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The Prez Sez

By Estrella Warbirds President
 Sherm Smoot



Alas, the summer heat is upon us...

I begin this post on a sad note. We lost Bob Berg to an unfortunate aircraft accident on Saturday June 7, 2014 at approximately 1000 hours. Bob was a huge supporter of EWM. He will be sadly missed. We wish his family our condolences during this tough time.

We are starting to crank up the annual Warbirds Over Paso Air Show. We are always looking for sponsors, so please let all your business friends know that we have sponsorships available. We are always in need of volunteers to head up various airshow functions. Legendary Clay Lacy will be here, as well as others, in his Lear doing a great airshow.

YOUR MUSEUM continues to move ahead. We now have three projects making their way through the city building permit process. They are Woodland Bldg. 3, Red Ball Express Motorpool Bldg., and Hangar one extension. The meeting with the city of Paso Robles, in our offer to lease the two parcels west of us, went very smoothly. So far, they are behind the museum. We still have some minefields to navigate, but we will get it done. I am currently drawing up a letter to the city outlining our future master plan usage of those parcels beginning with a 150x150 Hangar/Display bldg. The general idea here is to make our current location all about vehicles and military artifacts, **other than aircraft**. The 2 new parcels will be **all about aircraft and about aviation**. So as you come into our existing widened entrance, parking will be between the aviation side on the west and non-aviation side on the east – A huge campus like environment surrounded by museum artifacts. Yes, that means we will eventually move all of our static display aircraft to the aviation side of the museum. We may even mimic a D-day beachhead, where the planes used to be, to rest our Higgins LST with all the accouterments. This will also free up Hangar one for use as more display area and banquet hall. Big dreams maybe, but I do believe! Remember, the problem isn't getting the money for these buildings, but it is keeping the lights on!

As a reminder, the date of our next Dinner Meeting is **Wednesday, July 2, 2014**. Make your reservations by calling 805.296.1935 or going to our website, then Activities, then Event Registration, and then monthly dinner reservations. We are always on a membership drive. Thanks for your continued support.

My prayers to you and all in harms way,

Sherm

**Thursday
July 2, 2014
MENU**



BBQ Chicken
Chili Beans
Veggie Pasta Salad
French Bread
4th of July Dessert
Ice Tea & Coffee
\$17.00 pp
(Includes Tip & Gratuity)

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
BY MONDAY, June 30th**

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

or

Use our Website Link:

www.ewarbirds.org/dinnerrsvp.html



SOCIAL HOUR 6:00 PM

DINNER 7:00 PM

JULY PROGRAM

Estrella Warbirds Museum

Rod Dykhouse, long time member of
the Estrella Warbirds Museum.

Native Californian born in Glendale.

Flew a little over 1,000 hours of
combat missions during his tour in
Viet Nam.



Rod Dykhouse graduated from Bellflower High School in the class of 1967. Rod was studying Electrical engineering at Cerritos College but was interested in learning how to fly, so he took the US Army's aptitude tests for entry into flight school and scored very high. Rod was accepted into flight school so he dropped out of college and joined the Army. He graduated number 11 out of 141 in his flight class and volunteered to go to Vietnam. Rod flew mostly in II Corp with many flights into Cambodia during his last three months in Vietnam.

Rod was employed by the Long Beach Fire Department after coming home from Vietnam where he worked for 27-1/2 years and was promoted to the rank of Captain early in his career. During the Rodney King riots he was a task force commander during days one, three, and five of the riots. Only the task force commander wears a red helmet and carries a radio, quite a target! Rod was qualified at the Long Beach International Airport as a member of the crash rescue crew and was a California State certified instructor in airport crash and rescue operations. He had the city's fire fighting foam rig at his station, was a graduate of the liquid fire fighting school at Texas A&M and has been on or led teams into four oil refinery fires. Rod retired from the fire Department as the Captain of a 90-foot ocean going fireboat in the Long Beach Harbor.

Rod continues to fly and holds an ATP, multi-engine land certificate, commercial single engine land, commercial rotorcraft helicopter, instrument helicopter, and three instructor ratings. He built an RV4 experimental aircraft with a full IFR panel and after moving to the Templeton area used this airplane as his commuter to go to work in Long Beach for the last 9-1/2 years of his career. Rod has a little over 8,200 hours of flight time and was airborne during 9/11. He has a great story to tell about that experience!

Rod is now an active race official in the Sports Car Club of America and works as a "flagger" or communicator at professional races. He is also a licensed race driver and competed in the SCCA regional races having won 25 races and two season championships during the last 7 years.

GIFT SHOP GAB

Jackie Brooks, Manager

The Car Show was a great success again this year!

We had many volunteer Gift Shop folks. With their help the Gift Shop did a great business! The following folks are regular Gift Shop volunteers who do whatever is needed:

Arnold & Linda Hermansen
 Nancy Spitzer
 June Cunningham
 Pam Kressley
 Peggy Basarab
 Jayne & Paul Sacks
 Jean & Rick Campbell
 Alexandria Helms



Gift Shop Volunteers took care of the items for sale both inside the museum and outside. We had many happy shoppers at WWW6!

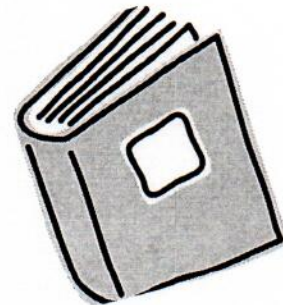
We have a good selection of books available with more arriving every day.

Check out the clocks, and metal signs now available.

We still have Youth and adult sizes: navy Blue "Ghost Planes" shirts
 From the Air show.....REDUCED to clear.

We carry all items from the Woodland Auto Display.
 Hats, shirts, label pins, mugs and wine glasses.

REMEMBER: We are "OPEN" from 5:45 to 6:45 PM
 before 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!

WINNERS OF THE DIFFERENT CLASSES IN WWW6

- Class A—We had no entries
 Class B—Sherm Porter with a bronze/black 1932 Roadster
 Class C—Jerry Rava with a red/orange 1940 Buick
 Class D—Steve Dawson with a red/white Chevy Bel-Air
 Class E—Tom Young with a Cadillac
 Class F—Carl Weber with a red/black Chevelle
 Class G—Robert Friedrichson with a purple 1940 Ford
 Class H—Rodney Byrd with a burgundy/black Studebaker
 Class I—Black Walls with a yellow El Camino
 Class J—Michael Hall with a charcoal Challenger
 Class K—Danny Shaffer with a red 1962 Corvette
 Class L—Terry Ricker with a Corvette
 Class M—Robert Hoefker with a charcoal Mustang
 Class N—Bob Chute with a green Mustang
 Class O—Jeff Welder with a red T-Bird
 Class P—Craig Bourdon with a turquoise 1965 Dodge
 Class Q—Rusty Pauls with a red/white Cobra
 Class R—John Goodman with a teal Sebring MX
 Class S—Micah Gammons with a black Roadster Model T
 Class T—Kevin Wright with a Triumph
 Class U—Tom McNamara with a grey Kubelwagen
 Class V—No Award (Exhibition Only)
 Class W—Steve Cismowski with a yellow Dodge Challenger

WINNER OF THE TOUR FOR TWO TO JAY LENO'S BIG DOG GARAGE

“Lucky” Larry Demry of Escondido, CA. He and his wife stopped by to tour the museum a couple of months ago on their way up north and he purchased some tickets. When I (Carol D) called them to say he had won, his wife was so excited and was screaming “you won, you won” when I asked to speak to “Lucky” Larry. They have their tour planned in July to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. On their honeymoon they toured the Corvette Museum and planned this tour to celebrate their anniversary.



WWW6 REPORT FROM CAROL VERSTUYFT

On Friday night we hosted a Meet and Greet Dinner with Bobby Unser at LaVigne Winery for the car show participants. This gave them a chance to spend some one on one time with Bobby Unser without the spectator crowds on Saturday. Bob Chute from Paso Robles Magazine held an impromptu question and answer session with Bobby after dinner. It was then time for questions from the audience. Their were some great stories shared by some of the old time Sprint car racers that were in attendance that had raced with Bobby in the past. We had 102 people that attended the event and all came away with a smile on their face and a signed autographed hero card from Bobby. The night was definitely a home run hit for the car show.

A special thank you to the car show committee .
Howard Love, Jim Stainbrook, Toni Moore, Wayne Rice,
Dick and Claudia Woodland and Dan Verstuyft.

THANK YOU

I would also like to thank our many volunteers for all of their hard work before, during and after the car show. Without them we would not have been successful.



BE SURE TO SUPPORT OUR WWW6 SPONSORS AND VENDORS

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America West Tires	Paso Air Tours
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Moonlight Mechanic	Wilber Construction, Inc.
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VENDORS:

Ely's Sweet Tooth	America's Tire
G-Brothers Kettlecorn	Smith Motorgroup
Grandma Bonnie	Freckles the Clown
Italian Ice	Sunny Country Radio
Kara Murgurian—Summer Vending	Michael Bausch
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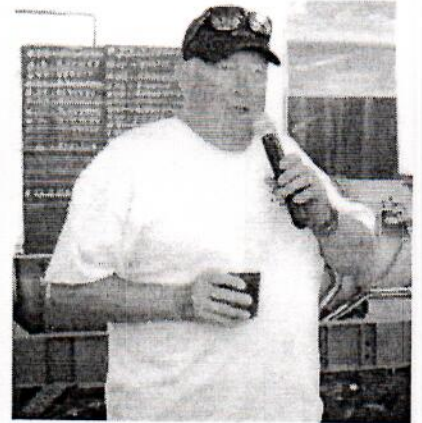
Photos by Mike Levine



Lisa and Bobby Unser gave us a great event. Pictured here with Jim Stainbrook



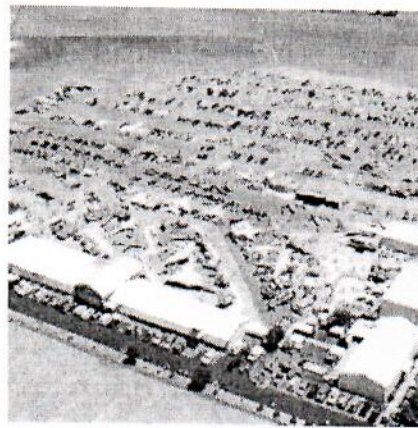
Dick Woodland gives Bobby a "thank you" moment



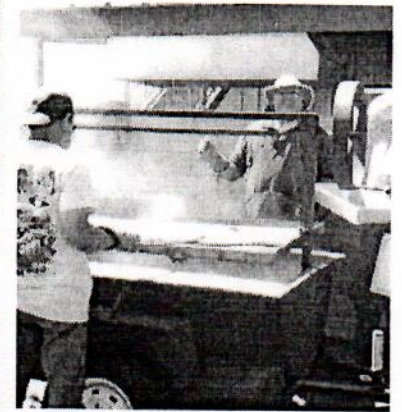
Our "fearless" leader and Board President, Sherm Smoot



George Marrett and Mike Levine provide the aerial views.



A view of WW6 from the air.



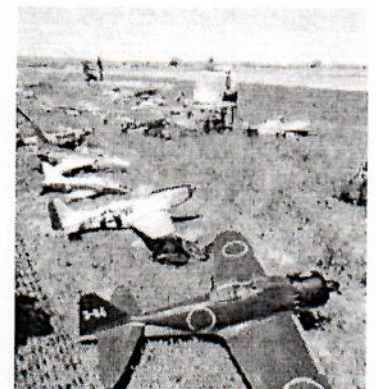
Volunteers keep the food coming.



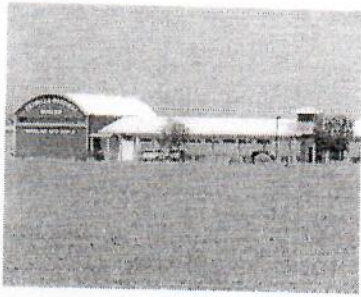
Children love to have their faces painted. This is always a big hit!



Our future soldiers trying out some of our equipment on the grounds.



The acrobatic feats of the radio controlled planes were quite a hit with both adults and children.



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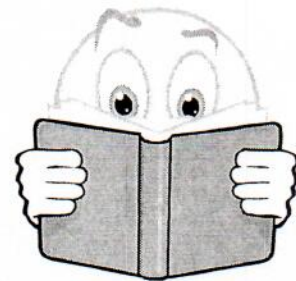
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**LIBRARY BOOKNOTES from the
 PECKINPAUGH LIBRARY**

Ever want to adopt anything? How about one of our books? We have books up for adoption! We have a children's section for you to share with your family. Our children don't get the history lessons only our books can share with them. Come by and take advantage of YOUR library.....

Please remember!

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



DATES TO REMEMBER!

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