

EAGLE



ESTRELLA WARBIRDS MUSEUM
WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY
PASO ROBLES CA 39446

Inspiring The Future
Remembering The Past

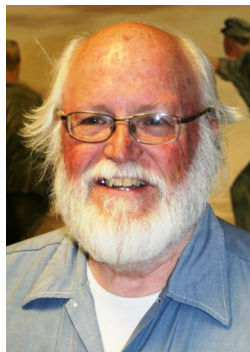
Vol.29 No. 10 October, 2019



Prez Sez

EWM President Rob Kinnear

This fall brings the end of the first stage of the roadwork to the Museum. The sewer line is finally laid under Dry Creek Road and we should not have the disruptions we had this summer. It will be interesting though when they start repaving the road next summer.



The major good news at this time is we have an anonymous donor giving the Museum a generous monetary amount to start infrastructure development of the new property west of the campus. WE can now look forward to developing this property for our use!

Many donors are willing to contribute to a new building or expensive artifact purchase, but few are up for putting in new electrical power lines or paying to grade the property. So I want to send a big thank you out from the universe to this person.

We are into the normal slowdown of attendance for the fall and winter season. But there are still a lot of fun and interesting things to do and see here. We recently received a donation of rare P-61 parts. Dr. Jill Thayer also recently received some 19th century weapons and World War I trench art.

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

Penny Squisher Adds A Little “Arcade” To EWM Experience

A nameless Fresno Donor who followed EWM’s C-47 Normandy trip restored a piece of history and gave it to EWM/WAD for fun and donations. Nothing like a little “arcade” action (pulling the lever) and getting a prize. In this case the prize is one of three options of a “squished” penny: C-47, F-14, UH-1 and M-60. The revenue is split with the mystery donor, who has a business with his son to place such relics into a correct, custom cabinet and place them on the market. There are clubs and websites for these machines. Check out the site below as an example, OR, try Googling “pressed pennies” and spend an evening reading about it. Fascinating!



www.littlethings.com/pressed-pennies/2

Soon: Some More “Invaders”
To The *Duckpond Dick Woodland*



Claudia Woodland and the new addition to WAD:
A 1948 Lincoln Continental Convertible



1917 Ford T
Street Rod

“Connie’s” massive V-12 engine



Avanti Bonneville Racer



Buick/“Offy” V-8 Mill

Woodland Auto Display is set to receive 3 new additions to the “Duckpond”, pending the availability of space, of course. From Dick Woodland:

“I recently acquired a **1917 Model T Street Rod** from the late Blackie Gejian estate. (Blackie was our celebrity guest a few years ago for our WWW Car Show) This unique car will be on the coming soon list to WAD. It has an all aluminum Buick V-8 engine and Jaguar independent rear suspension among other things. It should be a real crowd pleaser.

Next is the **1963 Studebaker Avanti Bonneville racer**. The car was recently loaned to me from the National Studebaker Foundation. It had been on loan to the World of Speed Museum in Portland Oregon. This car has made several runs at over 200 mph at both Bonneville Salt Flats and Muroc Dry Lake at Edwards Air Force Base. I have it now.. Alex is busy detailing it.. I hope to have it in WAD by mid-September.

The last is a beautiful **1948 Lincoln Continental** convertible with a V-12 engine. I'll put it on the coming soon list as well as it is now ready for display with the only missing ingredient being space availability.”

Weed Eaters Taking Care Of Business

Unheralded Campus Cops make EWM/WAD a step above "Presentable".



Mr. Mike Harris

Before



After



Mike Harris is a professional landscaper. Plus, he is one of the Woodland Aces, docenting wide-eyed travelers who are transfixed with all the shiny hardware at **Woodland Auto Display**. This time of year brings on a scourge: weeds and unwanted grass where you don't want it. A major offensive against invading weeds at EWM was launched in late August. The AARs (After Action Reports) indicate an extremely favorable result: a clean campus. Hearty thanks to Mike Harris for his efforts. As for the rest of us: Help Mr. Harris wage a winning war against these invaders. Pick a weed and put it in a trash can.



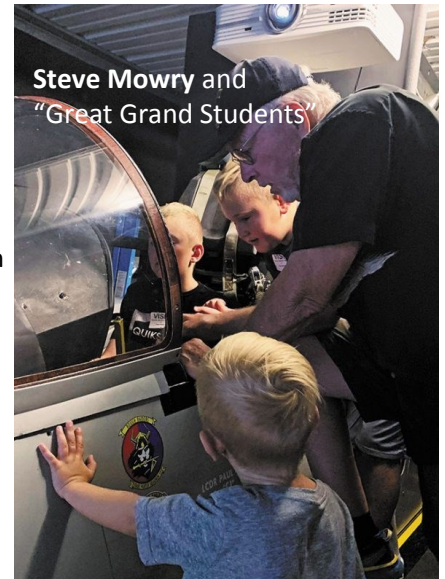
Oh, By The Way...

Jerry Jones reports that YTD paid-up visitors as of August 31: 11,405. Good!

Per **Toni Moore**: Receipts for August totaled nearly \$13,000. This, too is good!

Business Continued..From Pulling Weeds To Planting Seeds. A Docent's Purpose

The current issue of Paso Robles Magazine has a nice tribute to Estrella Warbirds Museum and it is NOT a paid advertisement. Recently Ms. Sara Pope visited our museum with her Grandfather, and 3 three of his Great Grandchildren. She refers to a "sweet gentleman" who took to the group and furnished them with a tour and a ride in the F-18 simulator.



Steve Mowry and "Great Grand Students"

This gentleman was our Steve Mowry. He can be seen in action in the accompanying photo.

This group started out at One Niner Diner and capped the day off with a visit to EWM/WAD. The short article ended with this quote from Ms. Pope: "This small but mighty museum is such a wonderful way to honor our country's history. Seeing it through our grandfather's eyes was unforgettable, but him seeing it through his great grandson's eyes, was priceless."

**Estrella Warbirds Museum
Woodland Auto Display**

Rob Kinnear President
Scott Stelzle Vice President
Cindy Bergin Treasurer
Carol Verstuyft Secretary

Directors

Dennis Johansen
Margi Bauer
Bob Burgess
Toni Moore
Bill Lander
Charles Rooks
Carol Verstuyft

Staff

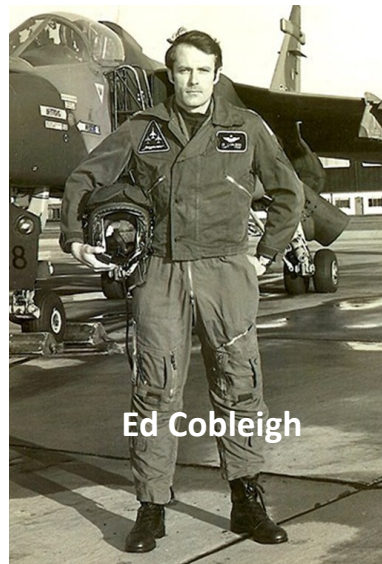
Ron Boyte - Restoration
Ron Brooks - Facil. Mgr.
Bill Lander - Acquisitions
Marci Rice - Librarian
Jerry Jones—Museum Coordinator
Jason Holland - Asst. Museum Coordinator
Bob Kelly - Membership
Mike Kelley - Tech
John Spooner - PIO
John Everett - Transportation
Steve Lochen - Newsletter
George Marrett -Guest Speaker
Wayne Rice - Kitchen Mgr.
Open Position: - Vol. Program Mgr.
Dr. Jill Thayer - Curator
Peter Visel- Webmaster
Carol Verstuyft - Advertising
Jenny Walker - Bookkeeper

Advisors

Sue Dollemore
Mike Huff
Bob Kelly
Betty Miller
Ian Webster
Dick Woodland

**Monthly Meeting/Dinner
October 2nd, 2019 Thomson Hall
5:30pm Social, 6:30pm Dinner**

A special treat is in store at Thomson Hall on October 2 as we welcome our own **Ed Cobleigh** to the speaker's platform. Ed will talk of his Air Force days as combat fighter pilot, instructor and author of best selling books on air combat and tactics., not to mention his time working with the CIA. Ed is also know for a few dishes of Saturday chow when fellow



Phantom driver and EWM cook/chef Wayne Rice is traveling. Come hear this best selling author and world traveler sum it all up on October 2 in Thomson Hall!

MENU

Meat Loaf
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Seasonal Vegetables
Dessert

Reservations:

Phone: 805-296-1935

**On Line: ewarbirds.org Drop Down
To Dinner Reservations**



CURATOR FINDS

Jill Thayer, Ph.D.

EWM Raffle On June 3 To Award Special Bottle Of Wine Commemorating Normandy C-47 Mission

Another Celeb from “outside the wire...”

"One of our special donors, **Ken Richardson** and his lovely **wife Charlotte** stopped by the museum today to bring a few artifacts for the collection. Ken, former **President and CEO of Hughes Aircraft (Ret.)**, and author of "Hughes After Howard," directed the operations of 80,000 employees with 12,000 products and annual sales of \$12 billion with facilities in 13 states and four nations through his tenure.



Ken and Charlotte check out the Brooks Building

During his time at the company, Hughes produced military advances and took the lead in developing innovations including the laser, digital watches, DirecTV, microminiaturization, and cell phone data processing. He is also one of the kindest individuals I know. Special thanks to Ken and Charlotte for their many contributions to Estrella Warbirds Museum."



ESTRELLA WARBIRDS MUSEUM

Chance to Win the **75th Anniversary D-Day Flight**

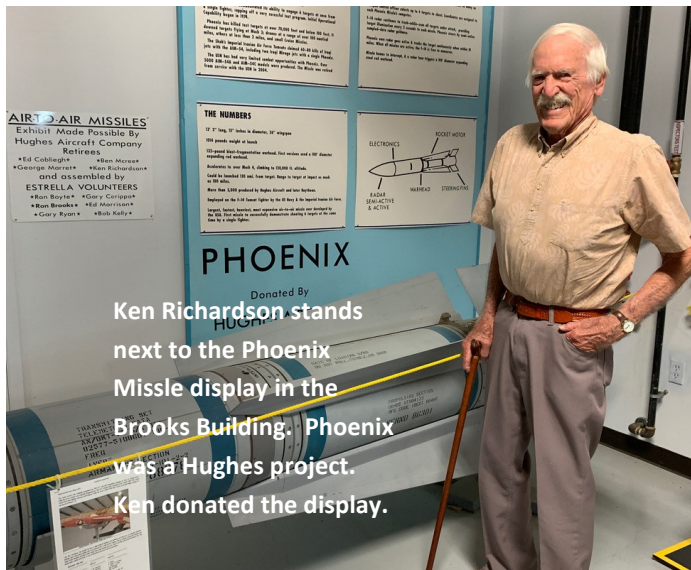
WWII Veteran C-47B - Betsy's Biscuit Bomber

Commemorative Wine Bottle

[Purchase your ticket today!](#)

The C-47 pilots and flight crew successfully completed a two-month world tour throughout the United States and abroad to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day Invasion. The American fleet of vintage C-47s crossed the Atlantic and joined other C-47s from around the world for the D-Day Normandy event crossing of the English Channel into France.

Donation • Drawing • June 3, 2020 Dinner Meeting



Ken Richardson stands next to the Phoenix Missile display in the Brooks Building. Phoenix was a Hughes project. Ken donated the display.

\$5 each or 5 Tickets for \$20 RAFFLE TICKET

Commemorative custom etched bottle
Courtesy of Gary Eberle
for the express purpose of raising funds to help offset the Gooney Bird's trip expenses.

The bottle was flown to Europe aboard Betsy's Biscuit Bomber. It features dual-sided labels signed by WWII Veterans and dignitaries in Normandy to commemorate the historic mission.

Winner does not need to be present. If not claimed within 4 weeks, another drawing will be held at next EWM dinner meeting.

Our Dr. Jill Thayer has rendered a design for a custom etched bottle of Eberle wine to be raffled off on June 3, 2020, to commemorate the Mission To Normandy, completed by Betsy's Biscuit Bomber back in June. This bottle went on that ride. Details of this event will be available on line soon and in the next EAGLE edition as more information is available.

1. On March 8, 2014, a Boeing 777 flown by Malaysia Airlines disappeared . What evidence was found of its fate?
 - A. None
 - B. Radar and Satellite tracking put its crash site off Western Australia
 - C. Several identified pieces of the plane washed up on islands in the Indian Ocean.
2. The hijacking of a Boeing 727 by B.D. Cooper is an urban legend. Did he:
 - A. Use a civilian parachute
 - B. Have unusual knowledge of the 727's performance specs.
 - C. Jump at night into a rainstorm
 - D. All of the above
3. Amelia Earhart disappeared on a flight from Papua New Guinea to which island?
 - A. Gardner
 - B. Tahiti
 - C. Howland
4. Roswell New Mexico is the site of a famous UFO sighting; What is the current explanation?
 - A. The sighting is still unexplained.
 - B. Wreckage was from a "Project Mogul" a super secret air force balloon.
 - C. The wreckage was from a very early flying wing proto-type.
5. In 1897 Artic Explorer S.A. Andree and a companion set off in a hydrogen balloon to fly from Norway to the Bering Sea.
 - A. His remains were found 30 years later along with his diary:
 - B. He and his companion survived the crash but died from exposure.
 - C. Eskimos found them, but were unable to save them.
 - D. Polar Bears raided the camp and killed his companion
6. In 1976, The Viking Lander on Mars photographed a human face in the Cydonia Region of Mars. Was it...
 - A. A Monument erected by a lost race of Martians
 - B. A photographic trick of light and shadow
 - C. A practical joke by Cal Tech Graduate Students.
7. During WWII, a famous big band leader disappeared over the English Channel was he?
 - A. Bing Crosby
 - B Glenn Miller
 - C Benny Goodman
8. On Dec 5, 1945 a training flight took off from NAS Ft. Lauderdale and disappeared into the Bermuda Triangle. Were they flying.....
 - A. Grumman Avengers
 - B. T-4 Texans
 - C. F4 U Corsairs
9. The De Havilland Comet was the world's first commercial airliner. During 1953 and 1954 three were lost to unknown causes. The cause was later determined to be:
 - A. Engine failure at high altitude
 - B. The aircraft had pressurization design errors
 - C. Instability at cruise
10. The German Airship Hindenburg exploded and burned on May 6, 1937. The probable cause was.....
 - A. Lightning strike
 - B. Static electricity build up and a spark from an engine
 - C. Sabotage

LIBRARY QUIZ:

MYSTERIES

DISAPPEARANCES

SIGHTINGS

Answers on page 8



Restoration Corner

Brouhaha Over OV-10?

There has been a lot of “discussion” amongst those who value the military aircraft exhibits we have on display here at EWM. These discussions are legitimate as to the detail that is needed to make up any one display as “accurate”. This always leads to what IS and what IS NOT “accurate”. How will the public see this exhibit?

Now, these discussions can, at times be “spirited”, when good minds toss back and forth legit opinions. We at EWM have real experts at looking up details about proper sinage/livery on every aircraft standing on this campus. Today’s case: The OV-10 Bronco.

This newsletter learned after good research that our Bronco may have been a Marine. A few Broncos did serve with the Marine Corp....Just not our Bronco.

Dennis Johansen and Jason Holland both researched the faint bureau number on the airplane with the Bronco Association and Government records. They have determined that the airplane you see in the shop now will be in **Gray U. S. Air Force livery** after all. Look at the Tropic Lightning News on display in Freedom Hall. Dennis’ photo of the Bronco being delivered to CuChi in 1968 will show what the Bronco scheme is. So, the “discussion” is settled: With peace among men and Liberty and Justice for all, our OV-10 will be painted accurately in Air Force colors. Not a seam or rivet will be overlooked. And how beautiful it will be!



Tom DuVaul (right) and Carl Robbins sand lowered tail of OV-10 Bronco



Carl goes rivet by rivet with the hand sander



Finished USAF color scheduled for application to our OV-10 Bronco



Estrella Warbirds Museum
Woodland Auto Display
4251 Dry Creek Road
Paso Robles, CA 93446
805-238-9317
Thursday—Sunday
10am till 4pm



Non Profit Org.
PAID
Permit 163
Paso Robles, CA
93446

VISITOR VETS



“Here is a photo I took of our visitor today, **Corporal Floyd McKeighan** who served in the Army National Guard. He served in the Korean War during the occupation of Japan and Korea. “Thank you Sir, for your service to our country.”

—Photo: Dr. Jill Thayer



HAVE AN INTEREST IN AVIATION?
LIKE AIRPLANES?
LIKE MECHANICS, PHYSICS, ENGINES?
STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL?
CHECK OUT:
PASO ROBLES/TEMPLETON
AVIATION CLUB
CALL BRAD EATON
ESTRELLA Warbirds MUSEUM
805-550-8755