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The Prez Sez

By Estrella Warbirds President
 Sherm Smoot

As I sit here in my "man cave" pondering this month's Prez Sez, I'm starting to get those melancholy feelings...

Staring at my "I love me wall", I'm starting to realize just how lucky I have been in my lifetime – No, I don't mean win the Lottery kind of luck. I mean the staying alive kind of luck. Why me? I'm not really THAT special.

We used to have a sign hanging in VF-21's ready room that said, "*You have never lived until you've almost died. Those who fight for it have a flavor for life the protected will never know.*" Those two sentences sum it up, quite nicely. This fits to a "T" our brave men and women in the military.

We will be breaking bread with our friends and family this Thanksgiving. For me, personally, this is the day I reset my "you p*ss me off" clock. Everyone gets a fresh slate to "re-p*ss me off" for the next year. That's my way of dealing with the deep things that have been on slow burn. It's also a way to give thanks to for us surviving another year, just as the pilgrims did.

Whenever I stand in front of the room at dinners or events and see all you folks, I realize how lucky I really am. You all have that "Flavor For Life" that shines through. I am always humbled to be in your presence. Thank you for supporting your museum and Happy Thanksgiving.

Now, let's go re-set our YPMO clocks.

Sherm



Wednesday
December 4, 2013
MENU



Vic's Café was used as a movie location.

Look for "The Christmas Bell" on the Hallmark Channel in the month of December!

Succulent Prime Rib

Baked Potatoes

Seasonal Salad

Yummy Veggies

Rolls

Delightful Cheesecake

Ice Tea & Coffee

\$20.00 pp

(Includes Tip & Gratuity)

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

BY MONDAY, December 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

DECEMBER PROGRAM

COME MEET THE
ONE AND ONLY
GARY RYAN
HERE AT EWM
FOR A
RETURN
ENGAGEMENT

Estrella Warbirds Museum



Estrella Warbirds Museum founder, Gary Ryan, wears many hats. He has been a licensed pilot since high school, earned his degree from UC Berkley in architecture, was a radio announcer, has his Captain's license to pilot a 100-ton water craft on the ocean, is a businessman owning Goofy Graphics (a sign company in Morro Bay), AND is an accomplished musician playing jazz guitar, banjo and piano in a style he describes as "kind of a jazzy be-bop"! Gary has also been building a home-built aircraft for the last 8 years and plans to use it to escape from his assisted living quarters in a few years!

Gary spent over 20 years on the road with the likes of Bing Crosby, Dean Martin and Rosemary Clooney. He finally settled down in Morro Bay. He performs at several well-known jazz festivals, including those in Mammoth, Monterey and Palm Springs. He, also, plays for special parties aboard the "Tiger Follies II" and shares Captains duties with another skipper.

On December 4th, he will entertain us by playing and singing Christmas carols in a manner you have never heard or seen before!

DINNER RESERVATIONS

Please note the price for our special December dinner!

The January 2014 monthly dinner will be held on Thursday, January 2, 2014. Dinner reservations WILL ONLY be accepted, on line or by telephone, until 6:00 PM, on the Monday prior to the monthly meeting. That date will be Monday, December 30, 2013.

A special thank you to those of you who pay by check, credit card, or present the correct cash amount.

We do appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Kathy Boyte & Mary Anne Gorham

GIFT SHOP GAB

Jackie Brooks, Manager

Our new Gift Shop has just what you are looking for in a Christmas gift. We have new T-shirts for adults and children that are sure to be a hit! We have several styles in children's military jackets. These go fast so be sure to get one early! We have books by our wonderful speakers and museum members with many of them being autographed by the author. Hats are especially popular, as well as the many new coffee cup designs we have in stock. New metal posters are available as well as the ever popular "Rosie" items. Come check out our new assortment of gift items soon.



**REMEMBER: We are "OPEN" from 5:45 to 6:45 PM before our dinner meetings.
FOR 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!

PAPA DUCKS POND

Woodland Family Collection

Ford—Model A—"Huckster"

This type of huckster conversion was prevalent on numerous vehicles during the 1920's through the early 1940's.



What is a Ford Huckster? The "Huckster" was not a Ford model, but rather a style of converted vehicle used in the early part of the 20th century. Normally built by converting a pick-up body, although most models could be used, the rear of this type of vehicle was often fitted with a wood enclosure which had plenty of space for wares. Normally, they had cloth or leather panels to allow easy access to the rear portion of the vehicle which was filled with goods for sale. In other words, this was a conversion built expressly for peddlers, or "hucksters", and used for delivering small goods such as fruits, vegetables or ???.

From 1928 to 1931, nearly 5 million Model A Fords were produced in approximately 15 different body configurations. The 1931 Model sold for as low as \$435 to a high of \$625.

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MUSEUM MUSINGS

with **Alexandrea Helms**



DID YOU KNOW?

The motorcycle display in the Woodland Auto Collection gets to remain with us until the end of December. If you haven't seen it, you had better hurry!

ALSO, the #4 "Tamale Wagon" Sprint Car with the Moser 4 cam engine, was removed and going to Perris, CA during their Oval Nationals 3 day race where it will be set up as a static display with a booth promoting the EWM/Woodland Auto Display and the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame and Museum in Knoxville. Quarterly Board of Directors meeting will be held here on the west coast.

OUR VISITOR COMMENTS:

"I like this place better than Castle Air Museum in Atwater"

"Great indoor displays"

"You have added a lot of really nice displays"

"We, especially, love all these indoor displays"

"We can't believe we have never come before and we live in Paso"

"We are definitely coming back for the Air Show and/or Warbirds, Wings and Wheels"

"You have really grown a lot since I was last here"

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

We are open Thursday—Sunday from 10 AM to 4 PM.

All you need is a smile to apply. If you have ever said to yourself, "I'm bored" this is the place for you. Our Docents meet lots of new, fun people from all over the world. They love to share their stories with us and how much it means to be able to bring their families here and show them the wonderful exhibits. You can volunteer from 10 AM—1 PM or 1 PM to 4 PM on any day we are open. This is YOUR museum and it needs all of our support. Hope to hear from you soon.

ILLNESS AND CONCERN:

Andrea J. Taylor, 61, wife of George Taylor, Past President of the Estrella Warbirds Museum, passed away after an extended courageous battle with cancer, on Tuesday, November 12, 2013. She leaves behind her husband of 41 years, two daughters and their spouses and grandchildren. Andrea was an avid Dodgers and 49ers fan. She attended and graduated from Lompoc area schools, with achievements in tennis and track. She got an AS Degree as a dental assistant from Allen Hancock College. She was George's bookkeeper for their locally owned 76 service station. She loved playing slow pitch, golf and riding horses. Her service was held Tuesday, November 19, at the Queen of Angeles Catholic Church, located in Lompoc. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the City of Hope Cancer Center, 1500 East Duarte Road, Duarte, CA 91010 or online at cityofhope.org.

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

Thanks to many generous donations, we are getting more books every month. Please come in and see what is now available. I want to remind everyone, that as a EWM member, you are able to check out books. I encourage all of you to stop by and take advantage of your library.



Tom Gorham



What a fun way to introduce your own family to the world of books. Bring them in to find that special book you can take home and share reading and exploring. If they have a love of airplanes, they will love looking through this collection.

PLEASE REMEMBER!

The library is open from 5:30 to 6:30 PM on the monthly dinner meeting evenings. This would be a great time to give us a look if you still haven't dropped by to check us out!



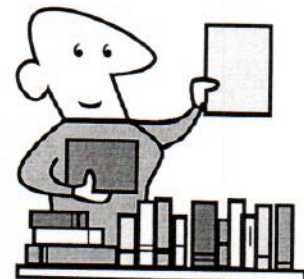
We recently received several books on the B-17 aircraft.

We have, also, received magazine sets devoted to the 2nd World War and military vehicles.

We are open when your museum is open.

We are still looking for volunteers willing to donate a few ours on Fridays and Sundays.

Like peace and quiet? You will find it here!

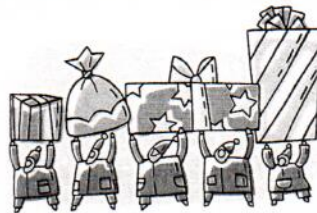


CONTRIBUTION CORNER



EVER SPEND CHRISTMAS AWAY FROM HOME?

You have an opportunity to make a difference in the life of a service member. Bring one of the following items to our **December 4th** dinner and put it in our **Supplies for Soldiers** container located in our dining hall: **Snacks:** (No chocolate) Dried Fruit, Flavored Coffee Creamer (sm), Hard Candy, Red Vine Licorice, Gum, Sunflower Seeds, Beef Jerky, ANY individual small snack packages **Comfort Items:** DVD's (old and new), Handheld Electronic Games, Puzzle Books, Batteries (AA, AAA, C), Glad Ware Plastic Containers, Glade Stick Ups—Room Deodorizers, Small Squirt Bottles, Battery Operated Fan.



If you have a loved one or friend that is deployed, contact SuppliesForSoldiers@charter.net and they will be on the mailing list. Monetary donations can be sent to Supplies For Soldiers, P.O. Box 1511, Paso Robles, CA 93447.

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

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No goods or services were provided as a result of your contribution.

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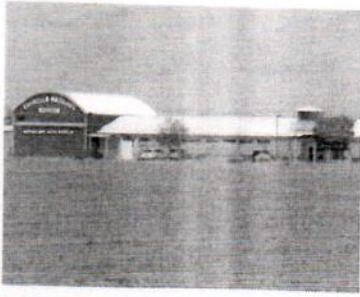
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DATES TO REMEMBER!

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