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Estrella Warbird Museum

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The Prez Sez

By Estrella Warbird President



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We had quite a Dinner Meeting in March with Major General Jim Whitehead speaking to us about flying U-2 aircraft in the Air Force. Many of us know of the U-2 from news reports and the events they were involved in over the years. But to have an excellent speaker like General Whitehead tell us about flying the earlier aircraft and how they have changed over the years was very interesting. We found out that the first production aircraft were secretly built near here outside of Bakersfield, and it was not until recently that this became public knowledge. His description of how the aircraft are operated and what the pilots have to do before, during and on the return from a flight was captivating. Of course Larry Eastwood's Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner was outstanding. A number of people were able to go back for seconds.

In the restoration building work is moving along on the T-34B and the Aeromachi MB-326. Believe it or not we should have the F-16 by the time this newsletter gets to you. We have been told that it has been de-militarized and they will be taking off the wings and trucking it to us soon.

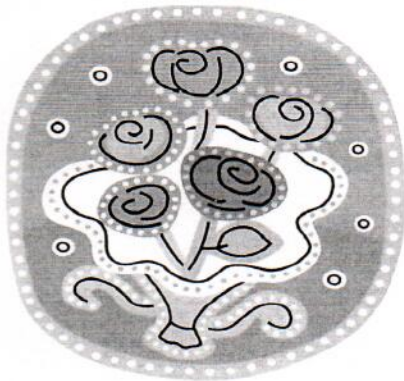
If you have not heard, for this years Warbirds Wings and Wheels, we will have a drawing for a private tour of 4 people at Jay Leno's Big Dog Garage. His private car collection is not open to the public, so this is a great chance to see it. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. They are on sale at the next 2 Dinner Meetings, at the Gift Shop when we are open, and of course on May 19th during the open house and car show.

As I mentioned in February the construction of the Hind Pavilion new entrance to the Museum was started at the beginning of the year, and the structure is up and the exterior windows will be in place the first week of April, making it weather proof. This has been a massive undertaking for the Museum. It started over a year ago when the Hind Foundation said they would help fund the building. The first thing we had to do was change our master plan. A significant problem was we had to re-route the main airport water line that ran between Freedom Hall and the Brooks Building. You can't put a building over a main supply water line because it may have to be repaired some day. When you want to construct a building like this one, that means permits and construction plan reviews. It all takes time. Weather was also a factor that slowed us down.

Unfortunately, the price of materials, etc. has gone up since our original construction cost estimates early in 2011. Between the money that Hind Foundation granted us and the funds we set aside for construction we will have the building up, but we will need money to complete the interior and do some final exterior finish work. For that reason we are going to our membership to ask for donations to complete the building. Letters have been sent. Any contribution will help us to finish the building. It is still possible to complete it by May 19th. If you did not get a letter, please contact us if you can make a contribution. All contributions large or small help get the job done.

Rob Kinnear

**Wednesday
April 4, 2012
MENU**



Ham

Scalloped Potatoes

Green Beans

Green Salad

Larry's Dessert

Ice Tea & Coffee

\$17.00 pp

(Includes Tax & Gratuity)

Reservations Please

By Monday April 2nd

**805-227-0440 press *2 when
asked & follow instructions**

or

Use Our Website Link :



www.ewarbirds.org/dinnerrsvp.html

Social Hour 6:00 PM

Dinner 7:00PM

APRIL PROGRAM



G. Pat Macha

When Pat Macha agrees to speak at our museum, we know we are in for a stimulating, informative experience. The search for lost aircraft in remote, rugged country is always interesting, but when combined with the relief and gratitude of families who finally learn the fates of their loved ones, it is also inspirational.

G. Pat Macha is a retired high school history and geography teacher who has explored the mountains and deserts of the western states for forty-eight years in search of aircraft wrecks. He has authored three books in the field of aircraft archeology, produced a video on wreck finding and hosted the History Channel program, "Broken Wings". He is a noted public speaker lecturing on aviation safety and archeology to a wide range of audiences. Pat has been the coordinator since 1997 in the search for missing women Airforce Service Pilot (WASP) Gertrude "Tommy" Tompkins Silver. Pat is a member of the American Aviation Historical Society, San Diego Air & Space Museum, and the Western Museum of Flight. For more information concerning Pat's work in the field of aviation accident history and archeology and Project Remembrance, see www.aircraftwrecks.com.

Gift Shop Gab

By Jackie Brooks



Come early and visit your museum Gift Shop before Dinner on Wednesday, April 4, 2012
We are open from 5:45 PM to 6:45 PM before the EWM Dinner for your shopping pleasure.

Check out our assortment of Airplane & Combat Missions DVD's. We recently added the Tuskegee Airman DVD, Titled: "Silver Wings & Civil Rights."

There is an assortment of Military LED Night Lites, both of Aircraft and Branches of Service. Jackie or Jeanne will be glad to show you around. All Docent and Gift Shop Volunteers welcomed.

We are open Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4 pm.

Show your MEMBERSHIP card to receive the admission discount.

ILLNESS AND CONCERN:

Al Schade is home recuperating.

Two of our members have passed away. They are Rob Bryn (services took place) and Bob Chambers.

Services for Bob Chambers begin on March 22nd at the Kuehl-Nicolay Funeral Chapel on Spring St. in Paso Robles, at 5 PM. A Rosary and service for attendees to share memories of Bob will be held on March 23rd at 11 AM at St. Rose Church, Creston Road in Paso Robles.

To publish the names of members notify Judy Corippo, Health and Welfare, at 238-2090. Call her prior to the 15th of the month if you want your information shared in the newsletter. Thank you.



BLOOD DRIVE

The Estrella Warbird Museum will host its second **Obbie Atkinson Blood Drive** on Friday, May 4, 2012 from 2-6 PM in Thomson Hall.

A sign-up sheet for donors and volunteers to host the drive will be circulated at the Dinner meeting.

Check your calendars and mark the date.



Our first drive in 2011 was very successful, so let us all strive for a repeat in 2012.

Contact Wayne Rice at 805-423-8828 with questions or to sign up.

Who's WHO Contact Information

Acquisitions (Macro)

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Al Schade 805-927-8303

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Yardvark The Weedeater

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Health & Welfare

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Bramar Associates 805-237-0666

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Museum Member Bus Tours

George Taylor 805-448-7402

Museum Vehicles

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Terry Cagan

Webmaster

Peter Visel 309-831-5682



Movie Nite !

Wednesday, April 11th

6:00pm - Pizza & Popcorn

6:30pm - Movie Time

THE RED BARON

STARRING: German Cast - DIRECTED BY: NIKOLAI MÜLLERSCHOEN

This recent German production is well filmed with great aerial combat scenes.

It is a different portrayal of Baron Manfred von Richthofen, showing his personal side during WWI. The film portrays this special breed of early combat pilots on both sides of the war.



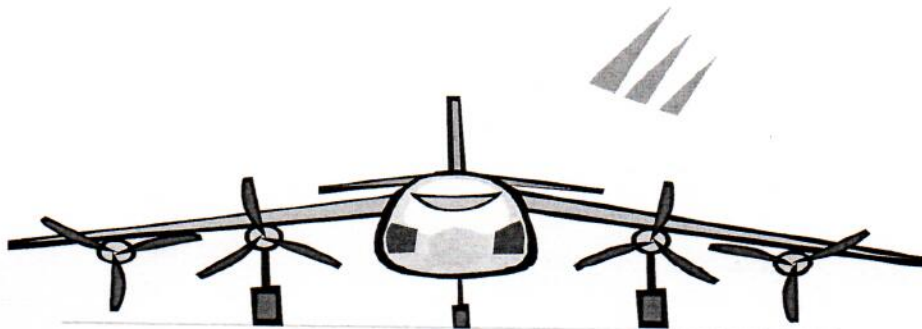
★ ★ ★ Bauer (2008 - 106 min.)

AN ACTUAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN PILOT AND CONTROL TOWER

A DC-10 had come in a little hot and thus had an exceedingly long roll out after touching down.

San Jose Tower Noted:

“American 751, make a hard right turn at the end of the runway, if you are able. If you are not able, take the Guadalupe exit off Highway 101, make a right at the lights and return to the airport.”



From: Charmaine, Research Librarian



I am asking all members to call me and make sure the cardboard boxes that they are planning to bring into the museum are the RIGHT SIZE. I need about 20 boxes that can be packed with small and light items. These items will be carried by hand down to the new location for the library. DO NOT bring them into the museum at this time!! I will tell you the date to begin bringing in the boxes. I do not have any room in which to store the boxes, so wait until I give you the green light, by e-mail or by a phone call. Any questions...CALL ME...239-9919 and I will return your call as soon as possible.

Thank you for the attention to this important request and I will hope to hear from you in April.

Keep them flying!!!

ARTICLES DONATED TO MUSEUM:

The museum is not taking any donations at this time due to lack of indoor space. If, However, you should want to donate a P-38, B-29, tank, etc., we would be delighted to receive these items.

Thank you for your cooperation.

John Gramentine, Assistant Curator

WARBIRDS, WINGS AND WHEELS 4

Saturday, May 19, 2012

10:00 AM—3:00 PM

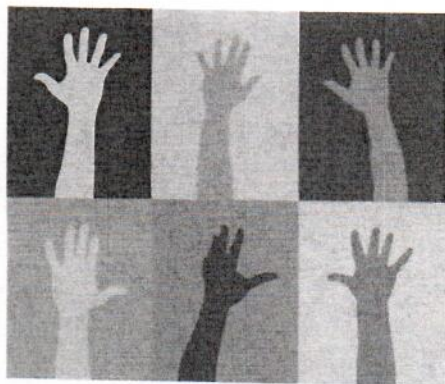
OPEN HOUSE AND FAMILY FUN DAY

Tour of Museum is FREE!

No Admittance Fee!

Silent Auction, 50/50 Drawing, Vendors and Food

Volunteers are needed to make this a successful day.



**NO VOTING REQUIRED
TO BE A VOLUNTEER**

EVERYONE WINS!!!!

**LOOK FOR THE NAME
ON THE WHO'S WHO
LIST AND GIVE THEM A
CALL**



Bill Pluma has been volunteering at the EWM since joining in 2008. The 2nd Thursday of each month you will find him as a docent in Freedom Hall, and on the 3rd Thursday, he docents in the Woodland Auto Display. Last year he was the Chair for the Toys for Tots.

Be a part of history by volunteering in our museum. The visitors you will meet are fascinating....it may be a WWII pilot with a story to share, or a couple who immigrated from Belgium who want to thank you for saving their country.....or a young man who is a history buff and wants to view our collection of warbirds, tanks and armaments.....or the retired race car driver who wants to view the midget race cars one more time....or the NASCAR enthusiast who wants to see an INDY car up close and personal. If you like to talk to people, your day will never be boring! We offer short shifts, interesting conversations and lots of smiles!

Jeanne Thiebaud
Docent Coordinator



HELP WANTED: IN THE GIFT SHOP OF THE MUSEUM

Retail experience not required.

We will train you.

Must be able to smile.

Must have a good attitude and enjoy meeting new people.

Have fun running up other people's credit cards (with THEIR purchases).

Contact: Jackie Brooks, Gift Shop Manager



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DATES TO REMEMBER!

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| Wednesday, April 4 | Dinner Meeting | 6:00pm Social/7:00pm Dinner |
| Wednesday, April 11 | MOVIE NIGHT | 6:00 pm |
| Wednesday, April 18 | EWM Board Meeting | 6pm to 8pm |