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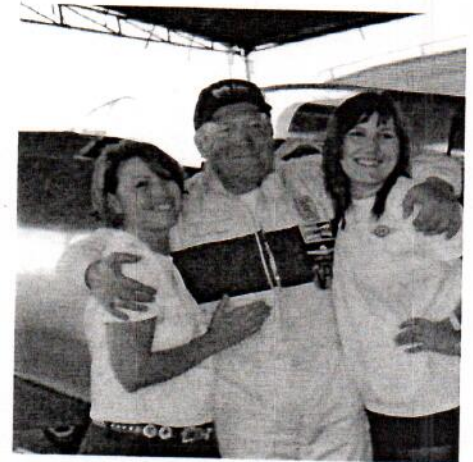
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The Prez Sez

By Estrella Warbirds President
 Sherm Smoot

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It's that time of year again. Getting all those Christmas decorations out of the attic, dusted off, and placed where the wife wants them. Ah yes, decorating the Christmas tree - A real family affair. I never could sing worth a darn, but nonetheless, I was bellowing "Jingle Bells" from the shower this morning with my Aussie pup quizzically looking at me like I was from Mars. Laurie and I are thrilled our kids will be with us this holiday season. So, from our home to yours, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

There are a lot people struggling during these economic times. I hope you will, if at all possible, help those in need through our local charities this holiday season. Donate, volunteer, and help!

In the IT'S YOUR MUSEUM paragraph, I was a little disappointed at our December dinner meeting stats. You see, we had 108 reservations for Larry's prime rib dinner. However, only 88 folks showed. What this means is that YOU pay Larry for 108 meals and eat (lose) the income on the other 20. Not a great way to run YOUR museum. There will be some new procedures on the reservation process presented to the Board for approval. Hopefully these new procedures will mitigate this nagging problem. Like all businesses, we need to continue to look for ways to maximize our resources.

We will have a POS system in place by the first of the year. We will finally have a way to efficiently and quickly track inventory. Finally, Jackie will have a modern system at her fingertips. We continue to march forward.

As a reminder, the date of our next Dinner Meeting is **THURSDAY, January 2, 2014**. We moved the dinner one day due to Wednesday falling on January 1st.

Prayers to you and all in harms way – Happy Holidays,

Sherm

**Thursday
January 2, 2014
MENU**



Baked Chicken
Roasted Red Potatoes
Green Salad
Seasonal Veggies
Rolls
Apple Crisp
Ice Tea & Coffee

\$17.00 pp

(Includes Tip & Gratuity)

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

BY MONDAY, December 30th

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

JANUARY PROGRAM

Estrella Warbirds Museum



CHP Officer Todd Brethour (Helicopter Pilot, AS350B3)
California Highway Patrol – Coastal Division Air Operations

Graduated Saugus High School - 1994

Graduated UC Davis: 1998 - Major: Microbiology Minor: Hydrologic Science

Enlisted in US Army: 1998 - 2004

Studied Korean at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA.

Overseas Service: - Camp Zama, Japan (2000 – 2002)

- Yongsan Garrison, South Korea (2002 – 2004)

Helicopter Flight Training: 2005 (Private, Commercial, Instrument, CFI and CFI – Instrument)

CHP Academy: May-December 2006

Newhall Area CHP Office: 2006-2009 - Field Training Officer and Drug Recognition Expert

Coastal Air Operations: April 2009-Present - Aviation Safety Officer and Maintenance Officer

Helicopter Flight Experience: ~2,000 PIC hours w/over 1,000 in AS350B3.

ASSIGNMENT: CHP Coastal Division Air Operations

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DINNER RESERVATION NOTATION

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 payment.

We do appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Kathy Boyte & Mary Anne Gorham



Hello Mr. Marrett,

Here is little background information on myself and Officer Todd Brethour. We look forward to meeting your group Thursday, January 2, 2014. We will provide an overview of the CHP Air Operations program, specifically Coastal Division which stretches from the southern San Jose County line to the northern Los Angeles County line, and east to the Diablo Mountain Range (Carrizo Plains) and the Los Padres National Forest. I will discuss our role, mission, and typical daily activities. I welcome any questions that your members may have. I will use a laptop to show a short video for part of our presentation.

CHP Officer Marlon Varin (Airplane Pilot, C-206H)

Is a native San Luis Obispo County resident. He attended schools in Shandon, Creston, Templeton, and Santa Margarita. Upon graduating from Atascadero High School in 1979 he joined the US Navy where he served aboard the Fast Attack Submarine USS Flasher SSN 613 as an electrician. Marlon began State service with the California Department of Corrections in 1983. He worked as a Correctional Officer at the California Men's Colony in San Luis Obispo for a year before joining the CHP in October of 1984. Upon Graduation from the CHP Academy Officer Varin was assigned to the King City Area as a patrolman for three years after which he became a fixed wing flight officer in the Coastal Division airplane (Cessna 185). In 1989 Marlon transferred to the Marin CHP Area where he worked the Golden Gate Bridge most of the time. Additional CHP assignments include the Napa Area, Golden Gate Division in Vallejo as a Physical Fitness and EMT Program Coordinator, San Luis Obispo Area, and the Templeton Area. Officer Varin has been assigned to the Coastal Division Air Operation unit as an airplane pilot for the past 10 years. Marlon took a three year sabbatical from the CHP in 1994 to return to college at UC Davis where he completed a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology with a minor in Education. During his absence from the CHP, Marlon worked as a Vacaville City Police Officer assigned to patrol for two years. In his off-duty time Marlon enjoys singing in the 'Just Country Band' and driving around his place on his 'new (1955 Ford) tractor' chasing squirrels.

Officer Varin holds a Private, Instrument, Commercial, and CFI Airplane ratings. He has accumulated approximately 4,100 hours PIC time in airplanes.

PAPA DUCKS POND

Woodland Family Collection

COME CHECK OUT THE "PINK LADY"

A new race car has been added to the collection. The pink Ladies, there were 6 over the years, and their owner, Art Sugai, were very successful and very famous throughout the northwestern United States.



This particular version, a Grant King offset roadster super-modified, was built in 1962 and raced very successfully by future Indianapolis star, Art Pollard, among others.

Did you notice that the '55 Chevy and '32 Ford Roadster were gone? AND, the 1941 Ford Super Deluxe convertible, which had been at the shop for several months, is back!

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MUSEUM MUSINGS

with **Alexandrea Helms**



HISTORICAL FACTS

Adopting a name to memorialize the World War II Estrella Army Air Force Base that is now Paso Robles Municipal Airport, the Museum was chartered in 1995 as a not-for-profit California corporation, and 501(c)3 accreditation soon followed to establish us with the US Departments of Navy and Air Force, as well as the state of California, as an organization approved to receive surplus aircraft and other government properties.

Located on the airport proper, the Museum is one of the few “fly-in or drive-in” facilities in the nation.

A most ambitious plan took wing as the Estrella Warbirds Museum, in which the primary goal would be to preserve, perpetuate, and display American aviation history, especially that of our nation’s military services.

Land is from the City of Paso Robles, which leases four acres to the Museum at \$1 per year for 40 years. On this property a 64’ x 80’ all metal hangar, the first of four buildings in the Museum’s general plan, was built for the most part by a handful of volunteers, pilots and aviation enthusiasts. With help from local contractors and businessmen, the hangar was up and ready for occupancy in only three months, which is remarkable in its own right.

Next followed two 50’ x 100’ buildings, one a restoration facility and workshop, and the other our membership meeting hall, which can also be used as a modest convention center in that it was complete with a kitchen. Also completed was the 300 square foot library and research facility, Aviation Research Center, above the Glen Thomson Hall.

(Historical research by MSgt Al Davis)

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:

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.

PECKINPAUGH LIBRARY BOOKNOTES

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 are adding new materials all the time. Recent books include several relating to the WWII US Army.



Tom Gorham

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO VOLUNTEER?

Enjoy flexible hours, quiet environment, place to do reading on your own, meeting people from all over the world, a place to spend some time on a Friday or Sunday. Give us a try.....

GIFT SHOP GAB

Jackie Brooks, Manager

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 to Sunday, 10AM to 4 PM

Phone 238-9317 or Jackie 703-0028

We look forward to hearing from you!



Check out the new jackets for our future pilots and military leaders!

A sure hit for the kids!



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

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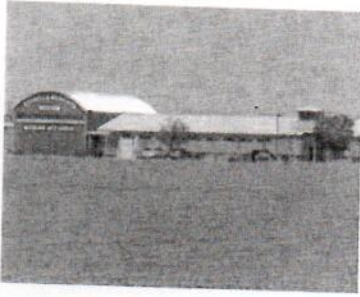
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DATES TO REMEMBER!

Thursday, January 2	Dinner Meeting	6:00pm Social/7:00pm Dinner
Wednesday, January 15	Board Meeting	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm