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**Estrella Warbirds Museum**

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**The Prez Sez** VOL XXVII-03

By Estrella Warbirds President

Jerry Takier



I want to start this month's letter with recognition of a special pair of volunteers. The Hermansens have been volunteers here at EWM for nearly as long as there has been an EWM. And you could count on them for just about any job the museum threw at them. Arnold has been a docent, a handyman, a janitor, a restorer and a driver/passenger when the museum sent its vehicles to parades. Linda spent most of her time in the gift shop, and the last three or four months as the Gift Shop Manager. She also helped take tickets at the dinner meetings and filled in wherever asked. The Hermansens are moving to Ridgecrest, and we will miss them a lot. But they promised to come back and visit us from time to time. I offer my heartfelt thanks and gratitude from all of us at EWM.

WWWS is almost upon us. Planning is kicking into high gear. Wings and Wheels provides a great volunteer opportunity for you to meet a lot of visitors, promote the museum, and have a lot of fun doing it.

Speaking of volunteers, our Volunteer Department, led by Jeanne Thiebaud and Rich Humble held a volunteer orientation meeting during the second week in February. We had a great turnout of new prospective volunteers, and I'm looking forward to meeting some of them "on the job" in the near future.

There is so much activity going on now on our campus. We have two newly acquired Korean War vintage helicopters, one H-19 and one H-34. They will take their place in line for restoration. The communications center in the Brooks Building is under construction again. The Drone was hoisted to the top of Hangar One two weeks ago and it looks great. New exhibits are being created almost daily by our fabulous Curator. And new collections of books keep coming in keeping the library staff hopping.

I will be making an announcement at the next Dinner meeting that nominations will be open for election to the Board of Directors. If you are interested in running for a seat on the board, prepare a resume and submit it to the nominating committee, headed by Dave Highland on or before April 13<sup>th</sup>. His address is [grover\\_taz@hotmail.com](mailto:grover_taz@hotmail.com). There are three seats up for election.

*Jerry*

**WE NEED YOUR HELP.....**Prior to our Warbirds, Wings and Wheels 8 event in May we still need **TWO 10 FOOT WIDE GATES** approximately five to six feet tall to use at entrances. If you can help us out, please call

**Carol Verstuyft at (805) 227-4409.**





**Wednesday  
March 2, 2016**



Corn Beef and Cabbage  
Green Salad  
Red Potatoes and Carrots  
Corn Muffins and Butter  
St. Patty's Day Dessert  
Ice Tea and Coffee

\$17.00 pp

(Includes Tips and Gratuity)

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED  
BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29th**

805-296-1935

You can leave a voice message

Or text to this number.

OR

Use our Website Link

[www.ewarbirds.org/dinnersvp.html](http://www.ewarbirds.org/dinnersvp.html)



**SOCIAL HOUR** 6:00 PM

**DINNER** 7:00 PM

## MARCH PROGRAM

Estrella Warbirds Museum



Jennifer Bauman



Troy Wollman



The Akaflieg

Jennifer is a third-year aerospace engineering student at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Jenn has devoted countless hours over the last seven years to the warbird restoration and education projects at the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) in Camarillo, California. After working with Akaflieg München last summer, Jenn was inspired by the Akaflieg flying club model. She has since devoted her time outside of school to making flying more accessible by growing the SLO Akaflieg and working to attain her CFIG (Certified Flight Instructor-Gliders) rating.

Troy is a fourth-year aerospace engineering student at Cal Poly SLO. He transferred to Cal Poly after two years at Antelope Valley Community College. After discontinuing powered flight training for financial reasons, he is now flying gliders with CCSC (Central California Soaring Club). Troy aims to get his Certified Flight Instructor-Glider rating in order provide free instruction, making aviation accessible to local students who share his passion for flying. After graduation, Troy hopes to work in the aerospace industry to develop more efficient aircraft, and to continue introducing young people to the joys of flight.

The Akafliegs (Academic Flying Clubs) are a collection of ten engineering student-operated glider clubs based in Germany. The clubs provide opportunities for flight training and engineering projects to students of their partner universities. Akaflieg students design, build, and fly experimental gliders. A group of Cal Poly Aerospace Engineering students have organized to implement the first U.S Akaflieg, in partnership with Akaflieg München. This is an awesome opportunity to get students involved in design projects, and low cost flight training in San Luis Obispo County. The Akaflieg San Luis Obispo is currently working on getting a winch operational for flight training.



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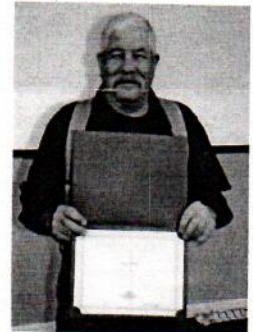
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#### CURATOR'S CORNER

Jill Thayer, Ph.D.



Here is the picture of volunteer, Jim Blaes, with his Certificate of Appreciation as **Unsung Hero**. Jim spends many hours on the computer making sure all the artifacts donated to us are correctly accounted for!

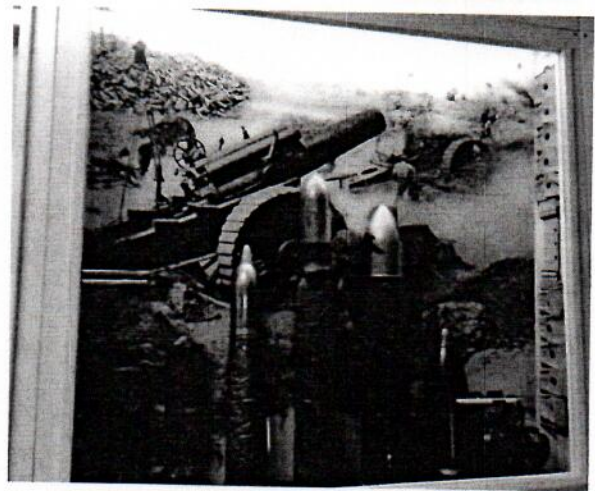


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Our Brooks building exhibits include John Kinney's WWII Munitions Display featuring Trench Art. It includes a Vietnam era US Navy Admirals Flag.



Individual souvenirs and trophies of combat usually emerge from any war, but WWI "soldier artwork" became its own art form due to mass production of items by the vast numbers of the participants of the war. Come see our display of creative objects crafted from battlefield debris by craftsmen of the trenches.



I hope each of you take time and check out the exhibits in the Museum. We now have over 87 displays including the mannequin displays in Freedom Hall alone. This, from 52 displays one year ago this month. Thanks to everyone for your great efforts and continued support in our growth.



## JACKIE BROOKS MEMORIAL GIFT SHOP



Linda Hermansen, Manager

As a couple, Arnold and I want to "THANK YOU" for all the support, caring and kindness you have given us these 20+ years. We remember when we first met at the NUNNO Hanger and have seen this museum grown to what it is today (keep on growing).

Thanks to all my girls who have helped me with inventory and other gift shop duties.....Penny, Mary B., MaryAnne, Jeanne, Toni and any others who may have helped.

Toni Moore will be taking over as Gift Shop Manager. PLEASE give her all the HELP she will need.

We enjoyed it all and will try to be back for special events. We will miss all of you. Good bye for now and take care.

Arnold and Linda Hermansen



Toni Moore

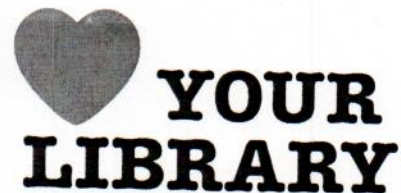
The Gift Shop is open from Thursday to Sunday and some Holidays. Hours are 10 AM to 4 PM. Shifts are 10 AM to 1 PM and 1 PM to 4 PM.

Training is provided! Call **238-9317** to volunteer or leave a message.

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## PECKINPAUGH LIBRARY BOOKNOTES

Tom Gorham, Librarian



### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!!!!

We would love to have you spend a 3 hour period with us in our EWM library.....we still need people both AM and PM shifts on Friday or Sunday. If no volunteer, we don't open.

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## MUSEUM MUSINGS

Alexandrea Helms, Museum Coordinator

Hi Everyone,

There are 29 days in the month of February this year! Though it doesn't affect the scheduling for the museum, it's still a fun thing to be aware of.

For the upcoming schedule, please be sure to go and check our online calendars when planning ahead and then send me an email or phone call with the dates you'd like to fill in.

FREEDOM HALL & GIFT SHOP – Green is for Docents, Blue is for Gift Shop

<http://www.ewarbirds.org/giftdocentcal.html>

WOODLAND AUTO & SIMULATOR – Green is for Woodland, Blue is for SIM

<http://www.ewarbirds.org/simcal.html>

Any of the time you wish to donate to the museum is greatly appreciated! Every person who leaves us a review online or comes back again for another visit always remarks on how wonderful, kind and knowledgeable our docents are. It's you volunteers who gives this place our sparkling reputation, so THANK YOU!

Thank you all again! I hope to hear from everyone soon!



### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

Volunteers Awards given on January 13, 2016 at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.



**TOP WRENCH**  
Charlie Harber



**SATURDAY CHEF**  
Wayne Rice



**SPIRITS IMPRESARIO**  
Rick Brandt



**ABOVE AND BEYOND**  
Mike Levine



**TOUR DIRECTOR**  
"Makes history come alive!"  
Dave Brooks



**GIFT OF GAB, MC**  
George Marrett



Dinner held in Freedom Hall



**CHAPLAIN  
PASTOR & FRIEND**  
Bill Houston



Rich Humble  
and  
Jeanne Thiebaud

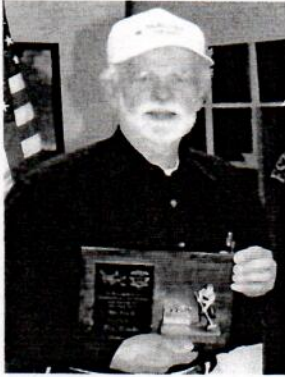


MaryAnne Gorham and Linda Hermansen help get us all signed in and organized.

Our volunteer committee members consist of:  
Jeanne Thiebaud, Rich Humble, Steve Lochen, Jim Blaes  
and John Armstrong.



MUSEUM HAPPINGS



Ron Brooks  
Mr. Fix It



Mike Kelley  
Mr. Redi Kilowatt



Carol & Dan Verstuyft  
Car Show Hosts with the Most

These awards were presented at the February Dinner meeting due to their absence from the Volunteer Awards Appreciation Dinner



General Atomics Gnat—750, predecessor to “Predator” drone on the hangar floor is now proudly hanging above our restoration crew!



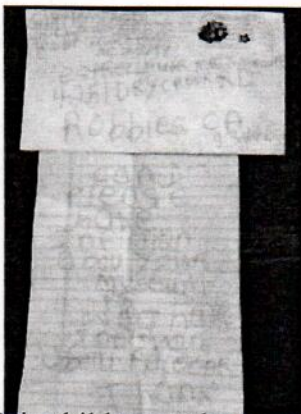
Marty Wrights donation helped get our TV screen back in place, in our theater, along with the skillful crew of Ron Brooks and Mike Kelley.



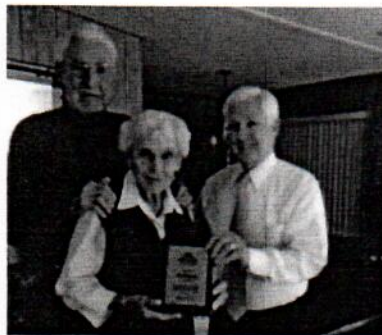
Kyle & Carlos Plummer of SuperImage, Ltd. are making a documentary about Harald Bauer’s experiences. They filmed an interview with him in January in Hangar One. These young fellows have produced a documentary about the Honor Flight Project.



Much to the surprise of Dave Highland wearing a tie meant he got to eat first, along with the Guest speaker!



This child sent a letter from back East requesting info about our Museum! We sent back lots of good stuff!



Jerry, presented Bill & Pat Kitchen a Founders plaque. Living in Paso Robles, they have been members since 1992. Bill was a Naval Aviator for 32 years. He and Pat have been married for 74 years.



Little Tom & Big Tom inserting intermediate gear box for the H-34 tail rotor.





On **May 7th**, we will be hosting **Warbirds, Wings and Wheels 8**. It is hard to believe this is the 8th year and how much the car show has grown from year one to now. We are striving to make this years show the best one yet. We will start the festivities off with an old fashion Barn Dance and Dinner on Friday night May 6th in the hangar with **Monte Mills and the Lucky Horseshoe Band**. What a great way to enjoy a good dinner and just sit back, relax and enjoy the music or set out on the dance floor and show off your dancing skills. Dinner is \$30 per person. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Reservations can be made online or at the museum gift shop. We are limited to 250 people, so make your reservation early to insure a spot.

The **North County Cloud Clippers** will be on hand again demonstrating their aerial skills with their amazing collection of remote control aircraft. They will have a static display for everyone to get up close and personal with the planes. The kids zone and face painter will be here to entertain the kids while Mom and Dad enjoy all the benefits of the car show.

We have a special drawing for a Tour for 4 to **Jay Leno's Big Dog Garage** including a one night stay at a Burbank hotel (if two couples are using the tour we will include 2 hotel rooms). Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Winning ticket will be drawn at the car show. There will be a 50/50 drawing and raffle prizes.

Firestone Walker Brewing Company will be on hand with two beer stands. One serving draft beer by Hangar One and the other will serve canned beer near the Woodland Auto Display. Several food vendors will be on hand to satisfy that hungry appetite along with various craft vendors.

We are working hard to add a couple more super attractions to the show. Stay tuned for further updates.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the set up or during the car show please contact Jeanne Thiebaud at her email [tbow@att.net](mailto:tbow@att.net) or call 238-3897. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 805-227-4409 or email at [dverstuyft@aol.com](mailto:dverstuyft@aol.com).

Carol Verstuyft



GET YOUR TICKETS FOR  
THIS DRAWING ON  
MAY 7TH

## MOTORCYCLE DRAWING

This 2015 brand new Honda Grom motorcycle sitting in our Gift Shop will go to a winner at the Warbirds, Wings and Wheels 8 car show.

Donated by our museum member, Charlie Vest, as a money raiser for us.

Tickets are available for \$5 each and sold until the WWW 8 event.







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### PAPA DUCKS POND

Woodland Family Collection

Our museum was recently advertised at the Chili Bowl in Tulsa, OK. It was shown on national television and re-run several times with a fair amount of coverage of the Woodlands entry. The car advertising the EWM was sponsored by Claudia, Dick and his three sons. There were 345 entries, all the same midget class, from the majority of the states in the union, as well as, Australia and New Zealand. We had a driver out of NC which is very unusual as midget racing is not that prevalent in the southern states. Our driver of choice, Mark Lowrey is African American and had never even seen a midget race let alone driven in one. Mark's race night practice session was a near disaster as he flipped the car 3 or 4 times on the 2nd lap. However, everyone dug in and had the damage repaired in time for his qualifying heat race. Mark started last and finished 4th. This placed him on the front row of his Main event which he led until the last turn, but he did finish a very impressive 2nd. This moved him into the back of another main event but he was not able to get past more than 7 or 8 cars in that one. Mark did an outstanding job for a rookie and WAD received lots of good promotional coverage.

Coming up: Display cabinets containing items from the Speed Shop display at the Peterson Museum in LA

### **DATES TO REMEMBER!**

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