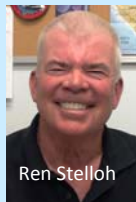


Swap Meet
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Prez Sez...

Thank you! We are an organization supported by volunteers and it's high time we recognize volunteers who have gone above and beyond.



Ren Stelloh

First, let's all say thank you to Toni Moore. Toni's unstinting efforts have ensured the gift shop runs smoothly and profitably. The success of the September 10 Mega Swap Meet was due to Bill Lander's expert management of the effort (which sometimes looked like Bill was herding cats!). And Carol Verstuyft's efforts ensured there was plenty of 805 on hand to slake the thirst of our attendees.

Betsy's Biscuit Bomber was a proud participant with a fleet of similar C-47s participating in a D-Day paratroop drop reenactment over the Labor Day holiday at a Michigan Airfest. The pilots and crew deserve a special thanks for their support of this special mission. Please say thank you to Shane Wallace, John Edell, John Doyle, Dan Lloyd, Nick Camacho, Hector Camacho, Dan Camacho, and Scott Stelzle.

So please offer thanks to these and all our volunteers without whom Estrella Warbirds Museum would be high and dry.

EWM Static and Flying Displays Attract Crowds At Paso Robles AirFest 2017

Paso Robles— The Second Annual Paso Robles AirFest and Fly-in took place at the Paso Robles Airport on August 25th and 26th. People from around the State gathered for a look at the burgeoning flying community we have in this part of the country. EWM had much of the attention



THE SET-UP



over the weekend as exhibits drew young and old alike to gawk at the aircraft and rolling stock fea-

tured 4 days per week at **Estrella Warbirds/Woodland Auto Display**. Airshow Saturday was preceded by a Friday BBQ and dance party for local pilots, family and friends. Saturday saw the crowds enjoying the good food, airplane rides, flight demonstrations and exhibits on a spectacular, if a little warm, late Summer day.

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Bug Smasher TLC



Wayne Rice and Bob Kelley, too involved to look back, Tend to: 1. wing access panel, involving glue, and 2. Nasty hose clamp which is not in plain sight. The patient, our L-16 Liaison has recovered nicely, surely enjoying its return to regular service.

Harald Bauer Uses Life #9 to Handle Docent Shift

EWM-Docent duty at Freedom Hall had a special guest stationed at the Welcome Seat on Saturday September 9. **Harald Bauer** lent his presence to herald Warbirds museum guests. Having flown for BOTH Germany and then the US NAVY, his is truly THE war story you can't make up.



EWM Docent and Life Member Harald Bauer



Jake Steilzle test-drives another **Swap Meet** curiosity

Betsy's Biscuit Bomber Hauls All The Way To Ypsilanti To Insert "Troops" In THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN

Willow Run Airfield, Michigan- **THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN 2017**, billed as the biggest air show in the State, had a partici-



(*Many B-24s built at Willow Run)

part in our **C-47** over **Labor Day** weekend. **Betsy's Biscuit Bomber** took off from Estrella on August 30 and made it "Over The Hump" to Ypsilanti. She stood proudly in line with

five other examples of the classic ship on the flight line. Main event here was the largest paratroop drop since WWII, with C-47s rigged up to spill hundreds of "troops" over the



"Troops" muster prior to drop



Shane Wallace In Kankakee, IL

Landing Zone below. The "GIs" bailed out of the door off static lines as if in actual combat action! Show over? Not really. The Bomber took off for home Tues-

day Sept 5. "Noisy" starboard engine dictated a landing at Kankakee IL for some close-in inspection. The UPS truck delivered a piston assembly and the crew swarmed together and made the repairs in 2 days. Always an adventure with the **Gooney Bird Group!**

Lucky crew/travelers on the Bomber included Shane Wallace (pilot), Nick Camacho, Scott Steilzle (right seat-pilot), John Edell, John Doyle and Dan Lloyd..

Info: *Gooney Bird Group Facebook Page*



Scott and Nick On Night Guard Duty

NOW HEAR THIS. . .

**This Sailor Needs
SHOES!!**



NEEDED ASAP: SHOES, BLACK, DECK,
ONE PR EACH, SIZE 10-11 TO FIT COM.
SAILOR EXHIBIT IN FREEDOM HALL.
CONTACT CURATOR, DR. JILL THAYER
EMAIL: jill@jillthayer.com
805-238-9371 DO IT NOW. That is all

**EWM/WAD Welcomes
Youngest Visitor. . .**

EVER!



Forrest Johnson, 1044+ months
greeted Swap Meet customer,
5+ months on Sept. 10 at Freedom
Hall. Forrest is always up to the
“task” of greeting new arrivals. Best
Docent in the business?



ESTRELLA FREEDOM FLIGHT FOR OCEANO MARINE WHO DIED ON TARAWA ATOLL

**Three-Ship Fly-over Salutes Hero
Home to Rest After 74 years.**

Arroyo Grande-Pfc George Murray is home from the war in the Far East 74 years after giving his life on the distant island atoll of **Tarawa**. Any Marine can tell you about the drive up the Pacific island chains, securing land bases for our bombers to reach the Japanese mainland. Look up the Gilbert Islands out in the vast South Pacific. Know that at least 1000 servicemen gave their lives in a matter of days taking this small piece of coral. George Murray was part of this effort. Eventually we all know the outcome. WWII would end with Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Estrella’s George Marrett, Bob Kelley and Scott Steizle flew the **Missing Man Formation** over Arroyo Grande Cemetery on Friday, August 18 at exactly 1100 hours, where and when Mr. Murray was laid to rest alongside his mother.

You can read the entire story about George Murray in the SLO Tribune of August 16. Go online to: [Marine’s remains return home to Oceano 74 years after WWII](#)

You can also Google “Tarawa” and get a feeling of what was involved in that operation. For actual battle record, go to the Marine Corp. Foundation at: <https://www.mca-marines.org/gazette/tarawa-ultimate-opposed-landing>.

Taken From **Freedom Flight Plan** (George Marrett). . .

Eagle 1: J-5 Cub, Scott Stelzle (lead)

Eagle 2: Stinson L-5E, George Marrett (right wing)

Eagle 3: Aeronca L-16, Bob Kelly (left wing)

Briefing:

Museum Hangar 0930

Takeoff:

Start engines at 1015 hours, takeoff at 1020 hours on 123.00 Unicom. Flight leader Eagle 1 will call for change of frequency to 122.75 leaving pattern.

Flyby:

Eagle 1, 2 and 3 will climb to 3,000-ft and proceed to Los Osos. South of Los Osos flight will change to 122.7 Oceanic Unicom. Flight will form up over Oceanic airport at 1,200-feet and head Northeast making a gradual descending 90-degree right turn just before the Hwy 101 freeway so as to pass over Arroyo Grande cemetery at exactly 1100 with minimum speed of 90mph. Eagle 2 will pull up and turn West as the “Missing Man” directly over the crowd.

Return to Paso Robles Airport.

(pilot photos on back page)

Restoration Corner. . .



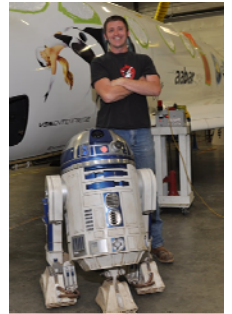
**Completed H-19
Chicksaw**

Artists/Craftsmen/Engineers who did the job: **Tom Gorham, Tom DeVaul, Zach DeWeese, Bill Lander, Dennis Johansen, Gary Corippo, Bon Boyte, Charlie Harber, Tom Nixon, Louie Esposito, Keith Dekker, Gary Woodall, Mike Brophy, Bill Kerstan, Central Coast Upholstery, Mark's Tire Service.** It looks like it just came from the factory. This H-19 now occupies a permanent spot in the display lineup. "Restos" In The Works: H-34 Helicopter, M-151 Viet Nam era Jeep, D-4 Cat Tractor, TA-4 jet repaint. That is a BIG work load.

George Marrett Presents: Zach Reeder and World's Largest Airplane, Among Others.



Zach is a 1985 graduate from Texas A&M. He sports an Aeronautical Engineering degree. For such a "youngster" his resume includes design work on the Stratolauncher (see photo above) and too many new and exciting projects on the table at **Scaled Composites**. This includes duties as a test pilot. He has flown/tested more than 45 different types of aircraft. His first solo flight: he designed and built his own hang glider. This is a don't-miss event at Thompson Hall on October 4. Be there for **Zach Reeder**. . . and the pictures!



Dicks Garage. . .

Another Crème-Puff Stablemate



**Rare '37 Chevy Off The
Streets Of Paso After
Long Ride**



WAD— Another "new" pony arrived at Woodland Auto Display late in August. This one, a 1937 Chevrolet Coupe, built and owned by Paso Robles resident Ken Colwell. Created 35 years ago out of the original body and innards, it has roamed the local streets all this time. It is only fitting that this rare street rod stays in our community still able to turn heads. See it in person at **Woodland Auto Display**.

Monthly Meeting/Dinner Menu

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Social 6pm, Dinner 7pm

Thompson Hall

\$20.00

Lasagna

Vegetable

French Bread

Dessert ala Larry

George Marrett Guest Speaker

Reservations:

By Monday, October 2

Call: 805-296-1935

On Line: ewarbirds.org

Drop Down To: Dinner Reservations



Paso Robles AirFest 2017 Starts With Gala In The Hangar Ends With Aerial Thrills, EWM Exhibits

Photos: Mike Levine, Steve Lochen



EWM/WAD



Martin Paris Band



The Gasparis



Brad Eaton Stearman

Capt. Ben Kinney



CalFire
Paso Robles



CHP Joe Kingman and Pals



Sherm's T-28



Red Stars



EWM
Gun
Truck



EAA Young Eagles



EWM
H-19
Chicksaw



2017 Fall Swap Meet Does It Again

Early start again for the **Fall Swap Meet at EWM/WAD**. Stuff galor for the "Gearheads": gaskets, rims, rods, head covers, helmets, hub caps, Hawaiian shirts, tools, toys, tires, whole cars, blocks, batteries, wheels, scooters, surfboards? Yes, Surfboards. Great Stuff. Great Day!



Just like new!



Finally, Rick can see where he has been



Fresh Rust and a Piece of History



Dick's "new" Avanti



Gas tank



'58 T-bird \$28K OBO



All Star Score At Fall Swap Meet



Helmet in bag



Early Start



Photos Steve Lochen Mike Levine

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USS Cavalier In Permanent Dry Dock At EWM Labor of Vet's Love and Passion For History Lands Great Piece of Military Art in Freedom Hall

A very special thanks goes out to **Lon Allan** for your donation of **The USS Cavalier (APA-37)** to Estrella Warbirds Museum! He dropped by the Curator's office last month with this wonderful model that he built from scratch using pine, mahogany, basswood and anything he finds lying around the shop, no kit or pre-cut pieces!



Lon Allan, Dr. Jill Thayer and APA-37 USS Cavalier. More information see www.facebook.com/ewarbirdsmuseum/photos
Catch Lon's Column in SLO Tribune

NOW HEAR THIS, ALSO. . .



"Gun Truck Reunion/Exhibit at Inn On Morro Bay and EWM tour: Story and photos coming in the next edition of EAGLE. Event occurred too late for the October EAGLE issue. Check it out on line: <http://www.ewarbirds.org/>

That is all".

THE GATHERING OF VIETNAM VETERANS TRANSPORTATION CORPS
10-15 SEP 2017

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 All are welcome to stop by and visit!

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ABOVE IS A REPLICA OF THE SNOOPY 2 VIETNAM GUN TRUCK BUILT BY THE STAFF OF THE ESTRELLA WARBIRDS MUSEUM IN PASO ROBLES, CA. These armored trucks acted as security for convoys in Vietnam, delivering much need supplies including fuel to outlying Fire Bases over the dangerous passes in the mountain terrain.



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Thursday—Sunday
10am till 4pm

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Scott Steizle

Bob Kelley

George Marrett

Freedom Flight
for George Murray



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 Monday, Wednesday or Saturday. starting at 9AM. Gourmet Lunch on Saturday provided by Wayne Rice. 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 airplanes and/or automobiles that you think may be of interest to our membership, send it to The Editor via email:

eagleeditor@ewarbirds.org

Send it by the 12th of the month deadline.

Everything will be considered. Send names with any photos. Submissions will belong to Estrella Warbirds. Easy as that! Thank You! Steve Lochen, Editor