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DINNER MENU

Wednesday, October 1

"Celebrating Fall"

Succulent Pork Roast

Applesauce

Whipped Mashed Potato

Seasonal Green Vegetable

Homemade Rolls

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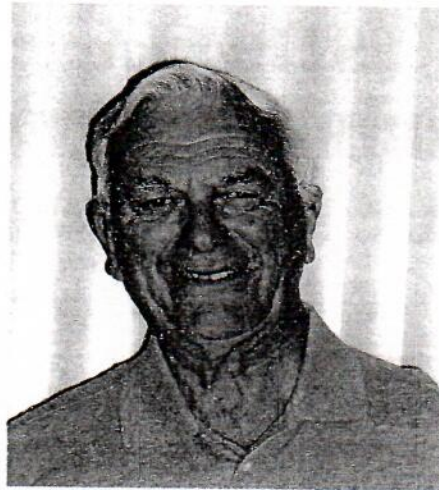


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October Speaker:

Ray Johnson

Ray Johnson was born and raised in Ripon, California, and graduated from Ripon High School. After graduation from Modesto Junior College he entered the Navy Flight Training program as a Naval Aviation Cadet (NAVCAD) in January 1958. He received his wings and commission in July 1959. Ray was designated as Navy Helicopter pilot #4822.



Ray entered a San Diego fleet squadron in 1959, and began flying the HSS-1 helicopter (later named the SH-34). He was among the first to begin night dipping (hovering in order to lower a sonar dome) as the automated approach/hover system in the H-34 was introduced to the fleet. In 1963 Ray was among the first fleet pilots to transition to the twin jet engine Sikorsky SH-3. He later became an SH-3 instructor in the Fleet Replacement Squadron.

After a tour on a Carrier Division as an Admiral's aide, he attended the Naval War College school of Command and Staff. Early in 1970, he joined Helicopter Combat Support Squadron 7 stationed in Atsugi, Japan with regular deployments to Viet Nam as a combat search and rescue pilot flying off carriers and DLGs in the Gulf of Tonkin.

After a staff tour in Washington, D.C., Ray was part of the commissioning crew of HSL-34, a Light Airborne Multi Purpose (LAMPS) squadron in Norfolk, VA. Ray was the first executive officer and the second commanding officer of that squadron, flying the Kaman SH-2 Sea Sprite.

Ray retired from the Navy in 1979, following a tour as a member of the Navy's development team for the current H-60. After his retirement Ray was the Center Director of a retreat center in Pennsylvania, a business consultant on the Central Coast of California and retired in 2005 as the president/CEO of San Luis Obispo Economic Vitality Corporation. Ray served eight years on the Atascadero City Council, three of those years as the mayor. Ray and his wife Helen have three children and eleven grand children.

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Getting to Know Your

Committee Chairs

Questions? Suggestions?

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THE PREZ SEZ Ed Morrison

September has been a very busy and constructive month! **Airport Day** in Paso Robles on September 13th was a big success with quite a fleet of aircraft on display, including some of our members' privately owned flyable aircraft. The RC models were a hit as always, exhibiting outstanding demonstrations of flight and aerobatics.

Our **Gift Shop** stall on the tarmac did a very good business, thanks to **Jackie Brooks** and her crew.

On a sadder note, we have lost one of our long-time members and super volunteer - **Jim Iverson**. Jim was one of John Himes' Kitchen Crew. Jim always had a smile on his face and rarely missed attending. He passed away due to a cerebral hemorrhage. Our condolences go to his wife Darlyne and family.

Bravos to the **Central Coast Woodworking Association**. These folks met with **Freedom Hall Curator, Betty Miller** and **Research Librarian, Charmaine Peckinpaugh** recently at the EWM and have volunteered to design and construct some much needed display cases and library fixtures. Thanks guys! The new **Brooks Building** is just about complete for City inspection and once signed off should be ready to house many of our classic military vehicles and other equipment soon. Check it out.

Safe flights and good landings, *Ed* (edandpammorrison@sbcglobal.net)



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WELCOME TO THE HISTORY OF FLIGHT WARBIRD LIBRARY.

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We hope that every member will make the special effort to come up into the loft and look over the incredible number of books, journals, magazines, albums, tapes and DVD's, available to read or view at the library or check-out and enjoy them at home. A special day and time for checkout has recently been added to the schedule. Because of the generous offer from Assistant Librarian, Marcia Rice, the Library will be open on the first Wednesday of each month, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., (the regular scheduled monthly meeting / dinner night).

Keep'em flying.

Charmaine Peckinpaugh, Research Librarian

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We will tell you what to look for in each issue. Have fun!! October Clue: An acorn.



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The Gift Shop Grab Bag....

We encourage everyone to visit the *Museum Gift Shop* and be sure to see the many new things we are carrying. **The Gift Shop & Museum will be Open Every Dinner Meeting Night from 5:45 to 6:45 pm.** We have sales often so check it out.

We had an EWM Gift Shop Booth at **Airport Day 2008** & shared EWM with hundreds of visitors. Thank you to the workers manning the booth through out the day & the crew who started at 7am , loading tables & stock, put up the Canopy and arrange items for sale. And those who were there after 3pm to repack and close down the Booth, including **Jeff Quaid, Arnold & Linda Hermansen, Ruth Dickey, Debbi Brooks & Ron Brooks, Margi Bauer & Jill Keezer.** An EXTREA SPECIAL THANK YOU to the Freedom Hall Gift Shop workers **Jill Keezer & Margi Bauer.** Due to a shortage of volunteers, they worked a shift in Freedom Hall Gift Shop--and a shift at the Booth for Airport Day. Because of the help of so many enthusiastic volunteers we had a fun and profitable day .

You too can be part of this great group. Contact Jackie at **703-0028** or leave a message at the Gift Shop. I will be willing to start your training as soon as you are available.


THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!


Jackie Brooks - Gift Shop Manager



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Museum Movie Night

Friday, October 10

6:00 PM - Thomson Hall

PATTON



This 1970 blockbuster movie is a warts-and-all portrait of the egomaniacal General and brilliant strategist, George S. Patton, Jr., vibrantly brought to life in George C. Scott's intense performance. He's a marvelous conundrum, a magnetic blood and thunder figure somewhere between pragmatist and madman, and it won seven Oscars in all, including one for Scott's most famous performance and Francis Ford Coppola's screenplay. Franklin J. Schaffner directs and Karl Malden (as General Omar N. Bradley), Stephen Young and Michael Strong co-star.

Color; 1970; 170 min

(We will have an Intermission)

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MOVIE is FREE

Fresh Popcorn

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Docent Doings.....

We thought you would like to see the names of our loyal volunteers who are Museum Docents. This is a great group and we would love to have you join them!

Doris Atkinson	Chuck Miller**
Obbie Atkinson	Gary Nemeth**
Mary Baiamonte	Sammy Nemeth
Harald Bauer	Ray Passon
Ron Brooks	Bill Pluma
Bob Chambers	Wayne Rice
Gary Corippo	Paul Sacks
Jean Coulson*	Mary Schwartz
John Cromwell**	Russ Surber
Wally Engle	George Taylor
Bruce Hebron	Glen Thomson**
Arnold Hermansen	Dick Umphrey
Dave Highland	* = Docent Trainee
Forrest Johnson	** = On Medical Leave
John Kendall	**** = Docent Coordinator

Randy Majewski ****

Forrest Martin	<u>Group Tour Docents:</u>
Jack McLaughlin	Betty Miller
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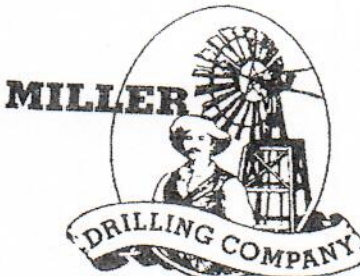
Because Docents need time off due to illness, vacation, unexpected events we always need to have more Docents. We currently have the following shifts to cover each week of the month:

FRIDAYS - 10 am to 1pm/ 1 pm to 4 pm
SATURDAYS - 10 am to 1pm/ 1 pm to 4 pm
SUNDAYS - 12 noon to 4 pm

Call Betty Miller today to sign up for Docent Training!



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
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Museum Musings.....Betty Miller

What exactly *does* a "Curator" do? Well, here at the Estrella Warbird Museum your **two** Freedom Hall Curators wear many hats.

Your two Curators are responsible for obtaining items of interest, researching each donated item to ensure validity, maintaining those items, keeping all the legal paperwork current, changing displays when necessary, returning loaned items that are no longer needed for display, maintaining the computer data base, photographing each item in the Museum's collection, working with the Public Information Officer to ensure publicity is obtained for new items of interest, as well as for the Museum, raising funds to obtain major works (such as the MASH Mural just completed) putting together and hosting Dedication events (Mural Dedication coming up), coordinating tour activities for outside groups, working with other Museums in the county, obtaining display cases, maintaining safe and secure storage areas for items not currently on display, and keeping the Board of Directors informed of progress in the Museum growth.

In addition the Curators must maintain close contact with the Docents as well as the Gift Shop Manager and Gift Shop volunteer staff, and the Research Librarian and Library Volunteers. Most Museums have many people on their staff, both paid and volunteer, to handle each area. As you know, this Museum is **all volunteer**, with **no paid staff**. At the moment the two Curators are handling the load. Happily, we will soon add another volunteer, Karen Lamas, to do some of the Data Entry for the Museum's computer program - "Past Perfect"- to ease some of this load.

To add more paperwork, one of the major Donor misconceptions has been that all donated items will be displayed indefinitely. We certainly recognize that people who donate something wish to have it preserved and seen by visitors. Because we are limited space-wise and have many more items than could be put out on display (in some cases more than one item of the same thing) we **cannot guarantee** when your donation will be on display, or for how long it will be displayed. Our early "Proffer of Gift Forms" were not done by recognized national museum standards and had some confusing verbiage. We are now required as members of the AASLH (American Association of State & Local History) to contact all donors from 1997 to 2007 and have those Donors complete our new required "Deed of Gift" form which will supersede the former "Proffer of Gift Form", Many of you will be receiving these new forms with a clarifying letter.

Should you receive the new form and letter, please complete and return it promptly. If you have questions you may contact Betty Miller at 805-471-0472. In the meantime, Carol Weiss and I will continue working to keep your Museum one of the best in the west!

Betty and Carol



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