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#### REMEMBER:

**Dinner reservations  
will only be accepted,  
on line or by phone,  
until 6:00PM Mar 3rd**

**NOTE: New phone #  
805-296-1935**

## Estrella Warbirds Museum The EAGLE Honoring the Past—Inspiring the Future NEWSLETTER Vol. 19, Number 3 March, 2014 Paso Robles, CA

### The Prez Sez

By Estrella Warbirds President  
Sherm Smoot

Welcome to February and a few drops of rain...

Our volunteer appreciation dinner get together was a big success. We had over 100 volunteers eating tacos and enjoying the wines donated from Bella Luna Estate Winery and Venteux Vineyards. I understand that some of our volunteers did not receive invitations. I sincerely apologize for this. We did our best to include all, but I know we missed a few. Not that I like Hollywood, but I now know what it feels like when you win an award and you're on stage trying to thank everyone and miss a few... Embarrassing. We have, oh so many, hard working folks. I just can't thank them enough. We will strive to keep better-updated records of all our volunteers.

Since I'm on the subject, the Woodland Auto Display is expanding again. We will need twice as many volunteer/docents to man the display. When the Pfauter building gets done, we will need even more. Please consider helping. YOUR museum needs you. It's easy and a lot of fun. You might even learn some things in the process. We are discussing a volunteer incentive program to help reward those who dedicate their time at the museum. We will be discussing this at our next BOD meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>.

All building projects are moving ahead. We have entered negotiations with the city for 2 five-acre parcels just west of us. Hopefully, they believe in this museum as we do and will work with us as we expand.

As a reminder, we have a new monthly dinner scheduling/payment system. To make reservations, simply call or text a message to 805-296-1935. Then record or text your name and the number in your party. WOW, isn't that easy?

As a reminder, the two major program dates are set for this year. The "Warbirds, Wings, and Wheels 6" Car Show is set for May 10, 2014 and the "Warbirds Over Paso" Air Show is set for Nov. 1, 2014. Mark your Calendars! The word is out that famed racecar driver, Mr. Bobbie Unser, will be the guest celebrity at the car show. The Planes of Fame will be back and we will have a great program of other performers, as well.

In the IT'S YOUR MUSEUM paragraph, I want to remind everyone of the rare stuff we have on display here. We have displays here that are irreplaceable - In other words, *priceless*. I encourage all to come visit and see for your selves. Bring the family, grand kids, friends, and neighbors. You can even bring a liberal progressive friend - They may soon be as rare as our stuff... Oops.

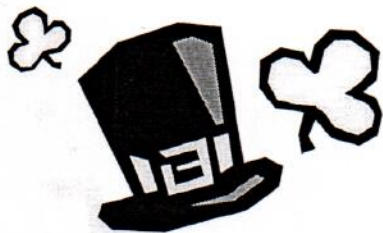
As a reminder, the date of our next Dinner Meeting is **Wednesday, March 5, 2014.**

Prayers to you and all in harms way,

*Sherm*



**Wednesday  
March 5, 2014  
MENU**



Corn Beef and Cabbage  
Green Salad  
Red Potatoes  
Carrots  
Corn Muffins  
St. Patty's Dessert  
Ice Tea & Coffee

\$17.00 pp

(Includes Tip & Gratuity)

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

**BY MONDAY, MARCH 3rd**

805-296-1935 You can leave a voice  
message or text to this number.

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

**MARCH PROGRAM**

Estrella Warbirds Museum

D. Kenneth Richardson

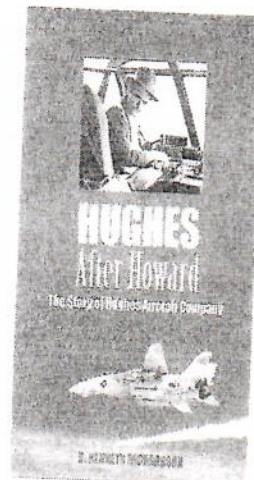
Biography

November 2013

Ken Richardson retired in 1991 as President and Chief Operating Officer of Hughes Aircraft Company. He served for forty years in key technical and management positions. As President, Richardson directed the operations of 80,000 employees with 12,000 products and annual sales over \$12 billion. This aerospace firm was one of the top ten US defense contractors, ranked world-first in military electronics, and was the largest private employer in California and in Arizona. Major products were radars, guided missiles, electro-optical sensors, computers, displays, and training devices. Also remarkable was its being the world's leading developer, producer, and operator of satellite systems.

Richardson received a BS in Mechanical Engineering magna cum laude from Tufts University, an MSME cum laude from USC, an MBA from UCLA, and the UCLA Executive Program Certificate. He has received many public honors and awards, including Alumnus of the Year from three Universities. He has been on the Tufts board of trustees and five charitable organizations, and wrote *Hughes After Howard The Story of Hughes Aircraft Company* (website [hughesafterhoward.com](http://hughesafterhoward.com)).

Ken resides with his wife Charlotte in Santa Barbara, California. He was born in Hawaii, raised two sons and enjoys four grandchildren. A diverse recreational life included competitive football and swimming, surfing, scuba diving, backpacking, yacht sailing, private flying, and world travel.



Ken is no stranger to our museum. He first visited us in 2006 as construction began on the Museum building, donating toward our finish of this building. Later he acquired many of our missiles for us. Ken's book "Hughes After Howard: The Story of Hughes Aircraft Company" is on sale in our gift shop.

For our dinner, he will talk about "A Child's View of the 1941 Attack on Pearl Harbor."

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!!!!!!!!!

**NEW VOLUNTEER!** We are happy to announce the appointment of John Everett as Safety Manager for the Museum and Woodland Auto Display. He has a background of more than 35 years as a firefighter and is familiar with fire safety and fire prevention. He will be in charge of the overall safety program for the Museum volunteers, paid staff and docents.

The EWM Safety Team (Committee) is charged with developing and overseeing safety policies and programs for the Museum and the Woodland Auto Display. There are four members of the team: John Everett, Rob Kinnear, Alexandra Helms, and Gary Woodall. There are, already, a handful of items on the agenda of the Team. They will be meeting monthly to work through these items and more.

Past Presidents George Taylor and Rob Kinnear are to be recognized for their groundbreaking work in developing a sound safety policy for the Museum. In addition, George was the father of the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) Program. Thanks to both of you for your very good work!

## DID WE ALREADY TELL YOU THAT WE NEED VOLUNTEERS?????

The library, gift shop, museum and Woodland Auto Display are all in need of **YOUR** help.

### RESTORATION:

This aircraft is painted as it would have appeared flying for the USAF in Korea in 1952 or 1953. Because all of the RF-86's had some or all of the machine guns removed, they were painted as 336th Fighter Interceptor Squadron aircraft to fool the other guys. Some aircraft actually had gun ports painted on the nose. Come and check out this beauty! **VOLUNTEER** to be a part of the next ongoing project!



F-86F built by No. American for the USAF



Wing Nut crew: Rob Kinnear, Gary Woodall, Charlie Harber, Ron Boyte & Chuck Kincannon all helped with this project.



### GIFT SHOP:

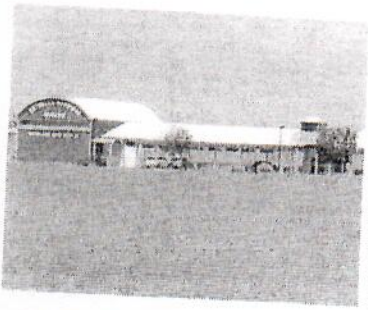
We have 16 days a month (3 hour shifts) to choose from and **ONLY** 10 volunteers!  
**YES, WE NEED HELP!!!!!!**

**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!



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### **PAPA DUCKS POND**

Woodland Family Collection

This car is a **MUST SEE!** Come take a look at the 1951 Allard K-2 now resting in the Woodland Auto Display

There were 119 of these K-2 models built and only 79 came to the U.S.



World champion, Phil Hill, and Carrol Shelby both drove these cars with great success. The Allard's won major US races at Watkins Glen, NY, Pebble Beach, CA, as well as Sebring, FL and Monte Carlo. Many believe this is what sold Carrol Shelby on the concept of a light weight sports car chassis with a large and powerful American V-8 engine. He went to the drawing boards and shortly after, the Shelby Cobra was a reality.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER!**

Wednesday, March 5	Dinner Meeting	6:00pm Social/7:00pm Dinner
Wednesday, March 19	Board Meeting	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm