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REMEMBER:

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

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

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The Prez Sez

By Estrella Warbirds President
 Sherm Smoot



I'm back from my, almost, one month sabbatical of air racing and personal stuff. I did my best to represent our museum at the Reno National Championship Air Races. I was hoping for a win this year. Again, the pointy nose Mustang "Voo Doo" beat me by a few seconds. The good news, it took a 26 year old kid to beat a 66 year old senior citizen. Ha Ha! Our GPS showed us at over 525 mph on the race start – A first for us. I really can't complain on a second place finish, though. Our race team really busted their butts and "Czechmate" was running so well. We pushed that Pratt R-2800 to 3,000 rpms and over 75 inches mp. She was purring like a kitten the whole race – All 2,900 HP of her. But alas, as a friend once said, "Second place is just the first loser." We are, however, the fastest round-motor airplane in the world. It's now time for me to get back in the saddle on museum stuff...

Finally...

The building permits are in hand and construction will begin on our long overdue projects. We will start with the Woodland building and move right on to the Pfauter building. The hangar extension will be the last project to be completed. For the next few months the museum will be a hub of equipment operation so be careful and keep your head on a swivel.

There will be a few changes occurring after the upcoming board meeting. Fund raising is still a major "must do" for us. We hope to set the date for the air show next year also.

Have a great November. Vote on Nov. 4th. As a reminder, the date of our next Dinner Meeting is **Wednesday, November 5, 2014**. Hopefully, there will be some big changes in D.C. so we can celebrate! Make your reservations by calling 805.296.1935 or going to our website, click on 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

NOTE: Dinner meeting in December to be held THURSDAY, DEC. 4th!

**Wednesday
November 5, 2014
MENU**



Turkey & Dressing
Seasonal Salad
Seasonal Veggies
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Rolls & Butter
Pumpkin Pie
Ice Tea & Coffee

\$17.00 pp

(Includes Tip & Gratuity)

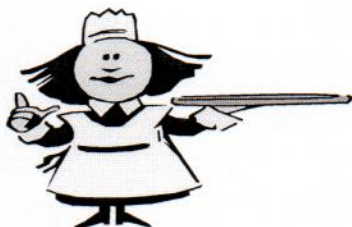
**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
BY MONDAY, November 3rd**

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

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Estrella Warbirds Museum

Come meet ROGER MARAIST.

Autographed copies of his book will be available to purchase both before and after our dinner meeting.

I am an Air Force brat due to my Step Dad being a career officer and Base Commander for the U.S.A.F. in three overseas duty stations. He retired as a Lt. Col.

My Step Dad, Lt. Col. James E. Maraist flew B-17s and B-29s in WWII. I went to 14 different schools from Guam to Germany as I was growing up.

My father was killed the day that he found out I was born. He was a pilot of a B-25 in North Africa with the 12th Bomb Group.

I recently wrote a book called: **Letters Home From A Fallen Hero.** "A son's Quest For His Father"

I knew very little about my Father as I was growing up. My book includes 140 letters my Dad wrote home from when he enlisted, until three days before he died. It, also, includes letters from my Mom and my Grandmother (a riveter); the discoveries I have made in search of my father and the men I have met. The events, of the war, interwoven between my Dad's letters and my journey.

My book is published thru Amazon in both paperback and Kindle. I am approaching 360 sales.

I have been interviewed by ABC Channel 30 with segment being available on internet. I was interviewed by Paul Loeffler of Hometown Heroes thru KMJ. The interview was broadcast thru numerous stations on Memorial Day Weekend from west coast to Kansas, I believe, and will be on podcasts.

I have performed presentations at numerous locations in California. One was at Stockton Airfield where Dad got his wings and married my Mother.

I have been in contact with Nancy Spielberg, Steven's sister, who is also a producer and is ready to release her movie about the 1948 Israeli War. She feels my story is "movie material" and has encouraged me to pursue my book and story.

I retired from Southern California Edison after 32 years as the Director of Public Affairs for the Northern Region consisting of the San Joaquin Valley to Nevada state line. My wife and I have 6 children and 13 grandkids. We reside in Visalia, California and also have a home in Pismo Beach. We love the coast and spending time driving through our local wine country.

PECKINPAUGH LIBRARY BOOKNOTES



Your library continues to grow.....we continue to add more magazines about historical aircraft and aviation history to our extensive collection.

COME CHECK US OUT!

REMEMBER: We are open 5:30 to 6:30 PM on the Dinner Meeting nights!

POLLING LOCAL NEWS



You have an opportunity on **NOVEMBER 4TH** to get acquainted with some of your fellow members as a poll place volunteer. For more information or to volunteer, contact Jackie at 703-0028.

GIFT SHOP GAB

Jackie Brooks, Manager



Your Gift Shop has been restocked with items for Christmas gifts! Never too early to shop!!!

We have the ever popular Kids Military Jackets, Coloring Books, Buildable Models (Aircraft, Jeeps, Tanks).

We have aircraft toys and other military related items including: Craft items, Aircraft 18" Wall Clocks, various styles of Tin Signs and many EWM wearable items.

We, also, have new EWM "Remove Before Flight" RED key Tags.

Visit us Thurs.-Sun. 10 AM—4PM OR before EWM Dinner from 5:45 PM—6:45 PM

Thank you for supporting your Museum!

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DINNER DATE CHANGE

Due to scheduling conflicts, we are honored to have the **Atascadero High School Show Choir** squeeze the Estrella Warbirds Museum into their schedule for December. This choir is one of the most active and visible performing groups in our community. Under the direction of Emy Bruzzo, these kids sing and dance into the hearts of all who experience their special flair! Show Choir has an exciting year ahead of them. It includes fundraising in support of their Musical Theatre Competitions of America festival at Disneyland in February 2015. They look forward to their dream trip to New York City and Broadway workshops in the Spring.

Don't miss out on this musical show choir. OUR DINNER WILL BE THURSDAY, DEC. 4th!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND BRING A FRIEND



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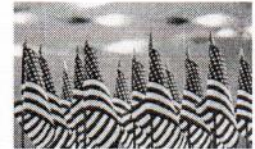
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IN MEMORY

We sadly report the passing of two of our valued
 Estrella Warbirds members:



Willa Killion passed away recently. She and her husband, Dewey Killion were original members of the Museum and the Confederate Air Force.

On October 9th, we lost our beloved Chuck Miller, husband of Betty Miller. He passed peacefully in his sleep at Bella Vista Transitional Care Center in SLO.

A Celebration of Life will be held **Sunday, November 9th at 2 PM** at the Estrella Warbirds Museum. Betty invites you to share remembrances and stories of a life well lived.

DATES TO REMEMBER!

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