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**Estrella Warbird Museum**

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**Honoring the Past—Inspiring the Future**  
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**The Prez Sez**

By Estrella Warbird President



A full plate is on tap for the next several months! All please note; due to Independence Day falling on the 1st Wed in July, our dinner meeting is rescheduled for the 2nd Wed, July 11th.

I wish to commend Rob Kinnear for his 2 yrs as President of your Museum. Many great things transpired under his guidance. He has facilitated a dynamic organization. With continued support of the membership we will see even bigger things in the future. Our goal of becoming a premier museum on the Central Coast is not far out of reach. If this statement seems brash to you, I invite you to review in your mind what this organization looked like 5 yrs ago. We have 1/3 again more members, several new buildings with exhibits, projects to occupy the restoration crew for many months, and an Airshow to plan and execute. This will involve an entire new dimension incorporating the Planes of Fame, the premier operator of flying warbirds in the US and probably the world.

The F-16 has the tailcone and "turkey feathers" attached. Except for a few bits and pieces and a general clean-up, it is ready for display. The T-34B Mentor has been painted. It is being assembled by the Restoration Crew and it will look great. The Italian Aermacchi is being clear-coated. It will soon be ready for assembly. With it on display, we will have an "interesting" foreign contingent: a Swedish Lansing (SAAB), a Fouga Magister (French) with Israeli markings and the Aermacchi (Italian-built) with Dutch markings. Eclectic, yes?

Outreach to our community is another ongoing feature of your museum. Recently, we hosted the 2nd Obbie Atkinson Blood Drive. It was a success thanks to our donors. The recent primary election saw us as a polling place for 2 precincts. Long hours that day and many thanks to those who did their duty. You may have noticed some younger folks around the Museum in uniform now and then. We are providing a venue for the local Civil Air Patrol detachment to convene. This is a bit of a two-way street as they get to touch and feel airplanes as part of their syllabus, we derive some labor in return.

The Hind Pavilion is progressing. Presently, electrical conduit followed by sheetrock is in work. Member conations of over \$8000 have helped push this project along. A heartfelt super thank you to all who contributed. We are quite willing to accept further donations, so don't be shy.

Planning for "Warbirds Over Paso" is ramping up. Several critical functional areas which are in immediate need of volunteers have been identified. Volunteers from our ranks are critical if this undertaking is to succeed. So, please consider your willingness to help. We have a need to identify, very quickly by name, volunteers to serve as team leaders for nine different functions. These key functions are (1) Hot Ramp Supervisor (2) Static Ramp Supervisor (3) Parking Lot Team Leader (4) command Post (5) Crowd Line Team Leader (6) Money Room Leader (7) Vendor Team Leader (8) Volunteer Team Leader and (9) Ticket Taker Team Leader. These sound like daunting tasks to start from scratch. The Planes of Fame has been doing this for a long time. They will provide training and will be side by side with our volunteers to assist during the event. This year is a learning experience for us all! Please email Wayne Rice at [riceatpaso@mans.com](mailto:riceatpaso@mans.com), Sherm Smoot at [sherm@bellalunawine.com](mailto:sherm@bellalunawine.com), or Scott Stetzel at [sacentinc@netzero.com](mailto:sacentinc@netzero.com) if you have questions, or more importantly, you desire to volunteer for one of these positions.

As you can read, we have a full plate and it should be fun, so "jump in, the waters fine."

**Wayne**



**Wednesday  
July 11, 2012  
MENU**



BBQ Chicken  
Chili Beans  
Veggie Pasta Salad  
French Bread  
Larry's Dessert Choice  
Ice Tea & Coffee  
\$17.00 pp  
(Includes Tip & Gratuity)

**RESERVATIONS PLEASE  
BY MONDAY, JULY 9th**

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                    7:00 PM

**JULY PROGRAM**

Estrella Warbird Museum

William "Bill" W. Siler

Lt. Colonel, Retired



William "Bill" W. Siler (who turned 96 years old on June 23, 2012) obtained a private pilot's license and then went to Canada and served as a navigator in the Royal Canadian Air Force. Bill had enlisted to serve before Pearl Harbor and Hitler's declaration of war against the United States. He later served in the American Army Air Corps in the European theater as a navigator on B-17s. He was also involved in the Berlin Air Lift in the late 1940's. Bill continued to serve in the Air Force and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

During the Cold War he was employed at the Aeronautical Chart and Information Center in St. Louis, Missouri. This was a time when aeronautical information was at a premium. It was on such a watch that it was revealed that the Soviet Union had placed medium range nuclear missiles in Cuba. Siler and President Kennedy (along with Attorney General Kennedy and other members of the EXCOMM) were able to persuade Premier Khrushchev to withdraw and World War III was averted.

William Wallace Siler was born in Macon County North Carolina on June 23, 1916. His father was Arthur Lee Siler of North Carolina and William was of the sixth generation of the family of Pleikard Dederic Siler who had emigrated to America from Ittlingen, Germany in the year 1738.

William Siler's middle name of Wallace is taken from his mother's maiden name. She had come from Missouri and was a teacher in North Carolina. She was the third wife of Arthur Lee Siler and after his death returned to Mexico, Missouri where Bill spent most of his childhood and early schooling. After graduating from high school, in advance of his age, he attended Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri. He later married Ruth Beard who was a native Fultonian.

Bill retired from active duty in the 1970's but still stays active today in the Sons of the American Revolution and in annual meetings of the Weimar Siler branch in North Carolina of which he is proud to be a member. He runs a mile or so every other day and stays very much in shape both mentally and physically.



## Gift Shop Gab

By Jackie Brooks, Manager



Come early and visit your museum Gift Shop before Dinner on Wednesday, July 11, 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, by the "new construction" and the front door are all unlocked at that time. This is a great time to see the progress of our construction and visit the Museum.

Items for children of all ages include, "Toddler & Kids" T-shirts, Dish sets, Balls with aircraft motifs, Airplanes and Vehicles, many style of "pullback" toys and buildable models.

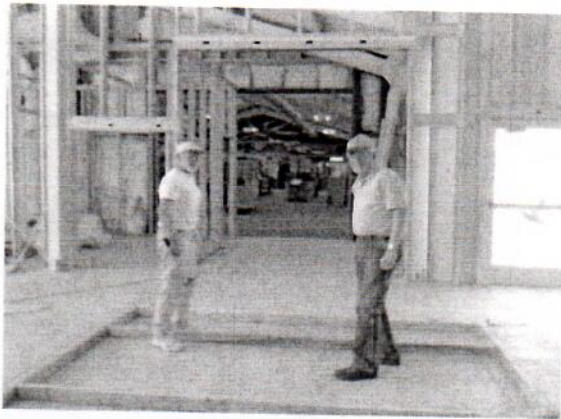
For Adults we have T-shirts, new ball hats with EWM logo, camouflage and solid blue hats.

We need your "gently" used aircraft related books for the "Used Book" table in the Gift Shop. Bring them to the July 11th Dinner or to the Gift Shop at our regular hours.

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

Show your MEMBERSHIP card to receive the admission discount.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR MUSEUM.



MUSEUM MEN AT WORK



PENNY AND JEANNE  
CELEBRATE THE  
OPENING OF THE  
NEW SECTION.



"LOOK AT ALL THIS  
SPACE....WITH  
WHAT WILL WE  
EVER FILL IT?"



"WHAT? I LOOK LOST?"



## DINNER RESERVATIONS ABSOLUTE

Dinner reservations will only be accepted until 11:00 AM on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 before our dinner meeting on July 11, 2012. Please note that the first Wednesday is July 4th. Reservations will not be accepted **AFTER 11:00 AM** each Tuesday preceding our Wednesday dinner meeting. The number of reservations are then called to our caterer so that he can plan for the right amount of meals. You may still call in, but you will be put on the "STANDBY LIST." When making your reservations please speak slowly, spell your last name and state the number of people in your party.

To those of you on the "STANDBY LIST" for the June meeting, thank you for your patience!!! We managed to get most of you seated!

We had 25 standbys. WE ARE LIMITED TO CAPACITY.

Jeanne Thiebaud, Betsy Thomson & Cathy Boyte

### Who's WHO Contact Information



#### Acquisitions (Macro)

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#### Aircraft Restoration-

Al Schade 805-927-8303

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Kevin Hermansen 805-550-6253

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Judy Corippo 238-2090

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Charmaine Peckinpaugh  
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#### Museum Member Bus Tours

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#### Museum Vehicles

Ron Boyte 805-995-3054

#### Movie Night

Hal & Margi Bauer 805-466-4440

#### Newsletter

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#### Parade Manager

James Messineo

#### Programs

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#### Public Information Officer

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#### Refreshments

Rick Brandt 226-8605

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#### Safety Officer

Terry Cagan

#### Webmaster

Peter Visel 309-831-5682

## PLANES OVER PASO GALA DINNER

Friday, September 28, 2012



Catered by: McPhee's of Templeton

6:00 PM: Appetizers and Wine

Cost: \$100 per person (Only 100 tickets available)

Speaker: Steven Hinton from Planes of Fame

Cash/Checks made to: Estrella Warbirds Museum Gala Dinner

Send to: Karen Flynn

9550 Azor Lane

Atascadero, CA 93422

### ILLNESS AND CONCERN:

Shirley Blomquist spent several weeks in the hospital and is now at Vineyard Rehab. Dick has been ill, too. He reports that family and friends are helping them.

Ken Morrison is recuperating from knee surgery.

Chuck Miller and Al Schade are both recuperating at home.

**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.**

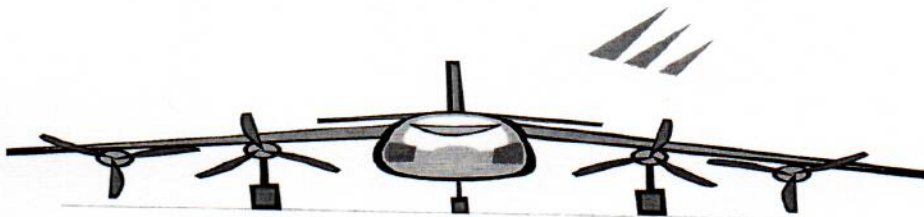
### AN ACTUAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN PILOT AND CONTROL TOWER

Tower: "Eastern 702, cleared for takeoff, contact Departure on frequency 124.7"

Eastern 702: "Tower, Eastern 702 switching to Departure. By the way, after we lifted off we saw some kind of dead animal on the far end of the runway."

Tower: "Continental 635, cleared for takeoff behind Eastern 702, contact Departure on frequency 124.7. Did you copy that report from Eastern 702?"

Continental 635: "Continental 635, cleared for takeoff, roger; and yes, we copied Eastern....we've already notified our caterers."







**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/watching TV

Looking for a new hobby

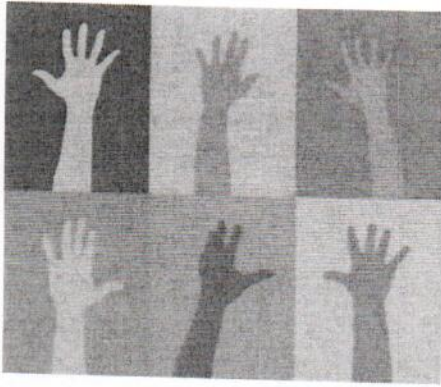
Doctor says you need to exercise more (sanding and sweeping is exercise)

**CALL: RON BOYTE            995-3054**

**ROB KINNEAR            438-4232**

**GARY CIRIPPO            238-2090**

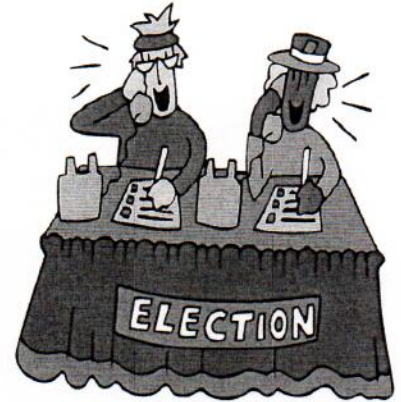




**NO VOTING REQUIRED  
TO BE A VOLUNTEER**

**EVERYONE WINS!!!!**

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



### **THE MUSEUM NEEDS DOCENTS:**

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.

**NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE NEEDED. EASIEST, FUN WAY TO SPEND YOUR TIME.**

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!**

Wednesday, July 11

Dinner Meeting          6:00pm Social/7:00pm Dinner

Wednesday, NONE

MOVIE NIGHT

Wednesday, July 18

EWM Board Meeting 6pm to 8pm