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REMEMBER:

**Dinner reservations
 will only be accepted,
 on line or by phone,
 until 6:00PM Jan. 5th**

**NOTE: Phone #
 805-296-1935**

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The Prez Sez

By Estrella Warbirds President
 Sherm Smoot



By the time you get this you should all be celebrating the New Year or recovering from... We will still be eating leftovers from Christmas. All the decorations that went up will be on the way down – And so goes our national tradition.

Our museum continues to expand. The three building projects are moving closer to completion. The new Woodland expansion is now a roofed building. Mr. Corippo has the inside crews hard at work trying to get the building finished by February 1st. Next the crews will move to the Pfauter building and start erecting the steel. After that comes the hangar 1 expansion.

We sent out our year-end mailing to over 10,000 area residents. We hope you all will be generous in supporting the museum. This museum only survives by your generosity. I cannot over-emphasize the importance of donations and volunteering. We need both always. We are about to request a grant to install solar at the museum to help defray the utility bill. This would be a great improvement here and allow us to be more "green". We hope to have all future buildings built with solar power included. Did you know we now have *thirteen* buildings housing all of our exhibits and displays? It's amazing! Think about how big this museum will become when we get the 10 acres next door and start building huge hangars to house aircraft – WOW!

Airshow date is August 29, 2015. Spread the word and get involved. Why not suggest your company be a sponsor? Please contact Margi Bauer or Sue Dollemore if your company wants to help. This is such a great event for the families of our community and also highlights our museum.

As a reminder, the date of our next Dinner Meeting is **Wednesday, January 7, 2015**, back to our normal schedule for the year. Looks like George Marrett cornered me to be the speaker and to talk about air racing. Got some good cockpit video of my last race, so hope you can make it. 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.

Happy New Year and let's all make 2015 the best year ever for our museum! My prayers to you and all in harms way,

Sherm

**Wednesday
January 7, 2015
MENU**



Roast Pork Loin
Seasonal Salad
Seasonal Veggies
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Rolls & Butter
Apple Crisp
Ice Tea & Coffee

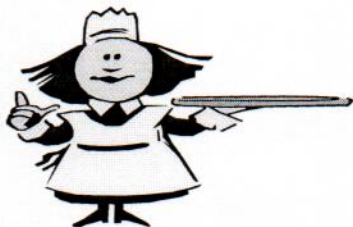
\$17.00 pp

(Includes Tip & Gratuity)

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

BY MONDAY, January 5th

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



SOCIAL HOUR 6:00 PM

DINNER 7:00 PM

JANUARY PROGRAM

Estrella Warbirds Museum

EWM President, Sherm Smoot

Owner of Bella Luna Winery

Founded in 1998

Aviator wine produced as "Fighter Pilot Red"



Born in San Luis Obispo, July 29, 1948, he was raised in north SLO County. He lived on the Paso Robles airport in the old base firehouse, while his father pioneered aerial pipeline patrol business in CA. The family moved to Atascadero in 1953, where he graduated from Atascadero Union High School in 1966.

Sherm got the flying bug early when, after his father's death in 1954, his mother took over the flying business. He admired his Dad's first employee, a young pilot named Archie Dean. Years later, Archie bought the business and successfully ran the pipeline patrol for over 20 years. Archie had a lasting affect on him and convinced him to pursue aviation. He put himself through Washington State University flying airplanes. He taught Army, Air Force, and Navy ROTC students under the Flight Indoctrination Programs of WSU and the University of Idaho. By the time he graduated from college in 1970 with a BS in Biological Sciences, Sherm had accumulated 3,000 flight hours, had all his ratings and extra money in his pocket. He started a flight and ground school, taught aerobatics, started an air charter business, and did some forest service flying.

Sherm entered Navy flight school in Pensacola in 1971, receiving his wings in April of 1972. His career has been an extensive one. He left active duty in 1977 to pursue an airline career with Continental Airlines. He remained in the Naval Reserves flying F-4's for another 4 years. In 1983, he took a leave from the airline to run Archie's business, Patroline, after his sudden death, then sold it in 1989.

He, then flew in the south Pacific for Continental's Air Micronesia. After 28 years, he retired in 2005.

He got involved in Warbirds when he was asked to fly a P-47 "Jug" owned, in part, by Judge William P. Clark. He has flown and raced various other Warbirds. He was granted an unlimited Letter of Authority from the FAA, so he can, pretty much, fly any single or multiengine beast with more than 1,000 HP. He has been flying in the Reno air races for more than 20 years and won the AT-6/SNJ National Championship in 1996. Currently, he flies a high modified unlimited class Yak-11 and has always been in the top four in the Gold Race, when he hasn't blown the engine.

He will be sharing his air race stories with us at the dinner.

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!

GIFT SHOP GAB

Jackie Brooks, Manager



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—4 PM OR before EWM Dinner from 5:45 PM—6:45 PM

Thank you for supporting your Museum!

THE HOLIDAYS ARE NOT OVER FOR OUR SOLDIERS IN THE SERVICE!

Bring your donations for our men and women to our drop off box in Thomson Hall.

Comfort items: DVD's, handheld electronic games, puzzle books, white socks, bandana coolers, batteries, plastic containers, Glad stick-ups, small squirt bottles, Swifer Dusters, beef jerky, sunflower seeds, gum hard candy, red vines licorice, small flavored coffee creamers, any small individual snack package.

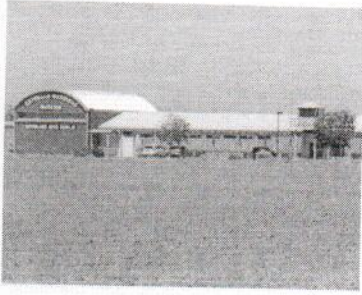


You can contact Supplies for Soldiers at P.O. Box 1511, Paso Robles, CA 93447

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Visit the Facebook Page:

- To make monetary donations
- To purchase Patriotic items
- To see more requested items
- To view pictures of our soldiers and their families



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Papa Ducks Pond

Woodland Family Collection

The Woodlands and Dverstuyfts represented our Museum at the Kern County Raceway exhibiting George Snider's former race car, which resides in the Woodland Family Collection. George was a many time Indianapolis 500 starter from Bakersfield. Our banner and car were set up at the main entry giving us a great opportunity to promote the Museum. Many brochures and business cards were handed out to the public.

It was a great way to make them aware of our WWW event and about the Museum.



DATES TO REMEMBER!

Wednesday, January	7	Dinner Meeting	6:00pm Social/7:00pm Dinner
Wednesday, January	21	Board Meeting	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm