

Who's Who

June 2010-May 2011

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May 4, 2011 Program

Experience the thrill of taking a trip in a WW II C-47 aircraft from Paso Robles to Oshkosh, Wisconsin!

The May Dinner Program will be a fascinating summary of the flight of **Betsy's Biscuit Bomber** from Paso Robles to Oshkosh, Wisconsin and return.

Recounting this historic adventure will be members of the Flight Crew on this flight. You will hear many entertaining stories and see video and still pictures of this wonderful trip.



The Oshkosh Crew

"Betsy's Biscuit Bomber" is owned by the Gooney Bird Corp, a California 501©(3) Non-profit corporation, whose members allow this wonderful aircraft to be on display at the Estrella Warbird Museum.

The Dinner and Program is open to our members as well as the general public. Advance reservations are required, as the meal is a catered event.

Reservations may be made either on-line (ewarbirds.org) or call Rosemary at 805 467-3521.

SAVE THE DATE! FRIDAY, May 6, 2011 BLOOD DRIVE

Thomson Memorial Hall 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm
Please contact **Wayne Rice** at **805-423-8828** to set up your time slot to donate Blood to the Tri-Counties Blood Bank in memory of Obbie Atkinson

Your donation of blood can save someone's life

Wednesday**May 4****M E N U****Larry's
Famous
Fish Fry**

You have been asking for a Dinner featuring a Fish Fry, and Larry Eastwood has brought in his fryer and will whip up a fabulous kick off to Summer!

Fish ala Larry

Chips (English style)

Coleslaw

Veggie

Dessert

\$17.00 pp

Reservations Please

Call Rosemary

By Monday May 2

805-467-3521**Social Hour 6:00pm****Dinner 7:00pm****Elections to be Held at the May 18
Board of Directors Meeting**

Elections will be held at the May 18th Board of Directors meeting. Four of the eleven Director positions will expire: **Ron Brooks, Gary Corippo, Dave Highland** and **Betty Miller**. Ron, Gary and Dave will run again as incumbents. Betty has decided not to run for another term, citing a desire to encourage some new faces with fresh ideas on the Board. Member **John Couch** has submitted his intent to run for Betty's open seat.

Increasing Fuel Costs Hit Home

We have all been affected by increasing costs at the pump. We have seen our grocery and restaurant bills increase as Fuel Surcharges are tacked on by all the carriers who deliver produce, meat, and canned goods.

The Museum has always prided itself on offering an informative and entertaining Program and a reasonably priced dinner, with the best possible quality for our members.

Unfortunately, our caterer, Larry Eastwood, has been forced to pass on his increasing costs for our monthly dinners to the Museum. In order to maintain the quality and variety you have come to expect, your Board of Directors has had to pass the \$2.00 increase on to you.

Effective May 4, the per person charge for your dinner will be **\$17.00**. This includes your meal (entrée, vegetable, roll or bread, salad, dessert and coffee or tea), tax (required by the State Board of Equalization) and two hours of a Vic's Café employee to clean-up (including dishwashing and complete kitchen cleanup).

After the above items are taken out of the \$17.00 the remaining \$2.00 margin will be used by your Museum to help pay a portion of the electricity, gas, custodial services and rent to the City of Paso Robles. As you can see there is minimal "profit" (if any) for the Museum left over. We regret any inconvenience that this may cause you.

**Warbirds, Wings and Wheels III
Coming to the Museum Saturday, May 14th**

The **Third Annual Warbirds, Wings and Wheels** event will take place on **Saturday, May 14th** at the Museum. This is our annual Open House and the gates open at 10:00am until close at 3:00 pm. There is no admission charge for this day so bring your friends and family.

There will be spectacular cars of all makes and models, and plenty of vendors, including **FOOD and BEVERAGES**.

We could really use your help to spruce up the Museum prior to this event, remember "many hands make light work of tasks"! Please contact **Jeanne Thiebaud** at 235-0163 or **Rob Kinnear** at 235-3892 and let them know you are willing to help out.

If you want to help out during the event, contact **Cheryl Everett** at 805-801-6796

Have Fun and Become a Volunteer!

Museum Acquires New Washer/Dryer Combo!

Star Member, **Loren Smith** read about our need for a used washer and dryer or a used washer/Dryer stack combo in the April newsletter.

He generously donated the funds to purchase a brand new stacked Washer/Dryer, and **Idlers** sweetened the deal with a discounted price on an already discounted "factory blem" Whirlpool unit. (the blemish is so small it is not really noticeable!)

This is a wonderful addition and will be used to ensure our kitchen and dining room linens are kept in a sanitary condition at all times. We will be able to use some of our special table linens for more meals as well. Thank you **Loren Smith!**

We also are most grateful to Idler's Appliances of Atascadero as well.

It is folks like these that we owe so much to for stepping forward and helping your Museum move ahead in these tough economic times.

Museum Musings by Jeanne Thiebaud, Museum Coordinator

Our Total Monthly Visitor Count for March, 2011, came to 544 people. The average March attendance for each of the 4 days a week we were open in March was:

Thursdays 13.0

Fridays 19.25

Saturdays 55.0

Sundays 32

Our wonderful **Gift Shop volunteers, Docents** and **Sim Operators** are to be commended for their hard work to ensure all 544 visitors had a wonderful experience during their visit. Please take a moment to thank these folks. They are the "WELCOMING FACE" of your Museum!

Total Visitors from January 1 to March 31st came to 1,434. These included both paid and Museum Members (Free)

Curator's Corner by Betty Miller, Curator

Your Museum continues to add new displays! Thanks to long-time member **Doug Erway**, we now have a very unique Vietnam exhibit with artifacts from some of the Montagnard people. Doug spent three tours in 'Nam flying helicopters. Be sure to check this new exhibit out!

Someone told me the other day that we "waste too much time" on putting together our displays. For the Museum to gain any credibility as a museum, it is necessary to research the artifacts and have correct information about the items on display.

Many times we are given items that even the Donor does not have the correct information about. Sometimes it is because an item has been handed down through three or four generations, with an accompanying story that grows with the telling! We have long since passed the days when a Docent would spin an entertaining story about an artifact without checking the actual facts.

Currently we have some very knowledgeable volunteers going through all of our displays. They are checking for factual accuracy. Their corrections will be applied and new display cards will be done. We must continue to strive to be accurate and this takes time and dedication. There are no easy shortcuts if we are to be considered as a professionally run museum of note.

Our U.S. visitors came from Alaska, Arizona, California (including 474 from SLO County), Connecticut, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indianan, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

We also had 25 visitors from foreign countries: Canada, Finland, France, Germany, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

Be sure to notice the new signage at the main entrance to the Woodland Family Auto Display building! It is awesome.

Museum Loses Quarterly Newsletter Editor

The Museum Board recently accepted the resignation of **Russ Surber**, Docent, and Quarterly Newsletter Editor, with deepest regret.

Russ and his wife, **Denise**, are caring for two elderly relatives and no longer have the extra hours to be volunteers.

We will miss Russ's creative talent and very clever cartoons, but he assures us he will periodically submit some of his work for future newsletters.

Our thoughts and support go with Russ and Denise and we will hold their place in the Museum Family until they are able to return.

Annual Dues are DUE

If you hold a Annual, Family, Patron, etc. membership, you have probably already received a Dues Due notice from Membership Chairman, Bob Kelly.

Please remit your dues with a check, payable to

Estrella Warbird Museum

and then send to:

Estrella Warbird Museum,

4251 Dry Creek Road

Paso Robles, CA 93446

New Cars Arrive in the Woodland Auto Display

Be sure to stop by and check out one of the most sought after collectors cars in the world, a 1955 Mercedes Benz 300 SL Gull Wing! Plus, well known Paso resident, former race car owner and local vintner, Frank Archiero, Sr., brings one of his Indy style race cars to show at the Woodland Automobile Display.


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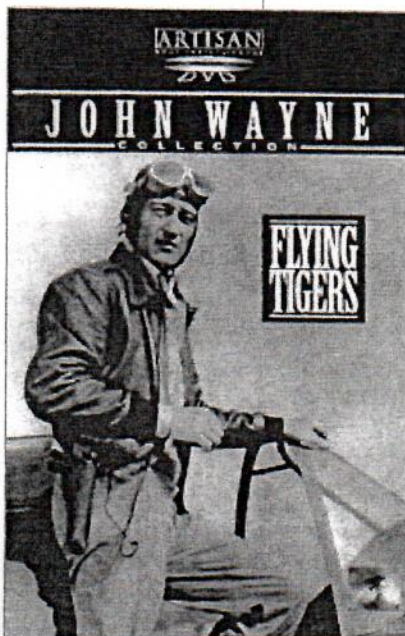
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MOVIE NIGHT, WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

6pm Pizza & Popcorn 6:30pm FREE MOVIE Begins



Starring: John Wayne, John Carroll, Anna Lee

Directed by David Miller

Jim Gordon (John Wayne in his first war film) leads the Flying Tigers, a legendary unit not sanctioned by the American Government at the time. His men fly Curtiss P-40 fighters against Japanese bombers and fighters over the skies of China. The pilots are a mixed bunch, motivated by money (they receive a bounty for each plane shot down), patriotism or just the thrill of combat.

On day, old friend, Woody Jason (John Carroll) enlists. An arrogant, hot-shot aviator, he starts causing trouble immediately. When the Japanese raid the base, the enthusiastic new arrival goes after them, taking a plane without permission, not realizing until too late that it has no ammunition. As a result, he is shot down. He is unharmed, but the precious plane is a wreck. As time goes on, he shows that he has little use for teamwork, alienating and endangering the other pilots. He abandons his wingman, Blackie Bales (Edmund MacDonald), to chase a Japanese airplane. As a result, Blackie is killed after bailing out of his crippled fighter.

1942 - 102 minutes (Black & White)