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Estrella Warbirds Museum
Woodland Auto Display
Paso Robles CA

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Merry Christmas



Prez Sez. . . EWM President Ren Stelloh

This is the time of year when we pause and take stock of what we've accomplished in the past year, a lot of which we couldn't have done without family and friends. So we should look around and offer thanks to those we hold dear. Also, in taking a look around our museum, we have a lot to be thankful for as well -- and that's due to the efforts of our volunteers. We held our volunteer appreciation weekend on November 4th and 5th. Everyone who attended had a great time at the dinner and then the next morning at Dick Woodland's restoration facility. Thanks, Dick! Happy Holidays to you all!

Ren



EWM Welcomes New Assistant Museum Coordinator

Estrella Warbirds Museum/Woodland Auto Display welcomes **Jason Holland** to the new position of Assistant Museum Coordinator. He will assist Jerry Jones, who, by the way, is back in the saddle after getting that knee looked after. Mr. Holland is a veteran of the **United States Air Force**. His experience has taken him around the world and tasked him with tech work on B-52 and A-10 airframes, munitions and communications sections. He is skilled in **computer operating systems'** installation and management. Already he has operated the Flight Simulator for museum visitors. He's a people guy, also. He and his wife, Sarah and young son Jack live in Atascadero. Oh, and he knows his way around the restaurant business, too. Come into the office and introduce yourself. We look forward to sharing Jason's expertise as EWM grows!



Atascadero Veteran's Day Highlighted by Estrella Warbird Fly-Over

Two EWM Members Deliver In Speech, Award



Estrella Members and honored veterans **CPT Harry Moyer**, **CMDR Harald Bauer**, **LTC Ed Cobleigh** share the spotlight at **Faces Of Freedom** Veteran's Ceremony at Lake Park in Atascadero on November 11

Estrella was well represented at Atascadero's annual Veteran's Day ceremony. George Marrett placed Harry Moyer's name into contention for selection among other's who deserve the same kind of recognition. The committee selected Mr. Moyer to receive this special recognition. EWM's **Ed Cobleigh** delivered the keynote to an assembly which packed the park on a bright Fall day. He stressed three things : 1. **Recognize** and



2017
Atascadero Veterans Memorial Foundation
Distinguished Veterans Award
 Is presented to
CPT Harry Moyer,
US Army Air Corps
1942-1944
World War II,
23rd /33rd Fighter Groups
"FLYING TIGERS"

honor those in uniform. 2. **Vote.** Use the ballot box to exercise our freedoms. 3. Urge Vets to **tell their stories.** When the colors were retired and taps rang out, **EWM's Freedom Flight** capped it with the missing man formation.

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Veterans Day on Central Coast.

Atascadero CA
November 11, 2017



CubPack 51



Cal Poly ROTC



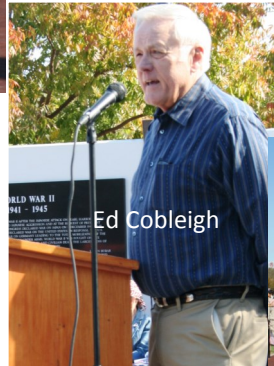
Harry Moyer



Harry addresses the crowd



American Heritage Girls Troop 0411



Ed Cobleigh



Central Coast Pipes and Drums



Al Fonzi, Event Coordinator, gives video interview to KPRL



Freedom Flight Crew

Bob Kelly

Tim Haley

George Marrett

Scott Steizle

Freedom Flight



Flight Plan



Photos: Steve Lochen, Mike Levine

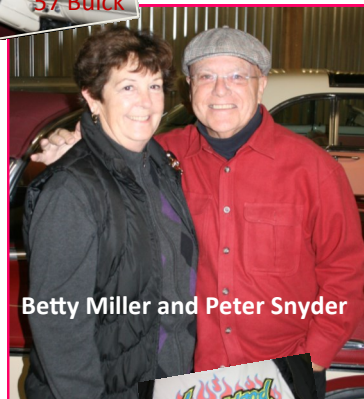


IT WAS DOCENT APPRECIATION WEEKEND AT EWM/WAD

Big Dinner/Social For Regulars and Newbies. . .



EWM November 4, 5 - Docents, Sim Operators, Board Members and Volunteers of all ages gathered at a special **Dinner/Meeting** in Thompson Hall on Saturday evening, November 4 and Sunday morning November 5 for recognition and some first-hand behind the scenes looks at the "Skunkworks" of the auto world, the **Woodland Workshop**. This event was organized by **Betty Miller** and **Peter Snyder**, catered by the legendary **Larry Eastwood** and the Vic's Café crew (Roast Pork, everyone's favorite). We got to meet **Jason Holland**, our new Assistant Coordinator. We got to listen to riveting guest speakers the likes of **Peter Snyder**, **Ren Stelloh** and **Jerry Jones** (see photos above). The crowd got fired up as we heard how the future operations at EWM will be more like a business environment with efforts centered around raising the needed funds to expand on the new 10 acres of property EWM will exploit to our immediate West. **Dick Woodland** hosted coffee and donuts at the Shop on Sunday morning. That's where the Man With The Plan, **Alex Lopez**, does his thing, turning out these priceless pieces we see on the floor at **Woodland Auto Display**. We all got to meet Alex on his turf and see where it all takes place. Thanks to our hosts for a great, enlightening time!



Betty Miller and Peter Snyder



Alex Lopez and Dick Woodland



Dick Woodland explains things to the students

Note rare Crosley on the rack. The engine inside powered generators on the B-17 Bomber in WWII

Flight Plan For Colony Days Fly-Over

Freedom Flight Estrella Warbird Museum

Colony Day Parade in Atascadero ,CA Saturday October 21, 2017 Ed Chidlaw esq.- King Of Parade

Eagle 1: C-5 Cub, Scott Stelzle (lead)
Eagle 2: L-5E Sentinel, George Marrett (right wing)
Eagle 3: L-16 Champ, Bob Kelly (left wing)

Briefing:
Museum Hangar: 9:00am

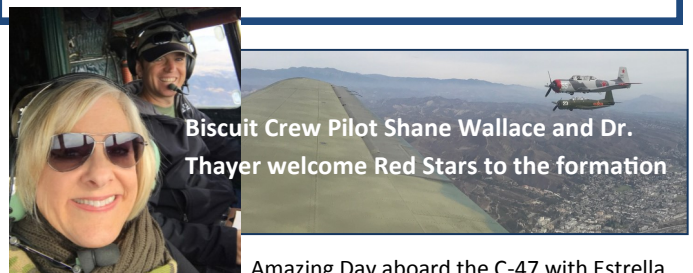
Takeoff:
Start engines at 9:35am hours, takeoff at 9:45m hours on 123.00 Unicom. Flight leader Eagle 1 will call for change of frequency to 122.75 leaving pattern.

Flyby:
Eagle 1, 2 & 3 will climb to 2,000-ft and proceed to an area 3 miles North of Atascadero and in line with El Camino Blvd. Flight will form formation at 1,800-feet (1,000 feet AGL) and head South making a gradual descent to fly down El Camino over the downtown park at exactly 9:55am. Flight will do a 180-degree turn South of Atascadero and fly North down El Camino flying over parade start at 10:00am.

Return to Paso Robles Airport:
Eagle 1, 2 and 3 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.

C-47 Hauls Guests To Santa Barbara Veteran's Day Busy Fly-Over



Biscuit Crew Pilot Shane Wallace and Dr. Thayer welcome Red Stars to the formation

Amazing Day aboard the C-47 with Estrella Warbirds Museum pilots and crew to honor our Vets! Privileged to join the group in a **20-Ship formation** over Santa Barbara's Veteran's Day Parade, Channel Islands and down the coastline. We met at 7:30am for an 8:30am takeoff. The Warbirds, including another C-47, a B-25, T-34s, T-6s, Mustangs, and Nanchang CJ-6s waited for us at Camarillo airport so we could lead our group's formation. Now that's dedication! Special thanks to **C-47 Captain Shane Wallace, Co-Pilot Jeff Quaid, Flight Crew pilots John Doyle and Scott Stelzle** for an unforgettable experience honoring our Vets. We salute you! ~ Your Curator, Dr. Jill text, photos Dr. Jill Thayer



Ed Chidlaw Reigns Over Colony Days In Atascadero

Atascadero, Oct 21- EWM Life Member **Ed Chidlaw** was selected **King of the Atascadero Colony Day Parade**. Freedom Flight pilots Bob Kelly, Scott Stelzle and George Marrett flew in formation to honor Ed. He was the eighth **Life Member** of the museum and donated his military jeep to the museum many years ago.



George Marrett and Mr. Chidlaw go back awhile. George penned this note about the **Freedom Flight Crew** (and willing assistant **Mike Brophy**):

Ed:

Knowing you were a judge with a long career Instrumental in stopping **crime**, the **Freedom Flight Pilots are. . .**

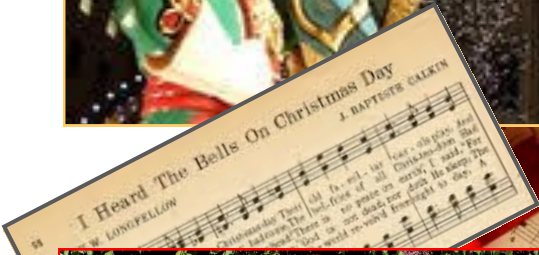
Left to Right: Bob "See-No Evil" Kelly, Mike "Speak-No-Evil" Brophy, George "Do-no-Evil" Marrett and Scott "See-no-Evil" Stelzle. We would like to contribute to your efforts and honor you with our photo!

GEORGE





**NOW
HEAR
YEE!!!!**



The annual Estrella Warbirds Museum **Christmas Dinner** is always a special event, and this year the **Show Choir** from **Atascadero High School** will be providing entertainment with songs from their upcoming **"Sounds Like Christmas"** holiday program.

This fun, close-knit group of students, directed by AHS Choral **Director Johnny Johnson**, will be singing at several festive events throughout the county this season, and is preparing for Show Choir competition at the upcoming **Burroughs Music Showcase** In Burbank, California.

**MONTHLY DINNER/MEETING
MENU**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018

THOMPSON HALL

6PM SOCIAL/7PM DINNER

\$20.00

Succulent Prime Rib

Baked Potato

Seasoned Salad

Cherie's Holiday Green Beans

Rolls

Cheesecake

GEORGE MARRETT PRESENTS

Reservations:

Phone: 805-239-1935

On Line: ewarirds.org

**Drop Down Members/Staff to
Dinner Reservations**



RESTORATION CORNER. . .

2017 Wrap-Up

What a year! More iron came out of Shade Restoration Building this year than ever before: **F-9 Cougar, Firebee Drone, H-19 helicopter, The Gun Truck, D-19 Cat Tractor, Predator Drone.** More iron lies in pieces in and around the premises than ever before. Currently: **M151 Jeep, H-34 helicopter, TA-4 Skyhawk.** Look for these in 2018! Watch out next year when the **UH-1D Huey** starts its long-awaited massage/facelift. There are some around here who want that project to proceed with the UTMOST care and detail.

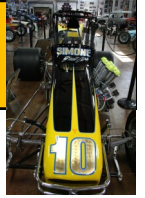
Alpha Shout Out To The “Restos” Who Get It Done:

**Ron Boyte
Keith Dekker
Zach DeWeese
Tom DeVaul
Tom Gorham
Charlie Harber
Dennis Johansen
Bill Lander
Ernie Madrid
Tom Nixon
Gary Woodall**

Surprise Guests/Walk-Ons



Dick's Garage. . .



See page 4 for “news”.

Alpha Shout Out To Those Who Get It Done:

**Alex Lopez
Dick Woodland
Docents and Volunteers**

Cant wait to see what 2018 brings!

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10am till 4pm

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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 Coordinator 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.

From The Editor:

If you see or experience anything concerning airplanes and/or automobiles that you think may be of interest to our membership, send it to The Editor via email:

eagleeditor@ewarbirds.org

Send it by the 12th of the month deadline.

Everything will be considered. Send names with any photos. Submissions will belong to Estrella Warbirds. Easy as that! Thank You! Steve Lochen, Editor



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November 10, 2017

Dear Museum Members & Friends:

Do you know that Travel Advisor and Yelp rank our museum as the *best area attraction* outside of the wine industry in Paso Robles? I want to share with you exciting highlights of 2017 and provide a sense of our strategic goals for 2018, goals we hope to achieve with the help of our loyal donors and volunteers.

Donation Match !
All donations from this appeal will be matched by an anonymous donor up to the first \$10,000.

The year 2017 saw the conclusion of three years of negotiations with the City of Paso Robles when we signed a 40 year lease for an adjacent ten acres. This affords the opportunity for a dramatic expansion of the museum, including additional display space (we have more artifacts than room to show them) and the construction of additional hangars in which to house our aircraft. There is nothing more disheartening than watching a meticulously restored airplane sit and bake under the summer sun. The new hangars will help preserve these wonderfully restored aircraft, and could include donor name recognition on the building.

During 2017 the restoration crew completed magnificent restorations of an extremely rare US Navy F9F reconnaissance jet and a US Army H-19 Chickasaw helicopter which saw service in Korea, and (as I draft this letter) the final touches are being applied to a Marine Corps H-34 Chocktaw which served in Vietnam. Come out and see the planes!

2017 witnessed a successful combined Warbirds Wings & Wheels Car Show and Mega Swap Meet. This attracted 250 exhibitors and well over 3,000 visitors. Also, aviation legend Dick Rutan – he flew around the world nonstop – visited the museum and donated a large portion of his personal library to the museum.

In 2018 we want to build on this momentum and achieve:

- ♦ Hangar Construction
- ♦ Museum Solar Project
- ♦ Added Display Space
- ♦ Increase our Visitor Count with emphasis on Education

We depend on financial and other kinds of civic backing and community support. Your contribution is extremely important to us and we are grateful for each and every gift. Come see us for a tour. Thank you.

Yours very sincerely,

Ren Stelloh, President
Estrella Warbirds Museum



OUR MISSION:

We are dedicated to the restoration and preservation of military aircraft and memorabilia and to those who flew and worked on them. Our approach, however, is not to glorify conflict but rather to make future generations aware of the fact our way of life does not come without sacrifice.

Name _____
Address _____
Email _____ Ph _____

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift of \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____
\$500 _____ \$1,000 _____ \$5,000 _____ Other: \$ _____

TARGET: Hangar Solar Curator Needs Operations
(All gifts benefit Estrella Warbirds Museum)

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