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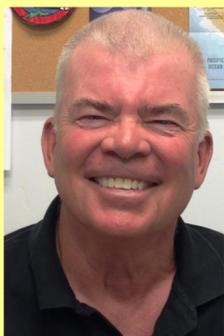


Remembering The Past
Inspiring The Future

Prez Sez. . . EWM President Ren Stelloh

The most welcome news is that on behalf of the museum, I signed the **40 year lease** effective October 1st for the ten acre parcel on the west side of the museum. The challenge now is to create a comprehensive development plan that will allow for orderly, thoughtful, and systematic growth as funds become available. Our Long Range Planning Committee will be hard at work on this and I'll report back to you.

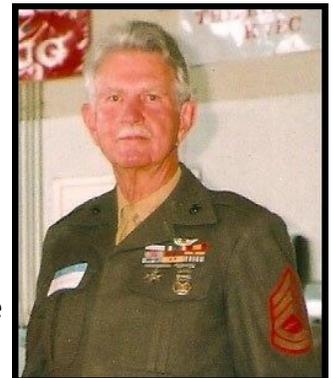
A real feather in the museum's cap occurred when the **Model A Club of America** staged their 2017 National Tour from Estrella Warbirds Museum. It was great fun to see all the wonderfully restored Model As lined up on our taxiway. And, if you haven't taken a look recently at the boneyard (aka the junkyard) east of the Schade Restoration Building, please do so. You won't recognize it! Bill Lander and crew invested significant time and effort to clean the space up. It's amazing!



Thanks Bill!
Ren Stelloh

Al Schade Passes on October 9th. Led EWM Restoration From The Beginning

The Estrella family is saddened to learn of the passing of one of its founders, Al Schade. There is not a static display on flight line or vehicle in the Brooks Bldg. that did not have some of Al's sweat on it and in it.



As of this writing the family is requesting a memorial luncheon at Thompson Hall on Saturday, November 18th. There is also a request from the family for a fly-by, Missing Man Formation at this event. The Restoration Crew will always remember Al as the one who brought the leadership. Current Restoration projects like the H-19, H-34, M151A1 Jeep, Firebee and Predator Drones, F-9 Cougar exist because of Al's determination, focus and steadfast dedication to the intricate detail required to create these masterpieces. Watch for more information at ewarbirds.org as the date for the Memorial service draws closer.

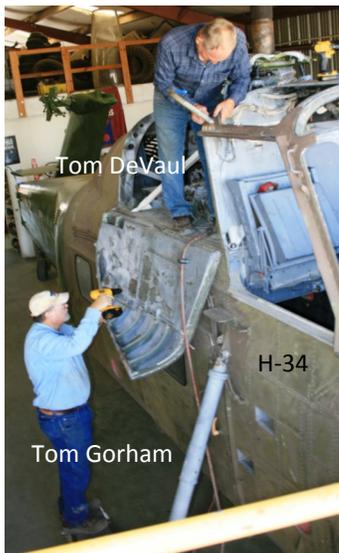
Restoration Corner



H34, M151-A1 Jeep, TA-4

Focus these days in the Restoration hangar is on completion of the **H-34 Sikorsky** along with the **M151 Viet Nam area jeep**.

Both pieces require much disassembly, with parts down to nuts and bolts that must be de-oxidized (rust removal), primed and either refinished or replaced with **accurate parts** from vendors around the country. On the back burner right now is our **AT4 Skywarrior** attack jet trainer. The entire skin is being sanded thoroughly and misshaped panels and sheet metal reworked to fit properly. The H34 will get the interior and cockpit retrofitted to correct detail. The jeep? Well, as soon as



Ron Boyte finishes the rebuild of the frame, work can progress

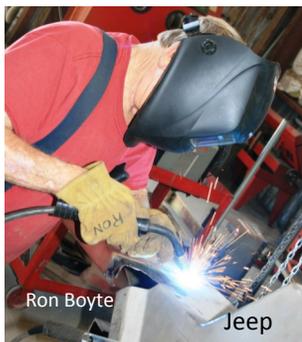


to the upper fenders, engine rehab, seats and detail parts. To Anyone who wants to work with the Resto Crew: Just show up and have fun putting history into perspective. Even the tourists

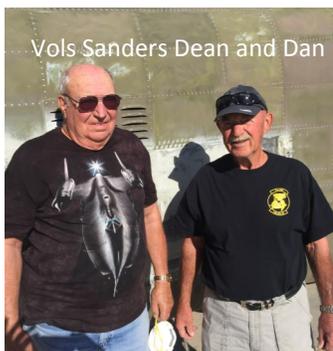


visiting EWM can get into the act!

Painters Ernie Madrid and Dennis Johansen



Ron Boyte Jeep



Vols Sanders Dean and Dan

Per Resto Dennis Johansen: "These **two guys from Lake Havasu, AZ** are, left to right, **Dean Monteith** and **E. Daniel Remy**. They are museum members who contacted us a few weeks ago to ask if there was anything they could do for a few days in Restoration. When they arrived, I stuck sanders in their hands and they completely sanded the H-34 and the A-4 while they were here. I think they spent at least **five days at Restoration**. Really nice to have them since sanding is far from my favorite sport. They stayed at a local RV park with their wives, and said that you can only visit so many wineries.....nice to have them." So There! See how easy it is!?"

No Pioneer Day Parade in 2017

For EWM Vehicles

Problems with insurance coverage on our EWM Rolling Stock inventory of military vehicles made it impossible to display them in the 2017 Paso Robles Parade. The Museum elected not to expose itself to obvious liability risks and pulled out. Policy covering drivers and vehicles expired October 10. New coverage could not be secured until the 18th, too late to run the vehicles in the event. Stuff Happens.

Yes Pioneer Day Parade In 2017

For EWM Freedom Flight

George Marrett, Wayne Rice Pilot L-5E and J-5 Over Spring St. In Salute To Our City

Freedom Flight Plan:

Estrella Warbird Museum

Pioneer Day parade— Saturday October 14, 2017

Eagle 1: J-5 Cub, Wayne Rice (lead & US Marine veteran of Vietnam)

Eagle 2: L-5E Sentinel, George Marrett (right wing & USAF veteran of Vietnam)

Briefing: Museum Hangar: 9:00am

Takeoff: Start engines at 9:35am hours, takeoff at 9:45m hours on 123.00 Unicom. Flight leader Eagle 1 will call for change of frequency to 122.75 leaving pattern.

Flyby: Eagle 1 & 2 will climb to 2,000-ft and proceed to the truck stop 3 miles North of Paso Robles. Flight will form formation at 1,800-feet (1,000 feet AGL) and head South making a gradual descent to fly down Spring Street over the downtown park at exactly 9:55am. Flight will do a 180-degree turn South of Paso Robles and fly North down Spring Street flying over parade start at 10:00am.

Return to Paso Robles Airport: Eagle 1 and 2 will climb to 1,800-feet. Each aircraft will proceed back to the Paso Robles Airport. All aircraft will return to 123.00 before entering PRB traffic pattern. Landing: All aircraft will land separately.



NOW HEAR THIS! . . .

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION
DINNER WEEKEND
INCLUDES TOUR OF
WOODLAND "SKUNKWORKS"**

**SAVE SOME TIME THE WEEKEND OF
NOVEMBER 4 AND 5.**

Estrella Warbirds Museum/Woodland Auto Display is hosting the **Volunteer Appreciation Weekend**. Dinner is served **November 4th at 4pm** at Freedom Hall. This is an opportunity for all volunteers to meet, greet, gossip, gab, eat, drink and catch up on what is happening on Dry Creek Road. If dinner isn't enough, on Sunday, **November 5th**, Dick Woodland's own, private "Skunkworks" (his new shop) will be open for visits from any of our volunteers from 8am until 10am **PST**. Coffee & Donuts. See you there!

YOU are invited. Please **RSVP** via the following:

**For Dinner November 4: Peter Snyder
Cell:310-850-0664**

email: celloman99@yahoo.com

**For Tour November 5: Sign-Up Sheets
are available in Freedom Hall, Hind
Pavilion and Restoration Bldg.**



November 4, 4pm



November 5, 8am until 10am

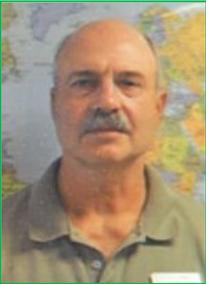
**Estrella's Marquee Stallion
Beast and Beauty All In One**

Grumman F-14 Tomcat



Right outside the door at **Freedom Hall** sits the biggest, baddest combat airplane ever conceived, **The F-14 Tomcat**, the last of the Grumman "Cats" to serve the Country. Starting with Wildcats and Hellcats in WWII Pacific Theatres, Bearcats and Tiger Cats in the late '40s, Panthers, Cougars and Tigers in the '50s and '60s, the "Cat" series of Grumman airships proved themselves in every conflict they have been involved in. The Tomcat is the **"Top Gun"**, however. Safe to say: EVERY Naval aviator wanted to fly the Tomcat. 712 Tomcats were built. They took off in 1970 and were retired in 2006. The **Mission** for the Navy was Air Superiority, i.e. **Protect The Fleet**. Perhaps you remember the 1989 incident with Libyan Migs and the shout of "SPLASH!" as one of the Tomcat's missiles struck home. The faithful horse proved very expensive and complicated to maintain. It was worth it. Our own **George Marrett** took part in the flight testing of some of its systems, such as the Phoenix defensive missile system. You can get the feel by reading his book about his time at Hughes Aircraft, **"Cheating Death"**. We are lucky to have the Tomcat for visitors to admire. Stop and gaze at the intricate parts and be proud that such awesome technology came from the USA not just to protect us, but to further the quest for speed and safety in this modern, zippy world. Some Photos: Warbird News Others: Eagle Editor and Rick Evans

George Marrett Presents:



David Dorfmeier

A Man For All Seasons. . . Someone with stories of healing, redemption and the work of making sense of the ways of wartime. Plus a true tale of a father's B-17 flight into the enemy's domain.

Mr. David Dorfmeier is a Vietnam veteran, retired Army Sergeant Major, and clinical therapist who has a personal and professional interest in working with service members suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). His service awards and decorations include the Master Parachutist Badge, the Special Forces Qualification Tab, and the Legion of Merit. His entire career has been dedicated to those in service to the Country and their loved ones. He is the Author of *C-Lager*, the true story of his father's final flight over Germany in 1945 and his ordeal while imprisoned towards the end of WWII.



Another one NOT to be missed. Be there at Thompson Hall on November 1 for the Dinner/Meeting. See Page 6 for reservation information.

PSSSSSTTTT! . . .!

Gift Shop News

We have new *Hawaiian shirts*. One with bombers and fighters for the "fly guys". For the "car guys", new to the inventory are Muscle Cars and Hot Rods. They come in different colors, Navy, Black, Khaki backgrounds, 100% cotton and priced at only \$45.99



"A" For Model A Ford. Whole National Convoy Winds Up At EWM/WAD



September 24, 2017



Bruce and James Vagas



Bill and Donna Truesdell



More info check out: WWW.BAKERSFIELD-MAFCA.COM.

This troupe had people in it from Argentina! Dined at Thompson Hall. Left next morning for the Northland.

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Sherman Smoot Resigns From EWM Board.

To All:

It has been a wonderful experience working with all of you, but I find it time to start "smelling the roses" a bit. Wife Laurie and I are going to start traveling more and working less. It has been an honor to represent the museum and I will continue to promote the EWM as long as I continue to breathe fresh air.

Cheers,

Sherm



Stay Tuned For The Story: Saga Of The F104

EWM— There is a story brewing on the Flight Line. **NASA (National Aeronautics And Space Administration**, i.e. The U.S. Government) has gifted our **F104 Starfighter** to the State Of California. The State Of California wants \$5000 for its F104. What?! Estrella has responded to this "request" with a



letter of its own. The contents of this letter remain unknown.

It is doubtful money was mentioned in the response to the State. There are ideas floating around as to how this money will be raised in case it is actually needed. Let's say a Go-Fund-Me campaign? There is talk of producing and interview/documentary featuring the some of the folks who flew the F-104 in the employ of said Country/ State and who belong to this Museum. More later. Stay tuned.

EWM Gun Truck Draws Vets Together To Form Up Convoy to Paso Robles From Morro Bay

Photos: Keith Dekker, Dennis Johansen



Jack Horvath, 91, from Atlanta, GA



Viet Nam Veterans, their wives, kids, pets, et al, gather in front of EWM's Gun Truck, on September 14th

The Convoy Started in Morro Bay on September 14th under the direction of our **Bill Lander**. Gathered there were Viet Nam Vets, many of whom were just out of high school when their Country asked them to serve in the Armed Service. Some enlisted and many were drafted. They served in the **Transportation Corps**. Our Pfauter Building is dedicated to Army Transportation (Operation Red Ball). This day, some 50-plus years later, these folks mustered for a trip to EWM to gather and commemorate one of the harrowing, unsung jobs in support of US and ARVN infantry: road security, the primary roll of the Gun Truck. Our Gun Truck is the only one of its kind west of the Mississippi River and will remain an attraction to EWM visitors for generations thanks to our Restoration Crew!



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Thursday—Sunday
10am till 4pm



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Dinner/Meeting Wednesday,
 November 1, 2017
 Social 6pm, Dinner 7pm
 \$20.00
Menu:
ROAST TURKEY
LARRY'S SPECIAL STUFFING
VEGETABLES
MASHED POTATOES
SALAD, ROLLS
PUMPKIN PIE
 Guest Speaker Program
 Reservations:
 By Monday, October 30
 Call: 805-296-1935
 On Line: ewarbirds.org
 Drop down to: Dinner Reservations

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 Coordi-
 nator 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.

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 of interest to our membership, send it to
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