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**REMEMBER:**

**Dinner reservations  
 will only be accepted,  
 on line or by phone,  
 until 6:00PM Mar 31st**

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

**Estrella Warbirds Museum**  
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**The Prez Sez**

By Estrella Warbirds President  
 Sherm Smoot



Welcome to March, St Patrick's Day, and tax season, oh my...

We continue to work toward streamlining our operation. Our V.P., Margi Bauer, will be assuming a few more responsibilities. Margi will be in charge of our Donor/Sponsor database. She and her team will finally get all of our donors/sponsors cataloged in one location – Namely an Excel spreadsheet. Vital to our success, these donors must be tracked, nurtured, and thanked profusely for all their generosity. We will continue to fight for more grant money. Thousands of grants go un-tapped each and every year. We are determined not to miss out on these opportunities. I have tasked Sue Dollemore, our grant writer, to leave no stone unturned. To her credit, she immediately contacted PG&E for a grant to help with our two building projects. We met with their representative and Sue feels confident we will get a grant to help offset the construction cost of these buildings. Without these vital tools, we will continue to struggle. I, for one, am tired of watching this fantastic museum struggle!

I will repeat this - 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! Famed racecar driver, Mr. Bobby 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. We need volunteers!

In the IT'S YOUR MUSEUM segment, more things are arriving at the museum. Gary has done it again! A piece of one of the big gun barrels from the USS Missouri will be here soon - Plaque, stand and all, thanks to a generous donor.

As a reminder, the date of our next Dinner Meeting is **Wednesday, April 2, 2014**. Bring a friend and make your reservation by calling 805.296.1935 or going to our website, then Activities, then Event Registration, and then monthly dinner reservations.

Prayers to you and all in harms way.

Cheers,

*Sherm*

# Wednesday April 2, 2014 MENU



- Ham
- Scalloped Potatoes
- Green Salad
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Rolls and Butter
- Tax Season Dessert
- Ice Tea & Coffee

\$17.00 pp

(Includes Tip & Gratuity)

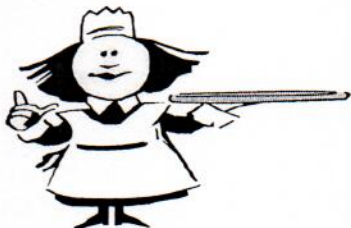
**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED  
BY MONDAY, MARCH 31st**

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

or

Use our Website Link:

[www.ewarbirds.org/dinnerrsvp.html](http://www.ewarbirds.org/dinnerrsvp.html)



**SOCIAL HOUR** 6:00 PM

**DINNER** 7:00 PM

## APRIL PROGRAM



Estrella Warbirds Museum 2013



MCAS El Toro, CA 1972

Ron Mullisen completed a 33-year career at California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly), San Luis Obispo as a mechanical engineering professor. Now retired, he still teaches part-time in his retirement. His bachelor of science in mechanical engineering was at Cal Poly (1969) and PhD at Colorado State University (1983).

Mullisen served in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he flew the A-6 all-weather attack jet in Vietnam ('72-'73, 80 missions, 5 air medals). He and his wife Claire live in Los Osos. They have two grown children and three granddaughters.

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### WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

An old helicopter pilot feared his wife wasn't hearing as well as she used to and he thought she might need a hearing aid.

Not quite sure how to approach her, he called the family doctor to discuss the problem.

The Doctor told him there is an informal test the husband could perform to give the doctor a better idea about her hearing loss.

"Here's what you do," he said, "stand about 40 ft. away from her, and in a normal conversational speaking tone see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 ft, 20 ft, and so on until you get a response."

That evening, the wife is in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he was in the den. He thinks he is about 40 ft away and asks (in a normal tone), "Honey, what's for dinner?" No response. He, then, moves closer to the kitchen, at 30 ft., asks again with no response. He moves closer to about 20 ft away, asks the question, again with no response. He even goes up to 10 ft away from his wife and asks the question with no response.

So, he walks right up behind her, "Honey, what's for dinner?"

**"Bill, for the fifth time....CHICKEN!"**

**Estrella Warbirds Museum and Woodland Auto Display** in Paso Robles will be hosting their 6th annual Warbirds, Wings and Wheels Car Show. Over 250 classic cars, hot rods, motorcycles, race cars and boats will be on display along with all the military vehicles and planes and the auto display.

One of the greatest names in racing history **Bobby Unser** is coming to Paso Robles on May 10th, to participate in our 6th Warbirds, Wings and Wheels car show. Bobby worked his way up the ranks the hard way, plenty of dirt tracks and a lead foot on the gas pedal! Thirteen times he was the fastest up Pikes Peak, 4 times he was the International Race of Champions winner (IROC), 49 times he held the pole position in Indy race cars and three times he took home the trophy as the Indy 500 race winner. Bobby will be on hand to meet and greet the participants and spectators and to sign autographs.

**Firestone Walker Brewing Company** will be on hand poring some of their award winning beers along with several food vendors, craft vendors and historical displays. Music will be provided all day by the classic rock band **Triple Threat**.

Ever had a ride in a **vintage warbird** on your bucket list? Well, here is your chance for a ride in a **T34 trainer** for \$300 or a **T28 trainer** for \$650. A portion of each plane ride is tax deductible as a donation to the museum. Don't miss out on your chance to go for a ride in a fully restored piece of American history.

**The North County Cloud Clippers** are dedicated to the building and flying of radio controlled model aircraft. They will be doing flying exhibitions at 11 AM and 1 PM. They will have a display of their airplanes for all to observe up close and personal.

**WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS** to help with setup on Friday, work on the day of the car show and cleanup on Sunday morning. After the car show is over on Saturday, we will be having a volunteer appreciation dinner in the hangar complete with free beer and wine, as a thank you for helping to make our car show another huge success. If you are interested in volunteering please email me at: [dverstuyft@aol.com](mailto:dverstuyft@aol.com) or give me a call at 805-467-2640.

Carol Verstuyft

**WANTED:** Used metal fence posts. If you have any metal fence posts you would like to donate or sell we could use them for the Warbirds, Wings & Wheels Car Show fencing. Please contact Dan or Carol at 805-467-2640

## **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.**



### **GIFT SHOP:**

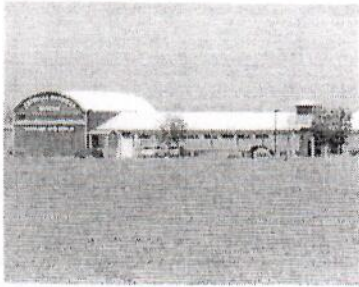
We have 16 days a month (3 hour shifts) to choose from and **ONLY** 10 volunteers!  
YES, WE NEED HELP!!!!!!

**Gift shop & Library 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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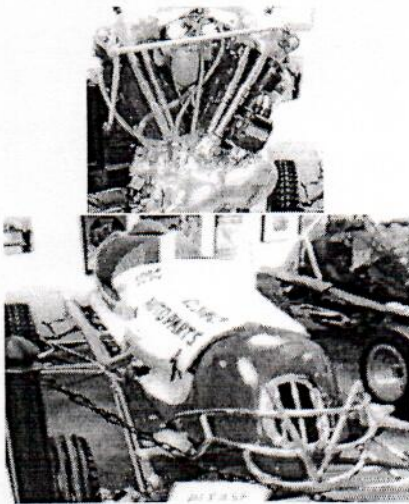
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**Paso Robles, CA 93446**

## **PAPA DUCKS POND**

Woodland Family Collection



### **1940's Drake Engine**

The water cooled Harley Davidson Drake engine, like this one on display, were often called "Shakers" or "Poppers" because of the extreme vibration of the engine and the sound of the engine exhaust.

They were exceptional custom builds by Drake Engineering, based on Harley Davidson "Knucklehead" air cooled motorcycle engines.

The Drake engines were 97 cu in and could produce approx. 95 hp in addition to having tremendous torque.

OWNER: Ron Weber—Fresno, CA

**BIG EVENT: Bobby Unser and his third Indianapolis 500 winning 1981 Penske PC9B Norton Spirit Indy Car coming to our Warbirds, Wings, and Wheels on May 10, 2014.**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER!**

|                     |                |                             |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Wednesday, April 2  | Dinner Meeting | 6:00pm Social/7:00pm Dinner |
| Wednesday, April 16 | Board Meeting  | 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm          |