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**Estrella Warbirds Museum**  
**The EAGLE**  
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**The Prez Sez** *XXVII-05*

By Estrella Warbirds President  
 Jerry Takier



....A big thank you goes out to all of you that volunteered to help at WWW 8. Carol and the gang did their usual great job. Getting Dennis Gage to tape his show here will undoubtedly put us on the map in terms of tourism. Thank you, Carol and Dan. This should be our biggest show ever!

Even in the midst of high hopes for a great event, it is with sadness that we must say good-bye to a person we have become accustomed to seeing every day at the museum. Alexandra worked her last day on the 15th of April, and the void she leaves is quite large. Your Board of Directors has been hard at work since her departure gathering resumes and interviewing possible replacements. Although she says she will continue to volunteer at the museum, we will miss her smiling face each day.

Paso Robles Mayor, Steve Martin, and his entourage visited the museum April 13th, and we gave him the prime ticket tour of the campus. He was particularly impressed with how much progress we had made since his last visit. He asked how he and the city staff might assist us. I told him (big surprise) to send us more volunteers. He said he would work on that!

Hope to see you at Warbirds, Wings and Wheels 8!

*Jerry*



**NEW EDITOR NEEDED:**

Computer experience needed but you don't have to be a genius! Looking for a new person to take over this position as my last publication will be done in June. Put your own spin on the look and have fun with it. If you have any questions about the time involved, please call me at **712-5699**. **A GREAT WAY TO FILL IN THAT VOLUNTEER TIME!**  
 Penny Takier



**Wednesday  
May 4, 2016**



Enchilada Bake  
Zesty Salad  
Rice  
Refried Beans  
Flan for Dessert

Ice Tea and Coffee

\$17.00 pp

(Includes Tips and Gratuity)

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED  
BY MONDAY, MAY 2ND**

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

## MAY PROGRAM

Estrella Warbirds Museum

Come meet our speaker

**BILL GIBSON**

**WWII Veteran**



Bill Gibson is a retired mechanical engineer graduating from the University of California, Berkeley, with a BS degree in 1950. One of his professors was Albert Einstein's son. Later he graduated from the Executive Program at the UCLA business school taking many graduate engineering courses at UCLA business school and many graduate engineering courses at UCLA and USC. He acquired the title of PE (registered professional engineer) by passing two days of State of California proficiency tests. The Army sent him to Iowa Wesleyan College for a few months of technical courses prior to his pilot training in World War II.

During WWII, he was a B-17 pilot in the 15th AF in Italy from the end of 1944, seeing combat over most of southern Europe until the war ended in May 1945. At this time he was assigned as an army airline pilot for Homebound Airlines using B-17s flying from Pisa, Italy to Casablanca, in Africa. During this assignment, he survived a crash in the Italian Alps where 16 out of 20 people were killed. He spent eleven months in 10 hospitals getting repaired from injuries. After getting released from hospitals, he married Barbara Day, one of his many nurses and had four daughters. One daughter, Claire Mullisen, is a life member of the Estrella Warbirds Museum, along with her husband, Ron.

One of Bill's first engineering assignments was designing fuel booster pumps for the SR-71 with fuel temperatures up to 400 Deg F. Another tough engineering job was designing the 72 fuel and oxidizer hypergolic valves used on each Space Shuttle. For Otis Elevator he was in charge of the design of 100 passenger people mover trains that were elevated from the ground on a film of air.

Bill Gibson is a survivor as his story will tell about "escaping death" in pilot training, in combat, airline flying and engineering jobs.



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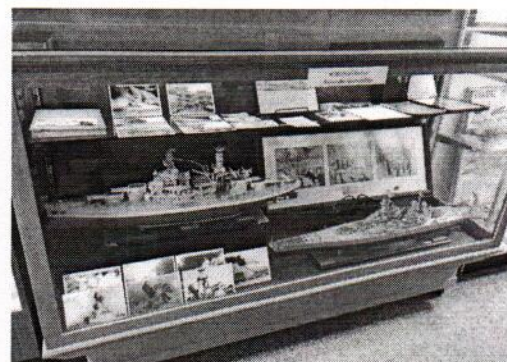
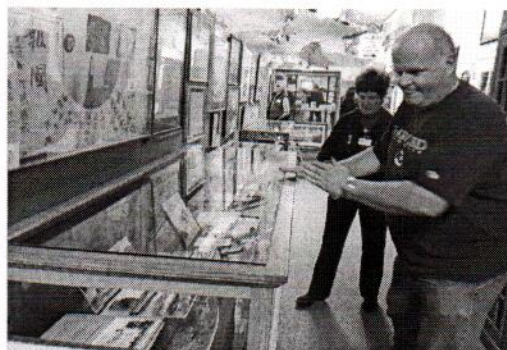
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**(PLEASE TEAR OUT THIS SECTION AND KEEP FOR YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION)**

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**CURATOR'S CORNER**

Jill Thayer, Ph.D.



The displays in Freedom Hall continue to evolve. Our latest include scale models featuring a US Army Stuart light tank from WWII donated by Alan Stephenson; and three ship models donated by Marty Wright - The USS Arizona, a Pennsylvania-class battleship built for and by the United States Navy in the mid-1910s; The USS Bismarck Sea (CVE-95), a Casablanca class escort carrier of the United States Navy; and The USS Missouri (BB-63), a United States Navy Iowa-class battleship, where on the deck, the Instrument of Surrender was signed. Photos and prints of the era are also on display. Stop in and see these intricate models and military artifacts on your next visit to the museum.



# JACKIE BROOKS MEMORIAL GIFT SHOP

Toni Moore, Gift Shop Manager



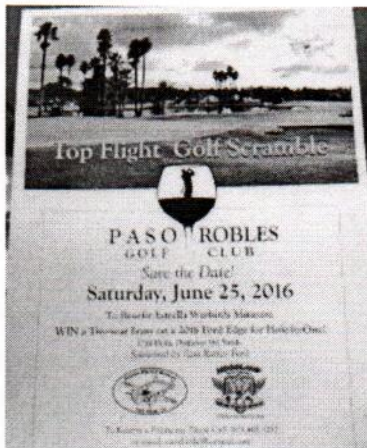
Over the last couple of months I have been acquainting myself with the stock, system of running the G.S., vendors, attempting to find vendors for a couple of items that we will be needing in the near future. I have moved display pieces, eliminated a few and opened up the line of sight. Also lowered prices on some old stock. All Air Show t-shirts and Warbirds, Wings & Wheels 5-7 t-shirts are now \$5 each, limited sizes available, to clear them out for new items. And, as you can see, have instituted a "bargain" clearance table for the same purpose. I thank each of you who have offered new item suggestions and appreciate the positive feedback that you have given. Please continue to do so.

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.

Call 238-9317 to volunteer or leave a message. **We need volunteers to stay open!**

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**Volunteer** or participate in these two upcoming events!

**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 is your chance to sell off all those car parts, car, motorcycle, tractor or just to clean out that garage. **Reserve your space by September 23rd.**

**Call Wayne: 805-460-9181**



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## MUSEUM MUSINGS

By Alexandra Helms, Museum Coordinator

It is with some bittersweet news that I have taken another position as Assistant Manager of Habitat for Humanity's ReStore in San Luis Obispo. This is a great opportunity for a community activist like myself and it will help me become more financially stable as a young adult. On a brighter note, I plan to still be involved with the museum on a volunteer basis and will help out however I can. I love this organization and it is an incredible joy to have been able to get to know and work alongside all of you. I will not be a stranger, I'm just joining a different rank of the museum.



Because of my leaving, a lot of pressure has been put on the Board of Directors and the Advisors here at the museum. There will be much slack to pick up in my absence and it will take much patience on everyone's part to figure out how to make this transition smoothly.

If you have **ANY** time available to fill in our volunteer positions, please call the museum and let them know where you can fill in. As your Coordinator, I was always the person filling in. That opportunity will be available to all after my last day, April 15th. I ask for your help in alleviating any stress that will fall on the BOD or our Gift Shop Manager, Toni Moore.



## MUSEUM HAPPENINGS!

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

We are getting set for our **May 7th** event with **Dennis Gage** and **My Classic Car** TV show filming for a future episode of the show. **Volunteer** and be a part of this exciting day!

**Firestone Walker Brewing Company** will be pouring beers and there will be various food and craft vendors. Along with a **"Kids Zone"** and the ever popular **North County Cloud Clippers**.

**Special drawings** for **Jay Leno's Big Dog Garage** and the sale of tickets for the donated **Grom Motorcycle**. Lots of opportunity to buy your chance to win a prize!

**May 6th**, prior to all the activity, is the **Monte Mills and Lucky Horseshoe Band** dance. This will take place in our Hangar. A \$30 per person ticket includes dinner and a no host bar. **Dennis Gage** will be doing a **Meet and Greet** at this event. Tickets available at [www.ewarbirds.org](http://www.ewarbirds.org). All proceeds support the Estrella Warbirds Museum, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation.

Car show participants have a special drawing. 1st prize \$600, 2nd prize \$400 and 3rd prize \$200.

For an entry packet, contact the museum at (805) 227-0440. Any questions, please feel free to call Carol Verstuyft at (805) 227-4409 or email at [dverstuyft@aol.com](mailto:dverstuyft@aol.com).

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the set up or during the car show, please contact Toni Moore at her email [exgasman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:exgasman@sbcglobal.net) or call (805) 461-0756.



### VOLUNTEERS CORNER by Jeanne Thiebaud

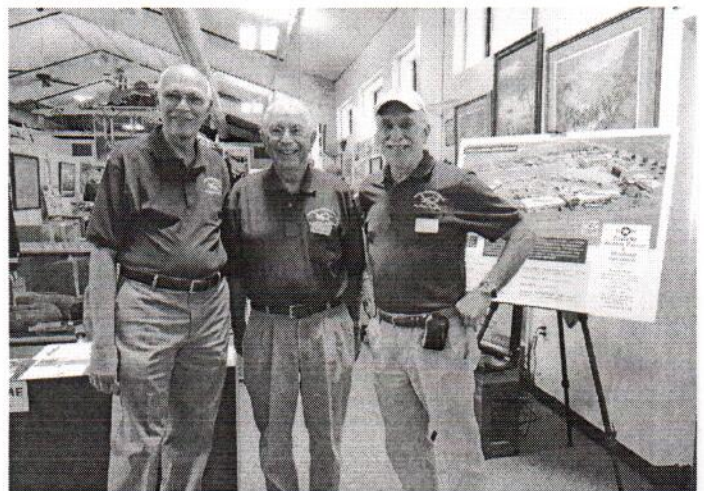
**YOU** too can dress in this new uniform for our men working as volunteers at the museum. Visitors know who we are when we are wearing the uniform. As we continue to grow and become a museum of distinction, we always want to put our best foot forward.

Won't you join us and find the place where you would like to give some of that spare time?

Pictured are two new volunteers:

Ken Casida and Buzz Hinkley with Mike Levine

**CALL 238-9317 to volunteer.**







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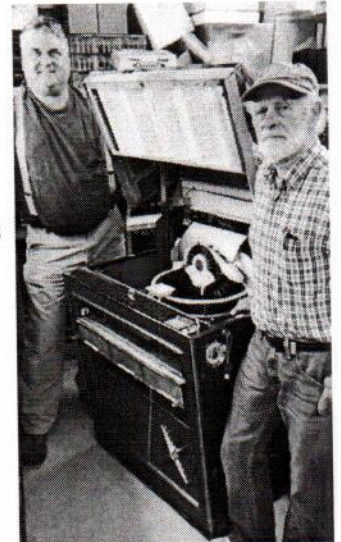
**Estrella**  
**Warbirds Museum**  
&  
**Woodland**  
**Auto Display**  
Paso Robles, CA

### **PAPA DUCKS POND**

Woodland Family Collection

Do you remember Busi's Tavern or hotel in downtown Paso? A new addition coming to the WAD is the juke box from the tavern. It is filled with recordings by Peggy Lee, Julie London, and Frank Sinatra. Dick was told that 1 or 2 of the Sinatra records were sold only to juke box companies. Dick has several historical photos of the area as well as a framed two page article from the Los Angeles Times which tells how most of the official business in the City of Paso Robles took place at Busi's. This goes back to the days when Barney Schwartz was mayor and prior to the Brown Act. In those days, they, the City Council, would hold a council meeting at city hall, blow through everything and adjourn to Busi's for the official business. The old Busi's neon sign is currently on display at the Pioneer Museum. Busi's is now known as Pappy McGregor's.

This should make an interesting display of times gone by.....



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### **DATES TO REMEMBER!**

|                   |                |                             |
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| Wednesday, May 4  | Dinner Meeting | 6:00pm Social/7:00pm Dinner |
| Wednesday, May 18 | Board Meeting  | 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm          |