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May 7: Atascadero High student accepted to Air Force Academy - Colorado Springs

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Ryan Carden of Atascadero has been working his six-year plan for a military future.

Atascadero High School senior Ryan Carden has accepted an appointment to the U. S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado achieving a lifelong goal. Attending one of the U.S. military academies has been a goal of Carden since the seventh grade.

"I have planned all of my activities since then with this in mind," he said.

and Hauser pooler



Carden is an honors student with varsity letters in swimming, cross-country and track. In addition, he has his private pilot license, and is a certified bare boat charter skipper for sailing vessels to 50-feet. Not being one for spare time, Carden is also an Eagle Scout with three palms, has a Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do, is a PSDI certified SCUBA diver and has been an ocean lifeguard at Morro Bay for the past two summers.

Carden has not overlooked community service. Those who have visited the wedding gazebo at the Atascadero Lake Park have seen his Eagle Scout project.

He contributes many hours to community service through school organizations such as the National Honor Society, of which he is vice president, California Scholastic Federation, and leadership class.

Carden is also a Youth member of the Atascadero Parks and Recreation Commission. Carden also surfs, mountain bikes and enjoys sailing with family and friends. He is the son of Hal and Carol Carden.

George Marrett, Program Chairman

<u>GMarrett@charter.net</u>

May 7 Dinner - Please RSVP

Larry Eastwood will again be our chef! Remember to RSVP (call Rosemary 467-3521) by Monday the fifth. For the comfort of our guests we must limit seating to 125.

May 7th Dinner

Please RSVP a.s.a.p. @ 467-3521

Swiss Steak

Mashed Potatoes

Green Caesar Salad

Dinner Rolls

Dessert

Coffee or Tea

Social at 6 pm, Dinner at 7

\$15 per person

Please RSVP: 467-3521

No later than Monday, at 8 PM!

May 14,15,16:

Collings Foundation Visit
B-17, B-24, B25, P-51 tours & flights
Volunteers appreciated.

Flights to be raffled on May 7.

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Summer Museum Hours Effective May First

Friday, 10 am to 4 pm Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm Sunday, 12 noon to 4 pm

Home and Rec Show

Scheduled for April 26 and 27 at the "Event Center" (Mid-State Fairgrounds). We will have an information booth inside and the F-4 outside. Volunteers needed.

Facilities Events

 Navy League dinner on Saturday, April 26th - U.S.Navy Flying Ace "Willy" "Irish" Driscoll

Reservations will be required - 466-4196

- an Estrella Associates Hot Air Balloon Brunch the 27th.
- · Library Opening 6 pm Friday May 9

USS Columbus Reunion October 1-4 2008 for Navy and Marine Corps shipmates. USS Columbus CA-74/CG-12/SSN-762 Reunion at the Holiday Inn, North Dayton, OH. Contact Allen R. Hope, President, 3828 Hobson Rd., Ft. Wayne IN 46815-4505, Phone 260-486-2221 8 to 5 Eastern Time. Email: hope4391@comcast.net

Museum Email Updates & Website.

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EWM Calendar Sales

Calendar sales at the Post Office and WalMart in Paso Robles have been successful, yielding \$200/day @ \$10 each, according to Peter Visel, Obbie Atkinson and Gary Corippo. A few available copies remain in the gift shop.

Scholarship Committee

John and Cheryl Everett visited four high schools and gave the counselors information on the EWM scholarships, encouraging them to have their students visit the museum. Each high school has a scholarship presentation and we shall have a representative visit and make the presentation. Winners will be invited to bring their parents and dine with us at our monthly meetings.

MEMBERSHIP Report

We welcome the following new members:

Jack McLaughlin----Regular Member

Sponsor---Betty Miller

Ken Burton-------Regular Member

Donald & Ann Hinkle-----Family Members

Richard & Joan Peterson-----Family Members

Sponsors--- Richard & Jean Campbell

John Garfield-------------------------Life Member

On behalf of the membership and directors of the Estrella Warbird Museum I would like to extend a "welcome aboard" to our new friends.

DonPpeckinpaugh, Membership Chairman



Surfing the web...

Just click on an airplane and it will show you the inside of the cockpit.

http://www.codeonemagazine.com/test/archives/2007/articles/jan 07/cockpits/cockpits.html

Squadron Esprit -- Deutschland-Style

The Navy used to paint squadron aircraft with "bright" colors until they realized it made them relatively easy targets and went to the "dull grey" they use today. Usually the CO's bird (00) still has the squadron logo on the tail painted in bright colors. "These are just downright cool." URL: http://www.fighterpilotuniversity.com/index.cfm /2008/4/10/Kickass-Paint



The Estrella Warbird Museum is pleased to announce that The Library (**THE HISTORY OF FLIGHT**) is having its GRAND OPENING – Friday, May 9, 2008, at 6:00 P.M.

All members and guests are cordially invited by the **Estrella Warbird Board,** to attend this gala event and join in taking the Guided Tours, (lead by the Asst. Librarians) up to the Library every five minutes till approximately 7:00 P.M.

The evening includes sampling the delicious hors d'oeuvre and sparkling champagne, (served by the Asst. Librarians).

After the refreshments, we will be going into The Glen Thomson Dinning Hall and topping off the evening with popcorn and the viewing of the classical movie -----

THE GREAT RACE

Starring

JACK LEMON - TONY CURTIS – NATALIE WOODS

For additional information <u>and for your acceptance of our invitation</u>,, please contact Charmaine Peckinpaugh, Librarian at 239-9919

SEND THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE OR HAVE SERVED

By EWM members Bob and Lenore Spielman

You may have seen the article in the February Paso Robles Magazine on Wendi Whitney-Smith and her son, Navy Hospital Corpsman Robert Whitney. He is serving at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego. Through him, she became aware of wounded warriors and patients in the hospital who are desperately in need of words of encouragement and a connection back to us. Wendi has organized a project to enable us all to send cards with encouraging messages or a simple "Thank you" to our brave service men and women, as well as the wonderful hospital staff members who are caring for them.

Wendi has collection boxes at her shop, Avalon Salon, 1728 Spring Street, Paso Robles. Folks can visit the shop and either fill out a free card there or bring their own messages in unsealed envelopes for the Cards go into either the "Patients" box or the "Hospital Staff" box. Messages can be a simple "Thank you", best wishes for improved health, a clipping of a funny cartoon or story, a picture of your family or pets, or anything that you think will bring comfort and good feeling to a wounded warrior or health care staff member. Just SOMETHING to personalize it - that's a big deal!

We encourage Estrella Warbird Museum members to participate and show our support and appreciation. You can bring cards to Wendi or even hold your own "Thank a Soldier" card writing party—the more the better! With Memorial Day and the 4th of July coming up, please take a moment to thank all those that have and are sacrificing so much for our country.

You can e-mail or call Wendi wwhitney01@charter.net or 239-0317

Bob and Lenore thank you for providing this information.



George Taylor

The Prez Sez "Thank You"

My Second year as President of the Estrella Warbird Museum is nearly over. wish to express my sincere appreciation to all of our members and directors that have enabled the last two years to be very exciting and rewarding. It would be impossible to list all those that have contributed so much to the success of the museum as I would surely run out of space.

The Warbird Museum continues to grow in many directions and is clearly recognized as a community organization. As I have said in the past "The Estrella Warbird Museum has thousands of significant artifacts and a fleet of historical aircraft. But our most valuable asset is our dedicated members and directors." Thank you for two great years as representative.

Very Respectfully

George Taylor President Estrella Warbird Museum "Honoring the Past Inspiring the Future"

Dues are Due...

Members who are on an annual dues basis have recently received and invoice for dues that are payable by May 1, 2008.

There is several ways to pay your dues, by mail, credit card or by phone. See invoice for options or call Rosemary (treasurer) at 467-3521. Or "Go Green", eliminate paper work, and renew as a Life or Star Life member.

Your continued support is appreciated.

Thank You

Rosemary Netto

Treasurer Estrella Warbird Museum

Museum Musings.....

by Betty Miller

With our summer season approaching, we have new hours of operation for the Museum! <u>Effective May 1st</u> our new hours will be:

> Friday 10 am to 4 pm Saturday 10 am to 4 pm Sunday 12 noon to 4 pm

Curator's Office Hours:
Tuesday and Wednesday
9:30 am - 2:00 or as needed
Call if you wish to donate an item

If you have not already done so, come on over to Freedom Hall and check out some of our new displays, Due to our limited space we rotate many of our displays and we have some new things for you to see.

The F-18 Simulator Almost Ready

We had a recent training session for some of our members who wish to become *Flight Command* operators for our **F-18 Hornet** simulator. This will be a fantastic addition to the Museum, and much credit goes to **Gary Corippo**, who perservered in not only obtaining it from Lemoore, but then found the professionals (who created the Top Gun Combat simulators at Pennsacola) to install the hardware and software to bring it to life.

It will take a few more practice sessions to get the operation down before it will be opened to the public to enjoy the actual experience of "flying" the F-18 Hornet. The cost for a 45 minute flight experience has not yet been determined, but it will be under \$30.00 per person

New Docent Coordinator

Docent Randy Majewski has accepted the task of Docent Coordinator. Randy has been a Docent for over 2 years and is very generous with his time in covering more than one shift a month. Welcome Aboard, Randy!

WE NEED MORE DOCENTS NOW!



Summer Vacation is almost upon us and we are already seeing a definite increase in visitors to the museum. This means that more demands will be made on our volunteers' time and energy. We now have over 350 + members...but the same 24 folks are carrying the Docent load! Please step up to the plate and volunteer to serve when we call upon you to help out. You don't have to be at the Museum every week, and knowledge of aircraft is *NOT* a requirement!

As we move into the hotter summer weather (it will get warm again-I promise!) we will be looking at bumping up our Sunday hours to an earlier opening time to avoid some of the really hot August temps. This will depend on getting at least 6 more Docents. We currently have 28 on the Docent list, but we always have at least 5 out on vacations or illness during any one month. We really do need your help. The Friday and Saturday shifts are 3 hours each, and if we are able to increase our Sunday hours, we will have 3 hour shifts there as well.

We will provide training and a Docent to help you out on your first shifts. Please call **Betty Miller** at 466-1212 today!

Have a great May and come visit your Museum, remember All Members are FREE, Your Guests are welcome, but will be charged the normal fee. (Life and Star Members should check with Don Peckinpaugh for info on Guest benefits.)

Betty Miller

Getting to Know Your Committee Chairs

Questions? Suggestions? Please give us a call!

Aircraft Acquisitions Gary Corippo - 238-2090 Bar Rosemary Netto - 467-3521 Cathy Neitz - 467-2158 City Liaison Chuck Miller - 466-1212 Decorating Judy Corippo - 238-2090 Rosemary Netto - 467-3521 **Docent Coordinator** Randy Majewski-237-1054 **Exhibit Hall Curators** Betty Miller - 471-0472 Carol Weiss - 239-2637 **Facility Rental** Peter Visel -237-2661 Freedom Flight Obbie Atkinson - 238-9212 Gift Shop Jackie Brooks - 462-8141 Ground Equipment John Everett- 237-9523 Grounds Wayne Rice - 423-8828 Insurance Brian Webster - 237-0666 lan Webster - 237-0666 Membership Don Peckinpaugh 239-9919 Newsletter Dick Reddick - 238-2316

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Peter Visel - 237-2661

Photographer

Wally Engle - 227-0245



B-17, B-25, B-24, TP-51 TO VISIT PASO ROBLES MAY 14-15-16



The Estrella Warbird Museum is proud to announce that we will be hosting the Collings Foundation of Stow, Mass. on their "Wings of Freedom Tour" Wednesday May 14 through noon Friday, May 16. They are bringing a B-17 Flying Fortress, B-24 Liberator, B-25 Mitchell Bomber and for the first time a TP-51C Mustang. These wonderful flying WW II veterans will available for walk-through tours as well as 30-35 minute rides. The aircraft will arrive on May 14 between noon and 1 pm and park at the Paso Robles Airport Terminal. Altough we had hoped to have the aircraft parked at our Museum, weight restrictions on our taxiway and space restricitons in our aircraft parking areas preclude these wonderful WW II aircraft from being at our facility.

The Collings Foundation announces the addition of the world's only dual control P-51C Mustang to their WWII aircraft collection. The P-51 is arguably the greatest fighter aircraft ever produced, certainly the most recognizable and legendary of the Second World War. Today there are less than five of the early B/C models left flying. The "C" model is easily recognizable by it's "razorback" configuration as opposed to the P-51D with its "bubble canopy" that came out later in the war.

There will be a drawing for two people to ride free aboard the aircraft from Camarillo to Paso Robles on Wed. May 14. Tickets will be available at our Gift Shop and at the May 7 Dinner Meeting for a \$20.00 donation to the Estrella Warbird Museum. Call 466-1212 for more details.

TOURS: May 14 - 2:00 pm to 5:00pm May 15- 9:00 am to 5:00pm May 16- 9:00am to 12 noon Adults -\$12.00~Children 12 and under- \$6.00 ~~ Airplane rides from \$325.00 to \$425.00, depending on aircraft To Reserve a Ride Cali 800-568-8924



R & J Brooks

From:

"R & J Brooks" <rjbro@tcsn.net>

To:

"Jean & Rich Campbell" <campbell@qnis.net>

Sent:

Wednesday, April 30, 2008 9:44 PM

Subject:

Fw: Guest speaker May 7th.

Hi Jean & Rich.

We just received this update for the May 7, Dinner.

He has made a wonderful display in the Museum. He also made the "mobile" you will see hanging over the GS counter.

See you next week. Have a good party w/Republican Women.

Jackie

---- Original Message ----

From: Estrella Warbird Museum To: warbirdnews@msn.com

Cc: taylors76

Sent: Monday, April 28, 2008 7:51 PM Subject: Guest speaker May 7th.

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Guest Speaker Change for May 7th. Dinner Meeting. Karl Haeuser

Estrella Warbird Museum member Karl Haeuser was born in Paso Robles and attended elementary and junior high here in town. He graduated from Concordia College in Oakland, California and started work with Bank of America in September 1939. Karl enlisted in the US Army Air Corps in August 1942 rather than the infantry because he didn't like to march. He completed primary flying school at Thunderbird Field II, Arizona and then soloed in the BT-13 at Minter Field, (7 miles north of Bakersfield) California. Then Karl was "eliminated at the convenience of the government."

So he completed Armorer and Aerial Gunnery schools and then trained as a turret gunner on the Douglas A-20 Havoc. Karl was sent to England assigned to the 410th Bomb Group of the 9th Air Force. On his 11th mission he was shot down over Roen, France, taken prisoner and spent the rest of the war as a guest of the Third Reich. During the last three months of the war he was forced to march away from the Russian Army until April 26, 1945 when the 104th Timberwolves Division liberated him.

Karl returned to the US and went back to work at Bank of America. He married Helen Filipponi in 1946 and has three children and five grandchildren. He retired to Cayucos, California in 1986 and is active in his church, does volunteer work and builds model airplanes as a hobby.



Please join us May 7th. for this extraordinary program.

There is two ways to make your reservation.

Logon to our website www.ewarbirds.org and go to the members section.

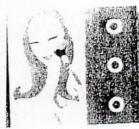
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George Taylor President Estrella Warbird Museum

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