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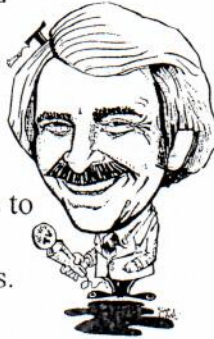
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"Surviving Pearl" -- & WWII

Dale J. Schwartz, local author

[Social Hour @ 6 p.m. -- Dinner @ 7 p.m.]

Our speaker will be local author Dale J. Schwartz. He is a US Navy Pearl Harbor survivor.

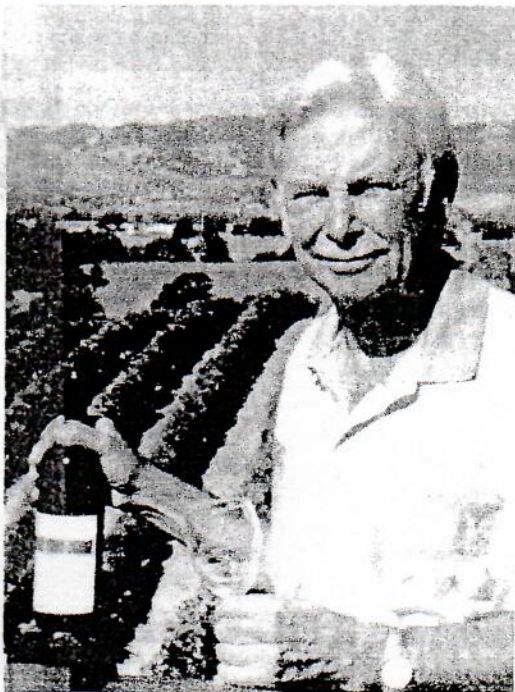


"I'll tell about beating the the Japanese to Pearl Harbor by a week.... Of my escapades in the Pacific for three years. ...how we got involved in buying KPRL after attending college at Cal Poly, being on TV for ten years thanks to being defeated in the local election for city council."

"I'm having a ball writing books that are selling well."

Dale's booklist includes: "Kill Without Remorse," "That Riley Girl," "The Frenchman and the Fox," "Pearl Connection," "The B's and B's," and he has just completed "Mayday."

Program Chairman -- *George J. Marrett* --
jmarrett@tcsn.net



Photo, courtesy of Ron Johnson

July 6th Dinner Menu

Starting the Summer Season & Celebrating Our Independence

BBQ Chicken with:

Scalloped Potatoes, Green Peas, Mixed Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Berry Cobbler

See you at Thomson Hall, 6 p.m. Wednesday

Reservations please: 466-1212 or 227-0440

A Note from the Prez...

From President Charles Miller

I wish you all a very Happy Fourth of July and I hope you had a great First Day of Summer on the 21st. of June.

The Museum is really doing great! Our newly sworn in Board of Directors held their first meeting in another museum -- the Camp Roberts Military Museum. The change in venue occurred as a result of a visit our two Artifact Co-ordinators made last month. **Carol Weiss** and **Betty Miller** came back and told us that the changes in that museum were absolutely great and that they felt the Directors needed to see it. Thanks to **Dirk Hale** (one of our members as well) and **Gary McMaster** an invitation to our Board was given and accepted.

I must say that their volunteer staff has done an outstanding job of displaying artifacts and telling a story. I would highly recommend that all of you put it on your list of places to visit this year. You only need to produce a picture ID and possibly your registration and Proof of Insurance for your vehicle to get on base. They are open on Thursdays and Saturdays (there is another article about them in this newsletter with times).

If you haven't yet noticed, we now have a shaded patio area to the north of Thomson Hall where you can sit and sip a cool beverage while you watch visiting airplanes fly in and out! All this because of the hard work of **Ed Chidlaw**, **Forrest Johnson** and **Ron Brooks**! This talented trio got a drawing put together, figured up the cost of materials and presented their idea to the

Board and then once they had approval really got in and made it all happen! Thank you Ed, Forrest and Ron!!

We also have a new addition to our Museum Fleet! Our Aircraft Acquisition Officer, **Gary Corippo** located and then got the paperwork in place to obtain a OV-10 Bronco from DRMO. The aircraft last belonged to the BLM before it was taken out of service. (The OV-10 is the twin boomed-tail aircraft that our local CDF Air Attack Base uses as a spotter aircraft, and was used by the US Army, USMC, and others prior to that as a surveillance aircraft in jungle warfare during the Vietnam War, Desert Storm, and the Iraq War.)

Gary put together an Acquisition Crew consisting of **Ron Boyte, Rob Kinnear, John Dolan, Dave Geiger, Ron Brooks, Ed Morrison, Glen Thomson, Al Schade** and himself to drive up to Mather AF Base near Sacramento and spend two and 1/2 days dismantling the craft. Then they had to load two trailers and some trucks and transport the aircraft and extra parts to its new home at the Estrella Warbird Museum.

They have unloaded the fuselage and will be unloading the wing section and then start bolting everything back into place. Once the assembly is complete, the airplane will go onto the restoration schedule for paint touch-up, etc. The OV-10 will be another beautiful aircraft that we can be proud of.

The last thing I would like to update you all on is the fact that your Board of Directors voted to update our Master Plan with the addition of a Vehicle Storage Building and a new Artifact Exhibit Hall. We will not only need to construct the buildings but will need to get concrete pads laid out to display our aircraft properly, with hard surface walkways to allow ease of viewing. There is even a nice rest area planned where you can sit and enjoy the sight of so many wonderful aircraft in your own backyard.

Our most crucial problem is getting a place built that is waterproof, dust proof, bird proof, and has climate control for all our wonderful artifacts, uniforms, photos and paintings. Our Hangar is simply that--a hangar and once an artifact is damaged because of the elements, we can never get it back.

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To do this will take funding. **Gary Corippo** has put together a Fund Raising Committee of **Obbie Atkinson, John Whitworth, Paul Clark and Betty Miller** and they have created a letter and a flyer showing the anticipated project, which will be sent out to our Membership first and then to the general public. The Board of Directors is leading the way with financial pledges. Hopefully you will all help out in any way you can to support this fund raising effort. Our

Museum is getting recognition from all over the United States, Canada and even Europe. As you know we are all working together to preserve these aircraft and related memorabilia to help our future generations appreciate and honor those who worked on designing, engineering, constructing, maintaining, flying, and supporting our military in the tough job of preserving our wonderful freedoms we all enjoy.

Cordially
Chuck Miller

Minutes of Board Meetings

Current board minutes can be found on the bulletin board in the Meeting Hall across from the bar. If anyone wishes to have a copy — emailed to them, have them call Jackie Brooks, Secretary, at 462-8141. Space allowing, a brief recap may be included in the newsletters.

Dinner price \$12

Reminder that cost of Monthly Dinner has increased to \$12.00 per person. (If we have something like Lasagna or Mexican we may charge less - but normal price for BBQ, Prime Rib, Roast Pork, etc will be \$12.00) Price increase necessary due to rising food costs, probably due to our current increase in gas prices.

Annual Dues are Past Due

The Museum uses May 1st as the Annual Dues date. Reminder Letters were sent out to all current members and Rosemary says the response has been good. There are still some longtime members that have not responded. Please take a moment to call Rosemary at 467-3521 and let her know if you will be renewing and are just running late. We value you as a member and would hate to lose you. This will be your last newsletter if Rosemary does not hear from you by the end of July.

Membership - Newcomers

Jack Walz (wife: Joan)
Atascadero
Store Fixtures Business
Sponsor: Ray Passon

Willis Kenagy
Paso Robles
Retired: CHP

Ruth R. Holden
SLO, Ca. 93401
Retired
Sponsor: Glen Thompson
(also bought 3 concrete blocks)

Saturday work group

A very steady group comes to the Museum each and every Sat. We have about 20-25 of the members that make this each weekend to complete work that needs to be done. The work includes projects such as clean up, weeding, sanding on aircraft, misc. work on the old trucks, jeeps, trailers, etc. It works on the electrical of the buildings, paints, works in the kitchen, retrieving aircraft and aircraft parts, hauling junk away, cleaning up the restoration building, emptying waste cans, masking aircraft for painting, sorting out all of the parts that we have acquired, etc. The list goes on and on. If you will get involved, we will do our best to keep you busy. With all of this hard work that we perform, you get a free lunch and have the chance to work with a great bunch of guys (and girls) that are striving to make the Museum a wonderful place to call our own. Without the great people that we have, it would be just another building with stuff in it.

Gary Corippo

Mercedes Benz goes to Sally Brown

Sally Brown of Folsom, CA wins MB 450SLC Sally Brown and her husband were on an extended RV trip with the Guaranty RV Club and visited the Museum as part of a group of 140 in early May. She saw our Museum Building Fund Raiser car on display and bought a couple of tickets. Sally said she had purchased a new 450SLC in 1979 and loved it. She gave it to her son after a few years and was dismayed when he traded it in for something "hotter". She has been looking for one ever since! For those of you who were not at the June Dinner Meeting, Sally was called after her ticket was drawn and was ecstatic. Sally and her husband own an insurance company in Folsom and she says she is really enjoying driving her "new" car to work!

Membership News

Annual "Membership Dues" are now over due and those not received in the next 30 days will be reluctantly dropped from the "Museums" membership roll. Your "DUES" help pay the Museums fixed expenses and assure our future, and we thank each of you for your continued confidence and support.

Obbie Atkinson, Membership Chairman

Museum Directors Visit Camp Roberts

Sixteen of the seventeen Directors of the Estrella Warbird Museum went to the Camp Roberts Military Museum on June 15th for their monthly meeting. The Directors were given a tour of the Main Museum as well as the "Annex" by Joan Hussey and were thrilled to see all the many changes the Camp Roberts Volunteers have made! If you have not been out there in the last 10 months, you will be amazed at all the changes, it is well worth the time! We hope to be able make our Museum displays as attractive. WHERE: Camp Roberts Historical Museum, two large buildings covering the history of the army camp, located just inside the main gate. HOURS: Open Thursdays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; FREE

Weiss and Miller On the Move - Again

Carol Weiss and Betty Miller, Artifact Coordinators, (read-unpaid Curators!) are busy making our Museum Displays more attractive and have added more items for you to see. They have moved out some of the old wooden dividers and added more display cabinets and brought out some of the items that have been in storage. The total effect is one of openness and light- especially on the US NAVY - US Marine Corps side. They hope to be able to do that same for the US Army Air Corps side as well. They say it just takes time and muscle!

The dynamic duo have asked anyone who has a need for the two white wood dividers to feel free to remove them from where they are currently stored at the rear of the Huey helicopter. If no one takes them, they will be hauled out in the next few weeks with some of our other surplus "treasures."

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462-8141**



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Concorde's Last Flight - "Beautiful pic's"
http://www.catsprn.com/concordes_last_flight.htm

Summer Docent Schedule

Estrella Warbird Museum
July, August, September

July 2 Sat. 10-1 Miner
July 3 Sun. 12-3 Corippo, 1-4 Sacks
July 9 Sat. 10-1 Dickey
July 10 Sun. 12-3 Johnson, 1-4 Weiss
July 16 Sat. 10-1 Blomquist
July 17 Sun. 12-3 Passon, 1-4 Hermansen
July 23 Sat. 10-1 Dickey
July 24 Sun. 12-3 Corippo, 1-4 Bishop
July 30 Sat. 10-1 Peckinpugh
July 31 Sun. 12-3 Brooks, 1-4 Weiss

Aug. 6 Sat. 10-1 Miner
Aug. 7 Sun. 12-3 Corippo, 1-4 Sacks
Aug. 13 Sat. 10-1 Dickey
Aug. 14 Sun. 12-3 Passon, 1-4 Blomquist
Aug. 20 Sat. 10-1 Weiss
Aug. 21 Sun. 12-3 Johnson, 1-4 Hermansen
Aug. 27 Sat. 10-1 Dickey
Aug. 28 Sun. 12-3 Corippo, 1-4 Bishop

Sept. 3 Sat. 10-1 Miner
Sept. 4 Sun. 12-3 Corippo, 1-4 Sacks
Sept. 10 Sat. 10-1 Blomquist
Sept. 11 Sun. 12-3 Passon, 1-4 Open
Sept. 17 Sat. 10-1 Dickey
Sept. 18 Sun. 12-3 Weiss, 1-4 Hermansen
Sept. 24 Sat. 10-1 Dickey
Sept. 25 Sun. 12-3 Corippo, 1-4 Bishop

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"Museum Musings..."

The First Annual Treasure Hunt at the 7 North County Historical Museums and Historical Societies is ending soon, on July 1! Get a copy of the "ad" and clip the entry form to enter.

Visit all seven of the North County's Museums:
1) Estrella Warbird Museum, 2) Atascadero Historical Society, 3) El Paso de Robles Historical Society/Museum, 4) Pioneer Museum, 5) Camp Roberts Museum, 6) Rios Caledonia Adobe and 7) Templeton Historical Museum. [It's an effort to stimulate visits from locals to all our museums...]

Answer 21 questions (3 per facility) and enter to win some super prizes including a \$100.00 Gift Certificate to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Lunch for Two at Matthews At The Airport, One night stay for two at the Holiday Inn Express, Movie Tickets from the Park Cinema, Dinner or Lunch for Two at Season's At The River Oaks Golf Course and more!

USS Columbus Reunion in September

From 1944 through 1976 CA-74/CG12 shipmates and SSN-762 past and present will convene in San Antonio, Texas for a reunion September 21-25, 2005. Contact Allan R. Hope, president of the USS Columbus Veterans Association, hope4391@comcast.net, phone 260-486-2221 in Indiana.

Warbird Museum docent orientation

Another docent orientation will be planned soon. We would like anybody interested in being a docent to attend. Call Tom Weiss [239-2637]



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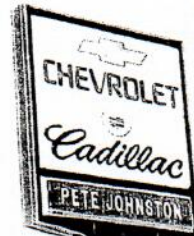
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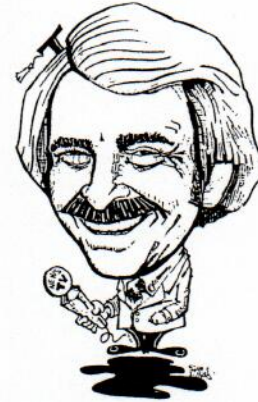
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Dale Schwartz began his career as an electronic engineer but later became a radio and television newsman. While covering and writing news, Schwartz worked for various publishing and broadcasting corporations including Time-Life and McGraw-Hill.

In addition to holding positions in radio and television, he wrote for popular magazines and taught radio, television, and magazine writing at a university.

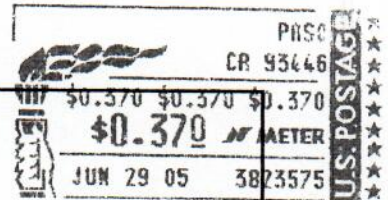
Jackie is looking for volunteers

to work as Welcoming committee and
serve in the Gift Shop.

Please contact me at: 462-8141 for
details.

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