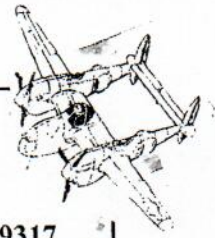


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July 5: Chopper Pilot Chuck Perriguey

"Aviation Adventures"

Our guest speaker for EWM meeting of July 5th is Chuck Perriguey from Nipomo, California.

Chuck is a retired US Army helicopter pilot who later served with the Los Angeles Police Department and was present for the big Bank of America shootout in North Hollywood a few years ago. He will talk about his aviation adventures!

[I will be departing Atascadero on July 2nd and flying commercial to Idaho to celebrate my mother's 96th birthday. -- George Marrett, Program Chmn.]

July 5 Menu:

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

Roast Pork with
Scalloped Potatoes
Green Peas
Tossed Green Salad
Dinner Rolls
Strawberry Shortcake
Coffee and Iced Tea

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

"Honoring The Past - Inspiring the Future"

"Ahoy Mates"

As we display "Old Glory" this Fourth of July let's all celebrate and then take a moment to remember the men and women that have made it possible.

Prez Sez continued...

This is a time to give honor and respect to those of the "Greatest Generation" that have made it possible for us to enjoy the free lifestyle we have today. Our young men and women serving our country today are making it possible for us to continue enjoying a society of freedom and opportunity. We should also remember the families of our troops that have made the personal sacrifice of having their loved ones far away from home while defending our freedom and in some cases, making the ultimate sacrifice. Celebrate the "Fourth of July" by displaying our flag with honor and respect.

June 7, 2006 marked another major milestone for the Estrella Warbird Museum with the ground breaking of "Freedom Hall". This new museum for the artifacts of military history is only possible by the passion and dedication of our members and the strong support of the community. I wish to thank Gary Nemeth and Jim Heggarty for representing the City of Paso Robles at our ceremony. This new facility will not only be an asset for the City of Paso Robles but will better protect our collectables, and will provide a enhanced learning environment for the hundreds of school age young people that visit our museum. Also our loyal docents will have more comfortable working conditions as they conduct professional tours. We still have lots of hard work ahead, but we will now start seeing some of our efforts literally cast in concrete.

We have so many great things happening at the museum that not a day goes by that I am not truly amazed. Betty Miller along with her team of volunteers, Rosemary Netto and Cathy Nietz providing beverage service. Fine food service from John Himes and crew. Linda and Arnold

Hermansen for always being there getting us ready for the next event. We have truly turned "Thomson Hall" into a much sought after facility for catered events. Other events like providing a polling place during our recent elections not only brought us the much-needed income, but several hundred people saw our facility for the first time. Please see Jackie Brooks' article in this newsletter thanking all of those that made this event possible. We must also remember while doing all of these events through out the week and weekends we have a dedicated staff of volunteers that make our monthly dinner meetings a huge success. At our last dinner meeting June 7th we were thrown a curve when John Himes was selected for jury duty and was told his jury duty would take all day. At that point we had the ever so dedicated Ed Chidlaw and Bob Chambers as the only two in the kitchen to prepare a meal for 120 people! I was also made aware that our grocery delivery was short chicken and that a speed run had to be made to the store at the eleventh hour. A quick phone call by Ed Chidlaw to Ron Boyte and he was on his way from Cayucos to do the BBQ. It is this type of flexibility and dedication that makes me proud to be a member of the "Estrella Warbird Museum". At about 4:00 pm John and Mirá followed by Betty Miller pulled into the parking lot to assist Ed Chidlaw, Ron Boyte, Bob Chambers and Linda Hermansen prepare our meal. I wish to extend a thank you to all that made everything work out and provided us a great meal.

If that is not enough, our dedicated Ed Chidlaw and his crew of Ron Brooks, Braulio Quezada, Forrest Johnson and Gary Corippo have completed the much-needed improvement to the front of our current museum hanger. The removal of the lawn and revamped drainage system will help keep us from flooding the museum during our heavy winter Paso rains and now allows us a new display area that can accommodate some of our larger items. It gives a great new, clean look to the museum along with being functional. Our great team of volunteers is what makes projects like this possible and to make it even better all the materials were donated by you guessed it Ed Chidlaw.

Thank You, Ed and crew.

"More Great Things"

A few Saturdays ago we had the pleasure to meet two young girls -- Afton Sawyer and Kelsay Highnote. We were told that they liked aircraft and they spent the day with our crew washing airplanes and other museum chores. These are two young ladies that their parents should be very proud of. They are not afraid of work and go about it with a great attitude. Our crew was so impressed with these young people that they were both treated to an airplane ride after they had completed their chores. I hope these girls visit the museum again and I look forward to meeting their parents.

"Oh Yea There is More"

One of the vendors for my business - Conway Distributing of Santa Maria when made aware of our "Friends on Shore" program extended me a special price on 120 packages of beef jerky and then turned around and donated five cases of chips to be sent to the USS Abraham Lincoln. I will be putting together about seven care packages and sending them off by the end of June. I am still trying to settle on a list of Items our friends aboard the Lincoln would enjoy.

"Still more Great Things"

The son of one of my long time friends is in the Army and was home for two weeks of R&R, renewing friendships, visiting with family and recovering from injuries he received while in Afghanistan. Private First Class Thomas Bickel will be part of our pen pal program along with some of his fellow troops when he returns to Afghanistan the end of June. What a pleasure it is to know this fine young man that is defending our freedom.

The museum has so many hard working dedicated members it is impossible to mention them all in one newsletter. To all our "Crew Members" I wish to extend a Thank You

It is my pleasure to be part of your organization. I feel that maybe some of our members do not know just how to get involved in some of these great programs we have. As President I wish to invite all interested members and future members to join us at our monthly dinner meetings. I feel that you will get an understanding how hard your Board of Directors and fellow members work to make "The Estrella Warbird Museum" the great place it is.

Very Respectfully

George

George Taylor

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

Museum Musings By Betty Miller

As I write this, Freedom Hall construction has begun! The foundation was poured the morning of Friday, June 23, with the slab scheduled to be poured on Friday, June 30th. Nunno Corp. will begin erection of the building about July 17th. What a great tribute to all our members of the "greatest generation" and those young men and women who are trying to bring democracy and freedom to areas who have never experienced being able to disagree with elected leaders without getting marched off in the middle of the night never to be seen again. We are so lucky to live in a culture where we can agree to disagree.

Carol Weiss and I have spent a great deal of time getting all the posters, historic photos and paintings entered from our Donor Log into our Accession Log. We still have many smaller artifacts to do, but we feel that we are finally seeing a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel!

Unfortunately items are still being dropped off with sticky tabs saying "A man left this for Betty. He said she would know who it is from..." unfortunately this is not always the case! Pleeeeeeze try to call Carol or myself first **before** accepting something. If all else fails, at least get a name and phone number! Thanks.

We still desperately need you to donate toward Freedom Hall if you have not already done so. We have had many wonderful monetary gifts, but we do not 100% of our membership. Remember, it may only mean sacrificing dessert or a cup of a designer coffee, but it will buy a light fixture for Freedom Hall. The building will go up, but without your help it may not be usable for a while if we can't get the interior completed.

Thanks so much to all of you who have been so supportive! You can reach us at:
Betty-466-1212; Carol - 239-2637 .

Betty and Carol



Membership News

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

New Members:

LIFE MEMBER

Sissee Kurowski
Paso Robles, Ca. 93446
(((spouse: Lloyd Plymate)))

Family memberships:

Jack & Marty Harrington
John & John Walz
Joe and Valerie Benson
Paso Robles, Ca. 93447

News from Our Out-of-Area Members

Neil Menard lives in Redding, CA and has been a member of the Museum for six years. Neil worked for the State of California in State Park Maintenance at the Weaverville Joss House Museum, and at the Oregon Air & space Museum.

Neil has taken many courses in artifact preservation, restoration, and maintaining artifacts in the proper temperature, lighting, etc. Neil has donated some of the large display cabinets we use and also items to help Carol and I in our jobs as Artifact Curators.

Although he would love to be closer to be able to work with us, family commitments and work keep him away. Neil would like to communicate with any of you that share his interest in aviation history, living along the Central Coast, Conservation of Historic Artifacts, or Museum Operations.

You can contact Neil by email at :
neilmenard@sbcglobal.net

"DUES ARE DUE, MAY 1, 2006"

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- **New "patches" are available at \$5 each.**

Our Museum was recently involved in Community Outreach

We received great exposure for the Museum.

We were the location of 2 voting Precincts June 6, for the "Adopt-a-Poll" program of SLO County.

This was not easily accomplished!! It took many volunteers, in different capacities.

A BIG Thank YOU to those "Manning the Polls" and to those who helped take down & stack the voting booths and equipment and those who stayed to "tally" and return the results ---after working till the polls closed. ---- Judy & Gary Corippo; Bob Kelly; Rosemary Netto; Betty & Chuck Miller; Charmaine & Don Peckinpaugh; Norene & Frank Ragland.

And Thank You also to those who helped on June 7th with decorating & rearrangement of tables & chairs -so we could have our Wednesday Dinner Meeting, --- Ron Brooks, Don Peckinpaugh;- Betty & Chuck Miller and the Decorating Committee-- Judy Corippo & Rosemary Netto.

The only reward/payment these folks will receive is a BIG Thank You for their hard work..

Thanks Gang. You are great!!

Jackie Brooks

P.S. The museum will be needing volunteers for the November 7 election.

Contact Jackie Brooks ph: 462-8141

"The High Flier"

This past week we brought into the loft, the very large book shelf that we had picked up at Camp Roberts. By we, I mean, with Don on the life, Gary riding up with the cabinet, Bob and Ed, waiting for it at the door, and me telling them " how to", WE, brought it into the library.

It is in place and thanks to Don, who spent four days staining and applying two coats of varnish to the shelf; it is now a show place for

some of the special editions, that over the past years, have been donated to the the library.

Don this Saturday is getting a chance to return to his "other job", removing the engine from the T-34 and I am prepared to start the process of listing all of the BRITISH books, which then will lead into during the same with the FRENCH books and then the GERMAN books and etc and etc.

At last count it showed that we only have about 4,000 or more to go! My, how time flies when you are having fun. (Which I am doing).

Our daughter, Diane, along with Pam Morrison and Bobby Schade and and others, have shown an interest in helping with the writing (printing) of the Library Cards. Big job and it requires lots of patience, perseverance and perfect penmanship. With that in mind, they have all said a big, YES - BLESS THEM ALL!!!

Remember to check out our 'BOOKS FOR ADOPTION" shelf, downstairs in the museum. We could use the donations!!

Keep'em flying,

Charmaine

Golf Tournament Wrap-Up

May was a busy month for the Museum. Our first benefit golf tournament was held on May 8th. All told, we had 43 golfers play the Hunter Ranch Golf Course and they all had a good time even though no one drove away with the Cadillac. After the round concluded, the Museum hosted the players with a chicken Bar-B-Q lunch at the Glen Thomson Hall. While here, the golfers had tours of our facility and pictures taken of themselves in the F-14 cockpit which, thanks to the efforts of the Saturday work crew, has been refitted with ejection seats (disarmed of course) and looks ready to launch, if you can ignore the disabled engines.

The Museum cannot succeed without the efforts of our volunteers. This golf event was no exception. Many kudos to the following members for their efforts:

John and Mira Himes for the excellent meal
Ron Boyte normally one of the Saturday slaves,
but now Bar-B-Q expert chef as well

Rosemary Netto and Kathy Neitz for excellent bar service and friendly faces

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George Taylor for hustling half of Lompoc's golfers here for us, photographer extraordinaire, and smiling face
Gary Corippo as the chief hustler of any who walk in the door
Betty Miller as galley slave and PR pro
Chuck Miller as general whatever needs to be done person
Glen Thomson for lending dignity to the proceedings
Rosemary Netto as decorator primo and for keeping the books straight
Obbie Atkinson for auto support
Marcia Rice and John Dolan for eagle eyes at the Hole-in-One
Don and Charmaine Peckinpaugh and Marcia Rice for getting those players properly and promptly checked-in at the course

Support of the business community is the key to success of one of these events. The Warbirds have enjoyed a great relationship with local businesses and it is time to acknowledge them:

John Whitworth and Corps Classics of Morro Bay donated golf towels that were given to each player upon check-in. These towels are of first rate quality and were well received by the players. Corps classics also provided golf shirts with the Museum Logo, at cost, for our other sponsors.

Pete Johnston Chevrolet & Cadillac for sponsoring a Cadillac CTS as a Hole-in-One prize

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Additionally, one of our players, John Lizzaraga donated \$100 for our use as appropriate

The following businesses provided door prizes that were given out during the luncheon:

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Vessel Day Spa, Paso Robles, CA
Lube-N-Go, Paso Robles, CA
Adelaide Inn, Paso Robles, CA
1890 House, Paso Robles, CA
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Hamon Overhead Door Co, Paso Robles, CA
Paso Robles Inn, Paso Robles, CA
Jake's Take & Bake Pizza, Paso Robles, CA
Kragen Auto Parts, Spring St, Paso Robles,

CA
Matthews at the Airport, Paso Robles, CA
Bella Luna Winery, Templeton, CA
Firestone-Walker Brewery, Paso Robles, CA
Idler's Appliances, Atascadero, CA
Silver Horse Winery, San Miguel, CA
Hertz Rent-a-Car, Paso Robles, CA

Since we had a golf tournament, it is appropriate to mention those whom excelled and won prizes:

First place team: Eric Offebro, Rick Cox, Matt Garcin, Garrett Theissen

Second place team: Joe Barto, Pat Casares, John Lizzaraga, Ed Casares

Third place team: Dennis Grossini, Shawn Owens, Bim Peterson, Martin Tedone

Fourth place team: Mike Frederick, John McNinch, Bill Racine, Randy Betz

Closest to pin: Craig Bonelli

Longest drive: Ted Hamm

Lastly, it is appropriate to thank Hunter Ranch for their support. They took care of many details with respect to running the tournament and donated a round of golf for four as a door prize. If you are a golfer and have not played Hunter Ranch, you are depriving yourself of a great golf experience.

Thanks to you all,

Wayne

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

EWM has started a NEW PROGRAM

This should be a lot of fun! We want all of our members that were in the service (even the Army) to send or bring a picture of themselves when they were in the military. We will have them blown up to a 8x10 size, frame them, and we will hang them on the back wall of the Bar. We have already received about twelve of them and they are now hanging for all to see. We would prefer to have you guys in your working uniforms (utilities, fatauges, pilot outfits, etc.) so that all can see you as you were when you were working or in combat. Get the pictures to Gary, Betty, George, or just leave it at the Museum counter in an envelope. It is IMPORTANT that you put your Name, rank at the time, date and station/ship on the back so that we can identify these young kids that have changed so

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much over twenty or fifty (?) years ! I think it will be alot of fun and hopefully everyone will want to be part of it as it grows. Could have upwards of 100 pictures on the wall. For the members that were not in the service, send us a picture of yourself or we will take a picture of you working at the Museum. Please include \$ 3.00 for the frame and we will have the picture enlarged for you.

Gary Corippo- Director

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%

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

Thank You!

Interesting websites to surf:

This is a 11 minute and 30 second film created to honor American Veterans and I enjoyed it thoroughly. Hope you do also, Yours Aye and Semper Fi

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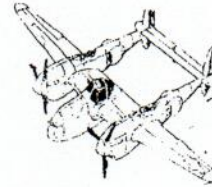
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