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**The Prez Sez**

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By Estrella Warbirds President  
**Jerry Takier**

We have many outstanding volunteers here at EWM. One such volunteer is **Toni Moore**. She has stepped up and volunteered to be our **Gift Shop Manager**. In February, at the Mid State Fair Annual dinner, the Western Fair Association awarded Toni and her late husband, Ken, with the "Blue Ribbon Award."

And, speaking of volunteers we have many opportunities available to you. Volunteer at one of our special upcoming events. **Jeanne Thiebaud** is taking names of volunteers for our **WWW 8** on May 7th. Give us a few hours or the entire day. I can tell you from personal experience, the volunteers have as much fun as the participants and visitors. When you talk to Jeanne, she can give you several areas where you might enjoy the day. Her number is **238-3897** or email [tbow@att.net](mailto:tbow@att.net).

Like to golf? Get your foursome ready for the "**Top Flight Golf Scramble**" at the Paso Robles Golf Club on June 25th. To reserve your spot, call **466-1212** or email [ewarbirds@hotmail.com](mailto:ewarbirds@hotmail.com).

Our own election is coming up for the Board of Directors. Want to have your "say" about our future? Prepare and submit a resume to the nominating committee, headed by **Dave Highland** on or before **April 13th**. His email is [grover\\_taz@hotmail.com](mailto:grover_taz@hotmail.com).

When you visit the museum,. Check out the newly acquired restoration projects. Gary Corippo and Bill Landers have been busy making sure the restoration crew and leader, Ron Boyte, don't run out of projects to restore!

Hope to see you around the Museum!

*Jerry*

**Like to own this Grom?**  
 Tickets are \$5, and the lucky winner will be drawn at **WWW8, May 7th.**



**Wednesday  
April 6, 2016**



Ham  
Green Salad  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Pineapple Upside Down Cake  
Ice Tea and Coffee  
\$17.00 pp  
(Includes Tips and Gratuity)

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED  
BY MONDAY, APRIL 4th**

805-296-1935

You can leave a voice message  
Or text to this number.

OR

Use our Website Link

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



**SOCIAL HOUR** 6:00 PM

**DINNER** 7:00 PM

**APRIL PROGRAM**

Estrella Warbirds Museum

Our speaker, **Carl Koiner, Jr.** holding his father's leather helmet from World War I. Come hear Carl share the stories of his father service to our country during World War I.



Carl W. Koiner Jr. was born in Altadena, California on December 16, 1931. He graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1953 and obtained a General Teaching Credential in math in 1954. Later he obtained a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Cal. State in Bakersfield, California.

Carl has a private pilots license with an instrument rating. He also obtained a ground instructor license and taught basic aeronautics at Cerro Coso Community College in Ridgecrest, California. He was a part owner of a Cessna 182 and flew out of Ridgecrest for many years.

Carl was employed as a physicist at the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake from 1955 until his retirement in 1981. He worked on a variety of test programs including the Sidewinder missile, Terrior, Tarter, ejection seat tests and the San Clemente Island off-shore operations.

Carl will talk about his father, Carl W. Koiner, who was a US Army Signal Corps pilot in World War I. Carl's father learned to fly at Rockwell Field in San Diego, stunt flying at Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas and machine gun operation at McCook Field, Ohio. He then headed over to France during the war. Carl has his father's leather helmet, service ribbons and letters he sent back home to his mother in California.

Carl and his wife Helen moved to Templeton in 1987.

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**PECKINPAUGH LIBRARY BOOKNOTES**

Tom Gorham, Librarian

Did you know that when books don't get used they get dusty? Did you know that books like to have fingerprints all over them, unlike glass? We have great book collections in OUR LIBRARY for you!



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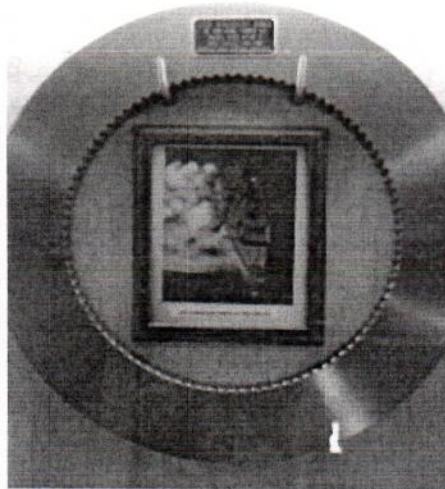
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**(PLEASE TEAR OUT THIS SECTION AND KEEP FOR YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION)**

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### CURATOR'S CORNER

Jill Thayer, Ph.D.



USS Missouri BB63 1.5" slice  
from 16" gun barrel #390, turret #3  
WWII Service 1944-1945  
Korean War Service 1950-1953

From: John Kinney (owner)  
Central City Surplus, LLC  
Santa Maria, CA

On display in our Brooks Building

During WWII, the Missouri guns fired on Okinawa, Iwo Jima, and later targets in North Korea during the Korean conflict.

The Japanese surrender that ended WWII was signed on September 2, 1945 on the forward deck of the USS Missouri beneath the raised barrels of these magnificent guns.

The barrels were to be sold as scrap. John Kinney knew the scrap contractor and made arrangements to purchase Barrel #390.

For the rest of this fascinating and complete story, check out this treasure in our Brooks Building.

Our slice is numbered: 3GUN390BB63.

Our Communications exhibit continues to grow with the donation of telegraphy keys by Alan Stephenson. Much work is being put into this project by Ron Brooks and Mike Kelley.....thanks, guys!

## JACKIE BROOKS MEMORIAL GIFT SHOP



Toni Moore



My first task was to complete a needed inventory before I took over the reins. I, again, wish to thank Margi Bauer, who managed to print out a workable inventory list for this daunting task. And, to our worker bees, Jeanne Thiebaud, Penny Takier Linda Hermansen, Mary Biamonte and MaryAnne Gorham, I thank you again for helping with this task. It was completed in half the time I had anticipated.

There will be some changes in the Gift Shop in the future. We will be eliminating some of the stock to simplify the extensive inventory and make more room between the racks and shelves, necessitating clearance, mark down tables or racks of outdated inventory, such as, Air Show Tees, now, \$5.00 each. Be sure to check for our reduced prices when you are at EWM. There will be different items from time to time. Be sure to stop by and check.

Thank you for your continued support of the EWM Gift Shop and your patience as I learn the ropes. I welcome any suggestions you may have to make this transition as smooth as possible.

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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### “M-Aces”

Last month, Jill Thayer, our museum curator, requested Mike Levine obtain an airborne photo of the museum for a project of hers. Mike asked George Marrett if he would fly his 1945 Stinson L-5E Sentinel over our museum so Mike could get the requested photos. So the intrepid aviators did as Jill requested.

After the flight, while George was attaching the blue dolly to the tail wheel, a small mouse jumped out the tail of the aircraft, onto the tail wheel and headed for the main landing gear. Mike was surprised the small rodent had flown with him in the back seat and expected it to head for the weeds. Instead it did two circles around the main landing gear and climbed back into the tail of the aircraft before George could hook up the dolly. The two aviators placed the aircraft back in the hangar.

Mice are known to eat the insulation off electrical wiring and surprise passengers if they happen to reappear during flight. The war was on! So George placed three standard wood mouse traps, loaded with Skippy peanut butter, by the tail wheel the next weekend. The following weekend all the peanut butter was gone and the fat mouse was no where in sight.

Hearing the plight of the war with the mouse, Dieter Eckert, retired Doctor, one of the founders of the museum, brought out his electrical, high-tech mouse trap and George set eight glue-traps. The pilots were losing the war! The following Saturday, the aviators won! The mouse was electrocuted never to bother the aircrew and aircraft again.

During WWII it was the custom to place a Nazi symbol on the nose of an aircraft if an American pilot downed a German aircraft. Likewise a setting sun was placed on the nose if a Japanese aircraft was shot down.

It was decided to have Gary Ryan, aviator/owner of Goofy-Graphics design/make a small decal to attach to the nose of the Stinson L-5E. Pilots who shoot down five enemy aircraft are known as Aces. So, if Mike and George can get four more mice they will be called “M-Aces!”



## MUSEUM MUSINGS

Alexandrea Helms, Museum Coordinator

Hello everyone!

Is it really almost April?? 2016 sure is coming and going quickly, isn't it? I hope everyone is doing well as time is flying by! First, I'd like to welcome all of our newest volunteers! This may be your first e-mail blast from me so I am going to go over just a few of the basics with you. This is a good reminder for everyone anyway!

Our volunteer calendars are posted online so everyone can view them and schedule your time with us as conveniently as possible.

Remember, we do our shifts from

**10:00am to 1:00pm (AM) and 1:00pm to 4:00 pm (PM)**

so when you see people on the schedule, you will see AM or PM listed in front of their name to determine their time here.

- Freedom Hall volunteers are posted in **GREEN**. Gift Shop volunteers are posted in **BLUE**.

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

- Woodland Auto Display volunteers are posted in **GREEN**. Simulator Operators are posted in **BLUE**.

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

After viewing the calendar, it is typical to email me back or call me with your times & days available. I schedule by first come, first serve as not everyone can do a regular occurring shift every month. I try to be flexible and make your time here with us as convenient as possible.

Not everyone is super attached to their emails and of course, life happens and we all get busy, but generally if I don't hear back from you within a few days, I will try calling you to get you on the schedule. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you're unavailable and need time or space.

Another important thing for everyone to know and remember: it is at the request of Mr. Woodland that I try to schedule TWO Docents per shift in Woodland Auto Display (WAD). Because of the building extensions and vast collection, we find it very important to assure that our volunteers can watch visitors as they walk through. This requires having more than one person there at a time. That being said, if you already see a name put down for a shift but not two names, you can still come in during that time. It would be **WONDERFUL** to really get 2 Docents per shift.

Thank you for reading through all of this and thank you for becoming such an important part of our organization! We cannot do this without you! I, personally, am so grateful for the opportunity to work alongside with all of you.

If you're not on the schedule for **April** already, please look through which ever appropriate calendar your area is and let me know if I can put you down!

Please let me know if you have any questions, comments and concerns!

Cheers,

**Alexandrea Helms**

Museum Coordinator

Estrella Warbirds Museum

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Penny Takier  
Newsletter Editor

### NEW EDITOR NEEDED:

Around October, 2011, my husband volunteered me to be your newsletter Editor. I had absolutely **NO EXPERIENCE** doing this kind of thing and so have literally "winged" it for these past, almost, five years. It is time for me to "spread my wings" and move on to other volunteer activities that I am involved in, but to a greater extent.

My last publication will be in May after the Warbirds, Wings and Wheels 8 event. It is my hope that someone reading this will step forward and look forward to putting their "own spin" on our newsletter. If you have any questions about the time involved or how much computer experience you may need, please call me at my cell number, 712-5699. **A GREAT WAY TO FILL IN YOUR VOLUNTEER TIME!**



### MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

## WARBIRDS, WINGS AND WHEELS 8 ON MAY 7TH NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

The Warbirds, Wings & Wheels 8 Car Show, presented by the Estrella Warbirds Museum and Woodland Auto Display is set for Saturday, May 7. **Dennis Gage** and My Classic Car TV show will be on hand filming for a future episode of the show.

Firestone Walker Brewing Company will be pouring beers and there will be various food vendors and craft vendors. There will be a "Kids Zone" and face painting. **North County Cloud Clippers** will be on hand demonstrating their radio controlled aircraft along with a display area to get up close to view the planes. All museum buildings will be open to spectators throughout the day at no charge.

There will be a **special drawing** for car show participants only on Saturday: 1st prize \$600, 2nd prize \$400 and 3rd prize \$200; winner must be present to win. There will be a **special drawing** for a tour for four to **Jay Leno's Big Dog Garage** including a one night stay at a Burbank Hotel; winner need not be present for that drawing.

On Friday night **May 6th** is a dinner/barn dance featuring **Monte Mills and the Lucky Horseshoe Band**. A \$30 per person ticket includes dinner and no host bar. Tickets available at [www.ewarbirds.org](http://www.ewarbirds.org). All proceeds support the Estrella Warbirds Museum, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation.

For an entry packet, contact the museum at (805) 227-0440.

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 Carol Verstuyft at 805-227-4409 or email at [dverstuyft@aol.com](mailto:dverstuyft@aol.com).



Dennis Gage



North County Cloud Clippers



Car Show row on the runway

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**Top Flight Golf Scramble**

**PASO ROBLES GOLF CLUB**  
Save the Date!  
**Saturday, June 25, 2016**

To Benefit Estrella Warbirds Museum  
WIN a Two-year Lease on a 2016 Ford Edge for Models-Only!  
100 Holes, Distance 191 Yards  
Sponsored by Oscar Rabbit Fund

To Reserve a Reservation Please Call: 805-466-1212  
or email: [ewarbirds@hotmail.com](mailto:ewarbirds@hotmail.com)

Look for these posters around town.....two upcoming events to take part in as a volunteer or as a participant!

**June 25th** get your golf team together for a fun day.  
Call 805-466-1212 OR email [ewarbirds@hotmail.com](mailto:ewarbirds@hotmail.com)

**September 25th** Swap Meet  
Have something to sell? A car, motorcycle, tractor, parts just sitting in a garage? Reserve your space by September 23rd.  
Call Wayne: 805-460-9181

**MEGA SWAP MEET**

PRESENTED BY: 1000 Garage & Woodland Auto Display

- SELLER'S SPACE 15' X 20' + Entry ..... \$30.00
- TWO SELLER'S SPACES ..... \$55.00
- "CAR CORRAL" (Cars, Bicycles, Motorcycles, T. Car, Boats) ..... \$25.00

SELLERS & AUTO RELATED VENDORS - Contact Wayne Bloch  
1333 Soquel - PO Box 2299 - Murice, CA 93423 - (805) 460-9181

ACCESS FOR SETUP  
9/24 from 4:00pm - 8:00pm  
9/25 from 6:00am - 8:00am  
\*Overnight Security Provided

RESERVE SPACE CUTOFF 9/23  
Late Additions +\$5

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**PAPA DUCKS POND**  
Woodland Family Collection



This 1951, 2 seat, white Jaguar had a top speed of 120 mph. They produced 12,055 through 1954.



This Shelby GT500 Mustang is the "40th" Anniversary Limited Edition. Built in 2007.



This 1954 Red Chevrolet Corvette is one of only 100 all red cars produced. These were the forerunners of todays state of the art Corvette which has been in production for over 60 years.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER!**

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