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Come Grow With Us!

The **Estrella Warbirds Museum** has always been "the place to go" for local meeting, group dinners and company events.

If you enjoy working with people and groups and are interested in making some extra money each month, we are currently in need of a part time facility rental coordinator. Experience preferred.

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August Dinner

Special Guest Speakers

Pilots & Crew of Betsy's Biscuit Bomber Journey to Normandy

Wednesday, Aug 7, 2019
No Host Bar starts at 5:30 p.m.
Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.

The **Estrella Warbirds Museum** Monthly Dinner for August will feature talks by the pilots and flight crew of Betsy's Biscuit Bomber, a Douglas C-47 World War II transport, which participated in the 75th Anniversary of the Normandy Invasion. The crew, Sherm Smoot (Chief Pilot), Scott Stelzle (Pilot/Crew Chief), John Doyle (Chief Mechanic), Hector Camacho (Pilot), Nick Camacho (Pilot/Mechanic), Shane Wallace (Pilot), Ben McCall (Pilot), and Bill Frost (Pilot Sponsor) will relate some humorous and sometimes serious stories about their flight from California to Normandy and back.

They will share behind the scenes action, images, and descriptions of what it was like to be part of this historic journey.

Please get your reservations in early as we anticipate a sold out crowd!

Click [here for more information](#) on the dinner and for reservations!

Dinner is catered and open to the public (\$20/person), **reservations are required** prior to 6 p.m., Monday prior to dinner, either [On-line HERE](#) or call 805 296-1935. **Please NOTE:** No seating without prior reservations.

Camp Rattlesnake



Estrella Warbirds Museum had a large presence at the California Mid State Fair this year with a WWII set design as a backdrop for the Indiana Jones/Camp Rattlesnake feature exhibition in the Edna Valley Bldg.

A huge "THANK YOU!" goes out to Mike Kelley, Ron Brooks, James Messineo, John

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Everett, Margi Bauer, Sue Dollemore and Jill Thayer for transporting precious cargo and setting up the exhibition seen by thousands of visitors between July 17th and July 28th.

Board of Directors Welcomes Bob Burgess!

The Board of Directors, **Estrella Warbirds Museum**, for 2019-2020 includes Rob Kinnear (President), Scott Stelzle (Vice-President), Carol Verstuyft (Secretary), Cindy Bergin (Treasurer), Ron Brooks (Director), Bob Burgess (Director), Dennis Johansen (Director), Toni Moore (Director), Bill Lander (Director), and Charles Rooks (Director).



Bob Burgess

Bob "The Deal Maker" Burgess, retired as owner/VP of Paso Robles Ford, started his career as a jet mechanic in the Air Force Reserves before moving on to serve in loftier positions as GM of Jim Vreeland Ford in Buellton (before purchasing Paso Robles Ford), president of Santa Ynez and Paso Robles Sunrise Chamber of Commerce, United Way Board and even a docent for Estrella Warbirds Museum! We are honored and welcome Bob to this year's board of directors team.

We Still Need Your Help on the Draken!!!

Recently, a Swedish Mach 1.7 fighter jet, a Saab Draken, was donated to the **Estrella Warbirds Museum**. Unfortunately, the transport costs from Chino to Paso Robles, and a heavy duty crane for offloading, which run in excess of \$6500, were not included in the donation. We can use your help in covering these expenses.



Read more information about this aircraft and/or to donate, please click on the J-35 Draken.

The "Beast" is Now On Display in The Woodland Auto Display!

Jeff Gordon won the 1991 USAC Silver Crown Championship driving this car to victory! **The Woodland Auto Display** is honored to host this winning vehicle currently on loan to the museum from Fred Ede, Jr.

At first glance, the appearance of a Silver Crown Car is somewhat similar to a Sprint Car. However, Silver Crown cars are much larger and carry approximately 75 gallons of fuel, alcohol, versus about 22 gallons for a Sprint Car. They also have a longer wheelbase, approximately 96 inches compared for Sprint. They have the option of an on-board starter (like a car), or a starter that was not attached to the car, i.e. aircraft style starter that was shoved into the front of the car. Two way radios are allowed in a Silver

Crown car (but not Sprint car. Weight minimum of 1475 pounds without the driver, vs 1175 pounds without driver on Sprint Car.

This is only one of many sprint, midget, modified race cars, plus numerous classic vintage and historical vehicles on display at the [Woodland Auto Display](#). Come on down and visit us soon! Plan on staying a while to take it all in.



Click on picture for more information.

Are You a Member?

Membership has its benefits! Why become a member? The museum is supported solely from private sources. Minimal membership dues go a long way in helping to preserve history for tomorrow's generation. Membership gives you free access to the museum and our wonderful research library. Individual memberships are pro-rated at \$75/year or \$125/year for families. We have six different categories. You can find more information on membership and how to sign up the the link listed below.

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