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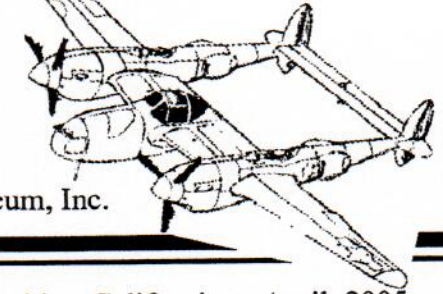
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# THE ESTRELLA WARBIRD MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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## April Meeting

The April Dinner Meeting will be held on **Wednesday April 6, 2005** at Thomson Hall with Social Hour beginning at 6:00 pm and Dinner at 7:00 pm.

### Menu

Baked Ham

Scalloped potatoes

Spring Vegetable

Rolls

Dessert

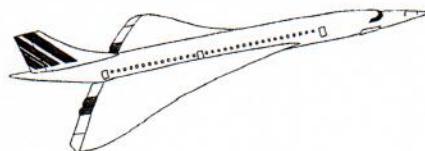
Coffee or Tea

\$10.00 per person

**Reservations Please**

**466-1212**

## APRIL PROGRAM



"Flying Aboard the Concorde"

Our program will be about the experience of supersonic flight as a civilian. Members **Larry Campo** and **Dorothy McBain** have both flown the Concorde and will participate in a question and answer session moderated by Program Chairman George Marrett. Should be fun and a chance to learn about the Concorde.



## Distribution of Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

Our Newsletter continues to grow in size as we get new advertisers (which helps defray the cost of printing 200+ newsletters) To trim some of the cost we will be posting the Minutes from each Board of Director's Meeting on the new bulletin board located in Thomson Hall across from the Bar. The Minutes will be posted by each Dinner Meeting. (The Board meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month and the meetings are open to all members in good standing of the Museum.) Anyone who wishes to have a copy **emailed** to them should contact Jackie at 462-8141.

## A Note From the Prez....

Well, another rainy and stormy week has passed. Our grounds are lush and green, and our groundsmen, John Kendall and Ron Thompson are dodging the storms to try to keep up with all the growth! Mayor Frank Mecham recently mused that perhaps the Museum has enough airplanes, and should be looking into getting a destroyer or a battleship or anything that floats! I believe this means that he thinks our water shortage is over for this year.

The Museum continues to make great progress in becoming the best that we can be. A site plan is being drawn up showing our proposed Vehicle Storage Building and the new Museum Exhibit Hall. Nunno Corp. is working on the engineering drawings for the 40' x 120' Vehicle Storage Building. We will be submitting the completed plans to the City of Paso Robles once everything has been drawn up. I know it will be a relief for the vehicle volunteers to be able to work inside during wet, stormy weather, and have shade during the hot summer months. There will be plenty of storage for much of our parts and materials that currently reside inside and to the east of the Restoration Hangar. Al Schade says he won't know what to do with all the room left inside the Restoration Hangar, but I'll bet good money that he will come up with some very good ideas. Our WW II jeeps and trucks will have a secure environment that will keep them in tip-top shape. Thanks to our Board of Directors foresight and advance planning, we currently have the funds necessary to complete the Vehicle Storage Building.

The Museum Exhibit Hall Fund Raising Campaign will begin in April. The Fund Raising Committee, composed of Gary Corippo, Chairman, Paul Clark, Obbie Atkinson, Betty Miller and John Whitworth, has been working on the details necessary to raise \$500,000.00 for the project. K.O. Eckland is completing the artist rendering of the building and architect Ralph McCarthy is working on preliminary drawings of the interior of the proposed Museum Exhibit Hall, following input from Jackie Brooks, Gift Shop Manager and Carol Weiss and Betty Miller, Artifact Coordinators. I know they are all looking forward to having more room to display many of the artifacts and pictures that are currently in storage. As part of the initial fund raising effort, we will be selling chances on a 1979 Mercedes Benz 450 SLE (more on that elsewhere in the newsletter)

On March 22, 23 and 25, a group of your dedicated docents, headed by Betty Miller gave 3 two hour tours of the Airport Terminal and our Museum to 127 kindergartners and about 50 parents. The Tours were ably handled by "Capt. Ron" Brooks, "Capt. Rob" Kinnear, "Miss Jackie" Brooks, "Miss Carol" Weiss and myself. Roger Oxborrow did an outstanding job showing the kids how the airport functions and "Chef Matthew" Riley assisted by "Miss Mindy" of Matthew's At The Airport took everyone through the restaurant and the kitchen. The kids loved the ice sculpture he did and the great cookies. Even with the heavy rain on the 22nd we were able to "troop the line" of our aircraft in the school bus. Capt Ron demonstrated how the controls work on an airplane and Capt Rob showed them all how to use the correct signals to direct airplanes on the ground. We will be seeing many of those kids and their parents come back to the Museum to visit with us in the future.

*Chuck*

## Committee Chairpersons **Tour Talk**

### Aircraft Acquisitions

Gary Corippo - 238-2090

### City Liaison

Chuck Miller - 466-1212

### Decorating

Judy Corippo - 238-2090

Rosemary Netto - 467-3521

### Dinners

John Himes - 466-6680

### Facility Rental

Betty Miller - 466-1212

### Gift Shop

Jackie Brooks - 462-8141

### Ground Equipment

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### Grounds

John Kendall - 239-8029

Ron Thompson - 237-2904

### Insurance

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### Membership

Obbie Atkinson - 238-9212

### Newsletter

Dick Reddick - 238-2316

### Photographer

Wally Engle - 227-0245

### Public Information Officer

Dick Reddick - 238-2316

### Program

George Marrett - 466-7640

### Refreshments

Rosemary Netto - 467-3521

Cathy Neitz - 467-2158

### Site Maintenance

Glen Thomson - 238-4858

### Museum Hours

Saturday 10 am to 4 pm

Sunday 12 noon to 3 pm

### Groups by Appointment

(Call 805-466-1212)

## By Betty Miller

We are booking many Group Tours for schools and private organizations. March was a busy month with RV Groups, Senior Groups and 125 kindergartners plus 50 parents and teachers! We do group tours during the week if at all possible and our main criteria is that they have at least 10 people in a group. Our "crew" consists of Carol Weiss, Ron and Jackie Brooks, Chuck Miller, Rob Kinnear and myself, but we can always use some more folks who would like to walk along with us and learn how rewarding it is. Looks like we will have some car groups, photo club groups and a couple of fly-in groups during April-May-June. We are no longer doing any children's birthday parties, as they take up too much time and effort. Give me a call at 466-1212 if you would like to meet some neat folks and show them around our facility.

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Submissions for inclusion are not only welcomed, but solicited, including articles, display and classified ads, etc.

Please send all submissions to:

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or by email to  
ewarbirds@hotmail.com

## **Gift Shop New Arrivals----**

We now have magnetic signs for sale that promote our support for our brave men and women who are serving the USA in uniform. We have the American Flag, as well as "Support Our Troops" and "Freedom Isn't Free" each for only \$4.00 Stop by and check these out.



## **Emergency Contact Information Cards Now Available**

For all of you who volunteer as Docents, or Saturday Workers, we need to have you complete a "Museum Volunteer Contact Information" card. This has your name, address, phone number plus an Emergency Contact name and their phone number. It also has a place to indicate any allergies or special medical instructions or needs you may have. In the unlikely event that someone is unable to communicate, this will help paramedics as well as your fellow workers get the necessary info to emergency medical personnel. Please be sure that you ask Al Schade, or George Taylor for one and get it completed and turned in the next time you work at the Museum! Thanks

On that same note, we will be having videos periodically during our Saturday lunch breaks to keep everyone up to speed on safety issues. You will need to sign the register showing that you have watched the info. Please take the time to participate in these sessions, and encourage any guests to do likewise.



We will soon be offering some voluntary classes in First Aid. We are also trying to set up a CPR class for those who would like to learn the current life saving techniques. This could save a life - possibly your own. We will announce the dates as soon as we have them

## **Saturday Lunch Bunch...**

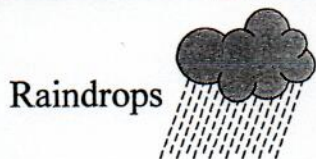


Please remember to volunteer to take one of the 4 or 5 lunches every month. This is a free lunch for all those volunteers who turn out and work on that Saturday. The Museum will reimburse you for any groceries that you buy to prepare lunch -- you just need to have something ready by 12 noon to feed 20 to 30 volunteers. On that note, the count is usually made about 11 am. If you aren't around until noon--there may not be enough food for those that have been working all morning. Please be considerate and don't just show up to eat and then leave!

## Help!

It's happening again! Carol Weiss and Betty Miller report that items are still turning up with little or NO documentation.

PLEASE...take the time to have the donor fill out a Proffer of Gift Form. This is the only way that Carol and Betty have a way to contact the donor to thank them and get any other information about the item. We still have items that have no history--names, what the picture is of, why we should display it.....We have "Proffer of Gift" forms hanging up on the wall to the right of the Docent Desk in the Museum Hangar. They are on colored paper and in a plastic holder. Be sure to attach it to the item. Thanks!



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## Museum Musings....

*Betty Miller*

Last month I told you about our new coalition of historical museums and historical societies. We have now added the Atascadero Historical Society.

The group now consists of Atascadero Historical Society, the Estrella Warbird Museum, Pioneer Museum, Camp Roberts Museum, Paso Robles Historical Society, Rios Caledonia Adobe, and the Templeton Historical Museum..

With the inclusion of the two historical societies, we have decided to call our association "The North County Historical Coalition".

We will be kicking off our joint venture with a Treasure Hunt that will take all the participants through all seven locations to answer some questions about artifacts and items found at each location. There will be some great prizes for the winning entries, including overnight stays at some of our premier resorts, dinners or luncheons for two, golf, just to name a few things! Watch for the May issue of the Paso Robles Magazine for more information.



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#### Atascadero Colony House

(Atascadero Historical Society)

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#### Camp Roberts Museum

Bldg 114 at Camp Roberts  
Open Thursday & Saturday  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm (Free)  
Phone: 238-3100 x 68288

#### Pioneer Museum

2010 Riverside Avenue  
Paso Robles  
Open Thurs thru Sun  
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
Phone: 239-4556

#### Templeton Historical Museum

Main Street, Templeton  
Call for times - 434-0190

#### Paso Robles Historical Soc.

At Pioneer Museum  
Call for times - 238-4996

## Gift Shop Helpers Needed

Being a Docent not your style? Well Jackie needs some folks to just handle sales in the Gift Shop. Call her at 462-8141 for more info



## New Artwork on Display

Long time member Bruce Toomey has donated ten framed original drawings of some outstanding antique aircraft from 1909 to 1918. The drawings are a 1909 Bleriot XI, 1910 Light Henri Farman, 1913 Gordon Bennett Deoer Dussin, 1913 Spad S.13, 1917 Albatros D-V, 1917 Avro 504K, 1917 S.E. 5, 1917 Sopwith Camel, 1918 Fokker D-VII, and a 1918 Handley Page O/400. Carol has hung them in Thomson Hall for all of us to enjoy. They are a welcome addition to our growing collection and we think you will enjoy them. Thank you Bruce!



## On The Mend

Members Glen Thomson and Bob Foote recently spent some down time in Twin Cities Community Hospital, but we are happy to report both are out and doing fine. Glen is back at work and Bob is recouping nicely. Bob says no visitors, but a card will be appreciated.

## Docent Corner News

By Ray Passon

During my Docent Duty in February I met a couple from Temple City, CA., who each had interesting stories worth retelling. The husband, pursuing the display case of WW II newspaper headlines, discovered an article about the capture of Vangunu Island (Solomon Islands) in late June of 1943. The July 6 edition of the San Francisco Call-Bulletin (5 cents a copy) reported that "stubborn Japanese resistance was encountered" before capture. Our visitor was pleased as punch. He told me he was a radio operator and one of the party put ashore ahead of the attack to direct operations. He had a grin on his face for the rest of the visit.

His wife had a different kind of WW II experience. In those days she was a young telephone operator in Los Angeles. She and many other young operators were members of the USO Club. Every Friday after work a group would be picked up at the phone company and taken by bus to Camp Roberts, arriving around 9 pm. There would be a USO dance where each girl would generally dance a few steps with a GI before another would cut in. She mentioned a Sargent who she considered a father figure, even though he was only a few years older than the girls. If any of the GI's were getting too "personal" the

Sargent would cut in and dance the young lady away until another GI would cut in. The girls stayed overnight, sleeping on cots, and would dance again on Saturday night. They were bussed back to L.A. on Sunday. Our visitor considered this as one of the highlights of her life. I told her of the museum at Camp Roberts and they soon departed, hoping to get there while it was still open.

These encounters make Docent Duty seem even more worthwhile. I recommend anyone who hasn't tried it, to come out and give it a try. You'll like it!

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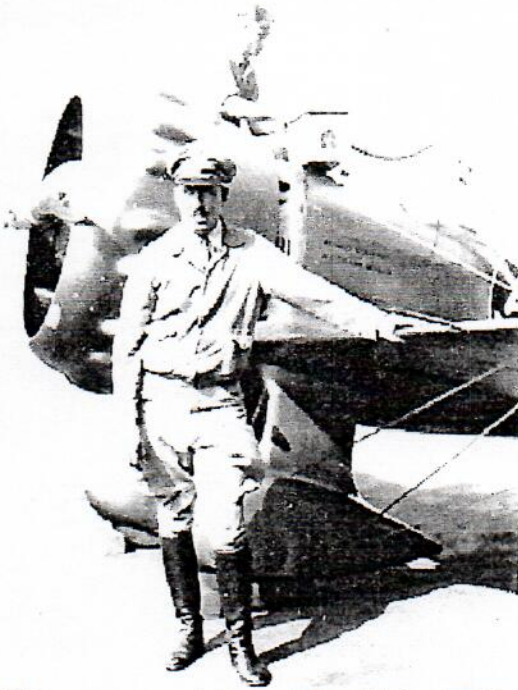
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## Congressman Sends Flag to Museum

Congressman Bill Thomas sent a new flag from Sacramento which was flown over the Capitol for a few minutes before being sent to us. Thanks to Edie and Del Knight, for letting Congressman Thomas know that we were in need of a new flag to replace our old one that was getting frayed.

# April Quiz



Can you identify this Pilot??? How about this airplane???

**Call Betty at 466-1212 to identify one or both**

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