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**ESTRELLA WARBIRDS MUSEUM/  
WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY  
PASO ROBLES CA 93446  
REMEMBERING THE PAST/  
INSPIRING THE FUTURE**



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**PREZ SEZ EWM President John Couch**

The museum held a half price day on November 5, 2022, that was very well attended. It turned out to be a beautiful day and people were enjoying themselves. Thanks to staff and volunteers for making this event a success! It was interesting talking with visitors and seeing how much they enjoyed experiencing what we have to offer. Spread the word to friends who may be interested in volunteering. I'm confident they will find volunteering here to be satisfying and rewarding!

We are also pleased with the 30th Anniversary Gala Dinner and Live Auction. Attendance was good, as was the food and music. The live auction was exciting with the auction items selling for very good prices. Cody Dawson did a great job prompting people to bid. Many thanks for all who made the event happen and especially to the generous donors. We appreciate your support!

Hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving !

**Oh: Due to the timing of the fundraising dinner, we are not sending out a year end appeal letter for donations. The year end fundraising is one of our major sources of income for museum operations. There is still an opportunity for you to donate and receive your year end tax benefit. —John Couch**

***Prez Sez: Please help us with your generous donations!***

## **VETERANS DAY IN ATASCADERO EWM SHARES CENTER STAGE**

A salute to our Veteran's as we honor those who served. Images from November 11 Veteran's Day 2022 Ceremony at Faces of Freedom Veterans Memorial in Atascadero, CA. Flyover and missing man pull up by Estrella Warbirds Museum pilots George Marrett, Bob Kelley, and Wayne Rice. Our EWM President, SPC4 John Couch (USA 1970-73) received the Distinguished Veteran Award presented by CPL Tim Haley USMC. Photos of Guest Speaker CW2 Rod Dykhouse, US Army with John Couch; the festivities; EWM's Betty Miller and Peter Snyder at the EWM booth; and US Army Reserve MSGT Lee Carranza, Gary McMaster, Camp Roberts Chairman/ Curator, and Lee's wife Elizabeth.



Rod Dykhouse with EWM President John Couch, Esteemed Members /Docents/Tour Guides/ Booth Tenders Betty and Peter Snyder.



John Couch receives Distinguished Veteran award from Tim Haley Right: Lee Carranza, Gary McMaster and Mrs. Lee Carranza from Camp Roberts.





**Monthly Meeting/Dinner December 7, 2022**  
**Thomson Hall 5:30 Social, 6:30 Dinner**  
**\$25 at the door.**  
**Reservations:**  
**PHONE: 805-296-1935**  
**ONLINE: [ewarbirds.org](http://ewarbirds.org)**  
**Drop Down To Dinner Reservations**

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#### MENU

**PRIME RIB**  
**BAKED POTATO**  
**SALAD**  
**CHEESECAKE DESSERT**

As part of the celebration of the **30th Anniversary of the Estrella Warbirds Museum**, we are hosting a dinner/roast for one of our founding members, [Gary Corippo](#). It was 40 years ago that Gary and [Glen Thompson](#), two local aviators, came up with the idea that Paso Robles would be a great place for an aviation museum. Originally conceived as *The Estrella Squadron*, and ten years later, **Estrella Warbirds Museum** was incorporated as a stand alone 501(c)(3) non profit museum. Over the years, Gary has been quite the character, involved in most aspects of the museum and was personally responsible for helping to raise funds for facilities and involved in the research, location and acquisition of many of the aircraft/artifacts currently on display. Please join us for dinner and evening of fun and laughter as stories and photos about Gary are shared by all.



**No host cocktail hour: 5:30 p.m. Dinner: 6:30 p.m. Roast: 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person, reservations are required. To make a reservation, call 805 296-1935...or**

**[www.ewarbirds.org/museum/gcreservations.shtml](http://www.ewarbirds.org/museum/gcreservations.shtml)**

**PS: CHECK OUT [PASOROBLES.PRESS.COM/LIFESTYLE](http://PASOROBLES.PRESS.COM/LIFESTYLE) OCT. 21 FOR NEWS RELEASE ABOUT EWM'D 30 ANNIVERSARY**



## GIFT SHOP MGR.....FOUND!

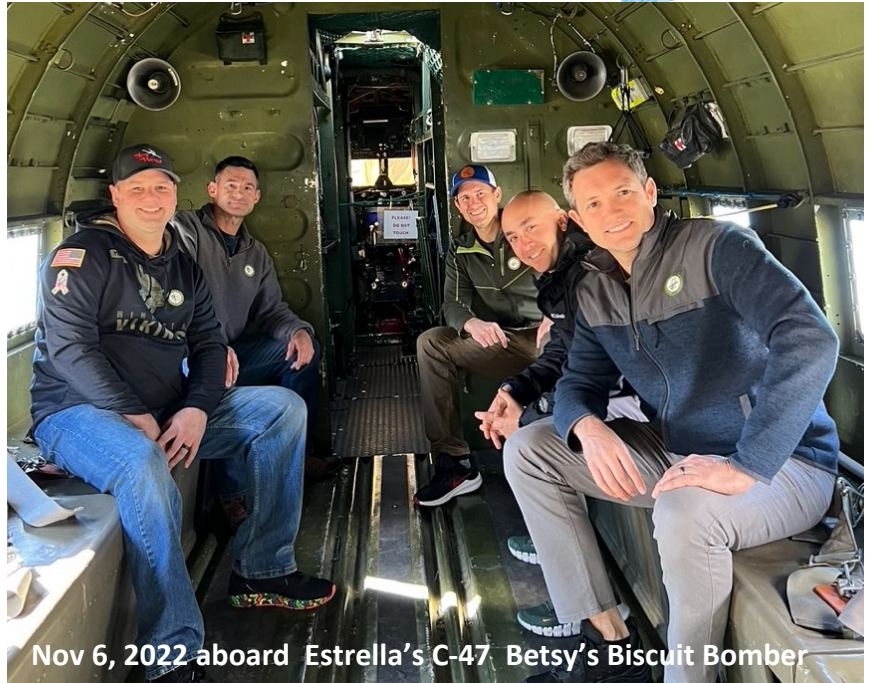


Say Hi to **Karen Capadona**, who signed on as Manager of EWM Gift Shop. “Manager” with a large “M” that is. She brings her expertise in retail merchandising to Estrella Warbirds Museum. With an extensive background in administration and facilities management, retail display, and guest services, her experience brings expanded offerings to showcase our product line with items large and small that commemorate a visit to the museum. In her free time, Karen is a master gardener, owns a chocolate lab, and enjoys cooking. Her father and stepfather served in the military, as she is pleased to be a part of the team that honors those who served. **HI, KAREN!!**

Photo, Story Thanks to Dr. Jill Thayer



## VISITORS FROM OUTSIDE THE WIRE



Nov 6, 2022 aboard Estrella's C-47 Betsy's Biscuit Bomber



Sometime in 194? Aboard C-47 Like Betsy's Biscuit Bomber

33m

U.S. Air Force - C-130 Aircrew with Kentucky Air National Guard's 165th Airlift Squadron: L-R: TSgt Jon Hart, Capt Ryan Usher, MSgt Chris Kinburger, MSgt Judson Wisely, and Maj Tristan Stonger. Photo below is a shot on display at WWII Museum in New Orleans that our visitors saw while on a road trip there! Looks familiar.

Photos, Story Thanks to Dr. Jill Thayer

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# RESTORATION CORNER

MS. BERGIN TO THE RESCUE. . . AGAIN.

YOU THINK THIS STUFF IS EASY? Re: GETTING OUR HUMVEE LEGIT FOR PARADES AND OTHER USES.

The following from her general BOD October 2022 report:

“.... I spent a lot of time going back and forth to the CDTFA trying to get the sales tax WAIVED as a non-profit. (when we bought it at auction they accepted my non-profit certification) However in California, sales/use tax is always due when it's a purchase. (Different story when it is a gift.)

So unfortunately, I had to pay the sales/use tax of \$895. Having said that, the DMV also marked on the registration that it was for off road use only.



My yesterday's event was inquiring about making it street legal to use in parades etc. I think the underlying issue was its age (2008), which disqualifies it as a

historic vehicle until 2028. Then I think the rules are different. I also believe it has to do with its original manufacturer (AM General) listing as "off road", meaning it probably doesn't live up to the wonderful California emission standards for vehicles of this age. She mentioned "dual use". However, I think that path would be cumbersome, as you would also have to have smog certification because of its age.

Long story, but there is a solution—well kind of. The vehicle can be trailered and towed, and pretty much driven anywhere, i.e. in a parade. So it's a little extra step, but it can be a part of the parade fleet if the team decides that. I have plates and tags in hand, and will put them in James' box this Saturday. I still need to get it covered under our auto insurance.”

Whew! Nice going Cindy!

At right the Vietnam Veterans Transportation Corps (8th TG) participated in a tribute convoy from Morro Bay to the [Estrella Warbird Museum](#) in Paso Robles, following “Snoopy,” the Museum's restored 1967 REO M35A1 gun truck, the only replica of the historic gun trucks west of the Mississippi River. Bill Landers headed the project.

## “NEW” KIOSK TAKES NEW STANCE AT HIND PAVILION



Dr. Jill Thayer stands by the newly designed and installed EWM Kiosk. The kiosk features our campus Site Map, 30th Year Anniversary poster, and acknowledgment for WWW Sponsors and Business Sponsors. The display is installed outside Hind Pavilion's entrance to the aircraft display area. Thanks to Gary Ryan and staff of Goofy Graphics for installing the signs and Ron Brooks for his assistance

## EWM RETRO: GUN TRUCK



Eighth Transport Group with Snoopy September 2017



## **NOTAM----- SLEIGH RIDER 1 2022**



**IN EFFECT**---0000Z hrs 20/24/2022 to 2359Z 20/25/2022

**FLIGHT PATH:**

**LAUNCH:** FROM 090:00N DEGREES NORTH-HIGH SPEED LOW LEVEL TRACK  
EAST TO WEST

**SPEED:** TRANS-SONIC TO 0.1 KILOMETERS/ HOUR

**Contact:** Gander Radio: 126.9

**AIRCRAFT TYPE:** Sled, Heavy ( modified, power system )



**WEATHER:** North America: clear visibility 50 miles, Great Britain and Europe low pressure system generating snow showers, Asia and Southern Asia clear, Australia clear, Pacific Islands and West Coast of South America-strong low pressure system generating winds and intermittent heavy rain clearing by 500Z.

Note: No data on Russia or nearby areas

**Navigation:** Single GPS ( receiver mobile )

**Crew:** Solo Pilot- multiple animal type rating

**Destination:** Global, Multiple short field approaches

**Clearance:** International

**Passengers or Freight:** Approximately one item per child under 12

**Fight Safety:** ( check pilot's weight and CG )

**Pre-Flight:** check for ice on runners, strobe lights , and load CG



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!!!**



# 30th Anniversary Evening Proves a Resilient EWM/WAD Can Still Celebrate

October 15, 2022-We went into the evening holding our collective breath. The food was great and the live music was perfect. Hangar 1 was dressed to the nines. It looked really good. Cody Dawson, our auctioneer, did a fabulous job. The crowd really got into it. For example, we offered a NASCAR experience at either Fontana or Phoenix including hotel accommodations. This was a Charity Ace offering. The “reserve” was \$1750. Cody ended up with a bidding war and sold the experience three times for a total of about \$16K. Sinton Helicopter donated a sightseeing trip with stops at Oso Libre and Brecon for wine tastings. This was all donated, so it all goes toward our expansion. That went for \$5K. All in all, we were pretty pleased at how it turned out. Sherm Smoot's death caused us to push the pause button, until Laurie Smoot said it was what Sherm wanted, so it was then catch up a bit. That night we raised nearly **\$60,000 towards our planned expansion. Thank you everyone!**



## VISITORS FROM OUTSIDE THE WIRE ... PART 2: HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB'S CALIFORNIA RENDEZVOUS AT EWM/WAD

**October 23 - 27**

Four Horseless Carriage Regional Groups are teaming up to host this amazing adventure through the scenic California Central Coastal Region. Meander through picturesque wine country, visit delightful small towns and relish a leisurely drive to the majestic Pacific Ocean. Enjoy camaraderie and fine dining along the way.

Hub Tour based in Paso Robles with accommodations at the beautiful & historic Paso Robles Inn on the plaza. Tour is limited to 48 pre-1916 automobiles, with only 12 cars allocated per region.

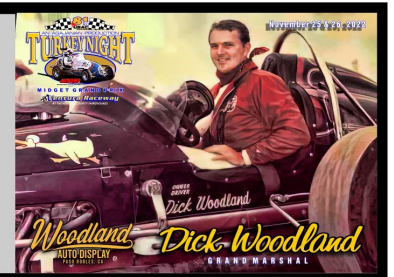
**SIGN UP TODAY!**  
Only \$100 per person. (Lodging not included)



October 26, 2022 The Horseless Carriage Club Of California put Estrella/Woodland on their “Must-See” list during their 5-day Central Coast tour. Betty and Peter Snyder hosted the group for the VIP Grand Tour of the campus.



# NEWS FROM THE DUCKPOND WORLD/USAC: MIDGETS!



## TURKEY NIGHT GP CO-GRAND MARSHALS NAMED

DENNIS NEWLYN America Latest News Midgets USAC

Ventura, California (October 6, 2022).....Dick Woodland and Wally Pankratz have been named co-Grand Marshals of this year's 81st running of the Turkey Night Grand Prix at California's Ventura Raceway.

The USAC Turkey Night Midget Grand Prix will be held on Friday-Saturday, November 25-26, 2022 at the seaside oval on the Ventura County Fairgrounds and will feature the legendary 98-lap USAC NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship feature as well as the USAC West Coast/VRA Sprint Cars.

Dating back to 1934, the Midget Grand Prix is the longest running auto race west of the Mississippi River and this year will feature two of the all-time greats, serving a prominent role in the event's festivities.

"We like honoring two people at a time because there are so many worth while candidates out there" said Ventura Raceway's Jim Naylor. "Dick and Wally, in this case, have participated in different ways over many years. Anything we can do to recognize them in front of today's fans is good for the sport."

Richard (Dick) Woodland is a Vietnam-era veteran, businessman and race car owner. He raced sprint cars at Ascot Park for some time before deciding that life as car owner/mechanic better fit with his business and family priorities.

Woodland founded the Woodland Auto Display museum in Paso Robles after closing his race shop and has seen it grow to over 20,000 square feet in size. **The Woodland Auto Display joined forces with the Estrella War Birds Museum to create a must-see collection of race cars and aircraft.**

GP has already occurred.

So, get results online:

[https://  
venturaceway.com/](https://venturaceway.com/)



Wally Pankratz



Dick Woodland

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**Woodland Auto Display**  
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**Thursday—Sunday**  
**10am till 4pm**

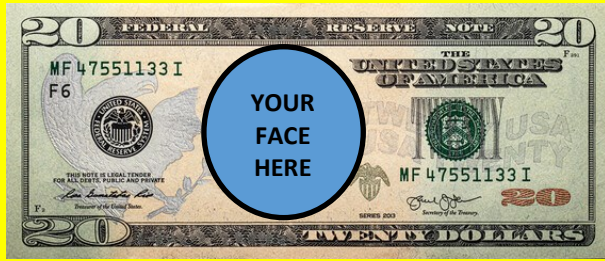


**NOW HEAR THIS:**

**A Memorial Service and Celebration Of The Life of *Sherman Smoot* will be held at Estrella Warbirds Museum on Saturday, December 3, 2022. Color Guard commences at 12 noon sharp. Service will conclude at 4pm. All of Sherm’s closest friends are invited.**

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- DOCENTS:** KEN NEUMAN 805-238-9317
- GIFT SHOP:** KAREN CAPADON SAME NUMBER THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY
- LIBRARY:** MARCIA RICE SAME NUMBER
- RESTORATION:** SIMPLY SHOW UP MONDAY, WEDNESDAY OR SATURDAY AND GET DIRTY. GOURMET LUNCH ON SATURDAYS PROVIDED BY WAYNE RICE
- KITCHEN:** WAYNE RICE CALL SAME NUMBER
- HEY IT IS FUN SEE YOU AT EWM!**



**NOW HEAR THIS....ALSO:**

**ESTRELLA WARBIRDS EXISTS ON DONATIONS.**

**DONATIONS TO ESTRELLA WARBIRDS, A 501(3)(C) NON-PROFIT, ARE TAX-DEDUCTDABLE.**

**YOU CAN STILL MAKE YOUR YEARLY DONATION(S) ON LINE AT THIS WEB SITE:**

***ewarbirds.org/donate.html***

That is all