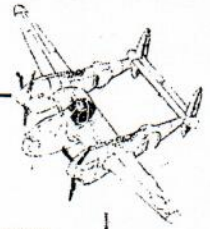


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## June 7: Commander Chuck Mosely, USN Ret.

### "A valued friend of warbirders"

Commander Chuck Mosely (USN retired) served our country for 35 years, mostly as an aircraft maintenance officer. Mosely served on four different aircraft carriers including the USS Constellation and USS Kitty Hawk. He spent lots of time in war areas and was headquartered in NAS Miramar for 25 years.

Mosely is one of the most valued friends the Estrella Warbird Museum has had the pleasure of working with. He was instrumental in our museum being qualified by NAS Pensacola to receive loaned material from the U.S. Navy. He also assisted our museum and Wayne King in introductions to not only Pensacola but also the Philadelphia Naval Air HQ, introducing us to the entire staff that proved invaluable in learning how to deal with this complex Navy system. Mosely also guided us into and out of NAS China Lake with Bob Cofland. That introduction offered us a great deal of assistance in our efforts to obtain lots of our current aircraft and parts.

"Mosely is now Chief Operating Officer of All-Coast Aircraft Recovery Systems in Wiesdale, Florida. He will enlighten us with an interesting program." -- George Marrett, Prog. Chmn.

### June 7 Menu:

*Please RSVP a.s.a.p. @ 466-1212*

### "Summertime Barbecue"

For our June membership meeting we will be treated to a classic chicken BBQ dinner:

Classic BBQ Chicken  
Corn  
Potato Salad  
Coleslaw  
Garlic Bread  
Desert

Social at 6 pm, Dinner at 7, Only \$12 per  
Please RSVP: 466-1212

*"Honoring The Past - Inspiring the Future"*

### *The Prez Sez.....*

#### **"Changing of the Guard"**

As I take on the prestigious title of President, I wonder just what have I gotten myself into. One of my first thoughts is I do not even know what questions to ask to see just how much trouble I am in, but when I look at the support I know I will receive from our members and board, I feel strongly that we have a great year ahead of us. I feel honored to have the opportunity to serve in this position. The Estrel As I take on the prestigious title of President, I wonder just what have I gotten myself into. One of my first thoughts is I do not even know what questions to ask to see just how la Warbird Museum has been built by the passions, inspirations and hard work of dedicated people. It will be my primary goal to continue to preserve the respect and dignity that this organization has earned.

I want to thank Past President Chuck Miller for all his hard work and I am counting on him to continue to oversee the completion of the Freedom Hall.

We have many exciting projects ahead of us including the start of construction on "Freedom Hall" and the continual increase in activity at the museum. I have said many times that the "Estrella



Warbird Museum" is larger than the some of its parts,-- by that I mean that it has a life of its own. Yes we do have many unique artifacts and impressive aircraft, but the real value of this organization is its members. We are fortunate to have many hard working members with talents that amaze us all.

A popular TV commercial says it well. "On the Road of Life there are passengers and there are Drivers." The Estrella Warbird Museum is fortunate to have "The Drivers of Life" in our membership.

The plans for "Freedom Hall" have been approved by the City, and we will soon see a great deal of activity on this exciting project. This project is only possible due to a lot of hard work by our members and strong support of the community. We will have many opportunities for member involvement with this project as it progresses. I feel fortunate that our same building committee composed of Chairperson **Betty Miller**, **Gary Corippo**, **Chuck Miller**, **Glen Thomson**, and **Carol Weiss** will continue to support this project as they have in the past.

My congratulations go to **Wayne Rice** for the very successful golf tournament on May 8. I feel that being our first try at this type of fund raiser we did quite well. Wayne Rice organized the event and with the help of our members made this project a success. I also wish to thank **John** and **Mira Himes** along with **Ron Boyte** for their outstanding food service at this event. **Rosemary Netto** and **Cathy Nietz** provided excellent beverage service as always.

The generous support of our sponsors was greatly appreciated. Hunter Ranch provided a fine venue. The Golf tournament has brought us two new members I wish to welcome aboard **Don Hart** and **Mike Gordon**.

Gary Corippo again has done some horse-trading and has set his sights on an simulator for the new exhibit hall. Gary and Betty are both very excited about this acquisition.

Again the Paso Robles weather has thrown us a curve. We went from winter, had two days of spring and are now into summer. This has

condensed the time we have to do projects while enjoying mild weather. Our Saturday workers will need to prepare for the warm weather and drink lots of water.

I look forward to our June dinner meeting as I feel that this is a time for all of us to enjoy the company of our fellow members.

*George*

George Taylor  
President, Estrella Warbird Museum  
*"Honoring The Past Inspiring the Future"*

### **Museum Musings** By Betty Miller

We will be breaking ground on Freedom Hall at our June Dinner Meeting! Thrilling for those of us who have worked to get this project off the ground.

We are still raising money for this much needed building. I know that some of you will feel more like helping us out when you see where we are on the construction. We would appreciate anything you can spare to help get this done in a timely manner.

In the last 'Musings' I told you about our proposed layout and what will be included in the new building.

As we get closer to making this a reality, we have received some great ideas for new exhibits. If you have something that you think would make a great exhibit and if it will take more than space in a display case please contact either Carol Weiss or myself. We will certainly take time to go over it with you. We need to have a sketch, drawn to scale, of what you are proposing and a written summary of the proposed exhibit including status of display items. We will go over your ideas and let you know if this can be worked into our Master Plan of the facility.

I know it seems like 4800 square feet will be huge, but remember a portion of the area is Gift Shop, Office space for the Gift Shop and Office space/ work room for the Museum. Then we have 2 large ADA restrooms with two stalls each and a janitorial closet. Our actual display areas are already pretty well designated with displays for the opening.



Some displays will be rotated, and some will be permanent. Carol and I are working to present our artifacts in the best possible way for the enjoyment and education of our visitors, as well as to honor those who were involved in the use of these items.

We are still getting items brought to the Docents, but no phone calls by either the Docents or Givers to Carol or myself to verify that your item can be utilized.

**Docents** - when something comes in to be donated please remember to call us. Our names and phone contact numbers are posted by the phone. Remember we don't have everything out on display. Just because you don't see it out doesn't mean that we don't already have two of the same thing!

**Donors** - please check with us before you bring out Uncle Steve's sextant or Grandpa Harold's WW II Aircraft ID manual. We may want your item, but have to ask that you store it until we are moved in!

Still looking for....

- (1) Brown or Black military style (no tennis shoes or wing tips) shoes in size 10 1/2 to 11 that you could donate to the Museum?
- (2) Ration Stamps (food or gas) from WW II? We know there are some out there!
- (3) Plastic or wood tube-type radio from the 40's-50's? (Doesn't have to be working-since we will rewire it anyway.)

You can reach us at:

Betty-466-1212; Carol - 239-2637 .

*Betty and Carol*

### Freedom Hall Ground Breaking

Wednesday, June 7 will be the date for the Official Ground Breaking Ceremony for "*Freedom Hall*"

The ceremony will be held at 6:30 pm sharp and we are asking everyone to come outside and line up for media photos in front of the foundation area. (You can bring your soda, wine glass or beer)

This is a momentous event and we would like to see everyone who can attend the ceremony participate.

### Membership News

Museum membership continues to grow as more learn of the "Museum" and are attracted to the

unique benefits it offers them. "Thunderbolt Flight" has now lifted off in a steep climb to 50 new "Star" to "Five Star" members. "Lightning Flight" and "Thunderbolt Flight" support the major funding for our upcoming, exciting "Freedom Hall".

Thanks and welcome to "Thunderbird Flight", are members Bud Cashen, Glen Thomson, Dick Woodland, George Hearst, Ron Brooks, Jackie Brooks, Dorothy McBain, Al Smith, Burr Webber, Ed & Pam Morrison, Tom Wilbur, Midstate Bank, Dick Reddick, Bill & Jackie Plant Mason, Dr. Kevin Colton, and Craig & Cathy Bonelli.

Contact Obbie and become a "Star Member" of the great "Thunderbolt Flight", now climbing out. "He's easy to find."

*New Members:*

#### LIFE MEMBER

Mike Gordon  
Cardiff, Ca. 92007

#### STAR MEMBER

Kevin Colton  
Templeton, Ca. 93465

#### REGULAR

Bryan Tharp  
Paso Robles, Ca. 93446  
Don and Aquilla Hart (family)  
Lompoc, Ca. 93436

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*George Taylor*

### *"The High Flier"*

One of the main purposes, in establishing a working library, was to make effective the many many technical books available to all members of the Warbird museum.

On Monday, the 15th of May, I met with Al Schade and we began to separate all of the Technical books, from the mainstream volumes. This was done, so that there will be an "Extension Library", located at the shop area. Thereby allowing any and all working members, immediate access to any literature that will be pertinent to the work going on at any particular time. This extension of the Library will be listed, catalogued and ready for operation, as soon as this librarian has the previous listed work, completed and ready for a check-out system in place.

I want to thank some very special people who have been so very helpful in making this library and its potential importance to the Warbird Museum, grow and to become (using today's buzz word) a reality.

If you have be reading the HIGH FLIER these last few months, you will realize that there has been many persons already recognized for their involvement in the production of the LIBRARY. The following names are just a few of the many that you will be reading in this bulletin for the many years to follow.

Thank you to: Al and Bobbie Schade, for giving a full day to help me prepare for the division and future placement of the EXTENSION LIBRARY.

To Gary Corippo - Bob Kelly - Rob Kinnear - Wayne Rice, who climbed into Gary's truck, with me along for the ride to Camp Roberts, to pick up a large shelving apparatus for placement in the library. It turned out to be an unusual trip, because we arrived just in time to watch the Guard have a fly-by with their large cargo planes, at the very moment they were spewing parachutists out of the (excuse the term) rear of the two planes flying over Camp Roberts whole area, leaving the iron fencing looking very professional.

To Don, who manned the Gift Shop, freeing me to work with Al , so that we could begin the needed preparation for the EXTENSION LIBRARY

To Braulio Quezada, who has made, a badly needed gate, up at the top of the ramp to the library, so that now and in the future, we will be able to bring in or take out very large objects, such as the above mentioned pre-made shelving. Braulio not only made the gate opening, but he made sure that the gate is user safe and then he completed the job by sanding the welding spots and painting the. More news to come next month

Keep'em flying,

*Charmaine*

### *Golf Tournament Wrap-Up*

We had 6 \$250 sponsors and 5 \$150 sponsors. Obviously, we could use more sponsors as that is where tournaments make their profit. The forty-four paid players netted us about the same as the 11 sponsors. Next year we should try to find a "tournament sponsor" who may be willing to put up \$2500 or more as the main sponsor. We could also get someone to sponsor the golf carts for the players. If we can do this we could lower the entry fee, and, hopefully, attract more players.

More golf course volunteers could be used. I hesitated to accept Paso Robles Ford offer for a car and Powerhouse's offer for an all terrain vehicle for hole-in-one prizes as I competition (insurance reasons). It would be nice to get more membership involvement in this. Right now it is a case of all the "The usual suspects" for the volunteer situation, i.e. the same people always can be depended on to do the work.

Hole-in-One prizes: Perhaps next year we could see if Pigs-can-Fly or some other aircraft dealer might be interested in an airplane for a hole-in-one prize. After all, we are about flying and an airplane would generate some interest. I do not know if there insurance available to cover this contingency, however.

Due to a significant family commitment next year at this same time, I'll not be available. I do believe moving it to the latter half of September or early October would not find us in conflict with other golf events and the weather should still be good. Times in June, July and August are not available because of all the other events already on-tap, wasn't certain we could get the people to cover the holes. Two per hole are required for a hole-in-one

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We can expand some of the other competitions within the event to generate more interest. Incorporating more "Closest-to-Pin" prizes is easy to do. We could also offer some other "games within the game" things such as a buy-in and a skins game. To do this we would need to have someone dedicated to running that part of the operation the day of the tournament. The museum wouldn't gain revenue from these events, but they do generate interest.

Our tournament was scheduled for a Monday. Weekdays have advantages and disadvantages. The advantage is that the courses usually charge less for weekdays than weekends, hence, we can charge less. Weekends probably have more golfers available so the entry pool is bigger. I recommend we stick with the weekday.

For those who were at the luncheon: how did the door prize distribution seem to you? Did we have too many or not enough? Was the "lottery" method the best way to hand them out?

I tried to keep the check-in as easy as possible. However, one thing was subject to confusion: Even though each player was told their drink coupon was for the museum, not the golf course, several tried to get complimentary drinks from the golf course that led to some confusion. Next time we set it up so that the drink coupons are only available at the museum. This will entail ensuring the museum has an accurate player's list for the event.

An area that needs some study is the nature and amount of publicity around the tournament. I'm not sure we got much out of our advertising other than to get the museum's name "in print". By far the majority of sponsors and players came from direct contact, although we did get one door prize as a result of the chamber of commerce flyers. There was one phone call, which did not lead to an entry, from the radio spots. The problem with the radio spots may have been that they were too late to have much effect.

If we want this event to go bigger next time, we'll need a more formal arrangement vis-à-vis a committee, especially when it comes to contacting businesses for sponsorships and door prizes. I made 122 contacts, which resulted in 30 sponsors/door prize donors. I assume a 10% response rate is not bad, but if we are to get more sponsorships and entrants we need more people beating the bushes as it was direct contact that paid off.

I do want to thank all those members of the board and other members who helped out. If there is anyone who owes a thanks it is I to all those who pitched in and made this event a go.

Thanks to you all,

*Wayne*

Wayne Rice (805) 467-9710; Email: ricefolk@tcsn.net

### ***"Pasto Festivo" event at Thomson Hall***

June 16: 5:30 for appetizers, dinner at 6, \$10;  
Silent Auction sponsored by Pleasant Valley  
Community Foundation, Inc. Call Joyce 440-7173  
for tickets and details.

### **FREEDOM HALL**

Help out, please donate today to the Freedom Hall Fund Raising effort. Let's make it 100% support from the membership. Your entire Board of Directors were the first to donate and pledge, many of your fellow members have already done so, and we have the support of many of our Community as well. Now it's time for all of us to contribute whatever we can to get to 100%

#### **DONATION FORM FOR FREEDOM HALL**

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Rosemary Netto, Treasurer

Estrella Warbird Museum

4251 Dry Creek Road

Paso Robles, CA 93446

Or you may use your **Credit Card!** Please call Rosemary at 467-3521 between 7 am and 4 pm to arrange this .

**Thank You!**

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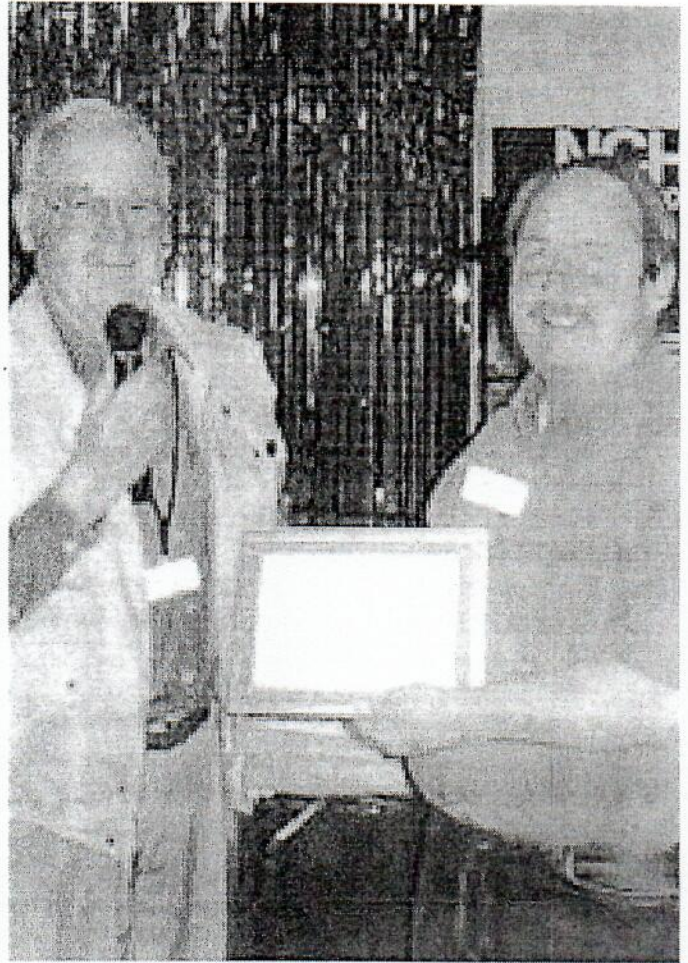
**"Friends On Shore" has been launched**

"Friends On Shore" program is now underway. This program will enable the crew of the USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN72) to communicate directly with our members via e-mail. We hope to reach the sailor that does not get much family support or an occasional "Care Package" from home. The Warbird Museum has a wide range of talented members and many have spent countless years serving our country. Our members will be able to share their experiences and support with the men and women that are now serving. I feel that showing support to these young troops from both our former military and civilian members will be greatly appreciated. I wish to compile a list of Warbird Members that would like to be part of this program and as contacts from the Lincoln come in we will make them available for your response. Contact from our members with these young troops could be very rewarding for both parties. Contact George Taylor for more information about this program. The e-mail address for this program is [friendsonshore@msn.com](mailto:friendsonshore@msn.com)  
The future is also what the Estrella Warbird Museum is about.

*George Taylor*

**Interesting websites to surf:**

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- [www.dssdvd.com](http://www.dssdvd.com)
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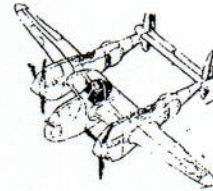
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