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WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY

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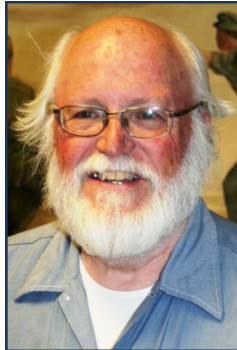
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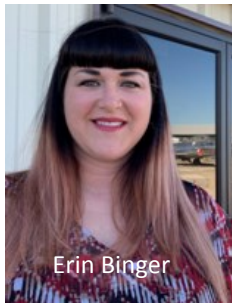
President Rob Kinnear

The welcome winter rain has slowed down some of the projects around the Museum, but we are getting a lot of things done. The road is still open and you can get here. We have been told the infrastructure will be laid in between now and next summer, and in 2020 the road will be repaved. The Woodland Auto Display addition is rapidly moving toward completion. The drywall is up and being painted. Finishing electrical work is in progress and we hope to see this section open by the end of the month. After months of work our curator Jill Thayer will soon install a new mural on the Westside wall in the Hind Pavilion.



The February Dinner Meeting with ex Navy frogman Nick Nickelson's

talk about the Mercury space missions was a wonderful walk down memory lane. I want to **welcome Erin Binger** to the Museum family. Erin is now our **Hall Rental Coordinator**. We had five excellent applicants for this position and she was the one that impressed us the most. She is responsible for renting Thomson Hall and Hangar 1 for



Erin Binger

outside events.

You should have heard by now that we received the donation of a 1936 Taylor J-2 aircraft. It is historically significant and has been lovingly restored. *Cont. pg 6*



EWM - On January 22, 2019 a 1936 J-2 Taylor Cub in its traditional yellow livery landed at Paso Robles airport and taxied down to Estrella Warbirds Museum where it will end its long life as a bird, and start its new life as a permanent exhibit in (we hope) the Hangar 1.

Piloted by Sherman Smoot and escorted in flight by Scott Stelzle in his Super Cub, the flight from Visalia was uneventful and. . .slow. This J-2 type was used as a reconnaissance plane in WWII. Its generous **donation by Dave Dwelle** (Col. USAF Ret. RVN 198 Combat missions in F-100s, Top Gun, Thunderbirds, US Senate) will enhance the visitor experience at Estrella Warbirds for generations to come!



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“THE GARAGE” COMES THROUGH WITH JAY LENO’S BIG DOG TIX



WWW11 ON May 11th will offer participants and guests at EWM/WAD **Warbirds Wings and Wheels** on an opportunity to go down to LA and visit **THE BIG DOG GARAGE**. Carol Verstuyft made this announcement in an email January 17th:

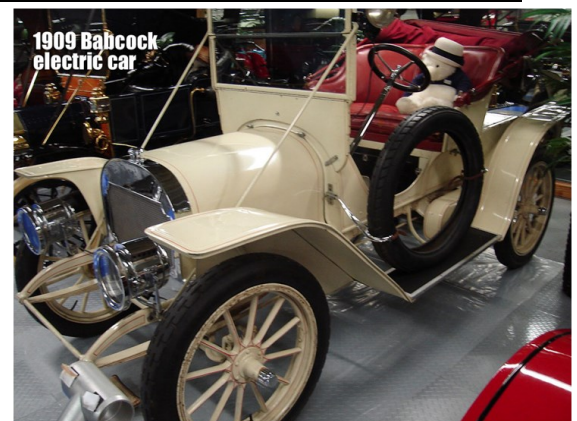
....."Great news. We just received word that we are able to have a donation of a Tour for Two to Jay Leno's Big Dog Garage this year. Will get the tickets printed ASAP so we can start selling them. In the past they have donated a tour for 4 but we only got 2 this year. This will hopefully add about \$2500 to the income side of **Warbirds Wings and Wheels**"

Carol

From the Duckpond:

WAD Bytes: New Addition!

Dick Woodland reports that, with a target date of March 1 (+/-), the arrival of Elon Musk's nemesis, the **Babcock**, will be landing in the Woodland Auto Display. When the electricians finish up, the new addition will be ready to take it plus 3 racers!



1909 Babcock will hit Woodland soon!
Models went from \$1800 to \$3800 (about \$101,000 in today's money) back in the day

Restoration Corner. . .

M151A1 Jeep, UH1D Huey

It won't be long, folks. The **M151A1 Jeep** is looking like a real ballclub. Right now (January 26th) **Joe Caetano** is doing his torch/sanding thing on the vehicle's hood. Scott Benedict (a newbie mechanic under the tutelage of Ron Boyte) is installing a drive shaft for the first time. (how's that for a different job!).

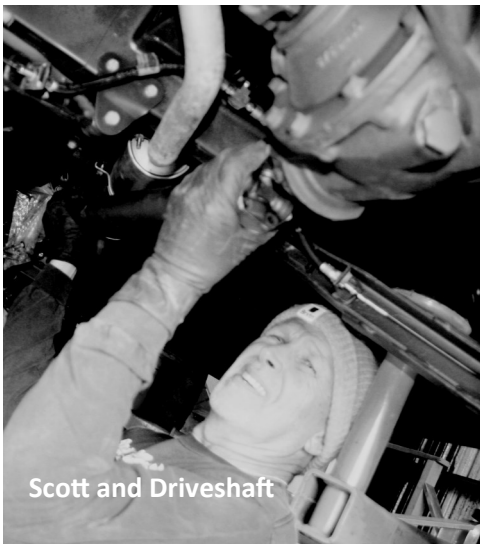


Joe and Hood



Resto Scott Benedict

Recall all of those dashboard pieces laying on the sorting table a few months ago?



Scott and Driveshaft



Looking Good!



Feb 9

Huey Ready For Makeup As Parts Get The Heavy Lacquer Piece By Piece



Ready For Nose Art

Feb 10

**George Marrett Presents:
The Search For Emelia
With Nancy Rose**

Another “grabber” from George Marrett: The search for **Emelia Earhart** as an on-going and un-ending project for anyone who pilots and aero-plane and is fixed on the history of aviation. Nancy Farrell Rose is from Paso Robles, CA and heads up CRMS, Cultural Resource Management Service. These folks are professional archeologists. She founded the company in 1985 and has a client list that includes the Federal Government as well as local agencies. She is a licensed private pilot and is involved passionately in THE SEARCH.

Come to **Thomson Hall on March 6th** to listen to what is involved in tracing the whereabouts of an American Icon. Be There!!



**Monthly Dinner Meeting
March 6, 2019 Thomson Hall**

\$20.00

**6PM Social 7pm Dinner
George Marrett Presents:
After Dinner**

Dinner Menu

Corned Beef & Cabbage

Potatoes

Salad

Dessert

Reservations:

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FULL AND CANNOT TAKE DONATIONS RIGHT
NOW. THIS COULD CHANGE BUT TAKE NOTE!**

THE RISE AND THE FALL OF THE GREATEST NAME IN AIR TRAVEL:

PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS

- 1) In 1935, Pan Am was the first commercial carrier to provide service from San Francisco to Manilla.
True or false
- 2) Pan Am's "China Clipper" was the Martin M-130 flying boat.
True or false
- 3) Pan Am flew DC-7s in their world service which started in 1947.
True or false
- 4) Pan Am flew freight throughout South America in the 50s and 60s
Using the Lockheed Constellation
True or false
- 5) Pan American Airways was founded By "Hap" Arnold and two others in 1927.
True or False
- 6) The fare from San Francisco to Manilla in 1937 was \$950 one way.
What was this today's dollars?
a) 1,200
b) 16, 560
c) 21,300
- 7) Which creator of a major Sci Fi series was a Pan Am Clipper pilot?
a) Gene Roddenberry
b) Arthur C. Clark
c) Robert Heinlein
- 8) Pan Am was the first commercial purchaser of:
a) The Boeing 707
b) The de Havilland Comet
c) the DC-8
- 9) The cabin staff on international flights were preferred to have:
a) multiple languages
b) nurse's training
c) college degrees
d) all of the above
- 10) Pan Am's decline was accelerated by:
a) Flight crew walk outs
b) The Lockerbie disaster
c) numerous FAA failed inspections





Headlands from a T-34

Pilot Wayne Rice

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EWM will soon possess an **iKrus Aero 3-A**. This training aircraft was built in Yugoslavia during the cold



war. There are only 2 of these in the USA, and ours is the most complete. Lots more at ewarbirds.org.

Carol Verstuyft is still looking for volunteers to work Warbirds Wings and Wheels 11 and the Swap Meet. Please contact her if you can join us.

If you can give us some time, we can always use more hands to help us grow the Museum. If you are volunteering, bring a friend. As always, come out and join the fun with us.

Rob

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1) true; 2) true) 3 false) 4 false) 5 true) 6) b; 7) a 8) a) 9 d) 10) b