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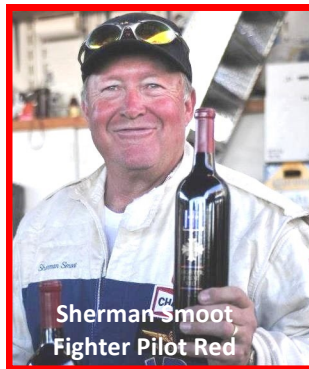
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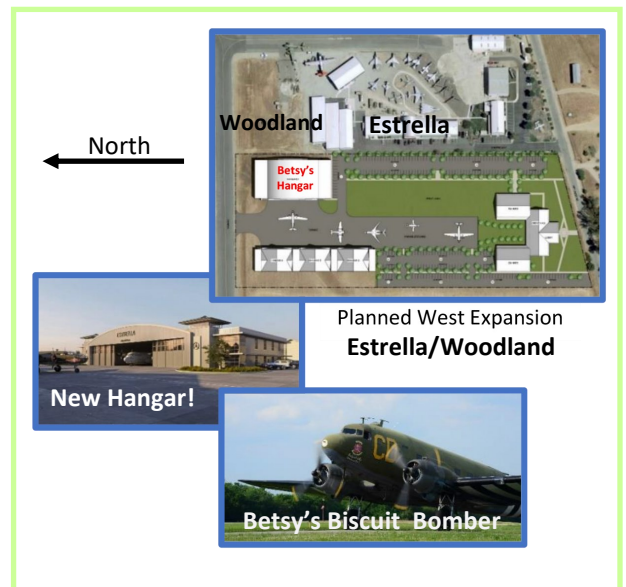
EWM PRESIDENT JOHN COUCH



It is with a heavy heart that I compose this month's letter. Everyone was shocked at the news of Sherman Smoot's death as a result of the flying accident. Details are sparse at the time of this writing. After an investigation is completed, the details will be more clear, but that doesn't address the sense of loss we all feel. It doesn't seem real. Yet unfortunately it is.



Without question, Sherm was an amazing man, and so much more than simply an accomplished pilot. Much more will be said about Sherm in the coming days from family and people who knew him differently, in ways that will reveal just what a good man he was. I encourage all who knew him to not be hesitant to talk about him as they knew him and share with others what made Sherm special to them. Remember his family and friends as well and be sensitive to their grief. As for me and surely for you as well, I am grateful for having the privilege of having known Sherm and his family as friends. —John Couch



Our 30th Anniversary will kick off our West Expansion Capital Campaign

In honor of our American history, the Museum displays many beautifully restored aircraft, which are in need of hangar space to protect and preserve them. Our planned West expansion will provide proper storage and aids in our effort to uphold the thousands of volunteer restoration hours already devoted. Betsy's Biscuit Bomber joined the D-Day Squadron in 2019 in a commemorative honor flight to Normandy - 16 planes from all over the United States - in recognition of the 75th Anniversary of D-Day.

COME AND CELEBRATE ESTRELLA/WOODLAND'S 30TH.
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Oct 2022 Quiz - ROBERT MCNAMARA AND THE F-111

1. Robert McNamara graduated from UC Berkeley and attended which post graduate school?
 - a) Stanford School of International Relations
 - b) Harvard Business School
 - c) London School of Economics



2. In WWII, Robert was an Army Air Corps organizational analyst for:
 - a) Curtis LeMay's XXI Bomber Command
 - b) 12th Air Force's head, Jimmy Doolittle
 - c) Jimmy Stewart



3. After WWII, McNamara was hired to modernize and re-organize which major manufacturer?
 - a) International Harvester
 - b) Ford Motor Company
 - c) John Deere
 - d) General Motors

4. After becoming president of Ford, McNamara was named Secretary of Defense.
True or False

5. In the early 1960s, both the Air Force and the Navy were looking for a modern fighter/ bomber. The Navy wanted a long range , super sonic FAD; the Air Force wanted heavy armament, trans sonic, twin engines and "possibly" swing wings. After major tussles between the two, McNamara dictated the requirements of an aircraft to serve both.
True or False

6. The Major contractors, Boeing, General Dynamics, Lockheed, McDonnell and Republic, all submitted proposals. McNamara over rode the selection board's choice. In 1962 and selected General Dynamics to build the "TFX".
True or False

7. The Fledgling F-111 pioneered several cutting edge technologies. Which one was not considered cutting edge?

- a) Variable sweep wings
- b) Air-to-air refueling capability
- c) Terrain following radar
- d) After burning turbo fan engines



8. The initial F-111s were delivered to squadrons at Nellis AFB in 1967. It soon was called many things by F-111 pilots. Which nickname was not used?

- a) Aardvark
- b) The Switchblade Edsel
- c) The "Pig"
- d) The DoDo

9. The F-111's flight crew seating is similar to:

- a) The A-6
- b) The B-57
- c) The SR-71



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EWM MONTHLY DINNER MEETING
WEDNESDAY OCT 5, 2022 - THOMSON HALL
5:30 SOCIAL 6:30 MEETING/DINNER

MENU
SWISS STEAK
MASHED POTATOES
VEGETABLES
SALAD
DESSERT

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Down To Dinner Reservations

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GEORGE MARRETT PRESENTS:



Wayne Handley (born March 26, 1939 in Carmel, California) is an American airshow performer, former naval aviator, agricultural pilot, Aerobatic Competency Evaluator (ACE) and coach for upcoming and current airshow stars. Two years after attending Hartnell College in Salinas, he had 70 hours in his logbook.

He left college and enlisted in the US Navy. He trained through propeller-driven aircraft up into the Grumman F9F Cougar and F-11 Tiger carrier-based fighters. In 1963, when faced with the choice of either transitioning into the F-4 Phantom or taking an aerial application job back at home, he chose to be with his family, and started flying agricultural operations in fixed wing aircraft and rotorcraft. Handley began flying aerobatics after taking ownership of a Pitts S-1C in the early 1980s, and entered his first International Aerobatic Club contest in 1983. In 2015, with over 27,000 hours of flight time logged, Handley is a highly respected, record-setting aviator.

Hear more about Handley setting aviation records and training with the best airshow pilots who ever lived. Thomson Hall on October 5, 2022. Get your reservations in now!



NOW HEAR THIS...

George Marrett really means it this time. He's been threatened a few times with being fired but this is the first time that he has actually decided to quit.

After over 30 years, effective the end of December, he is retiring from setting up monthly dinner speakers. He has done a fantastic job of not only setting up the speakers but following through on the logistics of their presentations as well. I don't know of anyone with the background and credibility of George who could have done it better.

Who else would have had the nerve to offer up his type of jokes prior to introducing speakers? More than a few presidents have told him, "One more dirty joke, George and you're gone!" Some might say those were why they came to the dinners. Then again, some might not.

Of course, that leaves a **huge hole** that needs to be filled so I am putting out the call for someone or some people to take his place. It doesn't have to be a duplicate of George's style, and it could be a team of people who could share the duties. It's really open to how we want to structure the duties in a way to continue to have quality speakers each month. George will be happy to help someone transition into the position.

So please consider how you can help with arranging monthly speakers and let me know if you or someone you know are interested in participating. This appeal is urgent since we only have speakers covered through January 2023.

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10. The F-111C was delivered to the Australian Air Force who used it to great effect until 2007. It was reluctantly phased out because:

- a) Air Frame Fatigue
- b) Maintenance costs
- c) Engine life times

ANSWERS ON BACK PAGE

Estrella/Woodland 30th Anniversary Gala Saturday, October 15, 2022

*Don't miss this opportunity to experience
Estrella Warbirds Museum at its finest!*

*With the Douglas C-47 Betsy's Biscuit Bomber
(back from Normandy)
Peeking in the hangar doors!*

6:00 pm Cocktails & Appetizers
Hosted Bar

7:00 pm Four Course Dinner
with Wine & Dessert

8:00 pm Live Auction
*Exciting packages including a Tour Flight
on Betsy's Biscuit Bomber for Twelve of Your Friends*

Enjoy live music with the Robert Alberts Quintet

**Our 30th Anniversary will kick off our
West Expansion Capital Campaign**
*With event viewing of our planes, autos,
buildings & displays, along with exhibits of our exciting
new ten acre expansion plans.*

\$175 per Person
\$1,000 for Table for 6
\$1,300 for Table for 8

*Please consider supporting the
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"GALA 30TH ANNIVERSARY"

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Restoration Corner Some Retro Resto



Steve Foss (L) and John Everett mount new wheel and tire bomb truck



Tom Gorham tweaks compass on rebuilt H-19 panel



Charlie Harber sprays distributor cap threads for M151A1 JEEP



Carl Robbins and Howard Guillory tighten drag parachute dispenser on the F-5. Stuff does come loose you know.



Carl Robbins carefully sands around OV-10 rivets, prior to makeup session involving primer



Tom Duvaul puts finishing touches on Stars and Bars TA-4D



F-86 getting "Nail Envy" treatment from Dennis Johansen



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10am till 4pm



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A total of 19 U.S. Service veterans assemble at Estrella Warbirds Museum next to C-47 “Betsy’s Biscuit Bomber” prior to takeoff on a jaunt up and down Central Coast on August 27th. Estrella’s Event Coordinator Ken Neuman organized this event with the help of Central Coast Honor Flight. This was, perhaps, **Sherman Smoot’s** last real “mission” as a U.S. Navy aviator. He was moved emotionally to be privileged enough to pilot these folks on such an historical, meaningful journey. He stands on right of Co-Pilot Scott Stelzle in crew flight suits above.

Why Strive for Excellence?

When museums commit to a *culture of excellence* it will:

- Be a stronger asset to its community
- Demonstrate it is worthy of support and public trust
- Ensure sound stewardship of its collections
- Enhance its funding opportunities
- Raise the quality of its operations
- Leverage change
- Improve staff and board skills
- Distinguish itself among peers

For more information visit:
<https://www.aam-us.org/programs/accreditation-excellence-programs/museum-assessment-program-map/>



SHERMAN SMOOT

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