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REMEMBERING THE PAST/INSPIRING THE FUTURE
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PREZ SEZ EWM PRESIDENT JOHN COUCH

The August dinner was very interesting. We had an informative presentation from **Bill Borgsmiller** about his business, **ACIJet**, and the state of the aviation industry nationally as well as in our local area.

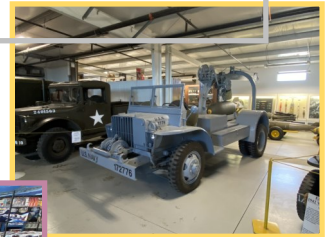
In addition we recognized two of our members who recently resigned their volunteer positions and are **relocating to Colorado**. **Marcia and Wayne Rice** have been active volunteers with us since roughly 2004. Wayne served as a board member and past president as well as oversight of Kitchen Operations. Marcia has worked in the gift shop as well as managing the library. Those quizzes you struggle with and cheat by looking at the last page to find the answers? You can thank Marcia for those. Wayne has been very helpful to me personally by giving me insight as to my responsibilities as President of the Board. Wayne helped me to know what I didn't know about being President, keeping myself in the proper perspective.

We at Estrella are truly thankful for the pleasure of their friendship and service to Estrella Warbirds.

Wayne and Marcia personify the **qualities** we hold dear in our **volunteers**. They are representative of so many others who give of their time and talents to help our museum prosper. They are **humble** and **dedicated**, bringing so much to the table. Thank you again Marcia and Wayne for your 19

BIG JULY MOVING DAY COMES FOR RESTORATION GEMS: BOMB TRUCK AND MULE

Is That Thing Loaded?



There's a Mule in the Gift Shop! And is THAT thing loaded?

PHOTOS Ken Neuman

Two Restoration projects have been on-going for over a year and are now complete. The **Bomb Truck** is now safely in the Brooks Building among the other vehicles, waiting the next parade assignment. The **Mule** is in (of all places) the Gift Shop awaiting visitors eager to see and understand such a strange machine. Well, these things were used to ensure our Liberties and Freedom.

years of excellent service. We wish you all the best in your new home. Thank you as well to all our volunteers and staff who make our museum the quality museum it is. —John

DITTO/ROGER THAT per this Editor. Thanks!! Hey, Did you earn the "Grinder" call before, during or after your stint in USMC? Bon V to Marcia and Wayne :(

MONTHLY DINNER, MEETING

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

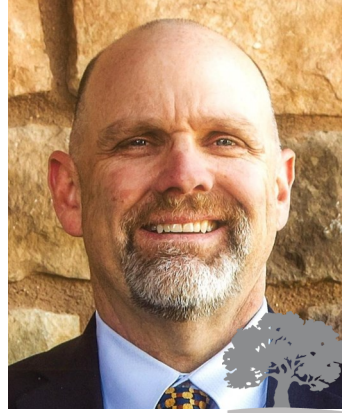
Thomson Hall—5:30 Social, 6:30 Dinner

Tom Harrington Guest Speaker post dinner

\$25 AT THE DOOR PHONE 805-296-1935

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Dinner Reservations



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Thomas R. (Tom) Harrington

MENU

BBQ SPARE RIBS

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SALAD

APPLE CRISP DESSERT

ONE OF OUR NEIGHBORS IS LOCAL HERO...

TOM HARRINGTON SPEAKS AT THOMSON HALL ON SEPTEMBER 6 ABOUT HIS LOVED ONES: FAMILY, PASO, US NAVY AVIATION, COMMUNITY SERVICE AND THE QUALITY PRODUCTS TURNED OUT OF OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT. HE HAS DONE ALL OF IT.

BE THERE WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 6.

A native of Paso Robles, California, Thomas (Tom) Harrington attended Cuesta College and graduated from Cal Poly State University-San Luis Obispo with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1988. He joined the Navy, earned a commission, went to flight training and served combat tours aboard USS Fife and USS Antietam during Operation Desert Storm. After that was assignment at MIT where he taught courses in amphibious operations, navigation and leadership.

After returning to Paso Robles he taught Social Sciences at Paso Robles High School. Still in Reserve Duty he was recalled to active status ending up in Iraq flying combat missions in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Then it's back to Central Coast and Paso Robles where he coached and taught at PRHS. He now serves as Director Of Student Services for the School District.

With a resume like that (only some of it is shown here) he is one of our Hometown Heroes. Hear his story from then to now. . . is there time?

Thomson Hall Wednesday September 6. Be there!

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LIBRARY QUIZ THE TRULY BADASS A-10 WARTHOG

1. In 1970, the Air Force requested bids for a close air support platform, armed with a high rate of fire cannon. Fairchild Republic and _____ submitted prototypes.

- a) McDonald Douglas
- b) Boeing
- c) Northrop

2. The production A-10 was equipped with:

- a) 30 mm GAV-8mm GAV-8 cannon
- b) A titanium armored cockpit
- c) Ejection seats
- d) All of the above

3. The A-10 first saw combat in the first Gulf War in 1991.

True or False

4. During the Gulf War, the A-10s shot down 2 Iraqi helicopters using:

- a) The AGM-65 Maverick Missile
- b) AIM- Sidewinder
- c) The GAV-8 Cannon

5) The GAV-8 shoots an armor piercing projectile made of:

- a) Depleted uranium
- b) Recycled steel
- c) Foundry pig iron

6) The maximum speed of an A-10 is 439 mph at sea level; thus, leading jealous fighter pilots to fondly speak of it as:

- a) Hog
- b) Tank Killer
- c) Slow but ugly

7. The A-10 was plagued with structural issues from the beginning, affecting primarily:

- a) The landing gear
- b) The wing attachment to the fuselage
- c) The elevators and rudders

8. The A-10 was used very effectively in anti-terrorist operation and its overall cost and reliability led the Air Force to "indefinitely freeze" plans to retire it.

True or False

9. The A10 continues to be upgraded with current technology including:

- a) A helmet mounted targeting system
- b) ECM capability
- c) HOTAS configuration
- d) All of the above

10. Today, the A-10 remains the only production-built close air support aircraft flown by the Air Force

True or False



FRESH FROM THE DUCKPOND

Dick Woodland



Claudia and Dick Woodland pose with the Dodge



1924 Dodge Bros. Touring Car (L) and 1925 Ford Model T, New to Woodland AD in July!

1924 Dodge Bros. Touring Car

HISTORY: The Dodge Bros., John and Horace, were early stockholders and engine builders for Ford Motor Co. before producing their first automobile in 1914. By 1922, they had become 2nd only to Ford Motor Co. in automobile production in the U.S. It could hold 5 passengers, travel at speeds of up to 50 mph and came with a price tag of \$895.00. It also had an innovative "starterater" which made Dodge the first mass produced self- starting automobile. Add to that, it came standard with a 12 volt electrical system. (General Motors didn't upgrade to 12 volt electrical until the mid 1950's.)

1925 Iconic Ford Model-T

HISTORY: The Model T was Henry Ford's idea of mass-producing an affordable vehicle thus putting the average working person into the driver's seat. From the first Model T in 1909 to the last in 1927, approximately 15 million were built. During 1925 1,911,705 were built and this 2-door sedan would have sold new for about \$300 (around \$4500 in today's dollars).

TRIBUTE TO THE UNSER NAME WITHIN THE WOODLAND ANNEX



The Bobby Unser Tribute, "Uncle Bobby's" Corner, is taking shape at the Woodland Auto Display.

"Uncle Bobby" is the name Bobby's friends and fans fondly used.

Our tribute contains many rare arti-



Bobby Unser 1977

facts and memorabilia which include helmets, a racing uniform, IROC, (International Race of Champions) Riverside Raceway winning jacket and checker flag. In addition, there are numerous other rare items and many beautiful photographs of the 3- time Indianapolis 500 winner.

Bobby Unser is one of 10 drivers to win the prestigious Indy 500 at least three times and was the first driver to win the race in three different decades, a feat later matched by Rick Mears.

He was a member of the legendary Unser family of racecar drivers. His older brother, Jerry Unser, died at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in a crash during practice, ahead of the 1959 Indy 500. His younger brother, Al Unser, is a four-time winner of the Indy 500, and his nephew Al Unser, Jr., won the race twice. In total, six members of the Unser family have raced in the Indianapolis 500.

Mr. Unser was inducted into several motorsports Halls of Fame including the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame, the International Motorsports Hall of Fame, and the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America.

This Tribute display is now finished, with most of the credit going to his wife **Lisa Unser**. Without her support, this display would not have been possible. Dick Woodland/CNN



**#3 | LT AMANDA "STALIN" LEE
LEFT WING 2023**



**Estrella Youth Aviation Club
A Road To Opportunity
Like That Of Amanda Lee**

On July 18, 2020 the US Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron announced six new officers to join the team for the 2023 air show season.

The squadron selected two F/A-18E/F Super Hornet pilots, an events coordinator, a C-130J Super Hercules pilot, an aviation maintenance officer and a flight surgeon to replace outgoing team members.

As reported by Pensacola News Journal, although hundreds of women have served with the Blue Angels in a variety of capacities over 55 years, Lt. Amanda Lee, of Mounds View, Minnesota, will be the first woman to serve as a demonstration pilot. . . a Blue Angel!

Lt. Lee graduated from Irondale High School in 2004, where she competed in soccer, ice hockey and swimming.

While attending the University of Minnesota Duluth, Amanda enlisted in the U.S. Navy as an Aviation Electronics Technician (AT) and reported to her first command, VFA-136 "Knighthawks."

It's not a long, long way to pilot training at Pensacola, Florida and to assignment aboard CV-75 USS Harry Truman as an F-18 pilot. Wheels up in 2023 as "Stalin" waltzes in harmony with the Angles!
Next Month: USAF Captain Aimee "Rebel" Fiedler





Mule

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Resto Spa/Nosejob/Dermatology
For A-4 Skyhawk Aux. Gas Tank



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Resto Steve Foss applies finish coat to A-4's Auxiliary fuel tank, in Shade Restoration Building.

Photo D. Johansen

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

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