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The Prez Sez

By Estrella Warbirds President
Jerry Takier



Ever since I took the helm of your museum last June, I have begged, pleaded, cajoled and otherwise completely annoyed the entire member ship trying to get more participation in our volunteer programs. Just three hours a month was the call. Please just give us three hours a month. I have to say that you have responded, and we are beginning to get more and more response to the call.

Most of the credit goes to our newly formed Volunteer Department headed up by Jeanne Thiebaud and Rich Humble. They have formulated a Docent training program which will go into effect in February. If you have never attended a training program before, or you would just like to see the newest things going on in your museum, I encourage you to attend this first training opportunity. Bring your friends....they will enjoy it too.

The Volunteer Department is continuing the program of annually honoring our volunteers with a dinner devoted specifically to them and their service. If you are a volunteer, I hope you will sign up for the dinner.

Don't miss your chance to win the brand new Honda Grom motorcycle which is on display in the Gift shop. See the article in this newsletter for details.

You'll note that this newsletter is 8 pages long. The Editor tells me she got a lot of input for this edition. Keep the input coming and she will find a place for it. We love to tell our story.

I hope you had a joyous holiday season, and that your new year will be filled good health and happiness.



Jerry

**Wednesday
January 6, 2016
MENU**



Baked Chicken
Roasted Red Taters
Green Salad
Seasonal Vegetables
Rolls & Butter
Happy New Year Dessert
Ice Tea and Coffee
\$17.00 pp
(Includes Tips and Gratuity)

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
BY MONDAY, JANUARY 4TH**

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

JANUARY PROGRAM

Estrella Warbirds Museum

Meet Colonel (CA) Joseph D. Righello
Garrison Commander
Camp San Luis Obispo



Colonel Righello assumed command of Camp San Luis Obispo on November 1, 2012. He is responsible for the operation and management of a collective Training Center of over 5,600 acres, with a staff of over seventy soldiers and civilian employees, and an annual budget in excess of \$6 million. The installation provides a premier training space to over 120,000 personnel annually, providing high-quality facilities including small-arms ranges, land navigation courses, all-terrain driving course, company-level dismounted maneuver space and classrooms and lodging for battalion sized organizations.

Colonel Righello was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1980 and held company, battalion, and brigade level assignments in the infantry until attending Rotary Wing Flight Training at Fort Rucker, Alabama in 1988 and becoming an Army Aviator. His aviation assignments included Battalion Intelligence Officer, Attach Helicopter Company Commander, and Division Airspace Management officer.

Colonel Righello's awards included The Army Aviator Badge, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Reserve Forces Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Ukrainian Order of Merit, 3rd Degree, the California Medal of Merit and the California Commendation Medal.

Come and learn about the history of the Camp, our WWII expansion, our current status, the Guard's role and future considerations.

He and his wife, Olga, have three children and reside in Avila Valley.

WE NEED YOUR HELP.....We are looking for three eight foot wide gates approximately five to six feet tall to use on the east side of the museum to close off the spectator entrance and for access to the fire hydrant for the water truck during the Warbirds, Wings and Wheels 8 event in May. If you can help with this call Carol Verstuyft at (805) 227-4409.

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(PLEASE TEAR OUT THIS SECTION AND KEEP FOR YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION)

CURATOR'S CORNER

Jill Thayer, Ph.D

Be sure and pay a visit to the Brooks Building! We have added a Military Communications Exhibit that continues to evolve. Mike Kelley and Ron Brooks have compiled an exceptional collection of artifacts including: telegraph and radio equipment keys, transmitters, receivers, and radar from an F-4.



A 1944 WD-M20 BSA motorcycle on loan from Joey Brown



1st Place Ribbon won in the Paso Robles Christmas Parade by three vehicles we exhibited and drove in the Parade. Good job, as always, by our Restoration Crew!



JACKIE BROOKS MEMORIAL GIFT SHOP

Linda Hermansen, Shop Manager



Toys galore!



Great kids T-shirts!



Cool kids jackets!

Clearance sale items: Black and White Coffee Cups for \$6.00.

Large selection of Night Lights

Sale on shirts and don't forget those ever popular carry-all bags!

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.

Training is provided by Alexandra or Linda. Call **238-9317 to volunteer** or leave a message.

PECKINPAUGH LIBRARY BOOKNOTES

Tom Gorham, Librarian

A special presentation was made to our own Librarian for his volunteer work. Tom Gorham received a medal from Marie Brinkmeyer, Executive Director, R.S.V.P. Sr. Volunteer Program of SLO County.



Many of our volunteers do service in other organizations. We salute them all for their generous gift of time.

Your library always needs volunteers, too. We are open every day the museum is open when a volunteer is available. Contact Tom via our museum phone number **238-9317**.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION FOR JACOB ANDERSON



Jacob is 18 years old and a Senior at Central Coast New Tech High School in Santa Maria. He has been a volunteer at EWM for over 5 years in the Restoration Department. His latest project is our F-4 Blue Angels cockpit. AND he covers any other odd job he is asked to do without complaint! **GREAT JOB JACOB!**

VOLUNTEER CORNER by Jeanne Thiebaud and Rich Humble

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

January 13, 2016 from 6 PM to 9 PM in Thomson Hall

Please **RSVP** immediately to Jeanne Thiebaud (805) 238-3897.

Be a part of our new Recognition of Service Program. Come and enjoy dinner.

Lots of awards and fun for all, and it's all free for our current volunteers.



(If you haven't in the past, keep track of all your volunteer hours on your home calendar to make them available to this program for the next yearly dinner.)

NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION MEETING

The Volunteer Committee will be hosting a new prospective volunteer orientation at the Estrella Warbirds Museum in Thomson Hall on **February 11, 2016 at 10:00 AM**. All prospective and interested parties please mark this date on your calendar. We can let you know just what volunteering at the museum is all about. I know you may have questions as to what is expected of you and just how to do your job and where. Well, all of that will be explained to you. We will be giving you the details so you can make the right choice about where you will be happy and most productive. Please contact the Volunteer Committee at **(805) 238-3897 or (408) 515-0224** to let us know if you are able to attend. Light snacks and beverages will be available.

(Volunteer Corner will be devoted to the activities, new programs and bio's, and much more to inform and keep our members up-to-date)



MUSEUM MUSINGS

By Alexandra Helms

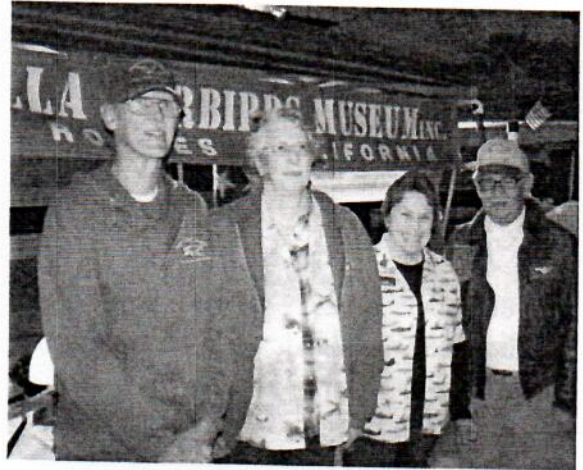
Hi All,

We are so happy to have Jeanne Thiebaud as our Volunteer Department Manager. The day after Thanksgiving we had **245 plus visitors** to your museum and I, along with three volunteers, handled the Gift Shop and Docent responsibilities. Historically, the **26th of December and 2nd of January** are days we have a large number of visitors. If you are in town and available, please consider giving us 3 hours of your time on one of those two days.

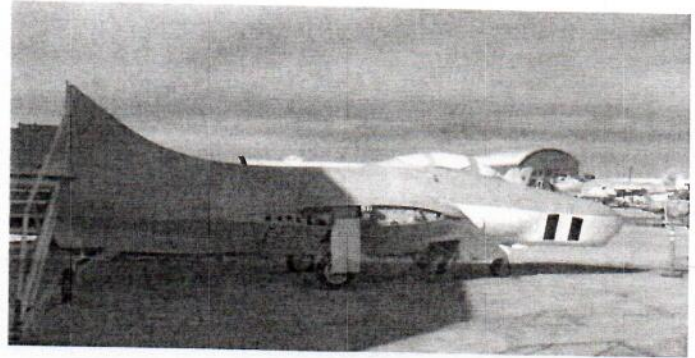
Several reasons we have an increase in visitors is signage on the highway and we are **#1 on Trip Advisor!** According to our PIO, Mike Levine, "Of 154 Things to Do in Paso Robles that Trip Advisor lists we are still number 1 (non-vineyard) thing to do. We are ranked #7 behind six vineyards and ahead of the other museums, art galleries, etc." Check out. <http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g32861-Activities-Paso Robles San Luis Obispo County California.html>.

Make sure you come back (and bring your friends, neighbors and relatives) to see all the additions to the ever growing Brooks Building, Pfauter Building, Woodland Auto Display and Freedom Hall. I think you will like the changes!

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS



Our volunteers are always out in the public bringing attention to our wonderful facility and their history. Past President, Wayne Rice, featured in the local newspaper. The Hermansen's, Jeanne Thiebaud and Rich Humble, along with Pastor Bill (in full uniform) represented us at the SLO Farmer's Market over Vets Day.



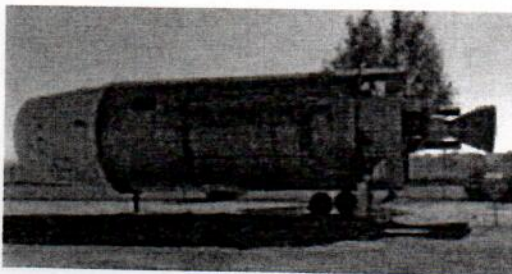
Along with volunteer, Jacob Anderson, we have 16 year old Zachary DeWeese, and 23 year old Jasper So working as Jacob's crew on the F-4 Blue Angel cockpit. Restoration crew continues to work on the F-9 Cougar.



Restoration crew puts together the General Atomics Gnat 750 Drone



Work begins on the H-34 helicopter



Our HGM-25A Titan I missile is mentioned at the end of an article you can access going to:

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/HGM_25A_Titan_I

PAPA DUCKS POND



Rob Hargraves Photo

2013... Tracy Hines (Wilkinson In.) was the fast time award winner and took home the Billy Wilkerson Award, this years fast time award will be sponsored by The Woodland Family, Hines has entered this years event looking to duplicate that award and join the "50 Grand Club" by being on the podium at the end of Night Three in this years Budweiser All 410 Oval Nationals presented by All Coast Construction. Pictured above with Hines is (left to right) Janie and Anne Wilkerson, along with long time sponsors Robert, Dick and Claudia Woodland. The Woodland family operates the popular race car and historical automotive Woodland Auto Display in Paso Robles, California, that is combined with the Estrella Warbird Museum which is a must see tourist attraction.

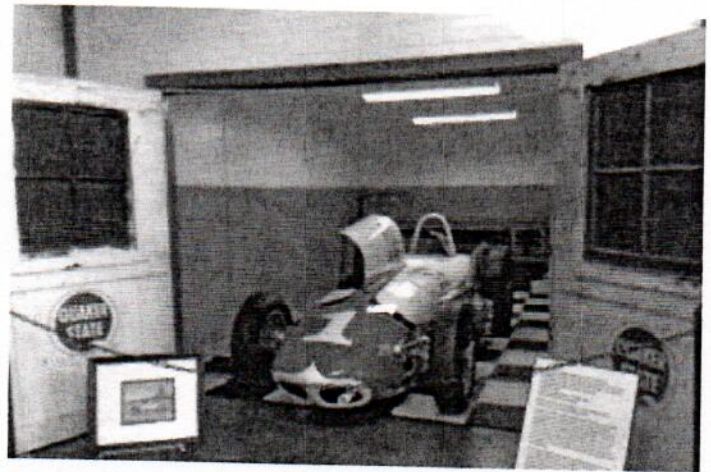
Woodland Family Promoting our Museum



This #98 Parnelli Jones midget was well known in the mid thru late 1960's. Current owner, Don Edmunds, now 85, contacted Dick Woodland about this car thru Parnelli.

Did Dick want to buy this car? What do you think???

Don had dismantled the car and carried it up 1 1/2 flights of stairs and reassembled it in his den. Dick headed out for the 11 hour journey with son, Robert, and Alex this past November. At Don's mountain top retreat, they disassembled the car, hauled it back down 1 1/2 flight of stairs, reassembled it and placed it in the trailer and down the road they went. And now it has a new resting place in the Woodland Auto Display for all to enjoy!

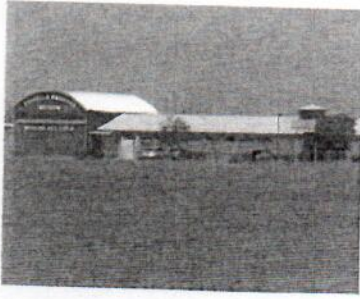


Be sure to take a look at the replication of an Indianapolis Motor Speedway "Gasoline Alley" garage from 1915 through 1985. These are the actual doors that were used at Indianapolis Motor Speedway for those 70 years. They are currently on loan through the efforts of three time Indy 500 winner, Bobby Unser.



This 1957 Chrysler New Yorker was spotted by the Verstuyfts traveling thru Arcadia in 2012. They sent Dick pictures (and mind you it DID NOT look this good) when he told them to go ahead and buy it for him. They borrowed a flatbed trailer to tow it home behind their motor home. (Claudia was NOT HAPPY and thought the car "ugly") All the way home, across the grapevine people would drive past and give Dan a thumbs up and honk. Upon arrival, they put a big red bow on the car along with streamers. Dan wrote "Yeah it's a Hemi" on the fins, knowing Dick would repaint the car anyway. (This story as told by Carol Verstuyft)

Come and see the beautiful restoration job done by the Woodland team!



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MOTORCYCLE TICKET DRAWING

Have you seen the 2015 brand new Honda Grom motorcycle sitting in the Gift Shop?

This motorcycle was generously donated by our museum member, Charlie Vest, to be in a drawing as a money raiser for us.

Tickets will be available for \$5 each and sold until the May 7, 2016 Warbirds, Wings and Wheels 8 event.



DATES TO REMEMBER!

Wednesday, January 6

Dinner Meeting

6:00pm Social/7:00pm Dinner

Wednesday, January 20

Board Meeting

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm