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## The Prez Sez

By Estrella Warbird President  
Wayne Rice



Greetings to you all,

We are approaching fall with a full plate of activities to pique all members attention and keep the volunteers fully engaged.

To start the month we will enjoy a very interesting speaker and topic. The Doolittle Raid remains one of the most daring actions of the Second World War and, I am certain, General Doolittle's Granddaughter, Jonna Doolittle Hoppes, will add to our knowledge of the man and event. Come to dinner and hear a great talk.

So, we begin the month with a very dramatic subject and we end the month with the Warbirds Over Paso Airshow on September 29th. This event is coming together quite nicely due to the efforts of your Airshow Committee led by Sherm Smoot. **Volunteers are still needed, so sign up, help out, and participate in a great show.**

More work is on tap for the Hind Pavilion. Our inspection sign-off for completed work has been received, the fire suppression system plan has been approved and parts are ordered. Most importantly, additional funding, through the generosity of the Hind Foundation, sufficient to see us through completion, has been allocated.

See you on September 5th.

*Wayne*

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**Wednesday  
September 5, 2012  
MENU**



Roast Beef  
Mixed Vegetables  
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy  
Larry's Dessert Choice  
Ice Tea & Coffee

\$17.00 pp  
(Includes Tip & Gratuity)

**RESERVATIONS PLEASE  
BY MONDAY, September 3rd**

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

or

Use our Website Link:

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



**SOCIAL HOUR** 6:00 PM

**DINNER** 7:00 PM

**SEPTEMBER PROGRAM**

Estrella Warbird Museum

Jonna Doolittle Hoppes  
Granddaughter of  
General Jimmy Doolittle

Author: *Calculated Risk*  
*Just Doing My Job*



The Doolittle Raid comes to life on Wednesday, September 5th when a program is presented about the famous World War II bombing mission. The event begins at 8:00 PM with a talk and book signing by author Jonna Doolittle Hoppes, the granddaughter of the famous Doolittle Raid leader, Jimmy Doolittle.

Seventy years ago, on April 18, 1942, eighty men and sixteen North American B-25 bombers launched off the USS Hornet aircraft carrier, on an ambitious one-way mission to bomb Tokyo and other targets in Japan. The perilous assignment, flown by members of the US Army Air Force and supported by the US Navy, was led by, then, Lieutenant Colonel James H. Doolittle.

The Estrella Warbirds Museum welcomes guest speaker, Jonna Doolittle Hoppes. As the granddaughter of General Jimmy Doolittle, she will share with museum visitors her grandfather's heroic story and will sign copies of her book, "Calculated Risk," a biography/memoir. As a writer, her lecture series keeps her busy touring the United States and Europe, especially with the recent release of another book titled "Just Doing My Job," a collection of 19 stories from World War II, which will be available, as well. Jonna works for the Department of Defense at Los Angeles Air Force Base and has appeared on numerous television programs, including the History Channel.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR  
WARBIRDS OVER PASO  
EVENT**

**September 29, 2012**

**Call: 227-0440**



## GIFT SHOP GAB

By Jackie Brooks, Manager



Come early and visit the museum Gift Shop before Dinner on Wednesday, August 1st. 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.

Items we have for children of all ages include, "Toddler & Kids" T-Shirts, Kids dish sets, bright colored balls with aircraft motif, small airplanes and vehicles and many styles of "pullback" toys and buildable models.

For Adults there are T-shirts plus NEW EWM Logo Ball Hats in Camouflage and Solid Blue, a variety of LED night lights with military aircraft or branches of service. AND, airplane related "shot glasses".

We have REDUCED TO CLEAR size Med and Small—WWW4 T-shirts and black ball hats.

Your "gently used" Aircraft related books are still needed for our "Used Book" table in the Gift Shop. Books may be brought to the dinner or to the Gift Shop.

Come check us out anytime Thursday to Sunday, 10 AM to 4 PM.

Thank you for your support of our museum.



# Movie Nite !

**WEDNESDAY, Sept 12th**

6:00pm - Pizza & Popcorn

6:30pm - Movie Time

## THE KING'S SPEECH

STARRING: Colin Firth, Geoffrey Rush, Helena Bonham Carter - DIRECTED BY: TOM HOOPER

The story of King George VI father of Queen Elizabeth II & his impromptu ascension to the throne. Plagued by a



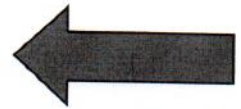
dreaded stammer & considered unfit to be king, he engaged the help of speech therapist, Lionel Logue. With this help, "Bertie" was able to find his



voice and boldly lead the country through war.

★ 8.5 of 10 ★ IMDB (2010 - 119 min.)

## DINNER RESERVATIONS ABSOLUTE



Dinner reservations will only be accepted until 11:00 AM on Tuesday, September 2, 2012 before our dinner meeting on September 5, 2012. 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. It is just as important to let us know if you can't make the dinner after making a reservation.

Thank you,

Jeanne Thiebaud, Betsy Thomson & Cathy Boyte



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## WARPLANES OVER PASO GALA DINNER

Friday, September 28, 2012

Catered by: McPhee's of Templeton

6:00 PM: Appetizers and Wine

Cost: \$100 per person

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

### IN MEMORIUM:

Nell Hines passed away in her sleep on July 15, 2012 in Cambria. Her service was held July 21, 2012 in Cambria. She and her husband, Harry, have been stalwart members of the museum. Nell was known by many as the "Duchess of Cambria" and considered one of the greatest ladies ever to have graced our world. Her kindness, generosity, natural beauty, classic southern charm will be missed by those who knew her. The family asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the San Luis Obispo Symphony.

**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.**

Quote from Government employee witnessing an elderly woman and antiwar protester:

There were protesters at the grocery store handing out pamphlets on the evils of America. I politely declined to take one.

There was an elderly woman behind me and a young (20-ish) female protester offered her a pamphlet, which she politely declined. The young protester put her hand on the old woman's shoulder as a gesture of friendship and in a very soft voice the young lady said, "Lady, don't you care about the children of Iraq?"

The old woman looked up at her and said: "Honey, my father died in France during World War II, I lost my husband in Korea, and a son in Vietnam...all three died so a witch like you could have the right to stand here and badmouth our country. If you touch me again, I'll stick this umbrella up your butt and open it."

## MUSEUM MUSINGS

By Jeanne Thiebaud



In April members of the Maserati Car Club from Northern California toured the museum. They brought with them 13 beautiful cars.



Planes of Fame crew visiting the museum in July.

**BECOME A DOCENT.  
MEET PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER  
THE WORLD.  
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!**



Our new cool  
"Follow Me" jeep

Think this was hard  
to paint?????

Used to taxi  
oncoming aircraft  
into a parking place.

This 1943 Jeep was donated to us about 4 months ago. It was painted in the World War colors. We already had five of them, painted in the Army, Navy or Marine colors, so what could we do with this one to make it stand out? Through a restless night, no sleep and the decision to check out some old aircraft books the picture of a yellow checkered jeep with the name on the front as "March Army Air Base" and on the back "Follow Me", spoke loudly to Gary Corippo. Viola! How well would this fit in with all the airplanes sitting outside on display? So OUR JEEP says "Estrella Army Air Base" and "FOLLOW ME" on the back.

Submitted by Gary Corippo/Edited by P. Takier

B-17 Bomber for a gas station:

Submitted by Jeanne Thiebaud

WAY BACK WHEN THE AVERAGE MAN HAD GUTS.....

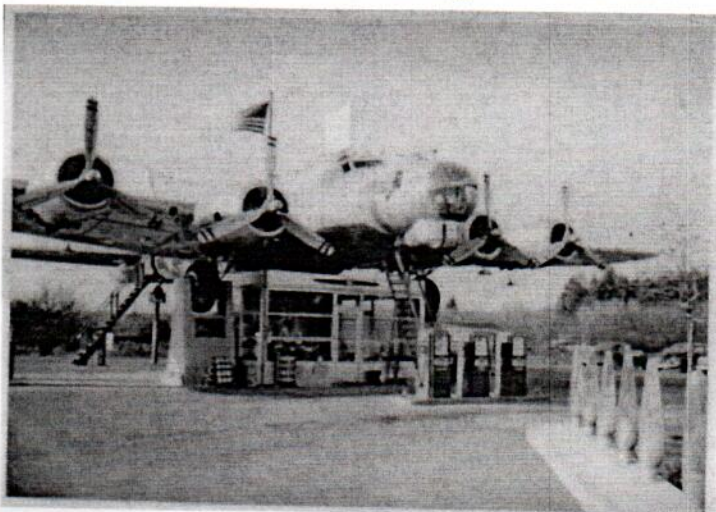
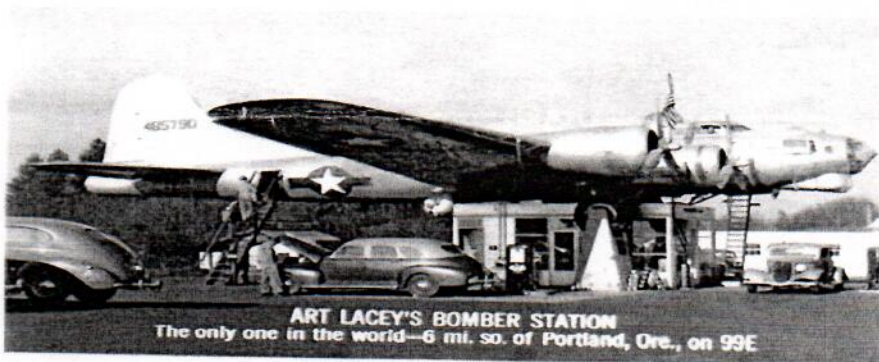


Shortly after WWII a guy named Art Lacey went to Kansas to buy a surplus B-17. His idea was to fly it back to Oregon, jack it up in the air and make a gas station out of it. He paid \$15,000 for it. He asked which one was his and they said take whichever you want because there were miles of them. He didn't know how to fly a 4-engine airplane so he read the manual while he taxied around by himself. They said he couldn't take off alone so he put a

mannequin in the co-pilot's seat and off he went. He flew around a bit to get the feel of it and when he went to land he realized he needed a co-pilot to lower the landing gear. He crashed and totaled his plane and another on the ground. They wrote them both off as "wind damaged" and told him to pick out another. He talked a friend into being his co-pilot and off they went. They flew to Palm Springs where Lacey wrote

a hot check for gas. Then they headed for Oregon. They hit a snow storm and couldn't find their way, so they went down below 1,000 ft. and followed the railroad tracks. His partner sat in the nose section and would yell, "TUNNEL" when he saw one and Lacey would climb over the mountain. They landed safely, he made good the hot check he wrote, and they started getting

permits to move a B-17 on the state highway. The highway department repeatedly denied his permit and fought him tooth and nail for a long time, so late one Saturday night, he just moved it himself. He got a \$10 ticket from the police for having too wide a load.





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**DATES TO REMEMBER!**

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|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Wednesday, September 5  | Dinner Meeting | 6:00pm Social/7:00pm Dinner |
| Wednesday, September 12 | MOVIE NIGHT    | 6:00 pm                     |
| Wednesday, September 19 | Board Meeting  | 6 pm to 8 pm                |