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# The Eagle

Remembering The Past  
Inspiring The Future

Estrella Warbirds Museum/  
Woodland Auto Display  
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## CAP Arrives JIT To Provide Warbirds Some TLC



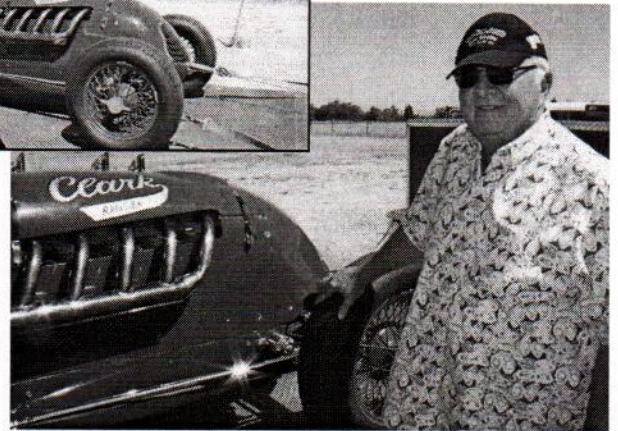
August 20, 2016 CAP volunteers from left to right: Jacob Drayton, Madsyn Quick, Noah Reeves, Cory Kessler, Carson Phillips and Emerson Phillips.

Estrella extends hearty thanks to the **Civil Air Patrol** and their steadfast volunteers who regularly show up on weekends to provide essential services to our museum. One of their "favorite" details is... "Washing Airplanes". Anyone associated with CAP or Estrella knows exactly what that means.

Thank You, CAP! Contact CAP:  
Captian Mike Huff 805-423-0087

Photo: D. Johansen

## Special Delivery Item on September 14 Put Directly Into Woodland Auto Display



Photos Steve Lochen

**Woodland Auto Display** took delivery of a "new" **Big Car** (early version of **Sprint Car**) on September 14. A real beauty, custom built by Bob Helms. **Dick Woodland** was there to officiate the roll-in. "This is a great way to combine the dual purpose of our museum: the display of BOTH the aviation and the car racing themes we incorporate here."

This car is unique because of its **power plant**, a 6-cylinder, 441 cubic-inch **Ranger Aircraft Engine**, developed in the mid 1930's by Fairchild Aircraft and Engine Co. for training planes. It was known to be a very reliable mill for the PT-19 and the PT-26 twin seat trainers used by both the Army and Navy. Get all the tech fix you want by heading over to WAD asap for a look.





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Rare Bear

# Prez Sez

Estrella President Sherman Smoot

Greetings from the National Championship Air Races in Reno, Nevada, the home of the fastest motor sport racing event in the world. I'm up here wearing my other hat as President of the **Unlimited Race Class**. This edition of Prez Sez will be short.

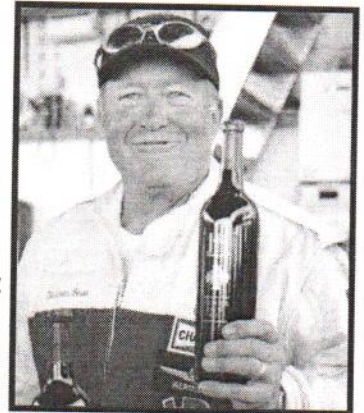
I want to thank Randy Wilber and Kim Clarke for the fantastic job they did in getting the Base down between the Woodland Complex and the Pfauter Building.

We have our first ever Swap Meet coming to the Museum on September 25. Looks like it's going to be a huge success. There will be in the neighborhood of 60 Swappers! Bring the family to this great event. The Woodlands, Dan and Carol Verstuyft, Scott Stelzle and many others have been busting their fannies to make this happen.

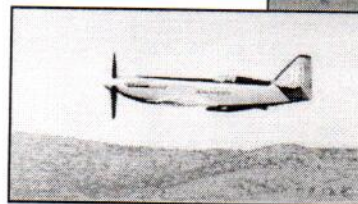
I look forward to seeing you at our next Dinner Meeting on October 5.

My prayers to all in harms way,

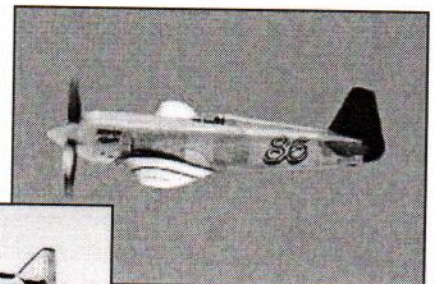
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*Familiar Entrants  
Unlimited Race Class*



Tsunami



Czech Mate (Sherm Driving?)

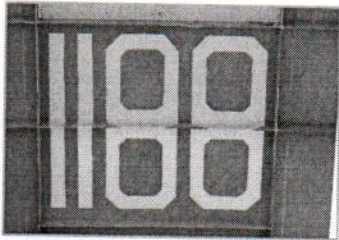


## Throw The D- - Flag!

Penalty Flag thrown regarding the September issue. It's **Charlie HarBer** The Birthday Boy, of course. Not HarPer. The Editor regrets the error. No offense, Charlie. No defense either. Sorry!



## What is This Estrella Members?



See page 8....

## Monthly Menu

October 5, 2016

6pm Social

7pm Dinner

Roasted Chicken Breast

Mushroom Wine Sauce

Rice Pilaf

Vegetables

Larry's Choice Dessert

\$17.00

Reservations:

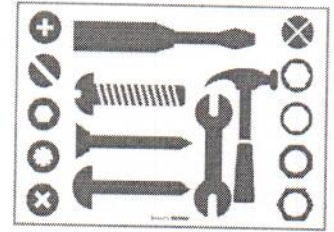
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[www.ewarbirds.org/  
dinnersvp.html](http://www.ewarbirds.org/dinnersvp.html)

# RESTORATION CORNER

UPDATES BY DENNIS JOHANSEN



## H-19 "Start"/Firebee/F-9

Next time you happen to wander past the front of the restoration hangar, you'll see a transformation taking place: The new paint on the H-19 Chicksaw. As always, it's a labor of love as the parts come together and a rendition of the final product comes closer to the surface.

The Sikorsky H-19 Helicopter got a full coat of paint this past month. The blades have been painted along with the landing gear and power components and the refurbished Plexiglas windows and inspection ports are ready to install. Like several other aircraft acquired by the Warbirds, the H-19 had been partially salvaged for spare parts to keep the fleet flying. The restoration staff had to search other

aircraft museums to obtain obscure parts that have long since disappeared from replacement stock. Donor George Hearst once flew an H-19 during his service with the U.S. Army in Korea.

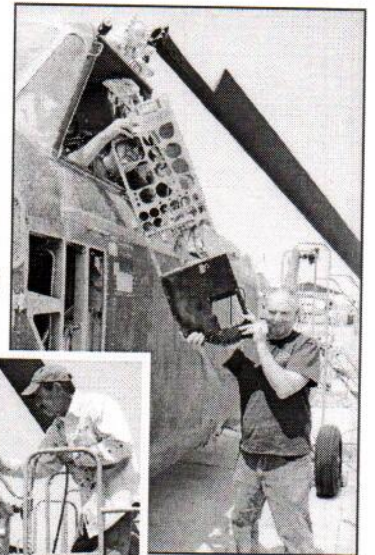
Mr. Hearst has been very generous, providing funds for the acquisition & restoration of our H-19.

Also sitting in the corner of the restoration building is the **Ryan Firebee RPV (Remote Piloted Vehicle)** drone acquired early this year from the Edwards Air Force Base Museum. The Firebee had been painted red while in the museum and has since had all its paint stripped off, awaiting a new coat of bright orange.

A "riveting" Tom Nixon attends to Firebee wing assembly



Tom Gorham (top) hauls up H-19 control panel from Tom DeVaul while Lou Esposito (below) starts the painting process.



"Stunning" olive drab after primer coat



Charlie Harber gets nose fixed

Photos: Steve Lochen

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## Who Says This Work Is Glamorous?

Randy Wilbur And Crew Install Critical Drains

Over the last two days (August 24, 25) Randy Wilbur (Pay-Loader driver below) and his staff have excavated and installed several drains and associated long runs of pipe to fix the drainage issues near the Woodland and Pfauter Bldgs. They are now in the process of improving the grading and installing road base material on top. It is a GREAT improvement and should certainly help when the rains (eventually) do come. The Mission: eliminate the historical lakes of water that have impacted this section of the Museum grounds. Now, how about some RAIN to test this all out!



Story/Photos Mike Levine (PIO)

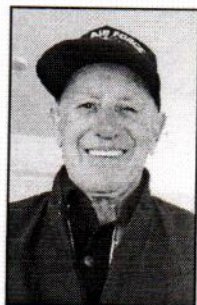
## October 5 Guest Speaker Recounts Nazi Terror

**Ultimate Victory**—Julius Royal has lived a life most people would regret, except that he overcame hardships none of us could imagine. Life lived and ultimately loved under the Nazi regime. Join us at the



Julius Royal Hungarian Air Force Officer, 1952

Monthly Dinner meeting on October 5 to hear this magnificent story of survival and the ultimate triumph.

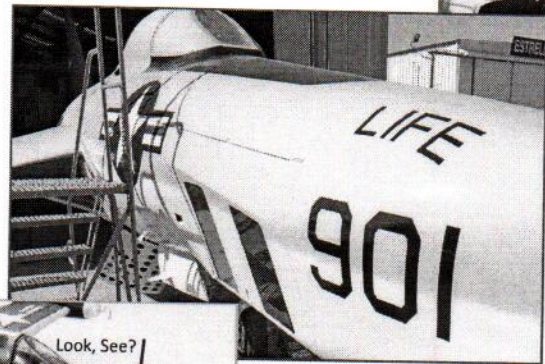


## RESTORATION, CONT...

Work on our **Cougar F9F** continues in the Restoration hanger as all the markings, stars-and-bars have been added to the fuselage. Several people have commented on the "Life" designation on the nose of the aircraft. Research by our restoration staff found that for an article on the Grumman Cougar in 1956, two aircraft were painted with "Life" (**Magazine**) and "Look" (**Magazine**) on the nose sections that would be visible in the aerial shot were the two aircraft to fly side-by-side. The photo did make publication in **Life Magazine**, but the aircraft were withdrawn from active service soon after to make way for the new, more capable supersonic **F-8 Crusader**.



Dennis Johansen Applies F9 tail stencils



"Life" on one side, "Look" on the other.

We are getting down to the final assembly. The only remaining "big" task will be hanging the wings back on the aircraft. That's accomplished by suspending the wing from our heavy-duty fork-lift, using hard-point attachments, to the top of the wing and an assortment of heavy straps. That operation is scheduled for early October.



**FYI:** The oldest flying airplane in North America belongs to Hugh Schoelzel, former TWA captain. It is hangered in New York and it's ORIGINAL (1909). Photo: Air and Space.



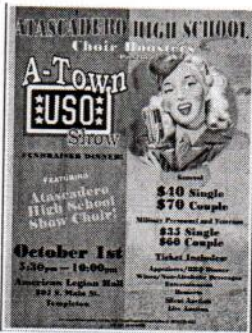
## Events Around Town



**Sunday Sept 25**  
9am—4pm  
Swap Meet  
EWM/WAD



**Friday Sept 30**  
The Party: 5pm—10pm  
**Saturday Oct 1**  
Run The Runways: 7am-9am  
**Saturday Oct 1**  
Paso Air Fest: 8am-3pm



**Saturday Oct 1**  
A-Town USO Show  
5:30—10pm  
Legion Hall  
805 Main St.  
Templeton, CA



Roast Chicken!

**Wednesday Oct 5**  
Monthly Dinner  
Thompson Hall  
6pm social  
7pm dinner



**Saturday Oct 8**  
86th Annual Pioneer  
Day Parade  
Bean Cooking: 7am  
Parade: 10am  
Bean Feed: 12noon



**Thu Oct 27**  
Vietnam Vet  
Tribute  
11am-2pm  
Madonna Inn

## We Have A New Bookkeeper In The House! Jenny Walker Takes Over A Detail-Oriented Detail



Dave Phillips has yielded his spot as Bookkeeper at EWM/WAD to pursue life as a regular member and volunteer at Estrella. He will be missed.

Jenny Walker, who will work closely with Treasurer Rob Kinneer, is a career bookkeeper and payroll specialist. She's from Templeton and started on August 12. We extend a warm welcome to Jenny and look forward to all that she will bring to the Museum.

Photo: Steve Lochen

## Nose Art As Fine Art

### Realistic Panels, Rivets And All.

John Everett labors with love in our Restoration Department. He and wife Cheryl aim some of their creative energy on aircraft nose art—the kind you see affixed to WWII aircraft and EWM rolling stock. First Project: **Memphis Belle**, the famed B-17.



Cheryl and John Everett show off nose art painted by Cheryl and "built" by John. Art soon to be on the wall in Freedom Hall at EWM.

The piece you see here was created out of sheet metal, riveted together and painted to look like the real thing. "It was a challenge for me to create the panel from nothing and make it look like a genuine piece of the airplane, rivets and all" says John. Cheryl's interest is in the artwork itself and the challenges with that.

The next project is in the works: **Bock's Car**, the B-29 bomber of Nagasaki.



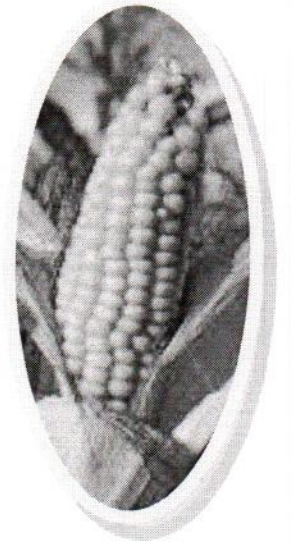
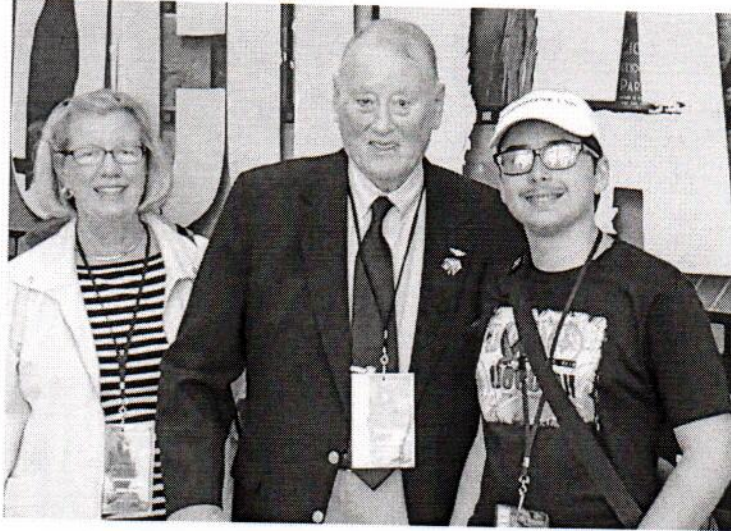


## Documentary Film Recounts A True Tale About WWII "Enemy"

Harald Bauer's "Nine Lives" True Tale Worthy Of Film Doc Competition

Margi, Harald,  
Carlos At  
Docutah Film  
Festival

The story of our own **Harald Bauer** and his last days in the Luftwaffe is one of many for the ages. His last job in the German Air Force: piloting the new and yet unproven German jet, the **Heinkel He-162**, to the front lines in the waning days of WWII only to be shot down on his 15th ferry mission from the factory! Add to that, injured, captured by U.S. troops and held in a hospital until the war's end. Between then and now? After a career with UPI and Associated Press, retirement with wife **Margi** in Atascadero and his current stint with Estrella as a "Senior Fellow" and Life Member.



For Many:  
The Favorite Time  
Of The Year

This tale is documented as a film short, "**The Nine Lives Of Harald Bauer**", which played in competition September 10 at St. George, Utah in the **Docutah Film Festival**. Of note is the Director, **Carlos Plummer of Super Image Ltd.**, who is..... 15 years old. Mr. Plummer gained deserved acclaim with his last short film, "**Tour Of Honor**", an accounting of an Honor Flight taking 21 WWII vets to D.C., visiting the new WWII memorial.

### ***New Shoe for the Biscuit Bomber***

From: Erin Hambrick and Phil Mores, seen on page 7

Erin Hambrick knew about Estrella from her time at Cal Poly 2007-2010. She worked on the donation of the simulator from the school lab to the museum, attended a couple presentations by aviation speakers, and also flew with one of the professors in the Aeronca.

"We helped with maintenance on Panchito, a B-25J based at the Delaware Aviation Museum in Georgetown, Delaware during our time on the east coast. We are both aeronautical engineers and pilots. Phil is also a crew chief in the Marines and a licensed A&P".

"When our friend Shane Wallace (Shane is shown also on page 7) mentioned maintaining and flying the C-47, they said let us know if you ever need a hand. On Sunday, the call came so we loaded up the Thorp T-18 from Mojave and helped them wrap up some brake and tire work and get the airplane back to flight status".

"We both love the old birds and especially those with history like the warbirds. Maintaining and showing the airplanes in honor of the veterans who served on them is very rewarding. On the other spectrum, exposing young people to aviation and history is also fantastic. For these reasons, getting dirty or greasy to fulfill the mission is no sacrifice at all, it is a privilege".

Blue Skies & Best Wishes,  
Erin And Phil, September 5, 2016



Heinkel He-162 Cr. 1944 Made of wood!



Purple Goat Cr. 1967 Not made of wood.



## Mr. Pfauter At It Again. Sometime Soon A Bolster Truck?

Mr. Herman Pfauter has been on a European trip of late. He is checking up on one of his projects, a



**bolster truck.** It's used to haul floats for bridges. In the Pfauter Red Ball Bldg. soon, perhaps? We hope so!

## Yikes

### Hope It Never Comes To This!

Russian Rammer

The Polikarpov I-16 is a solid little machine. You only have to be involved in pushing it around to know that it feels like it's made of bricks. When outnumbered and out of ammunition, Soviet pilots on the Eastern Front resorted to ramming German bombers. In the least dangerous method (still more than scary) a Soviet pilot would hit an enemy plane with a part of his own, bumping it with his wing for example. Other pilots chose to use their propeller to saw into the control surfaces of a fleeing German bomber. The last method, the most dangerous, was the "direct attack"—an all-out collision with the enemy plane. If a pilot was skilled (and very, very lucky) he/she might survive the intentional crash and bail out.



From Flying Heritage Collection, Seattle Web: [www.flyingheritage.com](http://www.flyingheritage.com)

# New Shoe, A Few Plugs For Biscuit Bomber

## Volunteer C-47 Crew Gangs Up For Tire Replacement, Plug Job

You can get in on this stuff—A crew of 7 descended on the Biscuit Bomber at Estrella on September 4. The Mission: Replace port side tire and install new spark plugs in both engines. It's **NOT** an easy job.



First: Jack up whole C47



Ant Farm



Lug Nuts come right off!



Dan spins Safety Wire



Nick On Nose Cone



Full Service



From Left: John Doyle, Dan Lloyd, Shane Wallace, Nick Camacho (Leader), Phil Moores, Erin Hambrick, Dustin Mosher

Photos: Steve Lochen



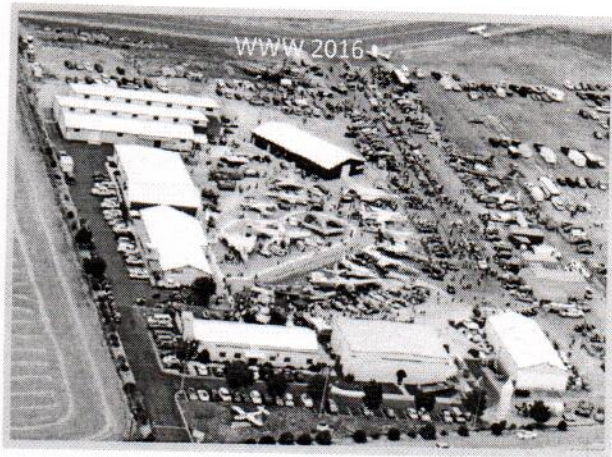
Shane and Ms. Erin (Ms. Erin?) haul huge, heavy air-plane tire off to nearest landfill. Or is

Turning #1



"I know it's in here somewhere"





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**THURSDAY—SUNDAY 10 TO 4**

**WHAT IS THIS? THIS IS AN LCVP**

**LANDING CRAFT, VEHICLE, PERSONNEL**

**“HIGGINS BOAT”**



The inventor/designer, was Mr. Andrew Higgins, who was originally building oil-prospecting wooden boats in Louisiana. Once WWII broke out, he was sure there would be a need for thousands of small boats—and was also sure steel would be in short supply. He built over 23,000 of these boats. Per Gen. Eisenhower: “The Higgins boats broke the gridlock on the ship-to-shore movement. It’s not possible to overstate the tactical advantages this craft gave U.S. amphibious commanders in World War II.”



**Our Boat** was built in 1966 in Maine and assigned to the **USS Saginaw** (1188). It rests out in front of Thompson Hall. There are about a dozen left in existence.

**Volunteers Wanted:**

**GIFT SHOP:** Thursday through Sunday, 10am until 4pm. Call Toni Moore at **805-238-9317**

**LIBRARY:** Open when the Museum is open. Contact Tom Gorham at [tag2878@cox.net](mailto:tag2878@cox.net) or call the museum at **805-238-9317**

**MUSEUM GREETER/DOCENT:** Open when museum is open. Meet and Greet. Call Jerry Jones, Museum Coordinator at **805-238-9317**

**RESTORATION:** Hands On! Get “Dirty”! Just show up Mondays, Wednesdays or Saturdays. starting at 9AM. Gourmet Lunch on Saturdays provided by Wayne Rice (see below). See Ron Boyte or Anyone in the Shop.

**COOKS:** Saturdays cooks/assistants for the volunteers. Contact Wayne Rice at **805-423-8828**

**From The Editor:**

If you see or experience anything concerning planes and/or automobiles that you think may be of interest to our membership, send it to me via email **by the 12th of the month.**

Everything will be considered. Easy as that!

Thanks!  
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