on December 21, 1970. (It arrives in Paso Robles 34 years later to the month!)

The F-14 was one of the first jets in service with a computer-controlled, automatic variable geometry wing--unswept for slow-speed flight and close combat, swept back when high speed is needed. The Tomcat is the only fighter to use the Phoenix missile, which is now an aging weapon, but retains a superb capability to shoot down attackers at distances of up to 100 miles.

The F-14 is a two-seat aircraft with two 20,915 lb-thrust Pratt & Whitney TF30-P-412A afterburning turbofan engines. Max speed is 1540 mph at high altitude with a combat radius of 764 miles and a range of 2,760 miles. (The F-14 can carry over 16, 165 pounds of internal fuel)The service ceiling is 53,000 feet. Aircraft carriers carried a squadron of 20 Tomcats as part of their standard air wing complement.

Span (unswept) 64 ft 1 in(swept) 38 ft 3 in; length 62 ft 8 in; height 16 ft; wing area 565 sq. ft.

Weapons: 1 M61A1 20-mm cannon with 676 rounds; 6 AIM-7 Sparrow and 4 AIM-9 Sidewinder missiles, or 6 AIM-54 Phoenix and 2 AIM-9 missiles or other weapons weighing up to 14, 496 lbs. (The F-14 arriving in Paso Robles will be unarmed)

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