





PREZ SAYS

EWM PRESIDENT JOHN COUCH

We are in the last week of preparation for the 30th Anniversary Gala Dinner and Live Auction. It's shaping up to be a very fun and productive event. By the time you read this, it will have been two weeks since the event. I want to take the time now to thank those on the committee, headed by Ren Stelloh, to make this a successful



event. Special thanks to Cindy Bergin, Margi Bauer, Carol Verstuyft, Ken Neuman and Scott Stelzle. They did a tremendous amount of work on the mutual details. I'll cover the vendors and donors in the next letter. This event wouldn't have had the motivation and drive without the initial vision of Sherm Smoot and it is my sincere hope that we will do it justice.

I'm also putting it out there again to ask for someone or a few people to step up and replace George in providing speakers for our monthly dinners. He will coach you on what to do. It is a very important part of the dinner program and needs to be filled. Please consider helping out and call me if you have any questions.

Thanks, John

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Monthly Meeting/ Dinner

November 2, 2022 \$25 at the door 5:30pm Social 6:30pm Dinner

Program Post Dinner

RESERVATIONS:

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Down To Dinner Reservations

MENU

Roast Turkey

Dressing

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Salad

Pumpkin Pie Dessert



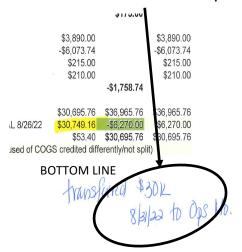
In 2009 **Eric Lindner** became a hospice volunteer, helping patients cope with the reality of dying. His book *Hospice Voices: Lessons for Living at the End of Life* was critically acclaimed by leading doctors and caregivers, NPR, BBC, *Washington Independent Review of Books, Publishers Weekly*, and *Booklist's* Rebecca Vnuk, who named it one of 2013's five best memoirs. Since 2015 the attorney, businessman, and DC native has been teaching Ethics in Action at Georgetown University, a course that dissects the NASA Challenger disaster.

THE BACK STORY: TIGER IN THE SEA

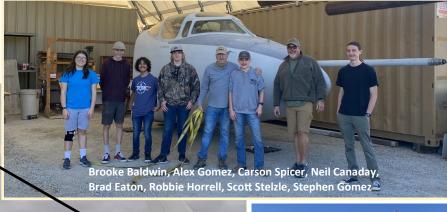
Flying Tiger Constellation is forced to ditch in the Atlantic Ocean with 68 passengers aboard at night in a raging sea and the only chance of assistance is 13 hours away battling the same unruly ocean. The plane's captain, John Murray, takes the craft into the ocean. Our guest, Mr. Lindner is now married to Captain John Murray's daughter and is here at Estrella Warbirds to tell the story on November 2, 2022.

Yet another DO-NOT-MISS event for us on November 2, 2022 Research: online at tigerinthe sea.com

WWW13 GOOD NEW\$!



Whale Watching: **Youth Aviation Club Taking On Whale** Of A Project!







Aviation Club's Mary Allmon: "It took all of us to clear out our fabric hangar to make room for maneuvering, pull out the Stinson, then strap up the Whale and bring all its pieces over and get into a good spot to be able to work all the way around it. Then we had to move all the rest of the stuff back in. Brad (Eaton) sprayed for spiders and any bugs and we've already begun sanding. We plan to clean it up and prep it for paint. We'll recover the seats with new foam, clean up the gauges, place plexiglass in areas that need it most. Restoration is right there to lend a hand when it comes to the painting. Exciting Times!"

helped into the Resto Area for a serious makeup job (nose only) as the Estrella Youth Aviation Club tackles the detailed and tedious job of restoring it to its working livery. Scott Stelzle carefully escorts the Whale over to the powder room. It will soon be ready for its closeup. Can't wait!

Estrella's A-3 Skywarrior "Whale" is

NOW HEAR THIS, RESTO: **GET READY**

VISITORS FROM OUTSIDE THE WIRE

DER HOT WHEELS!





LIBRARY QUIZ

F-82 THE TWIN MUSTANG

- 1. In 1943, The Army Air Corps called for the development of an extremely long range fighter. The contract was won by:
 - a) General Dynamics



- 2. The F-82 was the last of the piston engine fighters to be ordered into production by the Air Force.

 True or False
- 3. The F-82 was designed to serve multiple rolls. It replaced which all weather/night fighter?
 - a) The Hellcat F6F-5N
 - b) The A-20 Nighthawk
 - c) The P-61 Black Widow
- 4. This extremely long range fighter was developed to escort:
 - a) B-29s
 - b) PBY reconnaissance flying boats
 - c) The new B-52s



North American F-82B "Twin Mustang" (NA-123

- 5. Although similar in appearance, the F-82 was a new design based on the XP-51F. It displayed which new design features?
 - a) Twin fuselages
 - b) Twin props synchronized around a center line.
 - c) Twin cockpits for two pilots
 - d) All of the above



6. Like most versions of the P-51, the F-82 was initially powered by the Rolls-Royce Merlin engine.

True or False

- 7. The F-82B powered by Merlin engines holds the CURRENT record for.
 - a) Longest flight from New York to Europe by a twin piston fighter.
 - b) Longest combat flight accompanying B-29s
 - c) Non-Stop flight from Hawaii to New York (5,051 mi) by a piston driven fighter.
- 8. The versatile F-82 was pressed into service at the start of the Korean War. Sadly, it was vulnerable to which Korean fighter?
 - a) Yak-9
 - b) La-7
 - c) Mig 15

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RESTORATION CORNER

H-19 BACK IN SHOP

INTRUDER NEXT?



Gary Woodall and Steve Foss get to it with the sanding thing on H-19 Chocktaw. Second time around as original paint fell victim to sun and the elements. Hey, if you like getting dirty, come lend a hand at Resto! Sanding is. . .fun! James Massineo at right heads out to fix one of our land vehicles. . .his specialty.



Dennis with weapon of choice

Dispatch From Restoration's Dennis Johansen:

"Occasionally I do a private tour of Estrella Warbirds for somebody I know. A friend (Vietnam vet) by the name of Robert Ryan called me a couple weeks ago and said that he had a fellow vet who wanted to see the museum. I usually power wash the golf cart and give them a nice two-hour tour. Afterwards, he mentioned that his brother (now diseased) flew the A-6 Intruder off the USS Hancock while in Vietnam. We looked over the bird (A-6) which is in dire need of restoration and he asked what it would cost to complete the job. I mentioned something about \$—— and he presented me a check for that amount and asked if I would restore the aircraft in memory of his brother. ABSOLUTELY!

I do hope to restore the A-6 but unless we can get the wings to fold, it is too big to fit in the hanger....will have to work on that. "



A-6 #154171 Intruder came to Estrella in 1996 and needs some Resto TLC. . . It will happen.

Dispatch continued RE: what is involved, now that we have long range plans for expansion and permanence...

"I read a long article a week or so ago about how Boeing goes about

painting and repainting their airplanes. It takes a seasoned crew of eight painters eight weeks to remove all the old paint down to the metal, where they treat any panel or joint that shows evidence of corrosion. Then a complete coat of zinc chromate (developed during the 2nd World War) to protect against corrosion, then two coats of 2-part epoxy primer (like we use) then two coats of color and then the particular unique stencil paint job required by the aircraft owner, and then finally a coat of clear coat to give it a high shine. After all that, they expect the paint finish to last seven years. I was hoping that our paint jobs would last seven years, so that's right along with the schedule. Hopefully when we get buildings on the new parcel, that will allow us to house the planes inside and the paint job should last 20 years or more." —DJ



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9. Later production models 9 P-82-C were powered by the American made Allison V-1710. Compared to the Merlin, this resulted in lower top speeds and poorer performance at high altitude.

True or False

- 10. The F-82 was the first line fighter of the new Air Defense Command in 1948. It was no match for the next generation jet fighters and was replaced in the early 1950s by:
 - a) Lockheed F-94 Starfighter
 - b) F-86
 - c) F-9 Panther

Quiz Answers: 1-b, 2-True, 3-c, 4-a, 5-d, 6-True, 7-c, 8-c, 9-b, 10-a