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Estrella Warbird Museum

# The EAGLE

**Honoring the Past—Inspiring the Future**

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## The Prez Sez...

By Estrella Warbird President  
**Rob Kinnear**



Pat Macha gave a very informative and moving talk at our April Dinner Meeting about his avocation of aircraft archeology. Aircraft archeologists look into the history of aircraft wreck sites. To hear these stories of how an aircraft accident occurred and what happened to the people definitely held your attention. He is involved in taking family members to see these sites where their relatives were lost. There are those also who have disappeared in their aircraft, and his story of the active search for those locations was intriguing. Larry Eastwood and his crew served up a delicious ham and scalloped potato meal to boot.

You should have received your request for a donation to complete the Hind Pavilion by now. Any amount you can give helps us complete the building. If you did not get a letter and would like to donate, please call us at (805) 227-0440 and leave a message.

One wing of the T-34B and half of the fuselage has been painted yellow for its restoration. They got wings off of the F-16B and loaded it on the trailer, and we are expecting it again by the time you get this newsletter.

May 19<sup>th</sup> is the Warbirds Wings and Wheels IV car show. It looks to be another excellent and fun event. Carol and Dan Verstuyft are heading the team this year. If you have not volunteered to work the event, please call them. There is a lot to do, and it is always fun.

Drawing tickets for the private tour for 4 people at Jay Leno's Big Dog Garage are still available. 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 still on sale at the May Dinner Meeting, at the Gift Shop when we are open, and of course on May 19<sup>th</sup> during the open house and car show.

Kudos' need to go to John Couch and his team for designing our new signs on the road directing visitors to the Museum, and Ron Brooks and his people for putting them up. They show up better at night if you are coming out for the Dinner Meeting. If you haven't been to the Museum recently, it is a little easier to spot the turn off to the Museum from Highway 46 due to the white and orange-checked flags added to our ambulance by Carol Verstuyft and Gary Corippo.

I hope to see you here on May 19<sup>th</sup>, and remember, there is always something going on in the display halls and restoration shops. Volunteer, come out and have some fun with us.

*Rob*



**Wednesday  
May 2, 2012  
MENU**



**Enchilada Bake**

**Zesty Salad**

**Rice**

**Beans**

**Flan for Dessert**

**Ice Tea & Coffee**

**\$17.00 pp**

**(Includes Tax & Gratuity )**

***Reservations Please***

***By Monday April 30th***

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

or

**Use Our Website Link :**



[www.ewarbirds.org/dinnerrsvp.html](http://www.ewarbirds.org/dinnerrsvp.html)

**Social Hour 6:00 PM**

**Dinner 7:00PM**



Dick and Kenny

**MAY PROGRAM**

Dick Woodland, Kenny Van Blargen, Dan Verstuyft, Darrell Drum and Bob Chute, as moderator, will talk about the early days of racing in the Paso Robles area and what that led to over the years. The racing group will start off speaking about the post WWII time period around 1949. At that time the majority of the people racing, either driving or the builders and mechanics had been in the military service, were just getting used to peacetime and just a bit bored. The Hard-Top/Jalopies type automobile racing was becoming quite popular and it was a relatively inexpensive form of racing. Many towns had a track and nearly every gas station soon had a "race car." Paso Robles and Atascadero were no exception.

Dick Woodland's father owned some very successful early race cars, late 1940s through early 1950s variety, plus he had some of the best drivers of the day. Dick said his dad was much wiser than he and walked away from the sport early on. However, by then Dick had the "bug" and wasn't smart enough to quit until age, business, and the financial outlook dictated he should pull the plug in 2008. That capped roughly 50 years of owning race cars, driving them and wrenching them until he fired himself!

Kenny Van Blargen began his racing career in the late 1940s and remained active until his accident at Havasu City left him paralyzed from the waist down. He won hundreds of races throughout California in Jalopies, Modified and Sprint Cars.

Dan Verstuyft and his wife, Carol, are heading up **WARBIRDS, WINGS & WHEELS #4**. Dan's background is an engineer and he worked on the NASA space program. He is now involved in racing vintage stock cars (NASCAR type).

Darrell Drum's father was very involved in local auto racing at both the Paso Robles Fairgrounds and Atascadero Speedway. Darrell grew up with it and has an interesting insight into the local auto-racing scene.

Join us May 2nd at the monthly meeting to hear from our local experts about auto racing in our area.

## Gift Shop Gab

By Jackie Brooks



Come early and visit the museum Gift Shop before Dinner on Wednesday, May 2, 2012. We are open from 5:45 PM to 6:45 PM before the EWM Dinner for your shopping pleasure. The back door off the sidewalk is unlocked at that time. This is a great time to show your dinner guests the Museum.

There is an assortment of Military LED Night Lites, both of Aircraft and Branches of Service.

Have you seen the Kids Tableware Sets and Drinking Cups, with an airplane floating in it? We still have a few "Action toys" — 3 for \$5 or \$2 each. They have been going fast!

A new shipment of EWM Ball Hats including Camouflage and Solid Blue are on display.

We need your "gently used" aircraft related books for our "Used Book" table in the Gift Shop.

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 making progress recuperating at home.

Del Knight recently passed away. Services will have been held before receipt of this newsletter. You can send a card to his wife, Edie at: 3995 Colima Rd, Atascadero 93422

Ron Boyte is recovering from knee surgery at home. Send him a "Get Well" card at: 32 Ninth Street, Cayucos 93430.

**To publish names of members, call Judy Corippo at 238-2090 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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#### **Gift Shop Manager**

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#### **Grounds Maintenance**

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#### **Group Tours**

Jeanne Thiebaud 805-235-0163

#### **Health & Welfare**

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#### **Librarian**

Charmaine Peckinpugh

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#### **Membership & Mailing List**

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#### **Museum Member Bus Tours**

George Taylor 805-448-7402

#### **Museum Vehicles**

Ron Boyte 805-995-3054

#### **Movie Night**

Hal & Margi Bauer 805-466-4440

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James Messineo

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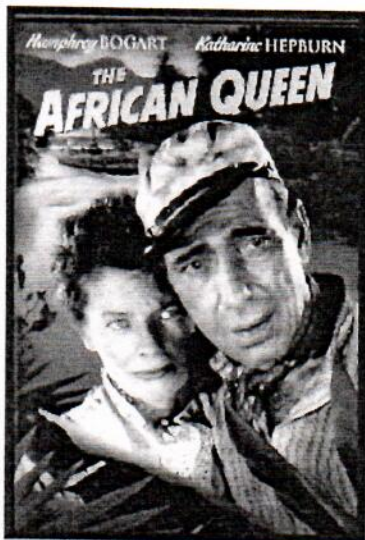
Rosalie Joyce 805-226-0376

#### **Safety Officer**

Terry Cagan

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# Movie Nite !

Wednesday, May 9th

6:00pm - Pizza & Popcorn

6:30pm - Movie Time

## THE AFRICAN QUEEN

STARRING: Humphrey Bogart, Katharine Hepburn, Robert Morley - DIRECTED BY: JOHN HUSTON

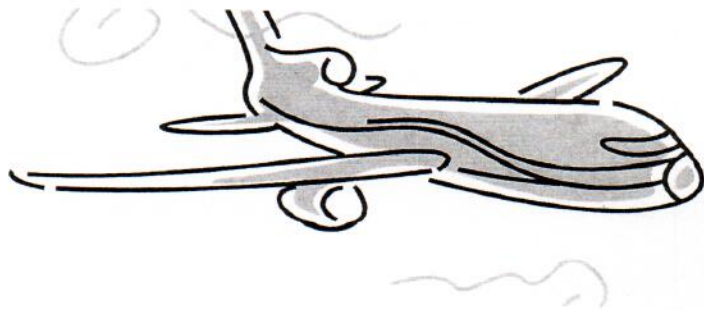
Superb combination of souse Bogart (who won an Oscar) and spinster Hepburn traveling downriver in Africa during WWI, combating the elements and the Germans, and each other. Script by James Agee and director Huston from C.S. Forester's novel; gorgeously filmed on location by Jack Cardiff. Everyone's favorite!



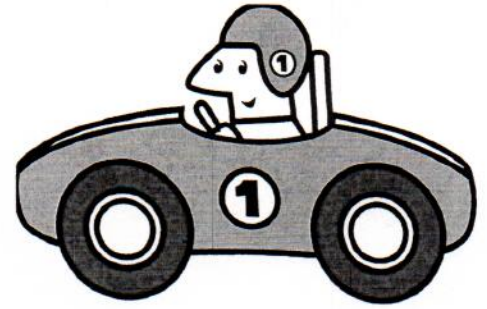
★ ★ ★ ★ Maltin (1952 - 105 min.)

### AN ACTUAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN PILOT AND CONTROL TOWER

While taxiing at London's Airport, the crew of a US Air flight departing for Ft. Lauderdale made a wrong turn and came nose to nose with a United 727. An irate female ground controller lashed out at the US Air crew, screaming: "US Air 2771, where the hell are you going? I told you to turn right onto Charlie taxiway! You turned right on Delta! Stop right there. I know it's difficult for you to tell the difference between C and D, but get it right!" Continuing her rage to the embarrassed crew, she was now shouting hysterically: "God! Now you've screwed everything up! It'll take forever to sort this out! You stay right there and don't move till I tell you to! You can expect progressive taxi instructions in about half an hour, and I want you to go exactly where I tell you, when I tell you, and how I tell you! You got that US Air 2771?" "Yes, ma'am," the humbled crew responded. Naturally, the ground control communications frequency fell terribly silent after the verbal bashing of US Air 2771. Nobody wanted to chance engaging the irate ground controller in her current state of mind. Tension in every cockpit out around Gatwick was definitely running high. Just then an unknown pilot broke the silence and keyed his microphone, asking: "Wasn't I married to you once?"







**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 NEEDED FOR:**

**SET-UP/CLEAN-UP**

**SELLING SODAS/WATER**

**PARKING SPECTATORS**

**SHOW PARTICIPANTS**

**SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS**

**SELLING TICKETS FOR JAY LENO DRAWING**

**Call: Carol or Dan Verstuyft**

**Home: 467-2640**

**Dan's Cell: 626-215-6895**

**Carol's Cell: 951-314-0479**



## **HELP WANTED: RESTORATION DEPARTMENT**

**Man (or Woman) with tools (or without tools)**



A warm breathing body will work.

Need two (2) ears (only need to hear from one)

Can be "In Charge" (or not)

Have a love for the colors green, brown and silver

Feel like you might be teachable

Looking for new friends

Tired of sitting around the house

Looking for a new hobby

Doctor says you need to exercise more (sanding is exercise) (sweeping is exercise)



## **HELP WANTED: IN THE GIFT SHOP OF THE MUSEUM**

**Retail experience not required.**

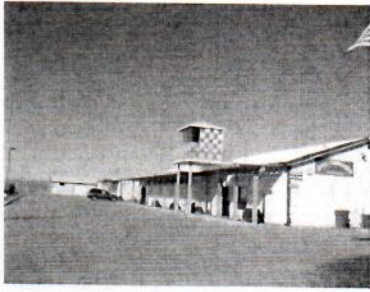
**We will train you.**

**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, May 2  | Dinner Meeting    | 6:00pm Social/7:00pm Dinner |
| Wednesday, May 9  | MOVIE NIGHT       | 6:00 pm                     |
| Wednesday, May 16 | EWM Board Meeting | 6 pm to 8 pm                |