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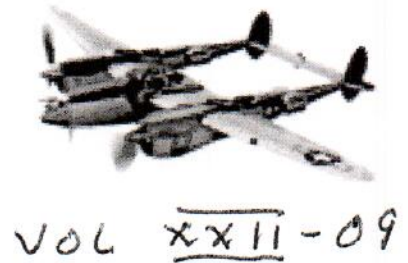
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Wednesday, September 7, 2011
PROGRAM

THOMAS A. MORGENFELD

Thomas "Tom" A. Morgenfeld, a 1965 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, was designated a Naval Aviator in 1967. He had two fleet tours flying the F-8 Crusader, one in Fighter Squadron SIXTY-TWO and one in Fighter Squadron ONE-NINETY-ONE. There he flew 90 combat missions in Vietnam and amassed over 500 carrier landings. Between the two tours he attended the United States Naval Post-graduate School where he earned his MS degree in aeronautical engineering. In 1975 he attended the Empire Test Pilots' School in England, winning the McKenna Trophy as top student in his class.



In 1976 Mr. Morgenfeld was ordered to Air Test and Evaluation Squadron FOUR where he participated in several classified test programs in addition to serving as the F-18 Project Pilot. In 1979 Mr. Morgenfeld went onto USAF exchange duty with the 4477th Test and Evaluation Flight. While there he became the first Naval Aviator to qualify as an Air Force Aggressor pilot. More importantly, he was responsible for all USN involvement with the then secret flying of MiG airplanes for exploitation purposes. At the end of that tour, Mr. Morgenfeld left active duty but went on to complete a 26-year Naval career. His final billet was as commander of the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake reserve unit.

Tom joined Lockheed in December 1979 as an Experimental Test Pilot in the world famous Skunk Works. There he was assigned to the F-117 program where he flew almost 1300 hours testing that aircraft. In 1989 Mr. Morgenfeld went on to the Advanced Tactical Fighter program where he was primarily responsible for flying the second YF-22A prototype. After Lockheed won that competition, he was named Chief Test Pilot for the YF-22A follow-on test program. In 1991 he was named Chief Test Pilot for the Skunk Works and in 1999 was promoted to Director of Flight Operations as well. He was the Chief Test Pilot on the Joint Strike Fighter program where he performed the first flight on the X-35 and tested all three versions of the airplane. He also served as an Engineering Technical Fellow of the Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Co. until his retirement in 2004. Mr. Morgenfeld has also worked over three years as a Test Pilot Instructor at the National Test Pilot School. Over the years Tom has accumulated over 7,000 hours in more than 80 different aircraft.

Tom, a retired Navy Captain, is a Fellow and past President of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots as well as a member of the Daedalians and a Distinguished Lecturer of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. He has received SETP's Iven C. Kincheloe Award, is a member of two Collier Trophy winning teams and has been inducted into the Aerospace Walk of Honor at Lancaster, California. A native of Hamburg, New York, he is married to the former Norma K. Shoemaker, also of Hamburg. They have two sons, CDR Steven A. Morgenfeld USN, a Naval Aviator, and Mr. Michael F. Morgenfeld, the Director of Cartography for Avalon Travel Publishing. Tom will speak to the museum on September 7, 2011 about flying the latest joint-service, military fighter.

**Wednesday
September 7, 2011
MENU**

**BBQ Chicken
Larry's Veggie Pasta Salad
Green Salad
Baked Beans
Cornbread
Larry's Choice Dessert
Ice Tea & Coffee
\$17.00 pp
(Includes Tax & Gratuity)**

Reservations Please

Call Rosemary

By Monday Sept 5th

805-467-3521

Social Hour 6:00pm

Dinner 7:00pm

Why do you need to call in for a Dinner Reservation? Well, mainly because it makes life much easier for the Caterer, Larry Eastwood, if he knows how many people he will be feeding! Also if you called ahead and have to cancel, please call back and let us know that as well.

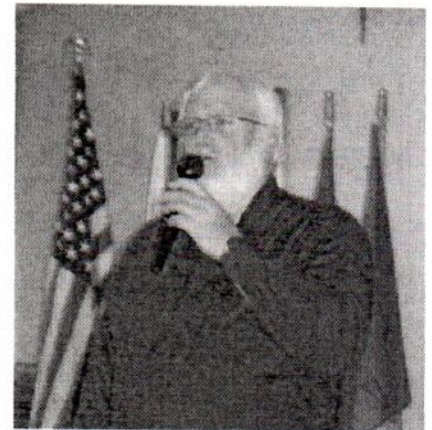
Thanks and We will See you at the Dinner!!

The Prez Sez...

By President

Rob Kinnear

J.R. Williams, of the League of World War 1 Aviation Historians, gave a very informative presentation on the mystery of Baron Von Richthofen's last flight. Many of us know the story, but the detail he was able to add was incredible. He had several other stories dealing with World War 1 aviation that were fascinating. Larry Eastwood, of course, served another excellent dinner.



Estrella Warbirds Museum

Speaking of the Dinner Meeting. With Rosemary Netto moving away soon, we are looking for someone to handle the dinner reservations. If you are interested, please contact Rosemary or me.

The City issued the permit for the Brooks building extension to the east. The Paso Robles City Council also approved our new master plan for the Museum.

The F-16B aircraft will be here next month when it is trucked in Texas. The two 105 howitzer canons have arrived.

We are in the process of acquiring a World War 2 US Army Cletrac tractor. These were used to pull aircraft and disabled vehicles out of the dirt and mud. They are rare, and we just saved this one from going to the smelter.

In the shops, the new paint job on the Lansen jet is coming along nicely. The guys have also been polishing the bare aluminum on the T-33. Warning, if you go to look at the it during the day, wear sunglasses.

With all that we have going on, we can always use some extra help. Come out and have some fun with us.

Rob

Rob Kinnear , EWM President

MEMBERSHIP CARDS! Star and Life are completed and will be available at the Dinner Meeting. All those that are not picked up will be mailed out.

Since we still are getting in renewals for Single Annual, Family Annual, etc. We will hold off another week before mailing them out.

Questions: Call Betty at 471-0472



MOVIE NIGHT
Wednesday, Sept 14
6:00 pm Pizza & Popcorn
6:30 pm Movie Time



AIR FORCE ONE

Starring

Harrison Ford, Glen Close, William H Macy, Dean Stockwell, Wendy Crewson
 Directed by Wolfgang Petersen

A gripping thriller. After going to Moscow and giving a stirring speech outlining the USA's new "Zero Tolerance Policy on terrorism, terrorist high-jackers seize the plane carrying the President of the United States and his family. The terrorists plan on executing one hostage every half-hour unless their demands are met. However the President is a former Medal of Honor recipient, so the terrorists may be in for some surprises. Harrison Ford's star power gives the film life! Some good special effects. Nominated for two Oscars. (Some Violence)

Three Stars

Color, 125 Min 1997

The Movie is FREE, but there is a minimal charge for Popcorn or Pizza

Museum Coordinator's Corner by *Jeanne Thiebaud*

Jeanne will be presenting articles on everything from our Visitor Counts (Increasing!!) to biographies of our Volunteers and Visitors.

DOCENT DOSSIER—Elizabeth "Byby" Root

Byby was born in Santa Barbara, CA. At the young age of 12 she watched a Japanese submarine shell Elwood, CA which is just above Santa Barbara. In 1944 she married Eldon Root, a local rancher, who left college after Pearl Harbor and joined the Marines. Byby and Eldon raised five children. She has volunteered at the Pioneer Museum for nineteen years and originated the upper displays in that museum. She also volunteered at the Mid-State Fair for many years. Byby is an accomplished artist and has been called upon to do everything from elaborate stage sets to landscapes and portraits. Byby has recently taken classes in book binding and is most interested in their repair and originality. Her motto is: "Do everything you can so you don't sit in your rocking chair and wish you had!" Byby volunteers as a docent in Freedom Hall.

VISITORS of NOTE

This past month, Josee Shonone got a chance to reconnect to something very near and dear to his heart. Josee travelled all the way from Israel to Paso Robles and the Estrella Warbirds Museum for one specific reason. That was to reconnect with the C-47 which he piloted while he was part of the Israeli Air Forces. *Betsy's Biscuit Bomber* spent 30 years in Israel. He was able to track down the plane by tracing the serial number via the internet. The Estrella Warbirds Museum is honored to have Josee Shonone as a guest and even more honored to be able to preserve a bit of history from the past, for the present and future



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DATES TO REMEMBER!

- Wednesday, September 7 Dinner Meeting 6:00pm Social/&pm Dinner
- Wednesday, September 14 MOVIE NIGHT 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, September 21 EWM Board Meeting 6pm to 8pm