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REMEMBER:

Dinner reservations
 will only be accepted,
 on line or by phone,
 until 6:00PM April 27

NOTE: Phone #

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The Prez Sez

By Estrella Warbirds President
 Sherm Smoot



This will be my last rambling as your President...

It's been a roller coaster 2 years. I owe a lot of thanks to so many people for trying to keep me out of trouble (Margi, Carol, Rob, Dick, et al) - You notice I said trying. The Board and our benefactors truly love this museum, what it stands for, and want to keep it prospering. So as I fade into the sunset there are a few things that need to be shared with you.

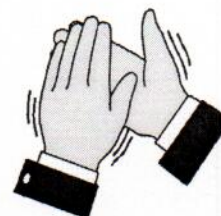
First, to the volunteers - You are the lifeblood of this organization. Without you, we would be but a pump without fluid. You know who you are and this entire Board knows who you are. Your dedication is Herculean! We owe you more than you know and hopefully our new reward program will help a little. In my opinion, it's not near enough, but it is a start and will get better as we get healthier. I wish, and we must, find more like you in order to be successful. Somehow, we must increase our volunteer pool to handle the expansion we currently enjoy. It would be nice just to clone a few batches of you.

Second, to our benefactors Dick and Claudia Woodland, Herman and Liz Pfauter, the Hind Foundation, the Blake Trust, and all those who so generously give to our museum. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. You are the Estrella Warbirds Museum.

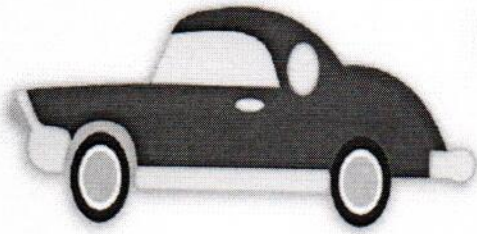
Finally, some last thoughts - I know this museum, like all museums, struggle at some time financially. But, we will continue to survive and grow. I will ensure we get the parcels we need for future expansion and I will always continue to promote this museum. When my plate is cleaned up from "other" responsibilities, I will spend more time at EWM. I hope to remain on the Board and will help the new President anyway I can.

God bless you all, the Estrella Warbirds Museum, and God bless the United States of America,

Sherm



**Wednesday
MAY 6, 2015
MENU**



Enchilada Bake
Zesty Green Salad
Rice
Refried Beans
Dessert
Ice Tea & Coffee

\$17.00 pp

(Includes Tip & Gratuity)

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

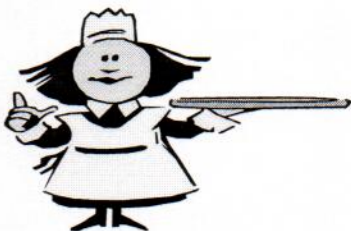
BY MONDAY, April 27th

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

or

Use our Website Link:

www.ewarbirds.org/dinnersvp.html



SOCIAL HOUR 6:00 PM

DINNER 7:00 PM

MAY PROGRAM

**COME MEET THE WEBMASTER
AND PAST PRESIDENT
OF OUR ESTRELLA WARBIRDS
MUSEUM**

Estrella Warbirds Museum



Peter Visel served in the United States Army from 1971 to 1977. He had a unique dual assignment with the Intelligence and Operations Division of the U.S. Army Medical Command, Europe, and the Chief Surgeon's Office, US Army, US Army, Europe in Heidelberg, Germany. He also served a very "rough" 18 month stint in between with the 45th Field Hospital located on the southernmost part of the Italian Riviera. It was a small ten bed hospital serving primarily, the civilian population of the Corps of Engineers between their assignments to the Middle East. His unique assignments gave him a completely different view of military life than most people experience (or expect) and instilled in him an inspiration to discover the many cultures and countries of the world. To date, he has kicked the dust up in 78 different countries.

Peter's education is as varied as his travels, from Parkland College, Champaign, Illinois, Academy of Health Sciences, TX, and attended the University of Chicago, Heidelberg, and received his BS from the University of Maryland in Heidelberg, Germany. Following his service, he also attended the school of management at 84 University and in his free time completed a three year ministerial course with the Bible Missionary Church and during his free time for 28 years served as a Pastor of the Elm Street Mission and associate pastor for the First Church of the Nazarene in Santa Cruz, California. He has also served on short term Missions trips to Papua New Guinea, LA Skid Row, Peru, Brazil, Israel, France, Kenya and Madagascar.

He spent a good portion of his business career working with Apple Computer during their early years, then as an IT Manager for what became during his time, the world's largest provider of research antibodies. He was intimately involved in the growth from one location to seven, nationally and internationally. He is currently a systems engineer and UI designer creating tomorrow's web applications for State Farm Insurance Companies, Inc., in Bloomington, Illinois.

Peter has been very active with the Estrella Warbird Museum as a volunteer laborer, Board Member, Webmaster and President. He has continued in the Webmaster role for the past 10 years. Seven years ago he played a key role in developing the first Warbirds Wings and Wheels event and has been the primary registrar for all but one of those events.

Peter and his wife Candace have 5 children and currently have 2 wonderful grandkids. Peter was the only one of 12 siblings whom would returned to their roots in central Illinois several years ago when his parents' health was failing allowing them to fulfill their wishes of remaining on the family farm until they died. Both have since past. Peter and Candy temporarily remain in Illinois while completing requirements for the family estate. Their goal is to return to California to retire. In the meantime, they both continue their hobby of raising exotic birds, which currently consists of several squawking parrots, white peacocks, rare German chickens, ornamental Chinese pheasants, a few dwarf Nigerian goats and a miniature horse.

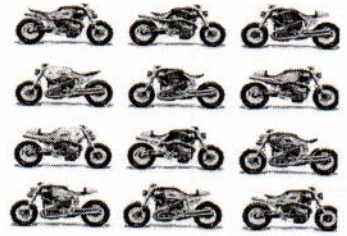
KYLE PETTY RIDE ACROSS AMERICA

Saturday, May 2, 2015

Arrives at the Estrella Warbirds Museum

Photo Op/Autograph session before heading out of town

FREE to the Public



This event is to help Victory Junction, a year round camp experience for kids with special needs. This year 150+ riders will travel 2,500 miles from Santa Cruz to Branson, MO, but the main event for locals will be their arrival at EWM.

Thanks to generous individuals and business who donate to the event, kids who attend Victory Junction don't have to pay the \$2,500/week cost to attend.

For more information, call 888-45-PETTY, or visit the Kyle Petty Ride website:

www.kylepettycharityride.com

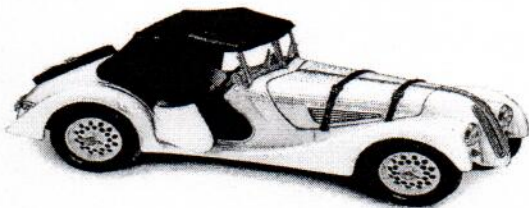


FIRST ANNUAL SOCK HOP EVENT MAY 8TH DINNER AND DANCING

Car show participants and Museum members are invited for an old fashioned dance. This event includes dinner and dancing to the tunes of: Monte Mills and the Lucky Horseshoe Band.

Tickets are \$30 per person including dinner. MUST RSVP by May 5th. Special parking for hot rods. Time: 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Dinner at 6:30 PM and Dancing at 7:00 PM.

Beer and wine will be available for purchase. **Get your weekend fun started on May 8th!!!!**



WARBIRDS, WINGS AND WHEELS 7 OPEN HOUSE AND CAR SHOW Saturday, May 9th/ FREE to the Public 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

This event, sponsored by Firestone Walker Brewing Company, features a Classic and Vintage Car Show. The entered vehicles may get parked under a Warbirds airplane or along an airstrip. Corvette Row is always a big hit. To enter your car in the show go to www.ewarbirds.org and click on the car show link for further information or stop by the museum and pick up an entry form. Entry fee is \$40 per car through **April 30**, and \$50 after that date. All entries will receive a goody bag, dash plaque, tee shirt, poster and a picture of their car with a plane, as they enter the museum grounds. Car show participants can enter a drawing to win \$600 first prize, \$400 second, and \$200 for third place. Vehicle parking begins at 7 AM and ends at 9:45 the day of the event. Judging is 10 AM to Noon. The Awards ceremony begins at 3 PM. All vehicles are to remain in the display area until the Awards Ceremony has ended.

Come and bring your friends to visit the new 6,000 square foot addition to the Woodland Auto Display with added vehicles and memorabilia. Children love seeing the North County Cloud Clippers demonstrating their flying skills with their radio controlled aircraft. All buildings will be open to the public.

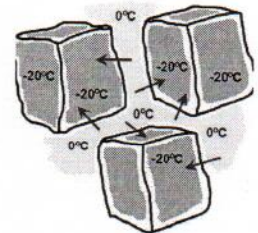


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VIC'S CAFÉ
and
Larry Eastwood



Due to the generosity of Larry Eastwood, your museum kitchen has acquired an **ice maker**. Larry donated his used, but functioning, ice maker from Vic's Café. He and his trusty sidekick, Darrell, hauled it from the café and spent a Saturday rigging up a water line and connecting the electricity. So, plenty of ice for your museums use is now on tap.

Big events, such as the car show, required we buy ice to cover the needs for that day. Now, with a little planning, we'll be able to save that cash for the museum. Thank you Larry!

DATES TO REMEMBER!

Wednesday, May	6	Dinner Meeting	6:00pm Social/7:00pm Dinner
Wednesday, May	20	Board Meeting	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm