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Estrella Warbirds Museum
Woodland Auto Display
Remembering The Past
Inspiring The Future

D-Day June 6, 1944 "Inspection"

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Prez Sez President Ren Stelloh

WWW10/MSM met and wildly exceeded our expectations! It was the **most successful** barn dance, car show, and swap meet ever. Barn dance reservations closed at 220, way more than previously attended. We closed car show **registrations** once we hit **300** because we literally **ran out of room!** And, we had **twice** as many swap meet **vendors**. So, by any measure the activities of May 11 and 12 were runaway successes. To be sure, we learned some lessons that we will apply when **we plan for WWW11/MSM**. The success of the barn dance, car show, and swap meet falls squarely on the shoulders of our **volunteers**. We couldn't have done it without them. Also key to the event success were the yeoman efforts by the Verstuyfts -- a round of applause for Carol and Dan!



My tenure as the museum President ends on May 31. I leave with mixed emotions. We accomplished much during the past year but we have miles to go, especially as we establish and execute plans for museum expansion on the adjacent parcel which the city leased to the museum. I trust you will continue to provide unstinting support to my successor as well as all of the new Directors and Officers of the museum. Rest assured, however, I'm not walking away from the museum and you will see me as a volunteer docent. Thank you for the privilege of serving you, the museum, and its mission!



3:07am PST June 21, 2018

Spring Facelift In Full Swing In Freedom Hall, Brooks Bldg., Outside Display Grounds

Exciting New Punch In EWM Experience

In case you have been "on vacation", there is a transformation that is just about complete at Estrella Warbirds. Curator Dr. Jill Thayer has overseen a much-needed up-grade, to include re-designing of the Freedom Hall floor plan, moving entire display cases to group each chronological period, hanging banners, flags and the larger display models in Hind Pavilion and Brooks Bldg., printing logos on the walls where they can't be missed, drawing attention to the Flight Simulator (the "new" F-18 Simulator speaks for itself!) and those little accents which go un noticed until you look closely. The heavy lifting has been accomplished by most of the regulars who have sound backs and no fear of heights.

See Facelift Page 2 . . .

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New banners help guide visitors through the displays. Vibrant and topical colors on the walls, along with printed guides, relevant quotations and information keep the guests involved with the Museum at every turn.



Estrella Warbirds Museum renovations were designed and donated by Curator Dr. Jill Thayer, and fabricated by Gary Ryan of Goofy Graphics from a **curatorial display grant by Ron Brooks**. Ron installed many of the elements throughout campus. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped in this initiative. Dr. Jill is currently working on proposals for other wall areas in the buildings that would feature large-scale visual backdrops and digital murals of the era, and a donor wall in Hind Pavilion. Stay tuned!



Restoration Corner. . .

M151A1 Jeep, TA-4 Skyhawk

Big Deal! The **M151A1 Jeep** has reached a milestone: the frame has just undergone one-fourth of its restoration. **Ron Boyte** is showing off the expertise of our gallant crew. Where before there was a rusted out floor board there is now a factory-new and correct to the last detail floor panel that is as new as when it came off the factory floor.



Ron

Ron Boyte stands by his handywork: Perfect reproduction/restoration of M151A1 Jeep. Only about 75% left to go!

Whole Restoration crew is busy with the engine (it runs), instruments, brake assemblies, transmission (it works), suspension (Here, **Tom Nixon** tightens it up). Front wheel fender before and ALMOST after shows how progress is literally made.



Tom



TA-4 Starting to look like a ball club. First paint try shows that this piece will be a show-stopper. **Dennis Johansen**



Dennis

Mike

and **Mike Brophy** start the taping process as paint application journey begins. Paint types and application processes have been thoroughly researched to enhance the bird's ability to withstand the stress that the harsh outside environment provides all of our exhibits.

Right: **Tom DuVaul** puts the elbow grease into sanding one of the landing gear bay doors in preparation for application of special paint.



EWM's TA-4 will look pretty much like this when it rolls out

WWW10/MSM MAY 12, 2018 . WE HOPE YOU W

Acres of Cars, Planes, Food, Stuff, Sunshine and Folks



Thousands flocked to EWM/WAD on May 12 for the 10th annual **Warbirds, Wings and Wheels** extravaganza weekend. Nearly 5000 spectators enjoyed the perfect weather, the beautiful cars, delicious food and **Mega Swap Meet** all at a single venue. It is simply the most successful fund raising event in the history of EWM. Monte Mills rocked 200+ guests at the **Friday Night Barn Dance**. 290 cars vied for the **President's Trophy** on Saturday, won by **Jimmy De** in a marvelous **1939 Graham Shark Nose**. Jimmy says there are only a few examples left in the world! Who knows: the extra 10 acres could make this event even bigger!



50-50
Lady



Mike
Buckles



Happy 50-50,
Raffle Winner\$



Here Comes *The Judge*

WERE HERE



Photos:
Tom Reeves,
Steve Lochen



Jimmy De , President's
Winner for 2018 and his
very beautiful and very
rare 1939 Graham
Shark Nose.



DENNIS GAGE of
MY CLASSIC CAR



1960 Low Caddy

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR ON MAY 11, 2019

George Marrett Presents Close Up Look At Local History



Local Award Winning Author/Teacher **Jim Gregory** to Recount **SLO County and Central Coast History: Aviators, Desperados, Civil War, Life and Times during WWII. Another "DON'T MISS" at June 6 meeting.**

See link for a preview (strongly recommended):
www.arroyograndehistory.com

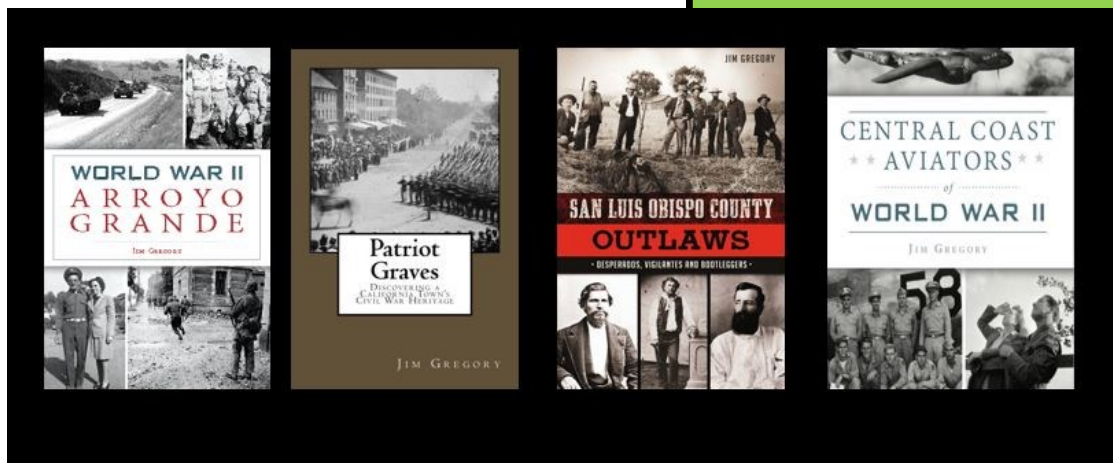
Monthly Meeting/Dinner June 6, 2018

Social 6pm, Dinner 7pm

MENU

**BBQ Tri Tip
Salad
Chili Beans
French Bread
Dessert**

**George Marrett Presents
Jim Gregory**



Reservations:

Phone: 805-296-1935

On Line: ewarbirds.org Drop Down
To Dinner Reservations

Some Visitors From Outside The Wire. . .



Peter Snyder and Betty Miller about to lead 80 High Schoolers on a trip around EWM/WAD

Thanks to all who took part in our 11th grade students visiting the museum. Students enjoyed the trip and made connections to some of their recent studies in US History. I look forward to bringing more students your way in the future!

Sincerely,
Glenda Highland



Thank you so much for all of the arrangements you made to take pictures of our Corvettes and our club members. We all truly enjoyed the museum both of the warbirds and the car museum. Thank you to Peter and Betty and everyone who helped make our tour so enjoyable.

Thank you for the awesome pictures! Everyone will love them. Is your newsletter online? If so, could you email us a copy? (Done)

Linda and Tom Weldon, Leaders

Ed, Sharon, Jim, Joyce, Penni, Greg = SMCC

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PHOTOS: SMCC April 21, 2018



Betsy's Biscuit Bomber rests at north end of EWM with wings detached. Wings will roll down to **Planes of Fame** in Chino, where they will undergo structural work. Right now the C-47 team is dealing with the challenge of transporting the wings over the road down to LA.. Clamps and securements must be made to accommodate this "oversized load". No one said this was going to be easy. Fundraising is of paramount importance. Word will spread across the aviation community and a few local business people are expressing interest in helping out. In the meantime the Bomber has to move, as WWW10/MSM commanded valuable space on May 12th. More news "as it happens" or as close to it as possible. Thanks John Doyle for the update.



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MODELS SVELT, SLEEK, SLENDER, SUMPTUOUS, SLICK
JUST ASK MARTY WRIGHT



Marty Wright shows off slick metal model of F-117 Stealth Fighter, The Nighthawk which went into the new case along the east wall of Freedom Hall. Does he get these things wholesale?

LIBRARY THEME FOR JUNE IS
D-DAY, JUNE 6, 1944
EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF BOOKS, MAPS,
PLANS. THE WORLD CHANGED ON THAT DAY.
WE LIVE FREE BUT FOR THEIR SACRIFICE GO
ON THE ROAD TO BERLIN FROM NORMANDY
WITH THE RED BALL EXPRESS!



DR JILL AND CATHERINE PANOFSKY
ADD CAMO LOOK TO CURATOR'S HALL



May 12, 2018 after a long day of competition