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The Prez Sez

By Estrella Warbirds President
 Sherm Smoot

We Just plugged in the burners on the Warbirds Over Paso 2013 Air Show to be held on October 5, 2013...

We thank you all for participating to help make this air show a success. With a little luck, Scott Stelzle and his volunteers' hard work, and the continuing increase in sponsorships, we hope to fill the entire ramp with rare displays and paying fans. Get the word out to all of your friends and relatives to mark their calendars and purchase tickets early in order to save 20 percent off the ticket price (\$16 vs. \$20). The week of the air show, prices are full retail. You can purchase tickets online at www.ewarbirds.org or you can purchase them at the museum's gift shop. Tickets will be held for you at the Will Call booth at the main entrance. We look forward to seeing all of you there for a day of aviation at its best.

As you read this, the very rare Higgins boat (LCVP) is on it's way here from Maine or has already arrived. It took a lot of effort and we sincerely thank those donors who stepped up to the plate to get her transported here. Even though they built over 20,000 of them in Louisiana for and during WWII, there remains less than a dozen today. This truly is a rare artifact of history and thanks to Gary Corippo's doggedness; we are honored to make her final resting place the Estrella Warbirds Museum. For those of you landlubbers who don't know what a Higgins boat is, it's the landing craft that brought thousands of our WWII fighting men ashore on the beaches of Normandy, Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima, and many others. It also brought Tom Hanks ashore in the popular Spielberg movie, "Saving Private Ryan". Google "Higgins Boat" to get the history of Andrew Higgins and his famous landing craft.

In the IT'S YOUR MUSEUM paragraph, I again urge you all to get your family, friends, and neighbors involved in the, ever growing, piece of history that is our museum. If they are not members, bring them to our monthly dinner on the first Wednesday of every month and convince them to become one (Don't forget to use the new reservation procedure). Then you will be forced to convert to a Life membership, if you aren't one, so as to keep your bragging rights - At least you won't have to buy their meal at the monthly dinner meeting again. My attempt at levity, I hope. For those of you that make the time to volunteer, I sincerely thank you for your commitment. You may not get the accolades, but we all know whom you are and we salute you for your efforts because you really believe it's your museum.

On a personal note, I will not be at the September Dinner Meeting. I am sorry that I will miss the dinner and program, but it is air race season for me. I will be in Reno at the 50th Anniversary of the National Championship Air Races from Sept 4th through Sept. 16th. We will do our best to win the national championship in "Czech Mate", the unlimited racer I fly for owner John Moore. We hope to surpass 490 MPH on the 8.1-mile course with the eight other racers BEHIND me!

I will miss seeing you at our next Dinner Meeting on September 4th.

Prayers to you and all in harms way,

Sherm

**Wednesday
September 4, 2013
MENU**



Roast Pork
Mixed Greens
Vegetable
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Apple Crisp

Ice Tea & Coffee

\$17.00 pp

(Includes Tip & Gratuity)

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

BY MONDAY, September 2nd

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

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Estrella Warbirds Museum

New York Twin-Tower Survivor
And Author Speaks Out

Burt Upson



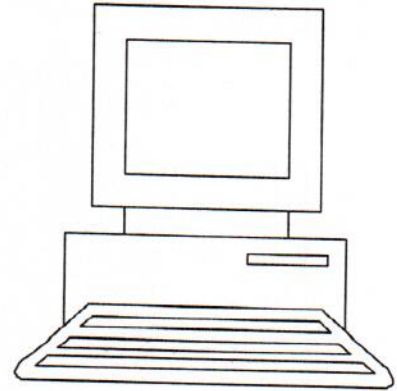
Could the 9/11 attacks been thwarted by proper military action? Could the attacking planes have been shot down by military air defense fighters or missiles? Author Bert Upson, a close survivor of the World Trade Center disaster and a witness to its rescue efforts, will describe the horrible events on September 4th at the Estrella Warbirds Museum monthly dinner, analyzing what did and might have happened.

Upson's gripping description and analysis is found in his newly published book, "*On a Clear Day*." On Sept 11, 2001, Bert had traveled from Palm Desert to New York City and was preparing to lead a management seminar on the 78th floor of the South Tower of the Trade Center when the first plane hit the North Tower. Just minutes before the second plane hit the South Tower at the location of the meeting, he miraculously escaped, only to witness the horrible destruction and the evacuation of endangered civilians, mostly organized by the US Coast Guard, which he will describe at the dinner.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Upson became a field artillery lieutenant through the Army ROTC at Yale University, where he completed a B.A. in World History and sang in the famous Whiffenpoof group. Upon graduation from Yale, he served as a battery officer in the 19th Field Artillery Battalion of the 6th Army and then as Secretary of the General Staff, Headquarters Fort Ord, California. After his Army service, Upson became a top East Coast advertising executive, receiving several National awards, finally moving to Palm Desert in 1998 with his wife, Joan. In Palm Desert he remained an advertising consultant, frequently traveling to New York.

Though "*On a Clear Day*" is Upson's first published work, it is human, gripping and professional. In addition to describing the events of the tragedy, it contains the first analysis of the attempts by the US military to counter the attacks and of the rescue operations that followed.

George Marrett



DINNER RESERVATIONS:

***Telephone reservations will **only** be accepted until 6:00 PM, on the Monday prior to the monthly meeting. The reservation must be called into the EWM reservations phone number (805-227-0440, ext 2).

***When making your reservation, please speak slowly and clearly, spell your last name, and state the number of persons, in your party.

***You may call in a reservation, prior to 12:00 PM Tuesday, to the EWM reservations number. However, you will be placed on a "Stand-By" list. Individuals, on the "Stand-By" list, will be seated only after confirmed reservations are seated.

***Do not contact Larry Eastwood, at Vic's Café, directly, to make a reservation. All this does, is confuse the headcount and cause problems for both Larry and the Reservations Coordinator.

The reasons for this deadline are as follows: First, the number of dinner reservations must be called into Larry (Vic's Café) on Tuesday AM. This allows him sufficient time to obtain and prepare the correct amount of food (thus reducing waste). Second, this allows the group setting up the dining room an accurate count of number of tables and seating needed.

Thank you. We appreciate your understanding.

Kathy Boyte and Mary Anne Gorham

GIFT SHOP GAB

Jackie Brooks, Manager



REMEMBER: The Gift Shop is "OPEN" from 5:45 to 6:45 PM before EWM dinner meetings.

We have many EWM Logo items for sale, including ball hats, C-47 mugs (our own plane), shot glasses (with P-38 logo), T-shirts (Adult and Youth), and Mouse pads.

We have the ever popular "Rosie the Riveter" shopping bags, refrigerator magnets, and cups. We have other shopping bags available with vintage designs on them.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN HELP AS A GIFT SHOP VOLUNTEER

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

Phone 238-9317 or Jackie 703-0028

We look forward to hearing from you!

Who's WHO Contact Information

Acquisitions (Macro)

(Position open)

Aircraft Restoration—

Al Schade 805-927-8303

Car Club Liaison

Howard Love 805-466-4483

Catering

Larry Eastwood 805-238-3988

Curator

(Position open)

Docent Coordinator

Alexandrea Helms
aschelms@hotmail.com

Facilities Maintenance

Ron Brooks 805-462-8141

Facility Rental

Rick Brandt 226-8605

Fund Generation

Gary Corippo 805-712-1222

Gift Shop Manager

Jackie Brooks 805-462-8141

Ground Support Equip.

Kevin Hermansen 805-550-6253

Grounds Maintenance

Yardvark The Weedeater

805-238-7354

Group Tours

Alexandrea Helms
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Judy Corippo 238-2090

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Tom Gorham
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Museum Member Bus Tours

George Taylor 805-448-7402

Museum Vehicles

Ron Boyte 805-995-3054

Movie Night

Hal & Margi Bauer 805-466-4440

Newsletter

Penny Takier 805-239-5801

Parade Manager

James Messineo

Programs

George Marrett 805-466-7640

Public Information Officer

Sue Dollemore 805-239-7675

Refreshments

Rick Brandt 226-8605
Rosalie Joyce 805-226-0376

Safety Officer

(Position open)

Voting Clerk/Contact

(Adopt-a-poll)

Jackie Brooks 805-462-8141

Webmaster

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**MUSEUM MUSINGS
with Alexandra Helms**

Come visit your museum to see the new displays! We get lots of compliments on our exhibits and it is always fun for our Docents to hear the visitors share their own history with their families.
AND with us!



**PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A VOLUNTEER. YOU MEET LOTS OF FUN
PEOPLE. GREETING WITH A FRIENDLY SMILE IS ALL IT TAKES!**



Jack's history is already a part of our museum for all to enjoy. Now with the Honor Flight program, as a WWII veteran, he will get to make the trip to Washington, DC to see the memorial that has been put up in their honor. This program started in 2005 and has flown over 90,000 veterans to see their war memorial at no cost to them. Honor Flight Kern County reaches out to central coast veterans.

EWM Member:
Jack McLaughlin

Honor Flight
Participant
August 22—24, 2013

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 gmcgillhfkc@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

ILLNESS AND CONCERN:

Richard Campbell has had surgery. His is home but needs our prayers and support.

Ruth Dickey has been diagnosed with COPD. She is at home and currently requires oxygen 24 hours a day.

Charmaine Peckinpaugh had surgery for cancer and is recovering 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.

LIBRARY BOOKNOTES from the PECKINPAUGH LIBRARY

The library is now open—planned hours of operation are:

Thursdays 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Saturdays 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Dinner Meeting Evenings—5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

(Note—these hours may be changed or expanded)



Tom Gorham

The library is now open for members and visitors. We have spent our time continuing to organize current materials and processing new materials. We are continuing to add new materials to the shelves. Thanks to a couple of generous folks, we have almost 250 new items.

We are still looking for **VOLUNTEERS**, willing to donate a few hours a month to help operate the library. We need you to work either the morning (10:00 AM—1:00 PM) or afternoon (1:00—4:00 PM) shift on Fridays. Also, someone willing to work the Sunday afternoon (1:00—4:00 PM) shift and someone willing to work either morning (10:00 AM—1:00 PM) or afternoon (1:00—4:00 PM) shift on the first Saturday of each month. If you have the time and want to volunteer, we would love to have you consider the library. Please stop by and see us on either Thursdays or Saturdays, if you have questions or want more information, about library volunteering.

WANTED:

Atascadero Veterans Memorial Foundation is looking for a Secretary and a Treasurer.

In the past two months, people in both positions have been lost. There is no pay, no fame but LOTS of satisfaction. It is a great cause to work for!

For more information, please call

466-1088 or 462-1267

Or email Annh@msn.com

When I was ready to pay for my purchases of gun powder and bullets the cashier said, “Strip down, facing me.”

Making a mental note to complain to the Patriot News about the gun registry people running amok, I did just as she had instructed.

When the hysterical shrieking had finally subsided, I found out that she was referring to my credit card.

I have been asked to shop elsewhere in the future.

They need to make their instructions to us seniors a little clearer!

CONTRIBUTION CORNER



This will be the first in a series of articles on how you can support your museum. And it's not always about money—witness our first article.

Everybody has a hobby. Most people have a passion. Finding an outlet for those talents is the basis for what makes Estrella Warbirds one of the finest aviation museums in California. The museum has grown tremendously during the past many years. It is all because of **volunteers** and the chance to work with some of the finest people around.

If you enjoy people and the stories they bring, you should definitely try being a **Docent**. If you enjoy tinkering with cars, we have plenty of vehicles in the restoration line. You don't need to be a pilot, just a love for aviation and the people associated with it. Most of the facilities and many of the planes were brought back to pristine restoration by a dedicated group of **volunteers**. It is not just planes being restored. There are vehicles, facilities which need maintaining, floors to sweep, grass to cut, planes to wash, displays to build and clean, light bulbs to change, dust to remove, letters to write, windows to wash, libraries of books to categorize, software to install, phone lines to fix, meals to cook for the **volunteers**, dishes to wash, walls to paint and even toilets to clean.

Don't think you have talent? There is something for everyone. You are bound to find someone with the same interests as you to work alongside. Got a couple of extra hours each month with nothing to do? Try **volunteering** your abilities. It's amazing what one can learn when you have a good attitude.

Your museum lives and breathes only through the contributions of its members and the public. Please consider a donation to your museum today. Keep the top portion of this page for your records and tear off the bottom portion to accompany your tax deductible gift. Make a check payable to THE ESTRELLA WARBIRDS MUSEUM.

Send it to: 4251 Dry Creek Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446

DATE _____

AMOUNT _____

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DATES TO REMEMBER!

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| Wednesday, September 4 | Dinner Meeting | 6:00pm Social/7:00pm Dinner |
| Wednesday, September 18 | Board Meeting | 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm |