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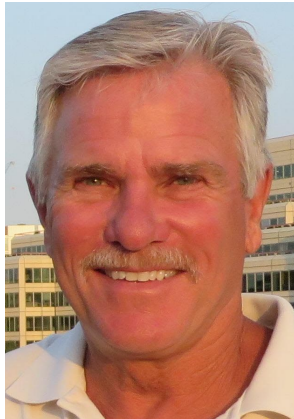


**PREZ SEZ**

**EWM President John Couch**

Tonight we as a board and staff, had the opportunity and pleasure of hosting a dinner honoring our volunteers for the service they provide at our museum.

Two perspectives were offered. One pointed out that we volunteer at the museum because our efforts matter, that we contribute to the preservation and display of artifacts that honor those who sacrificed on our behalf. The other perspective was that the museum offered volunteers the opportunities to contribute by utilizing their existing skills and to learn new skills as well.



Both perspectives blend very well in my opinion. What we do does matter. It matters a great deal. If we can use our skills for a good purpose and if we can learn new skills to further that purpose as well, I believe we'll experience more satisfaction in our efforts.

With that in mind I want to reach out to those who have considered volunteering but haven't taken the step of checking us out. A great way is to visit the museum, talk with docents or those working in restoration or the gift shop or with the youth group. Find out how they feel about volunteering and what motivates them. Maybe you have mechanical skills or enjoy computer or technical skills, even graphic arts. You might be surprised to find that your skills and interests would be a benefit and that you can enjoy being a part of something that matters. Give it some thought.

Contact Ken Neuman at 805-238-9317 and find out how you can contribute. It's gonna be great! —John Couch

## FOX26 FRESNO LETS IT BE KNOWN: ESTRELLA IS EXPANDING



The Estrella Warbird Museum is planning a \$5-million expansion project in Paso Robles (KMPH FOX26)->

HEY WE'RE ON TV! THAT'S MONTY TORRES BEGINNING HIS PIECE ON EWM!

THE NEWS IS OUT ABOUT ESTRELLA: WE ARE EXPANDING. THE PROPOSED \$5M EXPANSION AIMED AT HOUSING THE MAJORITY OF OUR MAJOR EXHIBITS IS OFFICIALLY UNDER WAY. CATCH THIS CLIP FROM FRESNO'S FOX NETWORK AFFILIATE, DATED EARLY FEBRUARY, TO GET THE LOWDOWN AND THE "HOLLYWOOD" TAKE ON THE MAJOR ATTRACTION OF THE CALIFORNIA CENTRAL COAST. CATCH THE PIECE ON KMPH: <https://kmpH.com/>



# Library Quiz - *Super Guppies & Whales*

1. During the “space race”, the major aerospace companies were on the West Coast; NASA’s launch sites were on the East Coast. How to move massive rockets from East to West? NASA’s selected challenge:

- a) Build special railroad cars
- b) Fly them
- c) Disassemble them, truck the parts and reassemble



2. Aero Spaceline Industries in \_\_\_\_\_ determined to build a plane big enough to transport huge rockets.

- a) Santa Barbara
- B) Long Beach
- C) Burbank

3. The aircraft which became “The Super Guppy” was built from the fuselage of a C-97J  
True or False

4. The entire upper fuselage was made higher and wider. The engines were switched out for:

- a) The new turbo fan TF3-PS
- b) Pratt and Whitney T-34-7WAs
- c) Pratt and Whitney Wasp Majors



5. The Super Guppy was the only aircraft to carry a complete S-IVB (the third stage of the Saturn V Booster)  
True or False

True or False

6. Upon the development of the Space Shuttle, NASA engineers were then faced with moving the Shuttle from its landing site to Kennedy Space Center. They chose to:

- a) Modify the existing Super Guppy
- b) Modify a Boeing 747-100
- c) Coordinate with the EU for a suitable modified Airbus



7. The Shuttle was to be carried by a modified 747 with fittings on:

- a) The Shuttle’s external fuel tank
- b) Clamps for the landing gear
- c) Fittings on the wing and tail



8. The 747 carrying the shuttle was profoundly affected in performance.

Which of the below was not.

- a) Its max cruise speed
- b) Its ceiling
- c) Its take off speed
- d) Its range

9. The “Shuttle Carrier Aircraft” as the 747s were called became super stars for NASA publicity. One flew at the 1983 Paris Air Show.

True or False

10. The Carrier “N905WA” and a Space Shuttle Mock up are on display at:

- a) Cape Canaveral
- b) The Smithsonian Air and Space Museum
- c) The Houston Space Center



Answers on page 6

**Dinner/Meeting April 5, 2023, Thomson Hall**  
**5:30 Social, 6:30 Dinner \$25.00/person at door**  
**Guest Speaker is DICK WOODLAND**

**Make Reservations**

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**Go to Events, Drop down to Dinner Reservations**

**Menu**

**BAKED HAM**  
**SCALLOPED POTATOES**  
**MIXED VEGETABLES**  
**SALAD**  
**DESSERT**



**Dick Woodland**

April 5, 2023 is a date to put into stone. That's when a favorite DON of Paso Robles, a Native Son, an adventurous sort who bought a race car before he could legally drive, gets in front of our Wednesday night audience. With a pioneer's hustle and drive (no pun intended) he finished high school in Paso, went on to Fresno State, quit Fresno State to race automobiles, got drafted, went to Germany, came back to Paso Robles, joined the family poultry business, purchased land to support the businesses (poultry and racing) all while perusing his passion for racing cars. Enter Gary Corippo and Ed Morrison.

Gary and Ed suggest melding Estrella Warbirds with what was to become the Woodland Auto Display, i.e. Dick Woodland's collection. That was a good idea.

Today EWM/WAD is a "Who's Who" of NASCAR, Sprint Car Hall Of Fame, Midget Auto Racing HOF and West Coast Auto Racing HOF trophy/awards. Everything that is Woodland is on display here at the Museum as testament to a life full of stories and lessons of trial, error, luck, perseverance, grief, love and happiness. Get in on some of the stories after dinner on April 5th in Thomson Hall.

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Mario, Al, Dick and Claudia



## Dispatch From The Duckpond.

Dick Woodland

**Ken Clapp Annex.** We finally received occupancy for the new addition which Claudia and I plan to name the "**Ken Clapp Annex**". Ken was one of the top executives at NASCAR for many years, where he oversaw West Coast operations for NASCAR. In addition, he promoted hundreds of short track races in California. Ken had also been a major donor to the Estrella Warbirds Museum in years past. He currently oversees the West Coast Stock Car/Motorsports Hall of Fame and is a Board Member for the National Midget Auto Racing Hall of Fame. *PHOTOS: OF RESIDENT #1 AT KEN CLAPP ANNEX: BILL VUKOVICH'S "OLD IRONSIDES"*



Photo Thanks Ken Neuman



BILLY VUKOVICH



Ken Clapp

Coming to the **Woodland Auto Display and The Estrella Warbirds Museum** as part of **Warbirds Wings & Wheels 14** will be Special Guest, **Ken Clapp**, a long-time executive with NASCAR, who most recently was serving as vice president of marketing development. Ken will be on hand for the Friday night dinner and will be taking part in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the "**Ken Clapp Annex**" to the **Woodland Auto Display**

## NOW HEAR THIS: YOUR INVITATION HAS ARRIVED. . .

**Please study this poster.** You are invited to the most talked-about happening on the Central Coast: **Warbirds Wings And Wheels 14**. This is a weekend happening with Barn Dance/Dinner with Monte Mills on Friday Night May 12, 2023 (\$40 per person or Table Rates) and WWW on May 13. WWW Admission only Ten(10) Bucks! Got Wheels to Show off? Entry is \$45. Check out **register at ewarbirds.com**.. Big cash prizes and awards, cars and more cars and planes, open museum with the coolest stuff and Flight Simulator, great food and drink. There is no age limit. Kids have the bounce houses, face painters, treat vendors from all over. Get a taste of what it is like by watching My Classic Car on YouTube (search: warbirds wings and wheels 2022). Be part of the action and family fun for the whole weekend. **Get the WHOLE STORY on line at ewarbirds.org. Check Events.**



**WARBIRDS, WINGS AND WHEELS 14**  
**CAR SHOW**  
**MAY 13, 2023**  
HOURS: 7 AM - 4 PM  
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**+ Swap Meet!**

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# CURATOR FINDS with Dr. Jill



Ron Brooks hanging nearly assembled VE-7 Bluebird in rafters of Hangar 1

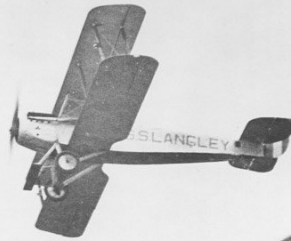


VFA-2 pilot Lt. Drew "Dug" Miller with Bounty Hunter

This half scale model of the VE-7 Bluebird was created by the aircrew of Strike Fighter Squadron Two (VFA-2), Lemoore Naval Station, as a centerpiece to hang above the squadron during Strike Fighter Ball 2022 as part of a decorating competition.

The first VFA-2 VE-7 Bluebird flight off deck of the USS Langley on 17 October 1922.

The *Greenie Board* shown here is used to grade pilots of VFA-2 on their carrier landings. Acceptable landings are shown in green. A long row of greenies is what a pilot is trying to create. The Squadron's coffee mug board is part of the *Espirit de corps* at VFA-2. These boards hang at Lemoore. The old ones will go on display in Hangar 1.



ITEMS DONATED BY THE PILOTS OF VFA-2 LEMOORE NAVAL AIR STATION, LEMOORE, CALIFORNIA

Thanks to Dr. Jill Thayer, EWM Curator





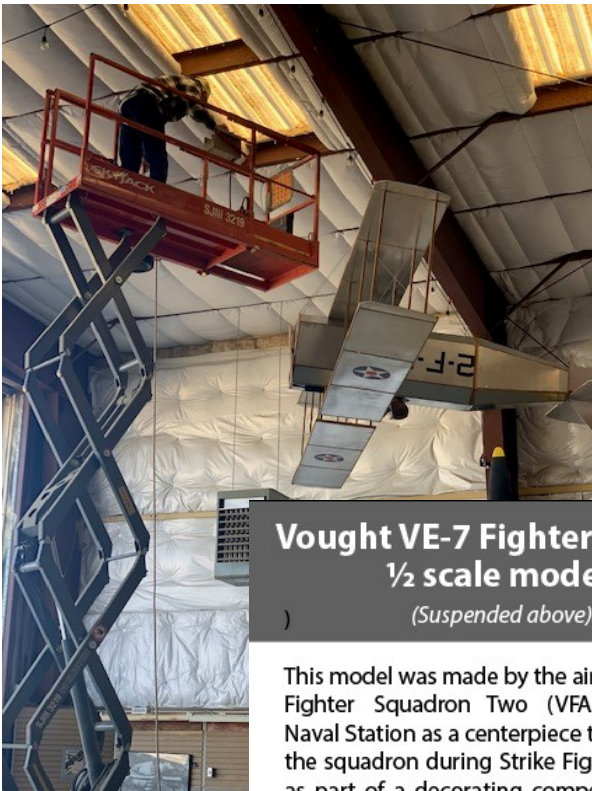
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Answers--1-b, 2-a, 3 true, 4-b, 5 true, 6-b, 7-a, 8-c, 9 true, 10-c



# CURATOR FINDS with Dr. Jill

## Bluebird Donation From "Hometown" Fighter Squadron Now Graces Skies INSIDE Hangar 1



### Vought VE-7 Fighter Aircraft 1/2 scale model (Suspended above)

This model was made by the aircrew of Strike Fighter Squadron Two (VFA-2), Lemoore Naval Station as a centerpiece to hang above the squadron during Strike Fighter Ball 2022 as part of a decorating competition. On 17 October 1922 Lieutenant Commander Virgil ("Squash") Griffin, Jr., United States Navy, made the first takeoff from an aircraft carrier of the U. S. Navy when he flew a Chance Vought VE-7 fighter from the deck of USS Langley. As a reminder of the VF-2's rich history the squadron to this day still displays a blue, white, and red "Langley stripe" similar to the markings used by the first aircraft that deployed aboard the carrier.

Ron Brooks does his high-wire act again as replica VE-7 BLUEBIRD of the Navy's first ever fighter squadron from 1921 takes off on a long journey above the floor of Hangar 1 at Estrella Warbirds Museum.

### The Greenie Board

The Greenie Board hangs in the Ready Room aboard US Navy aircraft carriers. It is used to grade day and night carrier landings. The grades for each squadron member are posted for all to see. It is called a "Greenie Board" as pilots get a color coded token for each landing. The color for an above average landing is green. The best pilots have a string of green dots after their name. This Greenie Board was used by Strike Squadron Two (VFA-2) before being opted for a smaller one for easier carriage and setup aboard a confined carrier Ready Room.

### Coffee Mug Board

The coffee mug board is another fighter spirit tool where aircrew can keep uniform mugs organized in a confined space such as aboard an aircraft carrier. Each aircrew would have a squadron mug with the squadron emblem hanging on the board for easy access. This tradition also exists within the Officer Club or O-Club where custom beer steins from all squadrons also hang.

Thank You to Dr, Jill Thayer Ph.D. Curator EWM



Above, I-r clockwise: Images of the model at Lemoore NAS and installed in Hangar One at Estrella Warbirds Museum; Pilots on deck of USS Langley; and VFA-2 LSO of Strike Fighter Squadron Two) VFA-2, Lemoore NAS who used the Greenie Board.



The Greenie Board (above) I-r: old board displayed and current board that shows pilot names from cruise and grades; and Coffee Mug Board (below) old board displayed and currently used board on the base.



Above I-r: First aircraft launch from deck of USS Langley; and Pilot Lt.Drew "Dug" M. Mueller from Lemoore AFB with "Bounty Hunter" Vought VE-7 Fighter Aircraft in Hangar One at Estrella Warbirds Museum.

Donated by the pilots of Strike Fighter Squadron Two (VFA-2) stationed at NAS Lemoore, California.