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The Prez Sez
 By Estrella Warbirds President
 Wayne Rice

Big events are looming! This month will be the fifth consecutive Warbirds, Wings and Wheels Car Show here on May 11th. If you are volunteering for this event, or not, please tell your friends to come by for the fun. Many interesting vehicles are to be seen; either something you once drove, or wish you had, or even something you have never seen. There are plenty of food, drinks, and items for sale, as well as prizes and warbird rides.

April 11th saw us host the Targa Club, a large group of sports car owners on their annual rally to the Central Coast. Over 200 guests had a great time visiting the museum and enjoying a catered dinner in Hangar One, catered by Larry Eastwood.

This month the Board of Directors holds the annual election meeting. There are positions on the Board up for election, as well as for the members of the Executive Committee; that is President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The meeting is on May 15th in Thomson Hall at 6:00 p.m.

By the time of this publication another addition to Freedom Hall will be complete; that is the finished Korean War mural by Gerri O'Brien. This mural features a medical tableau which also pays tribute to George Hearst. He flew MEDEVAC helicopters in the Korean War. This dramatic depiction pays homage to those who perform this vital function not only in Korea, but all the conflicts we have been involved in.

Planning continues for the Bob Hope Radio Show scheduled for June 8th. Tickets are selling quickly, so be sure to pick yours up soon. They are available in the Gift Shop.

Interviewing has been ongoing for candidates to fill Jeanne Thiebaud's position. We had six interviews scheduled the weekend of April 13-14. I cannot tell you at the time of this writing who the choice will be, but the selection should be known by the time of the May 1st Dinner Meeting. Meanwhile, we all wish Jeanne all the best for her retirement. I, for one, will miss her smile, efficiency and her dedication. Please join me in wishing her the best in the future.



Where will you find Jay Leno in the Museum? He's here.....do you know where to find him?



A beautiful addition to the Korean War Mural....be sure and take a look at this fine addition!



Six classic motorcycles came to us a few weeks ago. This is a 1929 Indian.....a legend motorcycle waiting to have its picture taken!

Wayne

Wednesday
May 1, 2013
MENU



Enchilada Bake
Zesty Salad
Rice
Refried Beans
Chef's Dessert

Ice Tea & Coffee

\$17.00 pp

(Includes Tip & Gratuity)

RESERVATIONS PLEASE

BY MONDAY, April 30

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

or

Use our Website Link:

www.ewarbirds.org/dinnerrsvp.html



SOCIAL HOUR 6:00 PM

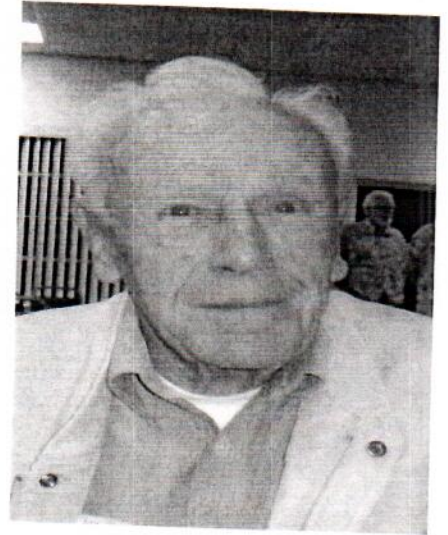
DINNER 7:00 PM

APRIL PROGRAM

Estrella Warbirds Museum

Come meet Leo
Dumouchelle having
served with the 82nd
Airborn Division in
World War II.

Recently inducted into
the Professional Bail
Agents of the United
States Hall of Fame.



US Army Staff Sergeant Leo Dumouchelle (pronounced DO MOH SHELL), age 90, lives in San Luis Obispo and served with the 82nd Airborne Division in World War II. He is one of thirteen WWII veterans being sponsored by Honor Flight for a trip to Washington DC to see the WWII Memorial during April 12-14, 2013. EWM member Charles Harber, 92, is attending, also.

Leo had a pilot's license, owned his own airplane, is an avid fisherman and owned many boats and classic cars – Hot Rods! He stills works at his own company every day.

Leo and seven of his friends all joined the armed forces. Unfortunately, all seven died in the attack on Pearl Harbor. Unlike his friends, Leo joined the army and while in basic training, a representative of the newly formed 82nd Airborne met with soldiers to recruit them. Leo said not many men were interested in jumping out of a "perfectly good airplane" into enemy controlled territory until the recruiter said each soldier would earn an extra \$50 a month in hazard duty pay. The pay for a private was \$21 a month, so Leo raised his hand and was sent off to Ft. Bragg.

For the next 3-½ years Dumouchelle would serve in combat during the Sicily Invasion, the Anzio Campaign and the D-Day Invasion. During the Battle of the Bulge he was captured and held as a POW, escaping approximately one-half hour after having been taken prisoner.

Leo Dumouchelle was awarded three Purple Hearts and is a great example of the Greatest Generation. He will speak and show photos of his trip to Washington. Leo is a humble man who cherishes life and freedom ... **a true American hero!**

“THE HONOR FLIGHT”

On April 12, 2013, nearly 65 years after World War II, local veterans flew out of San Luis Obispo 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 reaches out to central coast veterans. The SLO flight was put together by Greg McGill, who has been on two previous flights out of Bakersfield, and John Lewis of Templeton.

The veterans 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 changes the lives of the veterans and guardians.

On average the trip cost \$1,500 per vet to go on the trip.

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

Our own Leo Dumouchelle and Charles Harber went on this very exciting trip this year. We want to thank all those who supported this fine organization and these men. This is a yearly event and if you want to help support the men who will make this journey next year, you can send a donation to John Lewis, 1469 Brambles court, Templeton, CA 93465. Make the check to: Honor Flight.

ILLNESS AND CONCERN:

Peter Visel’s (our Webmaster) mother is in hospice care.

James Messineo’s father passed away.

A celebration of Life was held for Mary K. Houston on April 13th at Plymouth Congregational Church in Paso Robles. Contributions may be made in her Honor to the San Luis Obispo Youth 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.



DINNER RESERVATIONS UPDATE



Dinner reservations will only be accepted until 11:00 AM on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 before our dinner meeting on May 1, 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,

Cathy Boyte



Who's WHO Contact Information

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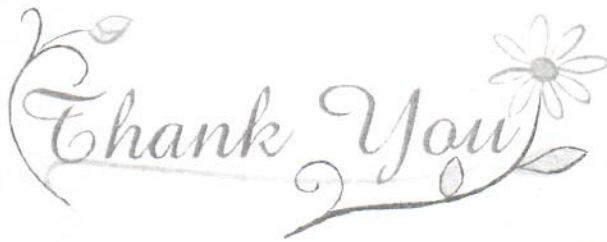
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(Adopt-a-poll)

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Webmaster

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Those listed really helped pull the new Gift Shop into place. Moving the merchandise, moving the displays, restocking supplies and setting it all up took many hands!



For moving things, we wish to thank Gary Woodall, Lou Esposito, Mike Levine, Ron Brooks, Rich Campbell and Wayne Rice.

For cleaning the displays, arranging and pricing the stock, we thank Margi Bauer, Jean Campbell, MaryAnne Gorham, Mike Levine, Jayne Sacks, Carol Verstuyft and Penny Takier.

With summer coming and increased visitors, we welcome anyone who can spare 3 hours any Thursday to Sunday, to come and enjoy the feeling of working together in our beautiful location.

We added Woodland merchandise to our area for a really complete Gift Shop. We hope you enjoyed our preview at the last museum dinner.

Want to volunteer to man the booth at the Car Show on May 11th? Volunteering for only a few hours would be a great help!

Thank you for being part of our wonderful Estrella Warbirds Museum family!

GIFT SHOP GAB

By Jackie Brooks, Shop Manager

LIBRARY BOOK NOTES By Tom Gorham



We welcome our new Librarian, Tom Gorham. He is a retired Warrant Officer and served 20 1/2 years in the Army. He has been married to his wife, MaryAnne, for 30 years this December. Tom grew up in Templeton. The Gorham's joined the Museum in January when Tom joined the "Wing Nuts" two days a week as a "volunteer". When he heard we needed a Librarian, he thought it might be a good idea to volunteer in a "clean, cooler" area somewhere inside....besides the fact, Tom loves to read and loves aviation. He still works with the "Wing Nuts" and is busy setting up our new Library location. He is a much appreciated new member!



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 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

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.

Time: 6:30 PM

\$50.00 Per Person

\$375.00 for VIP Host Table for 8

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

Museum Musings
Jeanne Thiebaud

WHY THE BIG SMILE??????

It is called "Retirement".....and well deserved!

We say goodbye to our hard working and wonderful Museum Coordinator. Her last day will be the end of April, but we hope to see her around the museum as a volunteer. It just wouldn't be the same without her. She is a wealth of information and a really special lady.

WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST JEANNE





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DATES TO REMEMBER!

Wednesday, May 1

Dinner Meeting

6:00pm Social/7:00pm Dinner

Wednesday, May 15

Board Meeting

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm