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**Estrella Warbirds Museum**  
**Woodland Auto Display**  
Paso Robles, CA  
Remembering The Past,  
Inspiring The Future



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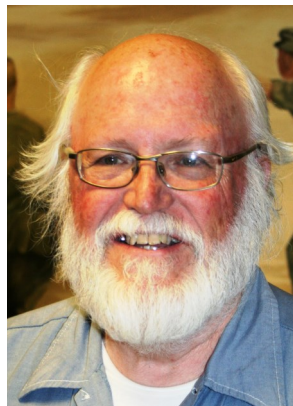
November 2019

## PREZ SEZ....

### EWM PRESIDENT ROB KINNEAR

Happy Thanksgiving! We hope you had a good Halloween. Our fall season has been good. Visitor attendance has stayed solid with many people from out of the country.

I mentioned last month that we have a donor for infrastructure improvements to the newly leased property west of the museum. We are in the process of determining where the water, gas, sewer and electrical lines will locate as well as identifying any limitations as to where we can place buildings. We expect that by this time next year we will be in a position to start putting up buildings. Paying for infrastructure has been a major roadblock for developing this property. Today we are down to but a speed bump.



The first construction you might see will be at the south end of Freedom Hall. We are adding 25 feet to the building for curator storage.

Every museum has this common problem: having more items to display than space to display them. Dr. Jill Thayer has been dealing with this since she joined us. Finally we are able to give her some relief! This will move the 3 existing parking spaces to the west. Eventually we plan to do some improvements to the lawn area between the addition and Thomson Hall.

Communication is critical for the successful operation of any organization. Again, I invite you to attend the Board of Directors meetings the third Wednesday of every month. Next one is November 20th. This is where key decisions are made. Your input on these decisions is important. Likewise, keep an eye on the **calendar in our website for other museum events. If there is a question about when we are open, or where you can volunteer, the answer is there.**

It has been brought to my attention that many members do not know we **rent Thomson Hall** and Hangar 1 for private events. Please keep this in mind. If you or someone you know is looking for a venue **call us at 1-805-674-3939.**

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 in the fun with us!

ROB



## “Bomber” Sails Down To Sedona For Visit To The Red Rocks

C-47 On Scenic PR Ride to Air Show Oct. 5th



Crew: Scott Stelzle,  
Shane Wallace, Jake  
Stelzle, John Doyle



Photos:  
Tom Gorham



**Betsy’s Biscuit Bomber** took an afternoon stroll over to Sedona, AZ for an appearance at the **Sedona Family Fun Day /Wings and Wheels Airshow** on October 5. The event, sponsored by local Sedona businesses and the Airport Authority, welcomed the **“Bomber”** and **“Executive Sweet”** the B-25 Mitchell from Camarillo and other warbirds from around the Southwestern USA. Estrella members **Tom and Mary Ann Gorham** were on hand for the Meet And Greet and took a few photos to pass on. The Airport Authority had this to say about it in their flyer: “Warbird and aviation enthusiasts will get an exclusive look at one of the restored C-47 Dakota (military version of the DC-3) aircraft that traveled to Europe and back to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of D-Day and the 70th Anniversary of the Berlin Airlift. The C-47 known as “Besty’s Biscuit Bomber” will fly to Sedona from its home in Paso Robles, California. “Betsy’s Biscuit Bomber is spreading the word about what awaits the visitors from outside the wire: a day full of history, fun and cool stuff you didn’t know prior to coming to Estrella Warbirds Museum/ Woodland Auto Display. **Pilot Scott Stelzle** says that

## Restoration Corner



**Bill Lander and Tom DuVaul** hike the end piece into place as the new “hangar” takes final shape at **Al Shade Restoration** area. This project is in the final stages and will give the Restos more room to work more projects and store more parts, paint, tools, diagrams, tarps, machinery and....stuff.



**Bill Lander (left)** removes sights from M-60 gun barrels prior to install onto OV-10 Bronco. **Ron Boyte** assembles propellers to be attached to the “Bronc”. Won’t be long now!

when Al Comello of Sedona Chamber Of Commerce Tourism Div. called him a few months ago he was anxious to get the Bomber to participate given the historic trip to Normandy. **“Executive Sweet”** usually makes the annual trip. “Good thing that these guys are good friends of ours and have done several flights and shows together. The weather and flight were perfect and we had a great response from the crowd. The Sedona Fire Chief and his wife hosted our crew at their home and threw a great party for us . We are looking forward to heading back next year!”

**NAVIGATION:** The fine art of going from point A to point B

# LIBRARY QUIZ FOR NOVEMBER

- 1) Pilots have used many approaches to navigation. Which has NOT?
- celestial
  - pilotage
  - lasers

- 2) Migratory birds are famous for their navigation to specific places, they can use:
- sun orientation
  - physical landmarks
  - magnetic lines of force
  - all of the above

- 3) Navigators in the northern hemisphere can use a fixed star known as:
- Rigel
  - Polaris
  - Alpha Centauri

- 4) The first Air Mail pilots were able to navigate at night by:
- following railroad tracks
  - measuring their time and speed to destination
  - locating light beacons at points along airways

- 5) The first attempts to use radio waves for navigation made use of commercial radio stations.  
True or False

- 6) The compass measures direction to magnetic north. Does magnetic north vary in relation



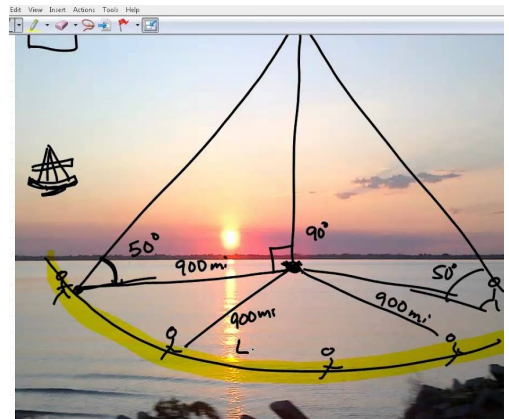
to the geographic north pole?

- yes
  - yes and its varies over time
  - No
- 7) Pan American first developed its routes over the Pacific using celestial navigators on every flight.  
True or False

- 8) Prior to GPS, what was the primary civil aviation aid?
- TACAN
  - ADF
  - VOR

- 9) Pilotage is:
- navigation by land marks
  - navigation by following roads.
  - navigation by compass and landmarks

- 10) What flying animal navigates by sound waves?
- homo sapiens
  - geese
  - bats



Answers: back page

**George Marrett Presents:**

**November 6th Dinner/Meeting Features  
Our Own Senior Sp5 Dennis Johansen To  
“Introduce” Military Journalism to EWM**



Near Cu Chi Cr 1968

Armed with a couple of Nikkormat 35mm cameras loaded with Bulk Tri-X, Dennis roamed on and flew over and into most of the territory in III-Corp., Republic Of Vietnam.

Our November speaker is **Dennis Johansen** who served with the **25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division** in Vietnam as a **Combat Photographer**. Dennis will show a selected number of his photos taken while stationed at **Cu Chi, Republic of Vietnam** from February 1968 to February 1969. He arrived during the Tet Offensive and photographed the various units involved in suppressing the aggression stemming from the North and locally from Viet Cong assets within the local populations. You have heard the phrase: “...Good Morning Viet Nam”. This is no movie. This is the real stuff from an “outsider” who went “inside”. Be at Thomson Hall on November 6th. Then, on Wednesday or Saturday, watch **Dennis and the Restoration Department** paint an airplane.



**NOW HEAR THIS:**

**OVER 12000 PAID VISITORS  
AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2109.**

**Monthly Dinner/Meeting  
November 6th , 2019 Thompson Hall  
\$20.00 at the door 5:30 Social 6:30**

## Menu

### **Thanksgiving Dinner:**

**Roast Turkey**

**Dressing**

**Mashed Potatoes & Gravy**

**Cranberry**

**Salad**

**Rolls and Butter**

**Pumpkin Pie Dessert**

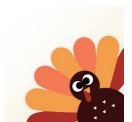
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**Presentation Program**

**Reservations:**

**Phone: 805-296-1935**

**On Line: [ewarbirds.org](http://ewarbirds.org) Drop Down  
To Dinner Reservations**



## Visitors From *Outside The Wire*



**Pacific Coast Corvettes** Thanks to Dave McCue



**'40 Ford** car club from Orange County that was here today to visit WAD Sept. 23rd.



Rare **Bricklin** Club cars

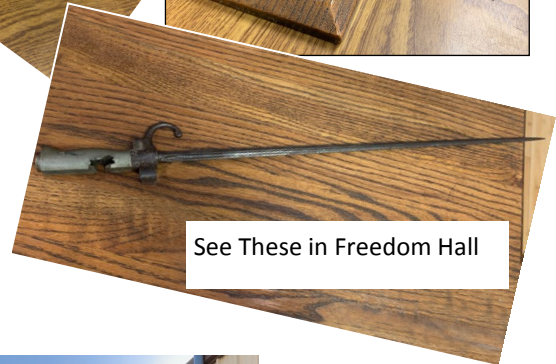
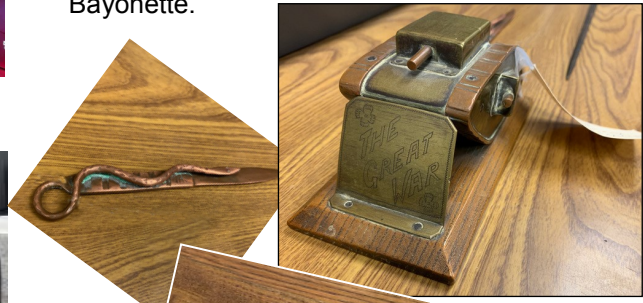
Photos : Thanks Ed Hughes and Dennis Johansen

Also Entering The EWM/WAD Campus Recently :

- **SLO 99s** Local Women Aviators. Please: More Daylight Raids!
- **WOODIES from Sacramento.** Restoration examples from a Classic Time. See you again on one of your caravans!



"A few samples of the WWI Trench Art and artifacts new to our collection. Thanks to **Marty Wright** who donated the tank, snake letter opener and French Bayonette."

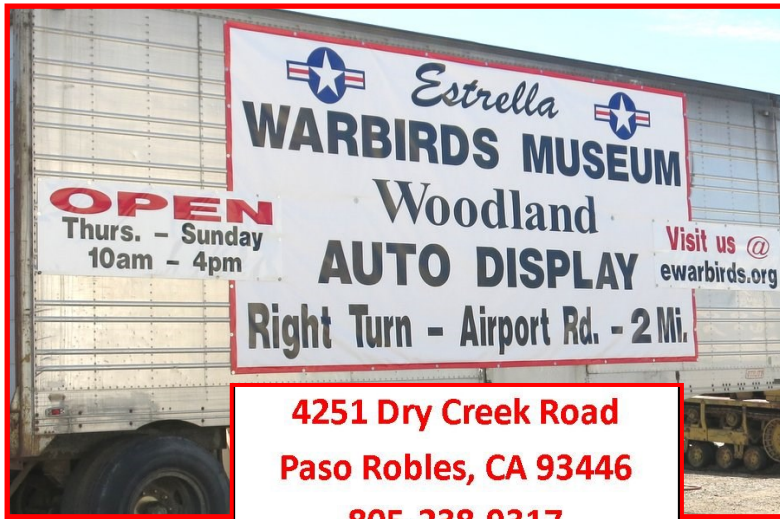


See These in Freedom Hall



Special thanks to EWM Pres. **Rob Kinneer** and his grandkids **Ian** and **Sophie** who engineered a chair lift for temporary storage and future use. **The chairs were generously donated by Marty Wright.**

Photos Dr. Jill Thayer



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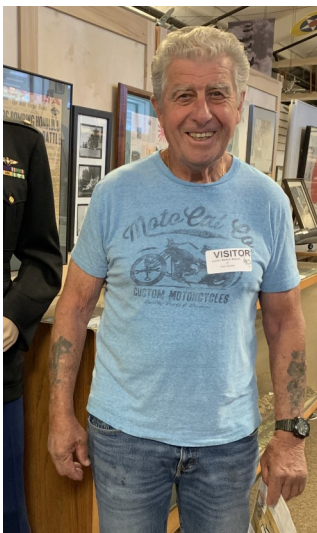
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## Estrella's Visitor Veterans

Dr. Jill Thayer

Oct. 5, 2019



This gentleman is Navy 3rd Class Aviation Ordnanceman Larry Hunt who served during Vietnam on the USS Midway from 1958-1962. Thank you Sir, for your service to our country. We salute you!



**HAVE AN INTEREST IN AVIATION?  
LIKE AIRPLANES?  
LIKE MECHANICS, PHYSICS, ENGINES?  
STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL?  
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Answers 1-c,2-d, 3-b , 4-c , 5- true, 6- b, 7- true, 8-c, 9-c, and 10 -c