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February 6: "Luftwaffe Pilot in WWII"

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Harald P. Bauer, a native of Kassel, Germany, was flying for Germany in World War II. He delivered fighter planes from the Heinkel assembly plant to Luftwaffe combat squadrons. As a 17-year old pilot, he tested and ferried "Salamander" turbojets. The planes were popularly known as "Volksjaeger" or "People's fighters" for their simple plywood and aluminum construction.

Bauer was a dual citizen of the U. S. and Germany. Although he was born in Germany, his mother was an American. She attended medical school in Germany and married a fellow medical student, who became an oral surgeon. His father was killed in Russia as an infantry officer in June 1941, when Bauer was only 13 years old.

On March 24, 1945, Bauer was shot down and wounded by an American P-51 fighter accompanying B-17 Flying Fortresses attacking Variel air base. After a crash landing, Bauer was taken prisoner by a tank unit and placed in an American field hospital. Partially paralyzed, he returned to his mother's house after U. S. forces liberated it.

In 1951 Bauer was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship at the University of Kentucky. Upon graduation he entered the field of journalism and worked for the Associated Press and other news organizations for many years.

Following his retirement as Executive Vice President of the Motion Picture Licensing Corporation (MPLC) in 2006, he now serves the company as one of its directors. Harald and his wife Margie live in Atascadero.

George Marrett, Program Chairman
GMarrett@charter.net

Valentine's February Dinner

Our guest chef for our February Dinner will be **Linda Mora**. Linda has an extensive catering background and she also owns the "Country Diner" in San Miguel.

Linda says she will prepare a Valentine's Dinner that all will enjoy. Bring that special someone or a good friend, and enjoy a great program and a wonderful dinner.

February 6th Dinner

Please RSVP a.s.a.p. @ 467-3521

St. Valentine's Chicken

Cupid's Touch Potatoes

Green Seasonal Vegetable

Rolls

Linda's Salad

Heavenly Dessert

Coffee or Tea

Social at 6 pm, Dinner at 7,

\$15 per person

Please RSVP: 467-3521

No later than Tuesday Noon!

Reservations are a "Must" now that we are using caterers. Please call Rosemary at 467-3521 and make your reservation by Tuesday, February 5

The Prez Sez....

"It is Movie Time"

The Estrella Warbird Theater is in the final stages of being ready to show great movies on our big screen. Harald and Margie Bauer have accepted the position as Directors of The Warbird Theater. More information about the movies and time will be coming soon. Be sure to join your Warbird friends for an evening of friendship and fun. To get the latest information about movies please visit our web site www.ewarbirds.org. If you would like to

receive updates by e-mail send your e-mail address to warbirdnews@msn.com .

"Price Change"

Due to increasing costs we have no choice but to increase the price of our monthly dinners. Starting with the February meeting the price will be \$15.00.

Please be sure to make your dinner reservation by noon the day prior to the dinner. Call 467-3521 or register on line in the members section of our website. www.ewarbirds.org .

Very Respectfully,
George Taylor

President

Estrella Warbird Museum

"Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future"

Museum Musings

By Betty Miller

We have some great *new exhibits* in Freedom Hall. A recent donation is a wonderful collection of miniature ships that were used during WW II to help our US Navy personnel identify and differentiate allied ships from enemy ships. We have been given three complete sets: US; British Warships; and Japanese warships and freighters. All in their original training boxes.

We also have a great display from Jack McLaughlin who was a B-24 crewmember that was shot down by the Germans over Ferrara, Italy. He even kept his small pilot chute (assists in opening the larger canopy) from the parachute he used when he jumped!

If you haven't yet made it in to see the WASP exhibit, do so. This is probably the only complete WASP uniform between here and the Continental Divide! session and come on board!

I am continually entering items into our new computer software program, "Past Perfect". Unfortunately, I also have to enter not only new items, but our existing items into the system as well. Trying to get information from our old paper records tied into our new accession cards

and our accession log has been a challenge. I need to clone myself as well as find some *volunteers* to come out to Freedom Hall on a Tuesday or Wednesday to help enter data. Any takers?? Call me at 466-1212 or 471-0472 if you can help.

We also need volunteers to help with organizing our Uniform Locker, so call me if you can devote a few hours to help with that.

Visit Your Museum, remember Members in Good Standing (Paid Up Dues) are FREE.

Docent Doings

By Betty Miller

Our Docents are *AWESOME!* These folks donate 3 to 4 hours a month (and some 8 to 9 hours!) To act as Docents for visitors to our Museum.

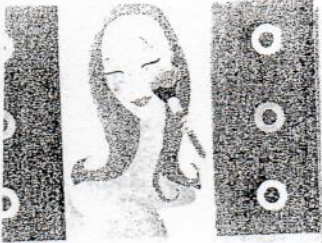
It is a joy to be in a warm, comfortable spot during the cold weather, and meet interesting folks. Even when we have a slow Thursday or Friday, there are some neat projects to work on. I guarantee you will not be bored!

Peter Visel has redone the Docent Handbook. If you are a Docent and haven't checked this out in the last week, do so! You will learn all kinds of things about the Museum, it's history and the artifacts that we have on display. Thank you Peter!

If you have access to the Web. Please take time to check out the newly redone Museum website at www.ewarbirds.org . Again, Peter Visel is our Webmaster and is always working to make this a top notch site for members and visitors.

If you would like to join this group of dedicated folks, call me at 466-1212 to set up a training session.



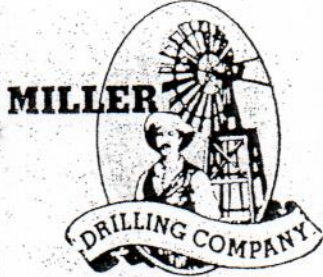


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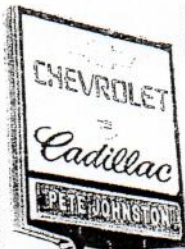


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