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

By Estrella Warbirds President  
 Wayne Rice

The month of April is the proverbial "lull before the storm" (except for April 15 & the IRS) regarding activity at your museum. To remind all, we have the **Warbirds, Wings & Wheels V** on May 11, the **Bob Hope Radio Show** on June 8, and the **Warbirds Over Paso** airshow capping the season on October 5. A busy season full of opportunity for volunteers is in the offing. To volunteer for the car show please contact Carol Verstuyft at 467-2640, and for the Bob Hope Show, call Betty Miller at 471-0472.

On March 11, the Gift Shop and Museum office began moving to the Hind Pavilion. The doors opened for business on Thursday, March 14. To celebrate, there will be a change of procedure for the April Dinner Meeting. The Hind Pavilion will be open and all dinner patrons are asked to enter and pay for their dinner at the Hind Pavilion. Dinner and the bar itself will remain in Thomson Hall.

On Sunday, March 17 Vice Admiral Mike "Mugsy" Malone USN (ret) viewed our museum as part of a visit to the Paso Robles area with friends of Dan and Carol Verstuyft. VADM Malone was, among other duties, Commander Naval Air Forces Pacific (aka COMNAVAIRPAC) prior to his retirement. I am happy to report that he was impressed with your museum, especially the A-7 Corsair, which was his first tactical aircraft flown.

The C-47, you may have noted, is absent. The maintenance work and repaint is progressing on schedule in Santa Maria and the aircraft should return soon. Work on the DUKW (aka DUCK) and the 1940 Ford continues apace in the Restoration facility. Both will be interesting additions to our collection.

Lastly, as announced at last months dinner, Jeanne Thiebaud, our Museum Manager has decided to retire. She will be missed by all who worked with her and we sincerely wish her the best. That said, we must find someone to take her position. If any of you are interested, or know of someone, please forward a resume to: Estrella Warbirds Museum, 4251 Dry Creek Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446 (Attn: President). The position is part time, four days per week. The Board of Directors will consider splitting the position between two persons due to the requirement of working Saturdays and Sundays. More detail will be coming shortly.

As I close this epistle, I once again ask the membership to **consider volunteering** as Greeters, grease monkeys, or Gift Shop salespeople. You will work with a lot of nice people and meet many interesting visitors.

Wayne



**Wednesday  
April 3, 2013  
MENU**



Hawaiian Salad  
Sweet & Sour Pork  
Rice  
Veggie  
Pineapple Upside Down Cake

Ice Tea & Coffee

\$17.00 pp

(Includes Tip & Gratuity)

**RESERVATIONS PLEASE**

**BY MONDAY, April 1st**

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

**APRIL PROGRAM**

Estrella Warbirds Museum

Come meet **GARY KUHN** and hear about the Lockheed U-2 spy plane and its secret flights over many enemy countries during the Cold War.



Gary Kuhn, 72 years old, lives in Atascadero and has been married to his wife, Ruth, for 19 years. He is the father of six children and two step-children. Gary has traveled to many parts of Europe several times and will be going to the Mediterranean Sea for a two week cruise, as well as London, this coming fall. He and his wife toured Russia five years ago and were totally enthralled with what they saw and heard.

Gary is a graduate of Bakersfield High School where he participated in the 1958 California state track meet as a pole-vaulter recording 13 feet. He is a graduate of Cal Poly SLO holding a Masters Degree in Education.

He was a teacher at Atascadero High School where he taught, from 1972 to 2002, a total of 37 years. He taught both English and World History and coached cross-country. (His team won a league championship 9 out of 10 years and was a CIF runner-up one year.) Also, he coached the CIF championship cross-country team, while teaching and coaching, at Rio Mesa High School in Oxnard in 1968.

At Atascadero, he coached Estrella Warbirds Museum board member Dave Highland in the high jump, long jump, 4x100 yard relay, 440 dash and 4x440 yard relay which won the league championship for Atascadero in 1973. Gary will let us know if Dave was "doping" during his high school career and if he is still "high!"

For the past 6 years, Gary has given PowerPoint presentations on both history and his personal travels.

## “Their Next Mission”

Local World War II veterans will take to the sky on one more mission. Nearly 65 years after World War II, local veterans will be flying out of San Luis Obispo on April 12, 2013 to Washington, D.C. to see their war memorial that represents the sacrifice that the “Greatest Generation” gave. The WWII memorial wasn’t finished until 2004 and many veterans have not had the opportunity or the capability to see the memorial that has been put up in their honor.

In 2005 the organization “Honor Flight” was set up to ensure that WWII veterans can make it to Washington to see their war memorial at no cost to them. The organization has flown over 90,000 veterans since the program started in 2005. In 2012 an Honor Flight hub started in Bakersfield (Honor Flight Kern County) and flew over 100 veterans. Now Honor Flight Kern County is reaching out to central coast veterans. The SLO flight is being put together by Greg McGill, who has been on two previous flights out of Bakersfield, and John Lewis of Templeton.

The veterans will go on the flight with a “guardian” who assists them along the flight. The guardians help the veterans by carrying their luggage, pushing them around the memorials in wheel chairs, taking pictures and helping the veterans with anything they may need. All the guardians are self funded, and go through a short training session to ensure that the veterans have a great trip. This trip will change the lives of the veterans and guardians.

On average the trip cost \$1,500 per vet to go on the trip. If you are interested in donating, helping with the trip or know of any WWII veterans, please call Greg McGill at (805) 610-4014 or email him at [gmcgillhfk@yahoo.com](mailto:gmcgillhfk@yahoo.com). All donations are a tax write off. If you would like to donate, you can make checks payable to **Honor Flight** and send to:

John Lewis  
1469 Brambles Court  
Templeton, CA 93465  
(805) 550-5142 or email [johnlewis2323@gmail.com](mailto:johnlewis2323@gmail.com)

Honor Flight is a federal nonprofit 501c3 organization. We also encourage you to enjoy one of [Honor Flights Videos](#).

Why this trip is important

- WWII vets are passing away at an average of 1,000 per day.
- Less than 2% of WWII vets got a homecoming after the war.
- WWII vets are the **greatest generation**.
- The WWII memorial wasn’t created until **2004**. (60 years after the war)
- It allows the vets to reunite.

*“They fought together as brothers-in-arms. They died together and now they sleep side by side. To them we have a solemn obligation.”*

*Adm. Chester Nimitz*



## DINNER RESERVATIONS UPDATE



Dinner reservations will only be accepted until 11:00 AM on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 before our dinner meeting on April 3, 2013. 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." Thank you to those making reservations who speak slowly, spell the last name and state the number of people in the party. Due to the number of no-shows, we MAY need to start charging those who don't cancel their reservations. We have to still pay for you even if you don't show up!

Thank you,

Jeanne Thiebaud, Betsy Thomson & Cathy Boyte



### Who's WHO Contact Information

#### Acquisitions (Macro)

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Al Schade 805-927-8303

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#### Museum Vehicles

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#### Movie Night

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#### Newsletter

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#### Parade Manager

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#### Refreshments

Rick Brandt 226-8605

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#### Safety Officer

Terry Cagan

#### Voting Clerk/Contact

(Adopt-a-poll)

Jackie Brooks 805-462-8141

#### Webmaster

Peter Visel 309-831-5682



With the expansion into the larger quarters of Hind Pavilion, we need more Greeters to keep an eye on Freedom Hall. We ask Gift Shop and Greeters to work a 3 hour shift once a month. There is a job for everyone! In the Gift Shop, you can help inventory stock, dust or price & put out items for sale. As a Greeter, you'll meet lots of interesting folks. Many have great stories they like to share.

**GIFT SHOP GAB**

By Jackie Brooks, Shop Manager

**The new Gift Shop will be open for your viewing pleasure prior to the April 3rd Dinner Meeting.**

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**ILLNESS AND CONCERN:**

Ron Boyte had back surgery and is recovering at home. (In response to being told by the Doctor that he couldn't ride in a car, he asked, "My motorcycle?".....seriously?)

George Taylor and his wife, Andrea, are both still battling cancer.

Charmaine Peckinpaugh has been diagnosed with colon cancer. Surgery is being planned at Stanford Medical Center.

Jeanne Thiebaud's mother, Dorothy Small, passed away at the age of 103. There will be a private family service for her.

Sissie Kurowski, a member and wife of Lloyd Plymate, passed away. A graveside service was held at Pleasant Valley Cemetery

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.



## Warbirds, Wings & Wheels 5 Car Show

May 11, 2013

10 AM to 4 PM

No Admission for Spectators



Our 5th annual Warbirds, Wings & Wheels Car Show is approaching rapidly. We are on track to have over 250 hot rods, race cars, boats and motorcycles on display for our viewing pleasure.

This year we have several exciting things to offer museum members and the public. In addition to our raffle prizes and 50/50 drawing we will have two special drawings:

1. A tour for 4 to Jay Leno's Big Dog Garage. This will be our 3rd year that Jay Leno has generously donated the tour to the car show to help raise money for the museum. Last year we sold over \$3,000 in tickets for the drawing. Tickets will be available prior to and the day of the show. Cost is \$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20.
2. The other bid drawing is for a one hour ride on May 25th in the Gooney Birds' Betsy Biscuit Bomber C47 with our own Mr. Sherm Smoot as the pilot. We will be drawing 12 winning tickets. Cost is \$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20.

Firestone Walker Brewing Company is again donating kegs of their award winning beer and supplying us with a beer wagon, the cups and personnel to help pour the beer. We will be selling the beer for \$5 per cup and all the proceeds come directly to the museum. We cannot begin to thank Firestone and Jamie Smith for their generosity and help with our event.

There will be some very special displays the day of the show. Dick Woodland has invited Jim "Bones" Noteboom to bring his award winning 1949 highly modified Cadillac Stationwagon to the show. This car recently won first place in his category at the Grand National Roadster Show in Pomona, CA and best engineered car at the Goodguys Car Show in Sacramento. The car is presently in a very prestigious car show in Detroit and will hopefully come away with yet another award.

Bones son, Kutty Noteboom, will also be at our show with three of his award winning custom motorcycles. Kutty will be available to sign autographs and to discuss bikes with the spectators.

Gary and Junie Cooper won the Woodland Choice of Show award at WWW4 for their 1947 Triumph 4 door 1800 Roadster. This car is on display now in the Woodland Building along with the trophy and will be there until after the car show. If you have not been to the Woodland Auto Display lately you need to go check out this special car and the brand new recently completed addition to the building with the new displays.

In addition to Firestone Walker Brewing Company, we will have several food vendors to satisfy your appetite as well as various craft and historical vendors with lots of different items from which to choose.

If you are looking for a good time, **or have a few hours to donate**, come out on May 11th and be a part of what is becoming one of the premier car shows in Paso Robles. Where else can you go and see rare old warbirds and beautifully restored hot rods all in the same place? Gates open for participant parking at 7 AM and open to the public from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Carol Verstuyft



# BOB HOPE ROAD SHOW COMING SATURDAY, JUNE 8!

**Tickets available at the EWM Gift Shop**

**Or Online at [www.ewarbirds.org](http://www.ewarbirds.org)**

The **Bob Hope Road Show** starring veteran actor Lynn Roberts, will be presented on the Estrella Warbirds Museum Hangar One Stage, Saturday, June 8th.

The Bob Hope Road Show portrays a 1940s radio program complete with an onstage announcer (Chuck Carson) and era commercials plus legendary guest stars, W.C. Fields, Jimmy Durante, Benny Goodman and Red Skelton (all portrayed by the very talented Mr. Roberts) and Frances Langford, known as "Sweetheart of the Fighting Fronts" and Bob Hope's USO Show vocalist (portrayed by our own Betty Miller).

This will be a dinner show and lots of fun. Watch for more info in the next newsletter and on our website, [www.ewarbirds.org](http://www.ewarbirds.org).

**Time: 6:30 PM**

**\$50.00 Per Person**

**\$375.00 for VIP Host Table for 8  
(Limited Number of VIP Tables)**

**No Host Bar/Vic's Café Caterer**



Volunteers needed: Ticket Takers,  
Table Décor, Table set-up June 8 (9AM)  
Table break-down Sunday, June 9  
Hosts/Hostesses

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Museum Musings  
Jeanne Thiebaud

And the question is continually asked....."YOU DON'T WANT TO VOLUNTEER WHY?"





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**DATES TO REMEMBER!**

Wednesday, April 3  
Wednesday, April 17

Dinner Meeting      6:00pm Social/7:00pm Dinner  
Board Meeting      6:00 pm to 8:00 pm