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REMEMBER:

Dinner reservations will only be accepted, on line or by phone until 6 PM August 31st
 805-296-1935

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The Prez Sez

By Estrella Warbirds President
 Jerry Takier



There is so much going on at your museum, it is hard to keep up with it all. We have events going on in both September and October, as well as a ribbon cutting ceremony for recently completed buildings on our campus.

On September 28-29, we are partnering with the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) in bringing an operational B17 to the Paso Robles airport. The plan is to conduct ground tours of the aircraft on the 28th while the aircraft is parked on our runway. The next day, the public will be able to book a ride on the historic "Flying Fortress" of WWII fame.

On October 22-25, we will be hosting Desert Thunder XI (Mountain Mayhem), mock air warfare east of Paso Robles. The museum will be the site of tactical air briefing, as well as take-off and landing of the opposing forces aircraft and command and control aircraft. The public will be invited to listen in on briefings prior to take-off each day. Although the public will not be able to view the aircraft in mock battle, we are trying to arrange to get an FA-18 aircraft and pilot for one of the four days on loan from the Navy. Sounds like an exciting couple of months. Naturally, we will need a number of volunteers to docent and conduct tours during these events, so here I am again asking for volunteers. What else is new?

I do want to recognize those that have stepped up when asked. I don't know if you've noticed, but we are getting a lot of publicity lately, thanks to the work of our hard working PIO, Mike Levine. I asked him to take the reins on this job a couple of months ago, and he hasn't stopped moving yet. Thanks, Mike.

And along the same line, I asked Jeanne Thiebaud a while back to take over our volunteer department. Since then, we put up a new booth at the Fair last month (and apparently plan to do it again next year), and put up a display at a one day event at the Paso Robles library. Way to go, Jeanne.

We continue to go forward with our plans to seek additional leased land from the city, and have asked for additional talks, now that we have an approved updated Master Plan. Stay tuned for more information.

Jerry

And, somebody lost his tie at the last Dinner meeting!



**Wednesday
September 2, 2015
MENU**



Roast Beef
Seasonal Salad
Mixed Vegetables
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Rolls and Butter
Apple Crisp
Ice Tea and Coffee
\$17.00 pp
(Includes Tip & Gratuity)

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

BY MONDAY, August 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



SOCIAL HOUR 6:00 PM

DINNER 7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Estrella Warbirds Museum



**Come to meet
and see why
Walter Stacy
and
Doris Stacy
are such special
people!**



Walt and Doris both graduated from high school in June 1941. Doris graduated from Manchester Central and Walt from Dover, located in New Hampshire.

Walt started work with New England Telephone Company in August, 1941, and Doris worked at Marion Electric making meters. On December 7, they were together when they heard the news that Pearl Harbor had been bombed.

When the Navy came out with the V5 Program for Navy Pilots, Walt enlisted on September 28, 1942. He was called to active duty on January 6, 1943 and attended various Navy Schools for pilot training. He received a commission and his wings August 8, 1944. He went to dive bomber training at NAS Deland, Florida in the Douglas SBD Dauntless. He left there assigned to VF2 (F6F) in San Diego via NAS Glenview, Illinois for carrier qualifications.

In spring of 1942, Doris read a notice that a Civil Service exam was to be given for girls wishing to become mechanic learners in the Army Air Corps. She passed the exam and was sent to a school in Springfield, Mass. where she learned the sheet metal trade. From there she was sent to Bradley Field, Conn. In November 1944, she took a leave of absence to join Walt at NAS Glenview in Chicago, Ill. They married in December 1, 1944. Their "Government paid honeymoon" started by traveling all over the country trying to find VF2 at NAS San Diego, then NAS Seattle, and finally NAS Pasco, Washington. Then the whole Air Group was transferred back to NAS San Diego.

In April 1945, Doris went home to New Hampshire and Walt's air group went to the Pacific. After the war, Walt worked for 38 years for the New England Telephone Company as a cable helper, cable splicer and construction foreman. He stayed in the US Navy reserve and ended up with 26 years of military duty, the last three years as commanding officer of VS914.

They live in Cambria and will celebrate their 71st wedding anniversary in December. The Stacy's, son, Richard, and wife, Stephanie, have been very active in our museum.

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IN MEMORY

It is with great sadness that we lost two of our very valued members recently.

June Cunningham flew in 4 Powder Puff Derby Races, owned three gift shops in Morro Bay and was a Real Estate Broker.

Kenny Moore was a beloved volunteer in the Woodland Auto Display buildings. He was, also, our Woodworking Advisor.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to these two families.



PECKINPAUGH LIBRARY BOOKNOTES

Tom Gorham, Librarian

Just a reminder: The Estrella Warbirds Museum Library welcomes donations of books or magazines. Please make sure your materials fit into our themes—**Aviation, Military Aviation, or Military (WW1 and later)**. We just do not have space to accept and shelf materials outside of these classifications.

Don't forget: The Library always needs **VOLUNTEERS!** Air conditioned environment and lots of good reading material to look at when you aren't busy.

EVER WANTED TO ADOPT??? How about a book?



GIFT SHOP GAB

Linda Hermansen, Shop Manager



Many volunteers wear many hats at the Estrella Warbirds Museum. We ask that you only wear one.....for just three hours a month, you can help us stay open!

Linda is in great need for volunteers to help with the following: Stocking shelves/Pricing new items/Inventory/Cleaning shelves and Gift Shop greeter/Cashier.

She can't do all this on her own!

An Assistant Manager with computer experience would be great!

The Gift Shop is open from Thursday to Sunday and some Holidays. Hours are 10 AM to 4 PM. Shifts are 10 AM to 1 PM and 1 PM to 4 PM. Work on Saturday and you get an inexpensive lunch in Thomson Hall with all the other volunteers. Training is provided by Alexandra or Linda. Call and leave a message at the museum: **238-9317**

CURATOR'S CORNER

Jill Thayer, Ph.D

VOLUNTEERS:

You too can be a part of our history. With all the growth taking place, every area of our museum needs volunteers. Uniforms and cases need to be cleaned and reorganized or updated. These displays change weekly and give our visitors a fresh new look at our collections. Contact Jill at jthayer@ewarbirds.org or 661-428-4611



Storyboards waiting to tell our visitors our great history!



MEN AT WORK! Ron and Arnold hang a propeller. Looks great!

Great changes are happening in the Museum, as displays are being organized and updated exhibits are underway! In an effort to best communicate our mission for optimal viewer engagement, custom display panels have arrived in Freedom Hall that will share our history and context for the collections. I am currently designing signage or "storyboards" that will be installed in the next month. Signage is being developed for exhibition cases and displays that will showcase artifacts clearly for our visitors. Thanks to all the volunteers who have assisted in moving cases, hanging items large and small, dressing mannequins, and documenting our collection as we continue to grow. Stay tuned!

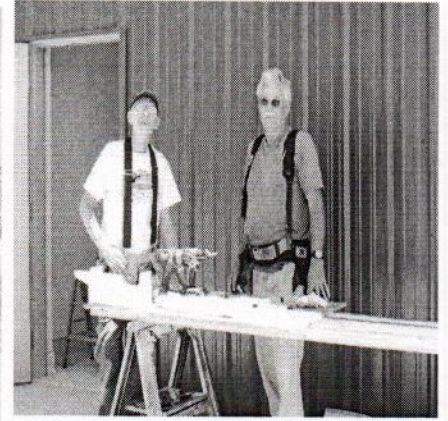
VOLUNTEERS KEEP US OPEN AND HAVE THE BEST UNPAID JOB EVER!



Brakes need fixing!

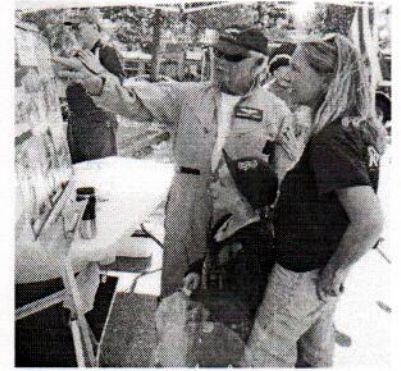
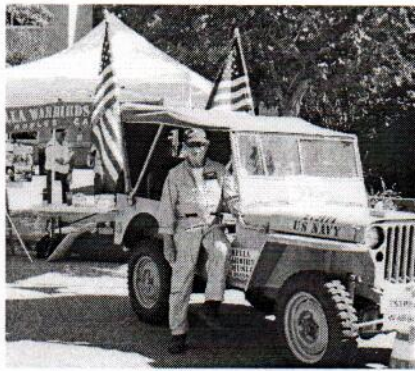


C-47 needs fixing!



Pfauter building needs finishing touches!

Restoration crews work on many projects! You can help them out on Monday, Wednesday or Saturdays! Just show up and help out from 9 AM to 4 PM. Anytime you can give is greatly appreciated!

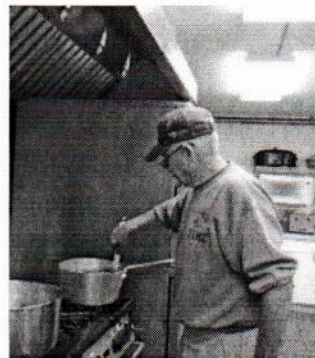


Volunteers James, Jeanne and Rich share our Museum information and exhibits with the public at the Paso Robles Library. It's always fun sharing with the public and especially the children. **You too can volunteer to help out with our various events throughout the community and at the Museum.**

PART-TIME COOKS NEED APPLY

These hard working men are hungry!
On Saturdays they look forward to a meal they can enjoy on their lunchbreak.

No volunteer to help out and this man cooks for them!



A very appreciative group of Saturday volunteers would like you to contact:

Wayne Rice at 423-8828 for details on how you can help out YOUR museum. This is no cost to the cook. A small fee is charged to cover your expenses.....all we need is your willingness to give us some time. It really can be a lot of fun and a good way to meet our membership.



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Estrella
Warbirds Museum
&
Woodland
Auto Display
Paso Robles, CA

Papa Ducks Pond

Woodland Family Collection

Our promo sign with display, plus a mention in the programs, will take place at the Fresno County Fairgrounds. This display will remain there through the induction banquet ceremony of the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame for the 2015 inductees. They have asked that the Bill Vukovich #1 midget race car be on loan to them for approximately three months beginning in mid September.

Don't miss out on seeing the beautiful little Class M Hydroplane which is fitted with the Evinrude serial #001 outboard motor for its class size. This little beauty was raced by our own **Rich Humble** going back to the 1940's and is now on loan to us.



This new photo opportunity in the Woodland building is getting a lot of attention from our young visitors!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AS
DOCENTS IN THIS NEW
ADDITION!**

Just 3 hours a month!

DATES TO REMEMBER!

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