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Estrella Warbirds Museum/Woodland Auto Display

Prez Sez Sherman Smoot

Our first ever Swap Meet was a great success for the Museum. We had well over 130 vendors a.k.a. "Swappers". We had a few logistics and volunteer problems, etc. but, we worked it out. We plan on having it again next year. Thanks again to the Woodlands and all the volunteers for their hard work.

The long range planning committee, under the rule of Jerry Takier, has been plodding along. We are currently finalizing drawings to present to the Board for review and approval. With that behind us, we will commission final color drawings and elevations to present to our donors for our aggressive \$5 to \$7 million dollar expansion program. This will include two huge hangars, a glass-enclosed building joining the hangars, and a new meeting/conference hall with all the amenities.

With this new expansion will come a lot more responsibilities. We absolutely must increase our volunteer pool. Please consider spending 4 hours at the museum helping. Contact Jerry Jones at the museum to sign up. You will have a lot of fun!

REMEMBER, our next dinner meeting has been changed to accommodate our speaker who is a Pearl Harbor survivor. Dinner meeting will be on November 9, 2016. See you then!

My prayers to all in harm's way,

Sherm



Dinner Menu

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Roast Turkey

Larry's Special Stuffing

Seasonal Veggies

Mashed Potatoes

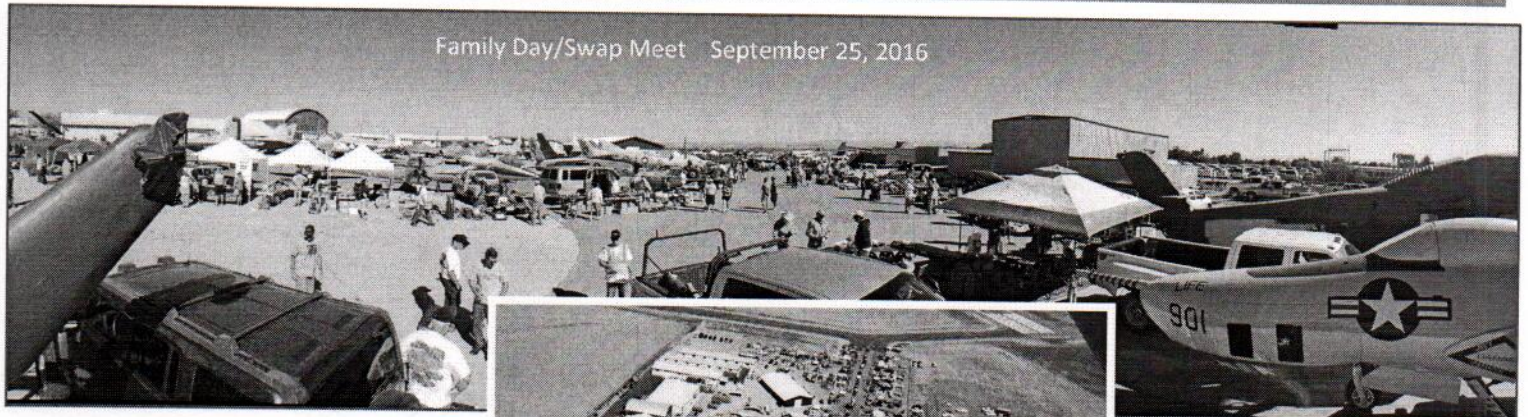
Pumpkin Pie

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Social Hour: 5:00pm Dinner: 7:00pm

2015 Family Day/Swap Meet Off To A Great Start

135 Vendors and Customers Galore File Into Woodland/Estrella Bargaining Session



Family Day/Swap Meet September 25, 2016

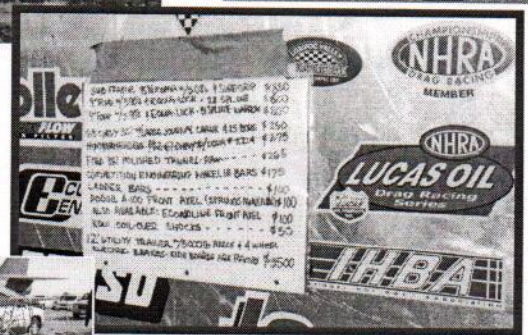
Scott Steizle's Man-Hangar at Dawn



Same Man-Hangar At 8am



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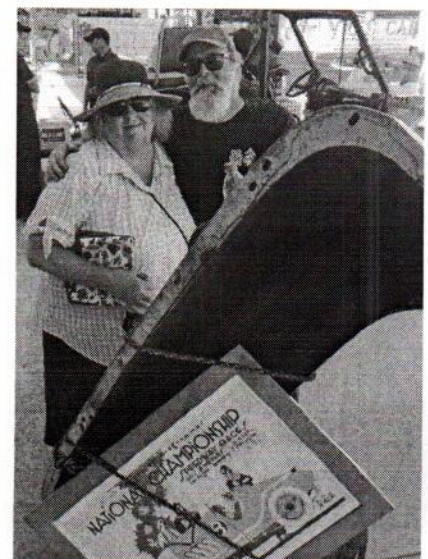


Plenty Of Toys For Tots *Of All Ages.*

Jan and Garth Webb of Atascadero take away a priceless artifact for over the mantle and a rusty....something he wanted/needed for his project. You know the price was right.



Rare Car Parts and Hawaiian Shirts.



By The Way....

Aerial Photography for WWW and Swap Meet provided by and in The Aronca L-16 "Bug Smasher" piloted by Bob Kelly. Back seat RIO (Photographer) Steve Lochen. Additional photography at these events from Mike Levine, PIO and anyone else who wants to contribute.



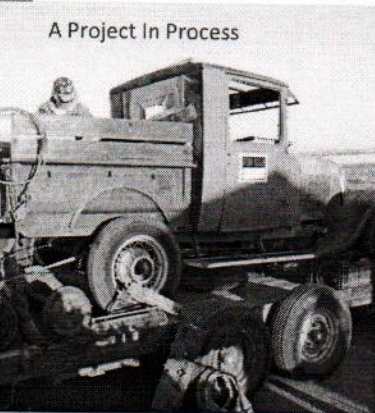
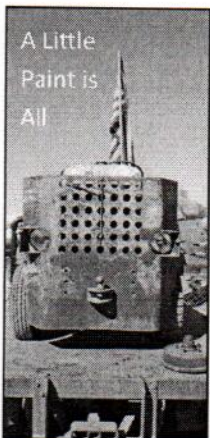
Bob Kelly L-19 Pilot/Owner

The Swap Meet Idea belongs to Dick Woodland and Scott Steizle.

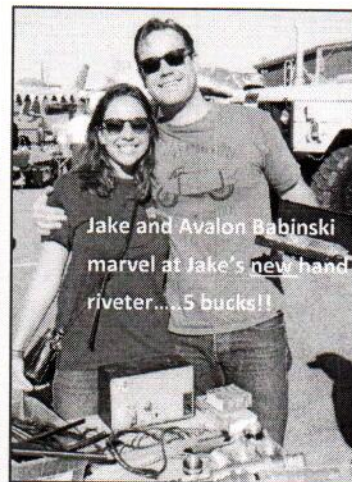
Everyone was anticipating the date: September 25, 2016, the **First Annual Family Day/Swap Meet** at EWM/WAD. Cheap to get in and trade all of your hardware, car parts and steering wheels for rusty or mint-condition fenders, headers, piston rings, headlight rings for a '47 Cadillac, Model A torsion bars and anything else you can think of, most of it considered a real "find" among the attending elite collectors, all ready to bargain.

Truly a Gearhead's Paradise! Watch out for posters around town hawking the 2017 Swap Meet!

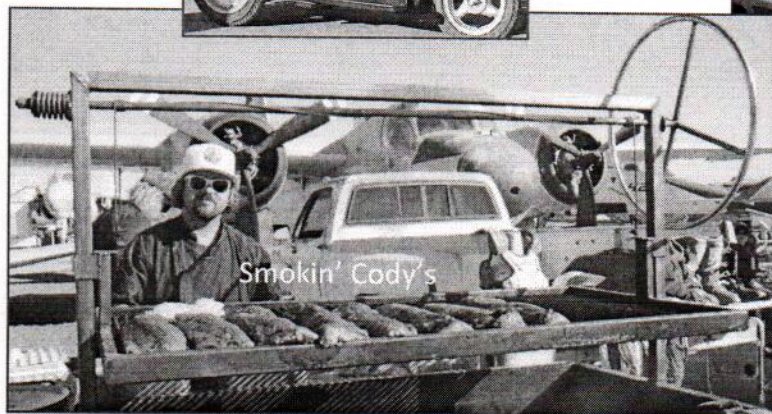
More Swap Meet Images...



Dick Woodland



Jake and Avalon Babinski marvel at Jake's new hand riveter.....5 bucks!!



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Members: Who Is This Person?



His story and photo are
In Freedom Hall.
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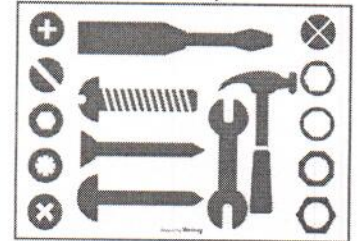


NB: Randy Wilber's name was misspelled in last month's Eagle. He does not spell it like Mr. Wight (Wilbur). Some bad intelligence on my part. The Editor regrets the error.

Restoration Corner

F-9 Cougar Gets Its Wings!

Update from Dennis Johansen



On Tuesday, October 11 the restoration crew celebrated a milestone with the near completion of the F9F Cougar when the wings were hung on the fuselage. All the parts of the plane had been previously primed, painted and stored in anticipation of this event.

There was some amount of concern that the plane might tip over on one wingtip once a single wing was attached since even with the wings tanks completely empty, the wings were believed to weigh in at over 500 pounds apiece. Installation went smoothly as Bill Lander gently guided the monster forklift with the wing suspended from the forks to the side of the fuselage. The wing needed to be attached in the wingtip-up position so that the one-inch fastening pins could be wiggled into place.

After much shoving, wiggling and a few expletives, both wings slid into place and lowered into flight position. This was the first time since the Cougar arrived at the Warbirds that the plane has appeared mostly complete. Many parts for the plane



Tom Gorham guides 500 lb. port wing into place. Bill Lander maneuvers Fork Lift.

accompanied the delivery, but most, including the wings had not been attached to the fuselage for several years. The restoration crew knew they would fit, but other critical parts of the wing, such as the hydraulic operating pistons had been partially deployed

prior to disassemble with no way to activate the pistons into a rest position. Carefully they and other parts

were removed to make way for the attachment of the wings. Finally, when a couple parts would no longer budge after years of outside storage, they were removed with a cutting tool and the wing attachment progressed.

What remains now is for the Restoration Crew to attach the flaps and some of the air brakes that had been previously removed during the painting process. The Plexiglas windows are now all in place as is the reproduction Fairchild aerial camera in the photo bay. Soon the F9F Cougar will be towed into place near the back of Thompson Hall for temporary display before joining the line of restored aircraft. With the many newly fabricated parts added and the markings carefully researched and reproduced, the plane now appears in as authentic condition as when it entered service.



Even the painted markings on the underneath of the wings are in place where only very small children and ground squirrels will ever see them, but they need to be there to satisfy the Restoration Crew's goal of complete authenticity.

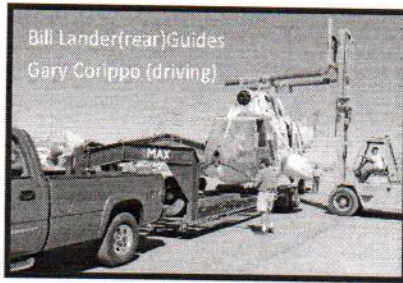
Photos, Story Dennis Johansen

HH-52 Takes The Bus To Ramon

Off To Classic Rotors Museum

The bus showed up on September 24th to pick up a hulking passenger, our HH-52 helicopter. It has been anxiously awaiting a complete re-furbish by the Restoration Crew for a few years now.

Estrella decided that the project was a little too big to handle in light of all the other projects at hand. So the Sikorsky Seaguard that started its afterlife up North at Tillamook goes to the chopper specialists at Classic Rotors outside San Diego. Soon you will look like your brother on the right. Adios!



Bill Lander(rear)Guides
Gary Corippo (driving)



What the finished product does for a living

IT'S PIONEER DAYS AGAIN!

EWM ROLLS INTO ANNUAL PARADE/PARTY



By Hand!



Photos Steve Lochen



Sometimes a little tickle to get things going



Final Dustup at 0830 hrs



Today's Lineup



Where Are Your Papers? You Have Papers? (We were #62 This Year)

Crew: James Messineo, Cheryl and John Everett, Carly and Bradley Everett (Grandkids) and Mike Brophy.



Unit #62 In Action

First *Paso Airfest* Introduces Central Coast To A Vibrant Aviation Community.

Warbirds Take The Stage For Some Show And Awe/Tell!

Paso Robles-The Community turned out at **Paso Robles Regional Airport** on Friday evening and Saturday October 1, to party with the planes, run the runways, chow down on good food and look skyward as local aviators took to the skies over Paso for good times and a serious display of what our airport has to offer. This was **AIRPORT APPRECIATION DAY** and it is about time.



Gary Corippo and his Vultee



If you were fortunate enough to experience AirFest 2016, you know that the weekend was full of the kind of activity you can enjoy at "double time" here on the Central Coast.

Friday Night Party Night at the hangar, surrounded by modern and vintage flying machines from a WWII Stearman bi-plane to a sleek, single engine Lansair . Music and dancing in the airplane garage. Dinner is served!

Saturday is Race Day, 5k and 10k runs up and down Runway 1 - 19, followed by a pancake breakfast. Ceremonies at noon, marching band, sky divers, a speech from Mayor Martin, RC (radio control) flight demonstrations by our local Cloud Clippers (unbelievable what they can do!). LtCmdr. Paul Oyler, a Paso resident , Middle School teacher and Navy Flight Instructor drove his (our) F-18 Hornet in from Lemoore for a Meet and Greet. He is a good friend of Estrella. His back seat "wizzo" Lt.Cmdr. Bob Bokart , assisted him.

Cont.



Dave Fretwell, Phil Corman, Dr. Jill Thayer, Jeff Quaid, Randy Wilber, Nancy Quaid, Scott Stelzle



AirFest Committee Chair Tony Gaspar and The Mrs.



Sherm Fires It Up



If that wasn't enough, fly-bys by some of our local airmen in Gary Corippo's Vultee Valiant, the C-47, Brad Eaton's WWII Stearman, our T-34 Mentor, Jeff Quaid's SNJ (T-6) Texan and Sherman Smoot in his T-28. Even our "Bug Smasher" thrilled everyone with a couple of Mach-1 passes with Bob Kelly at the controls.

This is but the first Airfest. Prepare for more of the same in 2017. All but a chapter in the **growth of this area and Paso Robles 93446!**



Brad Eaton Readies His Stearman PT-17

Photos Steve Lochen, Dr. Jill Thayer



AirFest Committee Co-Chair Steve Allen calls the action as our C-47 cranks up for flight carrying lucky riders up and down the Coast

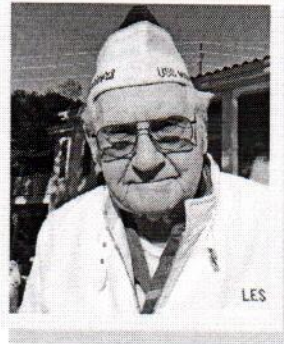


Paul Oyler

On November 9 George Marrett Presents:

Lester "Les" Lindow

Pearl Harbor Survivor With A Story To Tell



George Marrett brings us another harrowing tale from someone who lived through the Big One. A survivor of **Pearl Harbor** with a story of life on the Island interrupted by an enemy bent on our destruction. **Les Lindow** was attached to the **USS Maryland** when it all began. He and a few others are to be in for a very special treat in the next few weeks., 75 years after the fact. Find out what and why on November 9* at the Monthly Dinner.

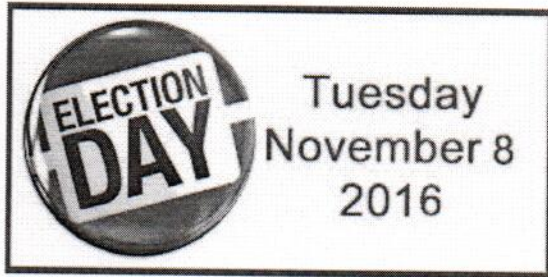
***THE MONTHLY DINNER IS PUSHED BACK A WEEK TO NOV 9**

Who Is This Person????

(from page 4)

Greg "Pappy" Boyington, Marine pilot in WWII who flew first for the Flying Tigers and then commanded the famous Black Sheep Squadron. He is a **Medal Of Honor** win-

NOW HEAR THIS!!



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From The Editor:

Whether you're Trumping or Hillarying, Greening or Libertarianing does not matter. What matters is that, on **November 8**, you find time to cast your **vote**. Honor all those who have paid the price for your privilege by serving in harm's way. Don't we honor the Military here? Well, honor the Flag. Honor the serviceman, servicewoman. Honor the workers, teachers, engineers, plumbers, salesmen/women, carpenters, firemen, cops. Honor everyone by voting. THEN you can whine about stuff.

NOW HEAR THIS.....

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT: THE NOVEMBER MONTHLY DINNER MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2016

A WEEK LATER THAN USUAL

That is all

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 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**.



Does this look familiar to anyone??

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron **VMFA-333**.

Inspect the **Phantom** on display here at Estrella.

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:

steve@lochenphoto.com

Send by the 12th of the month deadline.

Everything will be considered. Send names with photos. Easy as that! Thanks! Steve Lochen