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The Prez Sez
 By Estrella Warbirds President
 Wayne Rice



Next year is ramping up to be another busy one for your Museum. Planning is underway for the 2013 version of **Warbirds, Wings & Wheels** in May followed by a **“Bob Hope Road Show”** in June. No rest after that, as the City Council has approved our next Airshow for October. Volunteers will be needed for all of these events, so expect requests to follow shortly.

Ed Chidlaw has donated his JEEP and trailer to the Museum’s Vehicle Display on November 14th. We have had this JEEP on display under a Loan & Display Agreement, but now it becomes an asset of ours. Those who have not viewed this vehicle have missed seeing a real beauty. Come out and look for yourselves.

The Wing Nuts, aka Restoration Crew, have completed work on the Aermacchi and it has been moved to the display area. Our F-8 Crusader (said name is now politically incorrect) has been relocated to restoration and will now undergo the tender ministrations of said Wing Nuts. We anticipate another beautiful result for this great fighter. The gang has also started work on the old Ford and will rebuild it as a military Staff Car.

The unfortunate death of Mr. Greg Hind has taken much of the sense of anticipation out of the completion of the Hind Pavilion. The opening day has yet to be determined, but it will be soon. We continue to develop an appropriate ceremony for the opening of this great addition to our facility.

I remind all that we are collecting Supplies for Soldiers. The collection point is next to the entry desk in Thomson Hall. Please remember the troops as we approach the Christmas season.

Your Board of Directors wish each and every one of you a joyous Holiday Season. Please come and join us on Wednesday evening, December 5th, as we get the holiday under way.

Wayne



Ed & Emily Chidlaw donated their 1942 JEEP and trailer to the Museum. Pictured are Ed and Wayne at DMV to complete the paperwork. This JEEP and trailer combo is one of the most pristine around and has been a regular representative at parades for several years.

**Wednesday
December 5, 2012
MENU**



Succulent Prime Rib
Baked Potato
Seasonal Salad
Holiday Green Beans
Rolls and Butter
Cheesecake
Ice Tea & Coffee

\$20.00 pp

(Includes Tip & Gratuity)

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

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

Use our Website Link:

www.ewarbirds.org/dinnersvp.html



SOCIAL HOUR 6:00 PM

DINNER 7:00 PM

DECEMBER PROGRAM

Estrella Warbirds Museum



GARY RYAN RETURNS

Gary Ryan returns once again as our very special guest speaker and entertainer for our Annual December Estrella Warbirds Museum Dinner.

Gary is not only one of the original founders of the Estrella Warbirds Museum but there is more! He's had a great career as a professional entertainer appearing at numerous venues throughout the United States. One individual summed up Gary's life as, "Gary has a phenomenal scope of interests and capabilities, matched only by his self-effacement. Not only is he a great piano player, as well as banjoist, he's an aircraft builder and pilot, air show announcer, licensed cruise boat captain and artist; he's run for U.S. President. He's turned a hobby into a six-figure business and, in all these endeavors, puts a smile on the faces of those around him. He is the only person I know who is a jack of all trades....and the master of all."

Don't miss the opportunity to join with your friends in celebrating the holidays with Gary and his music.

Always being a sell-out crowd, make those reservations NOW or risk being put on the "you may not get any food" or "you may not be allowed in the building" list!



GIFT SHOP GAB

By Jackie Brooks, Shop Manager



Happy Holidays from Estrella Warbirds Museum Gift Shop

As a gift suggestion for your friends and relatives:

How about an Estrella Warbirds Museum "Gift Certificate"

General admission \$10.00—or a Simulator Session for only \$25.00—which includes admission

We have "Air Show" T-shirts available for sale. Adult sizes Sm-XXXLg. \$18 & \$20

Youth/child sizes (6-8) (10-12) (14-16) are \$15.

Shop now while you have a choice of sizes.

There are toys, books, night lights, T-shirts and much more for those airplane enthusiasts.

THANK YOU

Ron Boyte, Ron Brooks, Debbi Brooks, "Goose" and Jeanne Thiebaud for working on the Gift Shop cleaning project, Saturday, November 10th. We scratched the surface of the cleaning, but still need help to repair and paint some cabinet bases, and clean the glass for the display cases. The paint & equipment waits to be used!!!



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN HELP

Contact the Gift Shop any Thursday—Sunday, 10 AM to 4 PM

Phone: 238-9317

We look forward to hearing from you.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Michael Levine was born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA. He traveled and lived in Europe, Asia and throughout the US before moving to Paso Robles in 2009. If you take one of the FA-18 flight simulator rides in Freedom Hall, you will meet him there. His naval career spanned 32 years and retired as a Navy Commander in 2001. He loves all things aviation and in 2011 earned his Private Pilot Certification. Along with his involvement with the Museum, he is involved with Guide Dogs for the Blind & The Cancer Support community. He enjoys photography, golf and travel (especially cruises).

Scott Stelzle is the owner of Venteux Vineyards and Winery in Templeton. He started this new venture in 2003, after retiring to the central coast. He previously worked in construction and development for 15 years. After meeting local aviation legend Sherman Smoot, he was given the offer to be instructed in flying warbirds and join the Estrella Warbirds Museum. After purchasing an interest in the BT-13, he became more involved in helping with the Museum. He became the CFO of the Gooney Bird Group and the Coordinator to the first Warbirds Over Paso Air Show. With the support of his wife, and 9 year old son, he plans on helping with operations and growth of the Museum.

DINNER RESERVATIONS ABSOLUTE



Dinner reservations will only be accepted until 11:00 AM on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 before our dinner meeting on December 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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CURATORS CORNER by John Gramentine

Things will be turned around quite a bit, as we get ready to open the Hind Pavilion. It will take some real thought, regarding how to best present, both Freedom Hall and the Hind Pavilion exhibits. There has been a touch up, here and there and one or two new exhibits. If you have not been through lately, please come by.

Looking forward to seeing you!

FREEDOM FLIGHT VETERANS DAY



Lead: John Dolan in Taylorcraft

Back Seat: Chad Holloway, US Army Retired

Left Wing: Bob Kelly in L-16 Aeronca

Right Wing: George Marrett



Bob Kelly and Ron & Jackie Brooks

Eagle Statue
Presented to Museum
By
The Atascadero Veterans Memorial
Organization



ILLNESS AND CONCERN:

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.



WE SAY FARWELL TO GREG HIND

Greg Hind was first introduced to the Estrella Warbirds Museum about five years ago. He was immediately impressed by what an all volunteer crew had done to establish the museum and facilitate its growth over the years. He asked the museum what he could do to help us out. At the time, we were in dire need of widening our taxiway. We needed to add paved sidewalks and a security fence. He said, "Well, what's that going to cost?" The answer was, "About \$87,000." Several days later, he surprised the board and presented the museum with a check to cover the entire amount!

Greg has since been a good friend and benefactor to the museum. It was always an honor to see him at the monthly dinners and to come down to do some "hangar flying." But, Greg wanted to do more. He saw that the museum was "bursting at the seams" and was in need of a new entrance and display area for the great number of artifacts that have been donated to the museum over the years. In late 2011, Greg offered to build us a new facility which would connect both Freedom Hall and the Brooks Building, along with additional display space and room for a larger gift shop.

Preparations were under way to announce the completion of the Hind Pavilion and announce the upcoming grand opening. Unfortunately, Greg passed away on November 1, 2012. We are forever thankful for his generous spirit, his desire to help preserve the memories of the past for future generations. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, their two daughters, family and friends.

No public services were to be held.

Article written by Peter Visel



MOVIE NIGHT

Wednesday, December 12th

6:00 PM Pizza & Popcorn—6:30 PM Movie Time

DOCTOR ZHIVAGO

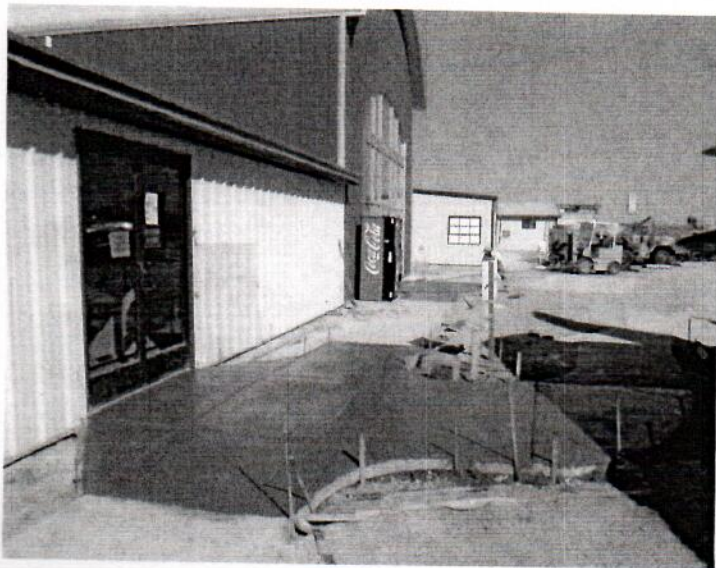
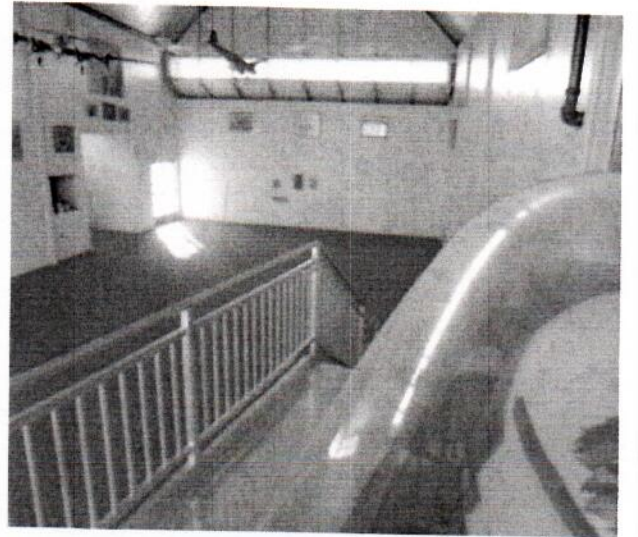
Directed by David Lean

Starring Omar Sharif and Julie Christie



Russia in winter has never looked more alluring. Neither have Omar Sharif or Julie Christie. As a love story played out against the background of a sweeping march of historical events, Doctor Zhivago is comparable to *Gone With the Wind*. Adapted from a complex novel by Boris Pasternak, Doctor Zhivago follows the tribulations of a Moscow doctor exiled by the Bolsheviks for writing poetry and separated from his true love. This movie was nominated for 10 Oscars, having won 5. Overly long at three-hours-plus, it's chock full of terrific images and gorgeous landscapes.

PICTURES SUBMITTED OF THE HIND PAVILION





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DATES TO REMEMBER!

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