

The Estrella Warbird Museum

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Honoring the Past—Inspiring the Future

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Air Force One on display at the Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley. The Museum is organizing a trip to the Library in September that will include a guided tour and lunch beneath the wings of the President's aircraft. Full details of the trip and how to sign up on page 7.

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Words & Thoughts To Live By

"You've never been lost until you've been lost at Mach 3!"

Paul F. Crickmore, Test Pilot





“The Prez Sez”

Musings by the President, Peter Visel

I love July! It is one of the few times our nation feels patriotic, all across the country. July has been an exciting and interesting month! A few days shy of Independence Day, we welcomed COL David Buck as speaker at our monthly Dinner. It didn't take long to understand that this multi-talented, well respected and highly revered individual wears a multitude of hats commanding the 30th Space Wing, the Western Range, Air Force Space Command, and that of Vandenberg Air Force Base commander. The exceptional quality of leadership shown by Colonel Buck left no doubt in anyone's mind that all things are under control in regard to the security of the Western United States, extending to areas far beyond the state of Hawaii and Alaska. We were impressed and honored to have him share his ideas and bring us up to date on current conditions of the military. While many of us have been out of the military for 30 plus years or more, it is an eye opener to see what tools are available in today's military services.

One week later we were honored with the return of the Air National Guard Band of the Southwest. A special thanks goes out to Ron Boyte, George Taylor, Betty Miller and all the staff whom helped make it an exceptional experience with both food and music.

On July 19, we will have opened the door to yet another incredibly fantastic museum facility, the Woodland Building. Richard Woodland is one of many long term museum members whom have generously supported the museum in the background over the past many years. This month, we are pleased to announce that the Woodland Family has outdone themselves by providing yet another aspect of preserved history to compliment the existing current facilities and displayed memorabilia. Starting July 19, the Woodland Family Automobile Display is now available for viewing in an exceptional new display building underwritten by the Woodland Family. It is still a work in progress. You need to stop by and see this unique and very interesting project. There has been a host of members whom have volunteered their sweat equity and talents to once again produce yet another outstanding shining star! Ron Brooks, Bob Kelly, Howard Love, Mike Kelly, Gerri O'Brien, Dave Barnick, Ted and Mark Vandercleeve, Ron Boyte, Ed Morrison, Jesse Avery, and many more joined the Woodland Family to bring the concept to completion. But wait, you thought I'd forget somebody else? No, there are more. It wasn't long ago that some of us paint scraping, day laborers at the museum were taking a break and having lunch when the magical mind of Gary Corippo started creeping outside the box again. "Hey guys, what if we build an automotive museum?" We've all been around him when he's had one of those hare-brained moments. "Ya, right," we thought. Well, that was a mere 13 months ago. Today we have another exceptional facility in which we can be proud. Thanks, Gary! Thanks, Dick! You guys are awesome in making it all happen!

Those involved with the Estrella WarBirds Museum have banded together with a common goal of honoring the past while inspiring the current and future generations. In no way do we want to stray from our previously stated mission dedicated to the restoration and preservation of military aircraft, vehicles and memorabilia of those who flew or worked on them. This work will continue, full steam ahead as we add additional aircraft and related memorabilia.

When our men and women come home from military service, most no longer have access to fast screaming, flying machines. Many found those interests fulfilled through the building, modifying or racing of automobiles. Now, we can add another chapter of preserved history by complimenting those interests (and opening the doors to a younger generation). This is our gift to Paso Robles and the outlying communities. The funds and labor to construct and maintain the museum do not come from anybody's tax dollars, yet from a terrific group of volunteers and generous benefactors whom have supported us over the past twenty years. To all involved, we are forever thankful and they are graciously appreciated. It is because of them, during these struggling times nationally, we not only strive to survive, but continue to thrive! Peter



August 5 Program— Ruth Holden talks about her plane (a Lockheed Electra 12A), her father, a founder of TWA, and the history of that pioneering and historic airline.

By George Marrett, Program Chairman

The crown jewel of vintage aircraft will be on display at the Estrella Warbird Museum for the monthly dinner meeting of August 5, 2009. A 1937 Lockheed Electra 12A named "*Spirit of TWA*," and owned by Ruth Holden and Rocky Walters of San Luis Obispo, will arrive in the late afternoon and be available for members to view and photograph. Holden, whose father Paul Richter was one of the founders of Trans World Airlines (TWA), bought the aircraft four years ago after she learned that her father had taken her flying in it during the 1940s.

Regal and silver, the Electra 12A is one of only 130 made, and Howard Hughes has been documented to have flown Holden's plane. Rocky Walters said, "It's a wonderful old girl who likes to fly. I'm a pilot -- I've flown 12,000 hours -- and this is the finest flying airplane. It's like a fine vintage wine." Ruth will talk about her plane, her father and the history of TWA.

A video of Ruth talking about TWA and her Lockheed Electra 12A can be seen on: http://people.famouswhy.com/ruth_holden. To learn more about Ruth and her beautiful airplane log onto: www.SpiritofTWA.com and www.TWAspirit.com and come to the dinner meeting!

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Wednesday, August 5, 2009

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Jan Clayton created the lead role of Julie Jordan in the original Broadway production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Carousel," opposite John Raitt's Billy Bigelow, in 1945.

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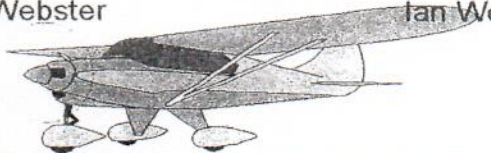
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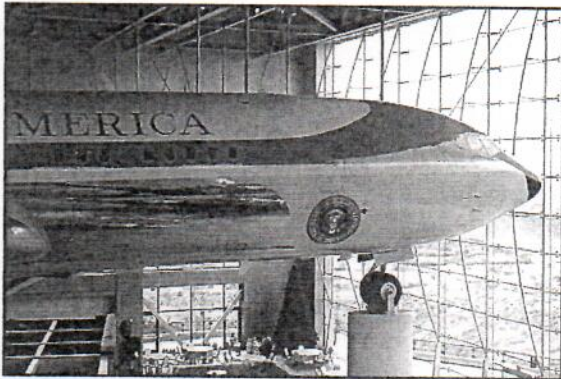
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This Flying White House, tail number 27000, served seven U.S. Presidents from 1973 to 2001, including Presidents Nixon, Carter, Ford, Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Clinton and George W. Bush.



Purchase your tickets today at the Estrella Warbird Museum dinner meeting or contact George Taylor at 805 448-7402 for more information and tickets. The tour group is limited to EWM Members and guests. We expect to sell all 52 tickets. Please purchase your tickets early. The price of the tour package is \$65 including the "Marine One" Buffet. Bring your camera as there are hundreds of photo opportunities

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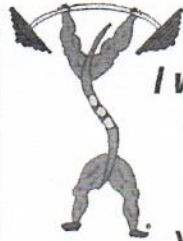
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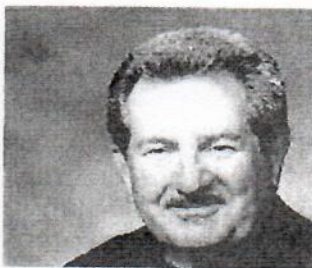
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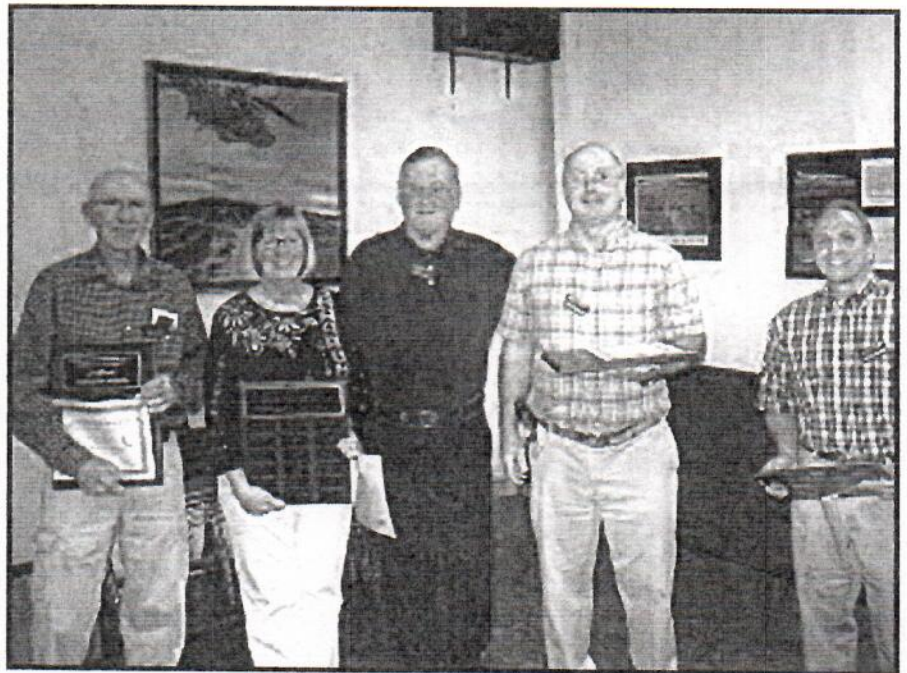
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