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*August 1 Program: "Weather..." Dave
Foxton NASA/JPL Contract Officer (ret)*

David Foxton was born in Santa Monica, California and grew up in Pasadena. After completing his undergraduate work, Dave graduated from the University of Hawaii with a degree in Biochemistry. He then attended California State University in Northridge, and received his degree in Public Administration.

For 15 years he served as a NASA contracting Officer at the NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory/JPL in Pasadena, California. He retired two years ago.

On August 1st, Foxton will present a slide show titled "Weather on other planets" and "Where did the moon come from?" The show was developed for NASA as an Out-Reach Program and was designed to bring JPL /NASA space missions to high school and Community College students in California.

This presentation is a review of JPL's space missions to the earth and other planets of the solar system that took place during the past 20 years. It includes photographs of Venus, the Earth's atmosphere, Mars, and the moons of Jupiter.

- George Marrett, Program Chair

To: All members:

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Thank You, George Taylor

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Museum Musings

By Betty Miller

By the time many of you read this, I will be out of the USA and sailing down the coast of Italy!

Fellow Curator Carol Weiss will be available to answer any questions about prospective donations. You can reach her at **239-2637**.

As we mentioned in the July article, we are very limited on storage space for artifacts not on display! Please reread the following about donating items to Freedom Hall.

What to do if you have an item you want to donate...

Ist, Please call either **Betty at 805-471-0472** or **Carol at 239-2637**. Let us know *what* you are considering donating. We are

getting duplicate items and storage is a major problem.

2nd. Do Not bring in anything to the Museum unless you have called one of us and discussed it first. If we are able to use it, we would like to have one of us present to accept it and complete the "Deed of Gift" paperwork and secure the item properly.

3rd Item on Loan - Unfortunately we are **not** accepting any items on "loan" at this time.

Change is Exciting! There are already changes in your Museum, so come visit soon. Remember as an Estrella Warbird Museum member in good standing, you are able to visit your Museum free.

See you soon!

Betty Miller - 466-1212

Carol Weiss - 239-2637

Freedom Hall Curators

DOCENT DOINGS

By Betty Miller
Temporary Docent Coordinator

Greetings to all Freedom Hall Docents, and to all of you who may wish to join this active group.

The July Schedule has been mailed to each of you and the August Schedule should have arrived prior to you reading this newsletter. As you can see we have an active two months.

The High Flier

The Library has received a wonderful gift with our new, up-to date, computer system. Thanks to the efforts of Betty Miller and the generosity of one of our members, we have finally come into the 21st century.

We are also in debt to the great work by Ron Brooks - Chuck Miller - Don Peckinpaugh, for the running of the necessary wire from "Freedom Hall" to the "Library", (and Betty furnished

You will note that many of our Docents work more than one day a month. This is great, and these Docents find that they are meeting very interesting visitors from all over the world as well as from all over the USA!

If you enjoy people and the stories they bring, you should definitely try being a Docent! It has been wonderful being in air-conditioned comfort during the hot spell we have had! I don't think anyone misses Hangar One with the dirt, birds, and the heat.

We are planning a **Docent/Gift Shop Volunteer Meeting** for **Sunday, September 9th. At 4:00 pm in the Museum.** There will be a BBQ and Side dish Potluck afterwards. Bring your spouse, special friend, or a prospective Docent/Gift Shop volunteer and plan on having an informative and enjoyable get-together. You don't want to miss this one!

Welcome to new Docents, **Mary Schwartz, Sami Nemeth, Wally Engle, Stella Thompson, Al Schade, George Taylor , Mary Baiamonte and Obbie Atkinson!**

If you would like to join this great group of folks, call 466-4196 and leave your name and a phone number. I will call you after August 14th when I return from vacation.

Betty

the doughnuts), which now allows the Museum and the Library to connect to each other and eventually, connect to all of the museums with the same computer system..

The cataloging crew is still working hard to complete the task of preparing all of the materials in the library for an opening date in the fall.

To all of the members who have and are, so generous in giving their time to the

ESTRELLA WARBIIRD MUSEUM
COMPLEX - I say a most sincere "THANK
YOU".

Keep'm Flying
Charmaine

MEMBERSHIP-----

Welcome New Members:

New family:

Dave and Evelyn Brooks
Templeton
Sponsor: Chuck Miller

New member:

Ted Westerman
Cambria

New STAR member

Andrew Firestone
2300 Airport Rd., Paso Robles, Ca. 93446
591-8050

New annual member

Al Lindenau
Clipper Mills, CA. 95930
Sponsor: Ruth Dickey

Regular annual members:

- Tony Lem
Campbell
Sponsor: Jackie Brooks
- Frank Moore
Brea, Ca.
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Harald and Margaret Bauer
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Sponsor: Gary Corippo

THANK YOU TO EACH AND EVERY ONE FOR
YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE
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Don Peckinpugh, Membership Chairman

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One "Phoenix" era missile is on the way to Paso
Robles to join our growing missile exhibits.
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Need 2 large leather-like recliners? Make an offer,
They are being "excessed" from the museum.
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3 Advertisers needed. A couple of our ad agreements
have expired, will appreciate replacement
suggestions. \$60 per year reaches almost 300
members and friends of the museum monthly!
Helps to support our efforts and the newsletter.
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New Museum Exhibits USN in SLO
New Honor for Central Coast Council and adopted
ship USS HOWARD

Stop by the museum and join in the celebration of
this new exhibit your local Navy League now enjoys
with the Central Coast Veterans Museum located in
the rear of the Veterans Memorial Building at Grand
& Monterey in San Luis Obispo!

All the best and thanks to the hard work of the
museum staff.

Rob

Jack Jones <jjones@calpoly.edu> wrote:

To: Rob Bryn
<rbrynavyleague@sbcglobal.net>
From: Jack Jones
<jjones@calpoly.edu>
Subject: USS HOWARD
Date: Tue, 10 Jul 2007
Rob-

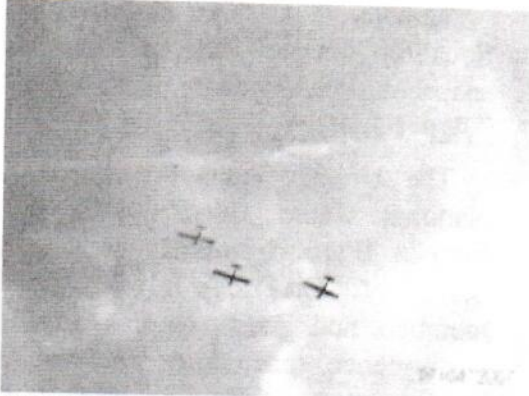
Again, we wish to thank you and the
Navy League for their gift of the
painting of the USS Howard to the
Central Coast Veterans Memorial
Museum. We have opened an exhibit
which contains the Painting, A
museum quality model of the ship
including the number on the hull,
and various other pictures etc. It is
interesting to note that the
Howard was named after First SGT
Jimmie Howard, USMC who was a
medal of honor recipient from the
Vietnam Conflict. Also of interest
is that some of our members served
with him or knew him as a friend.
We would like to have a Logo of the
Navy League in order to give credit
to the Navy League in the display for
the painting.
We also encourage you and your
members to drop by and see the
exhibit
and share your comments and
critique.

Sincerely, Jack B. Jones, President

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"July 4th. Fundraiser Sold Out"

Thunderbolt Star Member Andrew Firestone of Firestone Vineyards provided the setting for a 4th. of July celebration to remember at his newest winery located at the entrance of Airport Road.



Flyover by member owned vintage WW-II aircraft kicked off the July 4th events.

What a great evening everyone had and the proceeds benefited the Estrella Warbird Museum. Welcome aboard Mr. Andrew Firestone.



Thunderbolt Star Member Andrew Firestone manned the grill cooking up hamburgers and hot dogs for the July 4th crowd.

"New Way To Stay in Touch"

There are many times that our once a month news letter is not often enough to keep our members informed of special events. I have started a new system that will inform our members of special events and functions in a timely manner.

These notices will be sent by e-mail to members that wish to be included. I promise not to send junk mail via this system. To be on our special e-mail list just send your request to warbirdnews@msn.com and you will be include to receive e-mail news. This is not a forum for open letters to the editor, but when notified of worthy events I will pass the information on. Send special event notices you wish to have sent to our members to warbirdnews@msn.com Send items for consideration in the form of an attachment. Please only send items of interest that should be shared with our EWM members.

"Great Americana Parade Gives Top Honors to Estrella Warbird Museum"

The Estrella Warbird received top honors at the Great Americana Parade June 30th. Thanks to Ron Brooks, John Everett and our EWM crew we were able to enter several of our vintage vehicles. The Bug Smashers also provide a flyover during the parade that was appreciated by parade goers.



Ron & Jackie Brooks drove our 1912 Model "T". Ron is one of the few members that understands the three pedal transmission of this vehicle.

Join us August 1st for our monthly dinner meeting.

Very Respectfully

George Taylor

President Estrella Warbird Museum

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The Prez Sez "Warbird Pride"

I am continually amazed by the dedication and commitment of our members that make the Estrella Warbird Museum the great place it is. In recent weeks we have completed several major events that again place the Warbird Museum in a position of pride and leadership in the community.

The arrival of the C-47 Skytrain or "Gooney Bird" as it was also affectionately known was certainly a significant event. The civilian version of this aircraft the DC-3 first appeared in 1936. The first military version the C-47s were ordered in 1940 and by the end of WW-II 10,654 had been built. They appeared in every WW-II Theater, carrying personnel and cargo. In a combat role they towed troop-carrying gliders and dropped paratroopers into enemy territory. In mid-1944 Douglas was turning out C-47s at the rate of one every 34 minutes. The C-47 was acclaimed by General Eisenhower as one of the four weapons that won WW-II.



This historic C-47 is now on display at the Estrella Warbird Museum. Thank you to the Gooney Bird Corp. for sharing this aircraft with us.

After WW-II, many C-47s remained in USAF service, participating in the Berlin Airlift and other peacetime activities. During the Korean War, C-47s hauled supplies, dropped paratroops, evacuated wounded and dropped flares for night

bombing attacks. In Vietnam the C-47 served again as a transport, but it was also used in a variety of other ways.

The last C-47 was retired from the USAF in 1975.

Thank you to the Gooney Bird Corporation headed by Glen Thomson, Gary Corippo and their crew for bringing this worthy aircraft to our museum.

Thank you to the Highland Lake Squadron for providing me this unique snapshot of C-47 history.

"Air National Guard Band"

The United States Air Force "Air National Guard Band" night at the Estrella Warbird Museum was a Five Star event. On Friday July 6th. Museum members and guests were treated to a performance that keeps the audience wanting more. The Free concert was kicked off with a Tri-tip BBQ and a few glasses of Paso wine. I lost count of how many times the audience of over 200 gave standing applause in appreciation of the performance.



The 562nd Air National Guard Band of the Southwest.

Thank you to Betty and Chuck Miller for organizing this event and our Warbird members for their hard work making this function a success. Gary Corippo and crew started weeks ago getting Hangar One cleaned up and painted. It sure looks great. We hope to repeat this event next year.

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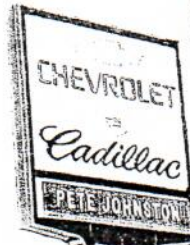
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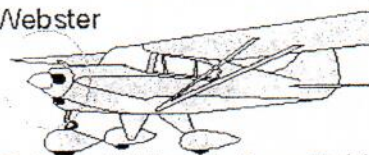
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