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June 4: Local student accepted @AF Academy

[This program was delayed from May since Ryan's swim team successfully made it to the CIF playoffs]

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.

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

GMarrett@charter.net

June 4 Dinner - Please RSVP

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

June 4th Dinner

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

Barbecued Pork

Apple Sauce

Potatoes & Green Vegetables

Green Caesar Salad

Dinner Rolls

Apple Pie

Coffee or Tea

Social at 6 pm, Dinner at 7

\$15 per person

Please RSVP: 467-3521

No later than Monday, at 8 PM!

Summer Museum Hours

Effective in May

Friday, 10 am to 4 pm

Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm

Sunday, 12 noon to 4 pm

2008-9 Officers seated:

President.....Ed Morrison

Vice president... .. Peter Visel

Secretary..... Cheryl Everett

Treasurer..... Rosemary Netto

Past President..... George Taylor

June Board Meeting...6 p.m. June 18

July newsletter deadline...9am June 19

Karl Haeuser - May 7 Program
 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.

The next monthly dinner program will be at 6 p.m. on Wednesday June 4 at the Museum, 4251 Dry Creek Road, Paso

Robles. Dinner is served at 7 p.m., reservations necessary call 467-3521.

Facilities Events

- ◆ Navy League dinner was Saturday, April 26th - U.S.Navy Flying Ace "Willy" "Irish" Driscoll
- ◆ Library Opening Saturday June 7
- ◆ Polling Place June 3 @ Thomsen Hall

P-51 Mustang video:

<http://www.graveagles.org/video.htm>

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. E-mail: hope4391@comcast.net

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MEMBERSHIP Report

We welcome the following new members:

David and Memory Seaman, Family

Spons by Ed Morrison

Benjamin Lambeth, Reg. Annual

Spons by Ed Morrison

Bill & Lynn Harms, Life Membership

Jeff, Janene & Zac Bray, Patron Fam.

Margaret Hirt, Reg. Annual

Spons by Char.Peckinpaugh

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*

"Warbird Museum Welcomes Commander Willie Driscoll"

The Estrella Warbird Museum and the Navy League of The United States welcomed "US Navy Ace" Commander Willie Driscoll for an evening of tribute and recognition April 26th.

The event started with a welcome reception in "Freedom Hall" hosted by Warbird Museum Vice President Ed Morrison. Our good friends at Bella Luna Estate Winery, Sherman Smoot and Kevin Healey, sponsored the reception providing "Fighter Pilot Red" as the beverage of choice. Thank you Sherman and Kevin for your continued support of the Estrella Warbird Museum.



PHOTO BY GEORGE MARRETT
Pam Morrison and Charmiame Peckinpugh served "Fighter Pilot Red" and Sparkling Cider to our guests.



PHOTO BY GEORGE MARRETT
Ken Richardson receives a fast forward course in the art of aerial combat from Commander Driscoll.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY GEORGE MARRETT
Freedom Flight Chairman Obbie Atkinson with Freedom Flight inductee Commander Willie Driscoll.

The L-Bird Group sponsored Commander Driscoll to the Freedom Flight Memorial Honor Roll and also sponsored the Sea Cadet Color Guard at this event. **I wish to thank the L-Bird Aircraft Owners for their support.....**

Obbie Atkinson, Mac Gleim, Ed Morrison, Ernie Billing, Mitch Culver, Dieter Eckert, Bob Kelly, Frank Owen, Glen Thomson, Gary Corippo, Wayne Rice, Al Schade & George Marrett...

Our own Betty Miller set the spirit of the event with a heart-felt rendition of "God Bless America". Our audience enjoyed it so much that they joined in for the second verse.

Thank you to everyone that worked hard making this event successful.

George Taylor
Event Chairman

Museum Musings

By Betty Miller

Summer is almost here...we had the hot weather, a spat of winter (again!) But we really will have our hot weather again very soon.

The Museum is a nice cool spot for those summer days. We have some new Docent Volunteers and a class will be starting the end of May-first part of June to get them started. We still need more folks, so call me at **466-1212** and lets get you trained!

We have a great collection of pistols and rifles on loan to the Museum & they are up in the new gun case. We are still waiting for a covering to keep dust and hands from touching these items which go from the Civil War to the present!

The MASH display will be undergoing some freshening this month and the Chaplain Exhibit will be expanded—**watch us grow!**

We have new items that we are receiving almost on a weekly basis, so your Museum is never static. Please remember to call us at 466-1212, **before** you pack up Grandpa Jones' WW II items to bring in...we may already have the same thing and our storage space is getting tight.

Charmaine and Don Peckinpaugh and myself hosted a tour for 25 members of the Cal Poly Senior Education program-OSHER- in May. We gave them a in-depth tour of Freedom Hall, the aircraft, and included the new Research Library. We also had them complete a "How did we do" form at the end of their 2 ½ hours to gauge the public responses. I am happy to report that they were extremely enthusiastic and had some great ideas! These were all submitted anonymously to be sure we got their true feelings. All but 1 person were from the South County and had not been aware that the North County had anything like this.

I have been asked to host a similar group from Cal Poly in 2009 and we will be involving more of our Docents to be able to divide these folks into small groups.

Freedom Hall will be undergoing some layout changes in June. We desperately need more wall display space and will have to construct some new divider walls to handle it. I will be calling on some of you with carpenter skills to help out!

I have been visiting other aircraft and historical museums to get some ideas and we will be implementing some of these. It is really hard to keep up our goal of a first class museum versus a "collection of stuff" with the \$2000.00 annual budget we have been allotted. If you feel we need to add something, ask me for the particulars on cost and labor hours and perhaps we can work something out!

We had hoped to have the long discussed mural on the north wall completed by now. However it appears to have become a victim of the current financial times and will be shelved for the time being. Perhaps we will be able to get someone interested in donating the necessary funds for the artist in the years to come.

Carol Weiss and I continue to plug away to make your Museum a place to learn from and be proud of and we certainly appreciate all your support to help us accomplish this.

Remember Summer Hours—Friday & Saturday 10am to 4pm, and Sunday from 12 noon to 4 pm!

Betty Miller - 466-1212

Carol Weiss - 239-2637

Freedom Hall Curators

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Freedom Flight Memorial Day Cemetery Flyover

This year, as in years past, a formation of WW II and later military aircraft performed flyovers during Memorial Day ceremonies held at Paso Robles, Templeton, and Atascadero. The Freedom Flight aircraft, sponsored by the Estrella Warbird Museum of Paso Robles, are all authentic military planes, dating back to WW II. They were used in the various theatres of operation for training, reconnaissance, artillery spotting, ambulance service and air taxis. These aircraft may be viewed during visitor hours on weekends at the Museums Hangar "1" exhibit.

Freedom Flight pilots and crew members of these historic aircraft are all veterans from WW II to the present. They include Obbie O. Atkinson, Dr. Obbie T. Atkinson, George Marrett, Wayne Rice, Bob Kelly, Jeff Quaid, Mac Gleim, Ed Morrison and Gary Corippo.

Freedom Flight was named to honor our Military Veterans, past and present, defending and assuring our nations continued freedom in a world of conflict and aggression. When you next visit the Estrella Warbird Museum at the Paso Robles airport, enter at the recently finished Freedom Hall exhibit. While there, take time to view the Freedom Flight Veterans Memorial wall, honoring our military personell, past and present. Take advantage of this opportunity to show your support of our nation's military by naming a military person of your choice to the Memorial. You will view many familiar names of Veterans from the Civil War to present conflicts. Be sure to take your children for the unique educational presentations found no where else in this area. Fly the just arrived, F-18 aircraft flight simulator. Shoot down the "Bad Guy". Visit the many exhibits of all services, dating back to WW 1. Relax in the movie theatre while viewing past and present aviation films and authentic combat footage. Visit the newly opened "Research Library ", where thousands of books of aviation history are on view. Stroll outside and view dozens of retired, famous, military aircraft and ground support vehicles. It's your "Aviation Museum". It's your and your families "Freedom".

Obbie Atkinson

Freedom flight Chairman

"Wings of Freedom Visit Paso Robles"

The Estrella Warbird Museum was delighted to host the "2008 Wings of Freedom Tour". Thank you to Chuck & Betty Miller for handling all the arrangements making this visit possible. This success of this visit was made possible by our valued local sponsors.

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Mr. Pete Johnston, Pete Johnston GM

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Mr. Alex Fisher, Manager

Paso Robles Jet Center



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"Warbird Library Grand Opening"

The Estrella Warbird Library Grand Opening was a huge success. It was made possible by the commitment and dedication of Charmaine & Don Peckinpaugh and the volunteers that spent hundreds of hours making this "History of Flight" library possible.



PHOTO BY PETER VISEL

EWM Founders Glen Thomson and Gary Corippo visit with Paso Robles Mayor Pro-tem Gary Nemeth at Library opening.



"The Prez Sez"

Another fiscal year has come and gone with a great deal accomplished within that time frame: Freedom Hall, The Library, F-18 Simulator and much more. Many members have worked long and hard to make these improvements and their dedication is greatly appreciated.

Among those members is one that we owe a special debt of gratitude to and that is our outgoing President, George Taylor.

As EWM President for the past two years, George presided over the monthly Board of Director meetings and the monthly dinner meetings plus a number of special events, not to mention his work contribution on Saturdays. The round trip from his home in Lompoc is 200 miles or more and I'm afraid to ask him the total number of miles those trips added up to over that period of time. We will miss George's leadership qualities and thank him profusely for his time and commitment to the EWM.

I am honored that you have asked me to succeed George as President of the EWM and will do my best to fulfill your expectations. The old saying, "You are only as good as the people who work for you" is one that applies here and the EWM Board of Directors and the general membership is as fine a group as one could ask for.

I look forward to working with all of you this coming fiscal year and socializing with all of my old friends at the EWM.

Ed Morrison

President Estrella Warbird Museum

"Honoring the Past
Inspiring the Future"

WELCOME TO ALL MEMBERS!

The Estrella Warbird Museum's Library "The History of Flight" is now ready to have our members come and look, study and read all of the marvelous books, magazines, manuals, journals and view all the VHS' and DVDs up in the-loft.

We will begin with the first opening day on Saturday, June 7, 2008, from 10:00a.m.-2:00 p.m., and these will be our weekly days (Saturday) and hours, until further notice. We are still preparing for check-out privileges. Our

Library has just recently received two new computers. The computers were very necessary, as they have enabled our volunteers to set the labels for the check-out codes. We will notify the members when these privileges are available, via this bulletin and it will also be announced at the general dinner meetings.....



PHOTO BY GEORGE MARRETT

Historical Librarian Charmaine Peckinpaugh

For those that not able to attend our GRAND OPENING, May 9, 2008; I am very sorry that you missed an evening that included the Color Guard, presented by the American Legion and the presentation and welcome by our Master of Ceremonies, Gary Nemeth, Mayor Pro Tem. The tours through the Library were most ably guided by Betty Miller, Pam Morrison and Marcia Rice.

The marvelous hors d'oeuvres, champagne and sparkling cider, generously poured by Ed Morrison, Don Peckinpaugh, Wayne Rice and relieving them at the liquid refreshment stand, our own daughter Diane Coffin. One of the highlights and completely unexpected was the very touching words spoken by Marcia Rice, along with the presentation to me, of one dozen, GORGEOUS, red roses, from the Members of the Estrella Warbird Museum. The evening ended with much laughter, with the showing of an old movie classic, THE GREAT RACE, starring Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis, Natalie Woods and Peter Falk.....

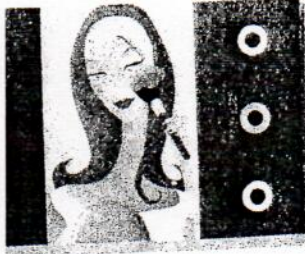
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Charmaine Peckinpaugh

EWM Historical Librarian

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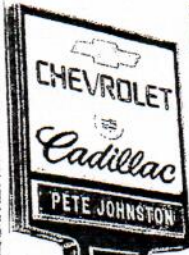
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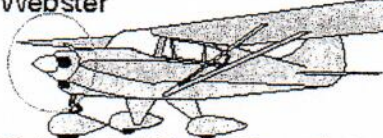
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