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November 7 Program: Jean-Luc Beghin **Belgium-born Pilot-Artist**

In 1944, being a five year old in Brussels was an experience rich in sensations. Jean-Luc's memories began during the turmoil of Belgium's liberation by the American, the British and the Canadian armies. His world was suddenly filled with colorful Allied flags, white stars, new words, and the unique smell of Lucky Strikes.

His grandparents' home was alive with a constant flow of G.I.'s and "Tommies" and at the piano his mother played "boogie woogies" and swing tunes.

A young and impressionable Jean-Luc swallowed his first piece of chewing gum during this time and discovered the pleasures of Hershey and Milky Way bars. For months, he was taken to school in a jeep or sometimes even in a Bren carrier. In 1945, he saw his very first movie: "Pinocchio".

He was finally able to touch a P-51 "Mustang" and a Piper Cub when they were put on public display in the "Parc du Cinquantenaire" in Brussels. To Jean-Luc, this was like a trip to Disneyland before such a place ever existed. There was a star in young Jean-Luc's future, in fact 50 bright stars, and some red and white stripes. His childhood dream of becoming a U.S. citizen was proudly realized years later.

It is no wonder that Jean-Luc's love for aviation and the U.S. Army Air Force found its source in all the fascinating flying machines crisscrossing the skies during World War II. He had already started drawing airplanes in kindergarten and continued throughout his school years. At age 10 Jean-Luc went to his first air show near Brussels. Armed with his mother's Agfa camera, he took his very first pictures of airplanes (The USAF Skyblazers flying P-80s "Shooting Stars").

Drafted in 1960, he served for one year as an illustrator for the Belgian equivalent of "Yank Magazine." His greatest pleasure was to draw and to drive an army jeep. He married Rita-Marie, his childhood sweetheart, who also shared his passion for aviation. In 1969, Jean-Luc was put in charge of the aviation section of

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"Spirou Magazine," a weekly published in Belgium, France, Switzerland, Holland and Canada. His love of photography led him to become the official "GAF View-Master" aerial photographer in Europe.

In 1970, he signed a contract with the Belgian Air Force and started working for the B.A.F. Flight Safety Magazine. This gave him the opportunity to fly as a passenger and a photographer in a variety of aircraft: TF-104 "Starfighter", Mirage, T-33 "T-Bird" and the "Fouga Magister", to name a few.

He was made honorary member of 350 Fighter Squadron (B.A.F.), 439 Fighter Squadron (Canadian Armed Forces) and the 238th Engineer Combat Battalion (U.S. Army). His other childhood dream came true when his friend Pierre Dague, an Air France 747 Captain, gave him an unforgettable 20 minutes of combat maneuvers in a P-51D "Mustang" at La Ferté near Paris.

Jean-Luc's first visit to the United States took place in 1972 when he went to Cape Kennedy to see the Apollo 16 lift off. Back in Belgium, he started specializing in cockpit renditions. His "You are in the cockpit" perspective reached its ultimate elegance and detail in his black line lithograph of the famous Douglas C-47 "Skytrain".

At the end of 1976, Jean-Luc, Rita-Marie and their three children (Nathalie, Caroline and Jean-François), moved to California. Since then, Jean-Luc's main ambition has been to illustrate the history of the U.S. Army Air Force, mostly by way of his cockpit view perspectives. He is also currently working on a graphic novel about the G.I. in Europe during World War II.

George Marrett, Program Chairman

November 7 Menu - Plz. R.S.V.P.

"Thanksgiving Dinner"

Roasted Turkey

Turkey Dressing

Turkey Gravy

Green Peas

Apple Walnut Salad

Dinner Rolls

Pumpkin Pie

Coffee and Tea

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High Flyer

Our Library is rapidly growing into a professional facility that all members will be able to enjoy at any time of the year.

We, Pres. George Taylor, Don Peckinpaugh and myself, took a trip to Home Depot last Saturday, to pick up the new window for the Library. It will brighten the loft area with much needed light and with double pained glass, will help keep the library warm in the winter and cool in the summer.

In the morning of the same day that we picked up the new window, we had a wonderful class presented by three of Paso Robles finest firefighter/paramedics, on the new methods used in saving lives via CPR. We held this class in the library and this is not the first nor will it be the last of many meetings, which brings in many people who do not know of our wonderful Museum and Library right here in Paso Robles.

This is one, (of many reasons), why we are working so hard in bringing the library to fruition!

Our faithful crew is still hard at work and the calluses on their fingers are becoming much larger, as we continue working on all of the steps necessary to complete the cataloging of the entire collection of books, magazines, manuals, journals, etc., etc., etc..

Keep'em flying,

Charmaine

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members:

- Mary Schwartz --7/21/07--Regular Annual Member.
- Deborah Hollowell --9/15/07 --Regular Annual Member.Sponsor--Mary Schwartz

- Vic and June Butera -- 10/03/07 -- Family Annual Members.Sponsor -- Betty Miller
- Arnold Del Rio -- 9/22/07 --Regular Annual Member. Sponsor -- Glen Thomson
- Elliot and Janice Cannon --10/14/07 -- Life Members.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

Don Peckinpaugh,
Membership Chairman

The Prez Sez... "Trojans and Hoovers Visit Welcomed"

The Estrella Warbird Museum volunteers provided support for the Trojans and Hoovers third annual visit. Our EWM crew provided ground support and any other services needed for this four day event.

The flight line crew consisted of Gary Corippo, Ed Morrison, Rob Kinnear, Ron Boyte, Frank Ragland, Peter Visel, Randy Wilber and Arnold Hermansen. As in the past our crew performed flawlessly conducting flight operations from our Estrella Warbird Museum taxiway. This is no easy task involving fueling and parking of aircraft.

Thank you to all for a job of well done. EWM founder Glen Thomson not only hosted this annual event but joined in with his own T-28 Trojan.

Past Estrella Warbird Vice President John Whitworth donated custom printed hats and shirts for those involved with the event. John has donated merchandise every year we have this event. The custom shirts and hats add a quality touch to the event. You merchandise is always top of the line and your are continually donating hats and jackets to enhance our fund raising projects. Thank you We look forward to next year's event.

Very Respectfully
George Taylor President
Estrella Warbird Museum

"Support Your Museum and You Could Win This SUV"

Estrella Warbird Museum Star Life members Sisse Kurowski and Lloyd Plymate have donated their 1993 Ford Explorer to be raffled by the EWM.



1993 Ford Explorer

Support your museum and at the same time have a chance to win this vehicle. Tickets will be sold at dinner meetings, EWM Gift Shop and can be purchased by mail. We will have the drawing for the Ford Explorer at our Warbird dinner meeting on December 5, 2007. Thank you Lloyd and Sisse for your support and generosity. Thank you Paso Robles Ford and Lincoln Mercury for doing the emission testing.

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"F8-G Crusader has Mystery Friend"

The Estrella Warbird Museum's F-8G Crusader has been around for years waiting for repair and restoration. With many projects waiting in line for our crew the Crusader has been placed on the back burner. But with careful inspection one will find that every week progress is being made on this worthy Warbird. How can this be? We never see anyone working on the F-8. Well almost never. Get up early on Sunday and I mean early and go down to the museum to check it out. For years Doug Anderson has been coming in on Sunday mornings and single handedly putting the pieces together and prepping the surface for paint. It is amazing how much Doug has accomplished working by himself. He never complains or makes demands on us. He just keeps on working like one of those battery commercials.



Mystery restoration worker Doug Anderson works tirelessly on this super sonic Warbird.

Thank you Doug for all your hard work and support of our museum.

November dinner meeting will be November 7th. Please call ahead to place your reservation 467-3521 or go to the members section of the Warbird website and confirm your dinner reservation online.

Gift Shop Report

First I must say "thank you" to our new Gift Shop volunteers for their enthusiasm and wonderful ideas to help promote our facility.

Change can mean progress! Including NEW items:

We carry several titles from Arcadia Publishing Company, including our local communities of Paso Robles and Morro Bay.

We have a new DVD Documentary about women pilots entitled - "Wings of Their Own."

We also have a new line of assorted types of aircraft books for ages 7 - 14.

Children's flight jackets
Toddler and kids' T-shirts in assorted designs and sizes.

Also just received "mood" pencils with our EWM slogan in assorted colors.

We all want to express our appreciation for the comfortable atmosphere of the new Freedom Hall.

Respectfully,
Jackie Brooks
Gift Shop Manager

New days and hours:

We have dropped Mondays and added Thursdays:
Thurs, Fri. and Sun. 12 to 4; Sat 10 to 4.

Stop by and check out the "new" museum exhibits and gift shop inventory.

Freedom Hall Curators: Betty Miller 466-1212 and Carol Weiss - 239-2637.

Check for the next CPR & Safety Training sessions.

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October Program: Memorial Monument to our Veteran's underway in Atascadero

Col. Bill Hatch presented our program in October and will gladly accept suggestions and contributions for the new monument to be located near Atascadero Lake.

The West Point graduate, a former Post Commander at Camp San Luis Obispo, Col. Hatch served in that capacity at Camp Roberts in 2003 and 2004. After more than twenty-five years of service, he joined the California National Guard in 1999.

Facilities activities:

In addition to the recent Trojans "fly-in" activities, we hosted the Orange County Sheriff's Aero Squadron, saw an EOC tour and a Newcomers luncheon during October.

In November the Porsch Car Club will lunch on Sunday the 4th, RaboBank will have the facilities for Saturday the 17th and a Christmas Party for Paso Robles Tank has been scheduled for Saturday evening the 1st of December.

Letters: American Legion in Cambria

Commander Ron Waltman expressed his appreciation for the use of our "ammunition pickup truck" for their "WWII Camp Show" project.

Navy League program

Rob Bryn has announced that a program at EWM museum is in the planning stage to present Navy Pilot Willy Driscoll with the Commander John "Bug" Roach prayer award.

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The Prez Sezz.....
 "On The Road Again"

In recent weeks Estrella Warbird Museum vehicles have proceeded down the streets of Paso Robles and Atascadero celebrating Paso Robles Pioneer Days and Atascadero Colony Days. This show of pride was made possible by the hard work of our Warbird Motor Pool Staff.



EWM Model "T" Ambulance leads the Warbird vehicles down the streets of Paso during the Pioneer Day celebration.

Motor Pool Staff John Everett, Ron Boyte and Ron Brooks recently completed a major refresh project to our 1922 Model "T" Ambulance.



Doc Brooks and Nurse Jackie with one of the 80 American flags we proudly displayed donated by EWM members Don and Aquilla Hart.

A few Saturdays ago Ron & Stella Thompson brought long time EWM member Larry Campo for a visit to the museum. It was great to see Larry out and about and his friends at the museum appreciated the visit.

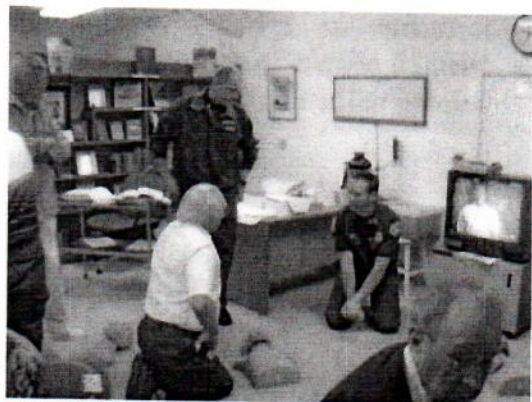
Thank you to Ron & Stella for bringing our good friend Larry out to see us.



At our October dinner meeting we were honored with a visit by the United States Army troops from Camp Roberts.

These United States Army troops from Camp Roberts accepted the invitation extended by Past Warbird President Colonel Chuck Miller to join us at our monthly dinner meeting. It was a real pleasure to have the opportunity to visit with these men and women that are dedicated to preserving our freedom.

"No Dummies in this
 CPR/AED Class"



Paso Robles Department of Emergency Services conducted CPR/AED training at the Estrella Warbird Museum Saturday October 20th.

Fire Captain Randy Harris, Firemen Ross Porter and Charlie Brown provided valuable life saving training to EWM members John Kendall, Ron & Stella Thompson, Dave Geiger, Doris Rapp, Don & Charmaine Peckinpaugh, Dan Hale and George Taylor.

"Al Schade Restoration Building Gets Electrical Tune-up"

Master Electrician Kerry Langford has spent several weekends giving the restoration building electrical system a much needed tune-up. It is not easy working around all the activity that goes on in this area, but Kerry has been able to make progress without disrupting ongoing projects.



Kerry appears to be charged up on Warbird coffee or may have just figured out that mystery circuit.

The Estrella Warbird museum is fortunate to come across so many talented people. Kerry can also be found helping in the kitchen from time to time.



Al Schade and Bob Kelly installing new fabric on the horizontal stabilizer of the C-47. This process is a lost art and is not performed on modern aircraft.

"Trojans & Hoovers make Third Annual Visit to Warbird Museum"

It is always great to have these restored aircraft visit our facility. The T-28 Trojan aircraft can be compared to a high powered sports car. The 1425 horsepower radial engine combined with the sturdy airframe makes this aircraft exciting to fly. The T-28 lends itself well to aerobatics and formation flying. I first experienced the aerobatic abilities of this aircraft back in the late 60s with Commander "Tex" Birdwell of VA-122 in the front seat. My best advice is do not eat before flight and enjoy the best ride ever. The thrill of the high horsepower engine can be tempered when the fuel truck pulls up to fill you tank and lighten your wallet.



The damp weather on Friday gave way to sunny skies on Saturday and Sunday.

We look forward to the return of the Trojans and Hoovers next year.

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George Taylor

President Estrella Warbird Museum

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FREEDOM FLIGHT VETERANS MEMORIAL

Yes, the Estrella Warbird Museum is more than just an exhibit of aircraft and weapons representing our nation's success in maintaining our freedom. That success is obvious to every visitor. What is not obvious, the opportunity for the visitor to personally participate in honoring our military personnel, past and present. After all, "Freedom" is about people and our active participation in supporting it.

So the next time you visit "Freedom Hall", pause as you enter the exhibit and respectively view the names of our country's greatest citizens, making it possible for each of us to continue the freedom we share.

By actively supporting our dedicated "Freedom Fighters", each of us can personally show our community and our nation, our thanks and dedication to our country's future. While you're there, read the Memorial Register and complete an application for a "Memorial" to be added. It is not required to be a friend, relative, or acquaintance. They can be any military person that served or is now serving our nation honorably, any rank that you admire and wish to honor.

Time is fast approaching when the "Freedom Flight Veterans Memorial" will be announced to the public with their support and participation invited. Museum members can be models to assure the success of the "Memorial" by our early demonstration of support.

Bottom line, not everyone can serve, but we can all support. Be a "Model".

Obbie Atkinson, Chairman
Bob Kelly, Co Chairman

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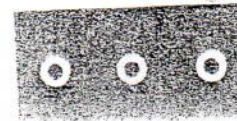


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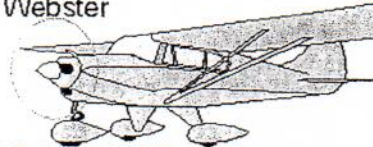
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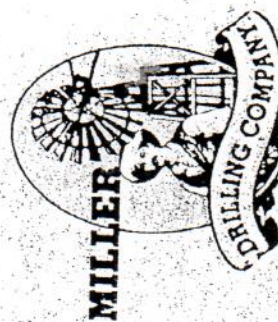
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