

**ESTRELLA WARBIRDS MUSEUM**  
**WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY**  
**PASO ROBLES, CA 93446**

**REMEMBERING THE PAST**  
**INSPIRING THE FUTURE**



**UH-34D Chocktaw**

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**Prez Sez....**

**President Ren Stelloh**



**Hearst Foundation Matching Challenge**

Regular readers of the newsletter will recall that the **Hearst Foundation** generously contributed \$100,000 to the museum in December. That donation coupled with the success of our end of the year appeal letter -- 57 donors contributed over \$26,000 (including two incredibly generous donations of \$10,000 each; one from **Ed Chidlaw** and one from an **anonymous donor**) -- prompted us to initiate the **Hearst Foundation Matching Challenge**. We're off and running. In addition to the \$26,000, **Travel Paso** has agreed to support Warbirds, Wings & Wheels 10/Mega Swap Meet with a \$5,000 grant (thank Sue Dollymore for a persuasive grant request). And, in addition, the **West Coast Stock Car Hall of Fame** generously donated \$5,000 to be used for a public address system. So we're barely two months into 2018 and we're one-third the way to matching the Hearst Foundation grant. If you can think of additional ways to raise funds, we're all ears!



Ren

**Travel Paso Recognizes Estrella/  
Woodland with Partnership, Support  
For WWW10/MSM And Beyond**

On January 24 Estrella Warbirds, Woodland Auto Display was granted a financial Partnership in the amount of \$5000 for the 2018 Warbirds, Wings and Wheels 10 Event being held at the Museum on May 12.

This **Partnership is an Agreement** between Travel Paso and Estrella/Woodland to **promote the City and the Museum** in kind in the future. It is a marketing agreement. In exchange for this support the Museum will:

- ◆ · "Provide the associated benefits as outlined in your organization's application and/or subsequent sponsorship documents
- ◆ · Coordinate with Travel Paso on in-kind marketing plans and implementation"

"Thank you for producing an event in our community that makes a significant contribution to the overall quality of life in Paso Robles as well as our ability to grow our tourism-based economy. We appreciate your partnership in our mission and look forward to supporting your event."

Danna Stroud

Executive Director, Travel Paso Organization



# RESTORATION CORNER. . .

PERFECT CHOCKTAW LIVERY PAINT SCHEME SHINES,  
AWAITING ENGINE, INNARDS see pg 3



## H-34 CREW L-R:

- DENNIS JOHANSEN
- TOM DEVAUL
- KEITH DEKKER
- RON BOYTE
- KATHY DRAZSNACK
- TOM GORHAM
- ERNIE MADRID
- TOM NIXON
- MIKE BROPHY (bottom, right)



GET WELL, TOM!



Tom Nixon



MIKE B



## Another Lady Resto In The House. . . Meet Cheryl Eggers-Huffman

Task:  
Prep M151A1  
Grill For Paint



Come by the **Schade Restoration Building** on a Saturday and you may meet another **NEW GUY, a very nice lady named Cheryl**. To the best of this Editor's knowledge, she is now the **SECOND female volunteer** who likes getting a little dusty once or twice per week while taking this museum to the next step. Cheryl's first gig here was to assist Ron Boyte in prepping the M151A1 Jeep's grill for paint.

Cheryl is here via the EWM memorial **tribute to John Dolan** some weeks ago. She refers to Mr. Dolan as a "second Dad". She was invited to attend the service on January 13 at EWM. "Prior to the memorial service, I had wanted to do some volunteer work and had inquired about it at the museum. Then I found out that they had a restoration team. I was so excited about it and I thought it would be a nice way to honor John Dolan, to continue his legacy, and his love and passion for flying. So, I have found my way here to volunteer my time to the restoration team every Saturday. "

" Did I mention the **camaraderie** is not bad either ? The men on the team all have been so welcoming, helpful and accommodating. They don't treat me any different. I feel like I'm one of the guys! It has been nice and I'm honored to be a part of the restoration crew/team !!! I hope the future finds more women joining the team and helping by volunteering. **Women can do this stuff...it is educational and labor intensive. And it's FUN, too!** "

**Welcome Cheryl Eggers-Huffman!**

The Goal



## **NOW HEAR THIS!! . . .**

*The EWM H-34 is getting its share of attention lately for good reason. Think it just arrived here in a box to be put back together? Not really.*

*Per Acquisitions Chief Bill Lander:*

Here is a short history of the H-34

Helicopter project - **quest for parts:**

1. Purchased H-34 from airline pilot from Long Beach.
2. Air Frame was at Fox Field (Lancaster,Ca)
3. Loaded and trucked to Paso.
4. Short some parts - searched the internet
5. Found some parts from Minter Field Museum (Bakersfield area) 3 trips, purchased landing gear, various small parts they had extra of. The restoration crew had to take parts off the air frame that was at this museum.
6. When back to Minter Field Museum and purchased the H-34 engine there. Trip #4.
7. Tom got a lead at Travis Air Museum, that they were going to scrap an H-34 there. Tom went up and got some more parts that were needed.

This is an example of what the crew sometimes does to make a good display.

Bill

By the time this issue of EAGLE is published members of **Marine HMM/VMM 364th Squadron** will have been to EWM to view their H-34. Watch next issue for coverage of that event, scheduled for February 17th, 2018 in front of Hangar 1.

# “New” F-18 Flight Simulator Takes Off.

## All EWM Visitors Get Preview With New Monitor



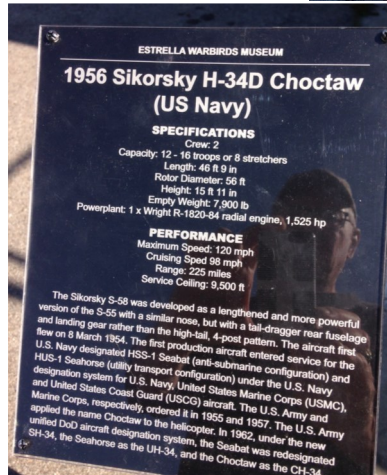
Without going to flight school this is as good as it gets

around these parts. The new EWM flight simulator software is installed and getting tweaked daily as customers start showing up to be amazed at the display's detail. Land on a carrier with just enough fuel. Zoom around San Francisco and roar under the Bay Bridge if you dare. Don't stall out, though. Get to about 400 mph to make a clean pass under the traffic. You will want one of these in the Man Cave for sure.

## Heavy Fab Schedule Made Lighter With New Mig Welder



Bill Lander and Friend



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**Welder. . .**

**Bill Lander** is standing with our new **Mig (Metal Inert Gas) welder** on Feb 5. This machine was **donated** to EWM by Founder **Ron Brooks**. Right now this Mig is cutting major time off one of Resto's substantial projects: standing signage for all of the aircraft on display at EWM and new support structures to keep the birds OFF their tires. This is piece work, so this Mig welder comes just at the right time. Drop by the Restoration building to see the results first hand. Thank You to Mr. Ron Brooks!

## New F-18 Sim Flyer To Spread Word



**FLY OUR F/A-18F!  
CUTTING EDGE SIM  
EXPERIENCE IN A  
REAL F/A-18  
COCKPIT!**

**Tickets Available at the Gift Shop!**

We are proud to offer a brand new, cutting edge simulator experience! Using industry leading FAA approved software, we have adapted a real Navy F/A-18 Cockpit to provide the best and most realistic simulator experience we can.

**30 Minutes for only \$25!!**

**Fly the Navy's front line Fighter/Attack Aircraft!**

**Launch from an Aircraft Carrier!**

**Engage enemy aircraft all over the world!**

**Enjoy cutting edge graphics and scenery!**

**30 Minutes for only \$25!**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Due to the construction of our F/A-18 Cockpit, the Simulator is not currently handicapped accessible.

Sim Rides are available most days, though due to volunteer scheduling we cannot guarantee that the sim will be available every day.

## Menu For March Dinner/Meeting Wednesday March 7, 2018 \$20 Social 6pm/Dinner 7pm

**Corned Beef (surprise!)  
Boiled Potato  
Salad  
Vegetable  
Desert**

**George Marrett Presents:  
Liz Ruth, Pilot of NASA's SOFIA**



Stratospheric Observatory For Infrared Astronomy



**Ms. Ruth will be introduced by Dr. Grace Crittenden, fellow pilot**

**and part of the local SLO 99s, the International Woman's Aviation Fraternity.**



**Be There!**

### Reservations:

**Phone: 805-296-1935**

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

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## EWM Official Response To Travel Paso WWW10/MSM Support

1/26/2018

Danna Stroud, Executive Director  
Travel Paso Robles  
P. O. Box 661  
Paso Robles, CA 93447

Dear Danna Stroud:

We were all delighted to receive notification of the grant award of \$5,000 from Travel Paso. Please convey our deep appreciation to your Marketing Committee and Board of Directors for selecting our event for this funding.

All funding will be directed to the purchase of expanding our presence in the region and beyond to include all media, print, radio and TV. We shall of course document all expenditures for this effort and follow up with a report to you.

Once again, on behalf of all our members, volunteers and Board of Directors we thank you for your support and confidence in our efforts in assisting in the promotion of Paso Robles as a destination of choice.

Very sincerely,



Ren Stelloh, President  
Estrella Warbirds Museum

### BRIEFLY, HERE IS WHAT “TRAVEL PASO” IS ABOUT:

“Travel Paso’s mission is to brand, market and promote Paso Robles as the authentic destination of choice on a regional, national and global level to targeted leisure, family, business and group travelers, resulting in **increased visitation**, longer stays and **revenue growth**. Travel Paso’s Marketing Committee and Board of Directors have both reviewed your application and determined that your event aligns with these efforts and has the potential to make a significant impact on tourism growth in Paso Robles.”

BTY: Huge Thanks to EWM’s Sue Dollymore for running point on this endeavor!





**NOW HEAR THIS!!**



**HOW TO HELP OUR MUSEUM**

An easy way to help our museum is to help in the upcoming elections:

When: Tuesday June 5 and Tuesday November 6.

What's needed? 10 to 20 workers (the more we have working, the shorter the hours) to meet the voters and hand out/retrieve their ballots.

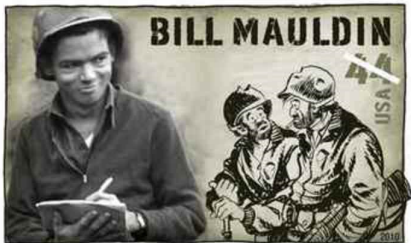
Additional benefit: The museum benefits further if those workers attend an orientation class during the month prior to each election. Just a few hours, and they pay the museum for us!

Jump on this bandwagon! It is an easy way to earn cash for our museum.

For further information, call:  
Joan Burgess : 805-237-1030

Library Theme This Month:

**HUMOR IN THE MILITARY**



MARCH is famous for "Madness", St. Pat's Day Merriment and now Military Humor. Seems odd but our fighting

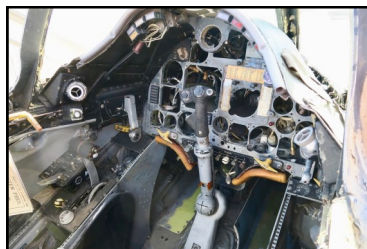
forces have their own brand since those involved MUST at some time find humor in their own ranks. Come to



**TA-4 Before. . .  
Work Begins On  
Bringing Back  
Grinder's Ride**



**EWM Feb 10**— It is official. Work has finally started on the TA-4. **Dennis Johansen** tests out his elbows



on the windscreen above. **Wayne (Grinder) Rice**, who flew this very airplane back in flight-training days, peers into the

cockpit to help assess the scope of the coming project. Apparently, this one is just another immense challenge to be met. No Problem! The paint scheme will remain the same. It's an eye-popper that will someday grace EWM's entrance-way. Watch for updates as this job progresses.

**EWM's well-stocked library** for a look at some of the stuff that keeps our military uniquely American. You know we can find humor in anything from the mundane and morbid to the heart-felt, zeroed – in truths of **Mauldin's Up Front** classic. The EWM Library has it all.





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

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**FIND WARBIRDS WINGS AND WHEELS 10/MSM ENTRY FORMS INSERT IN THIS ISSUE**

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**THE ESTRELLA**  
**WARBIRDS MUSEUM**  
**WANTS YOU**  
**AS A DOCENT!**

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**AN INTEREST IN**  
***HISTORY, AIRCRAFT OR CARS***

**WE WILL TRAIN YOU!**  
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**DINNER & BARN DANCE**  
**Friday Night, May 11, 2018**

Join us on Friday night for our Dinner & Barn Dance to start the car show festivities off to the tunes of **Monte Mills** and the **Lucky Horseshoe Band**. Special parking for hot rods!

**Location:** Estrella Warbirds Museum and Woodland Auto Display  
**Hours:** 6pm to 10pm • Dinner at 6:30pm and dancing starts at 7pm.  
 Beer and wine available for purchase.

**Tickets are \$35 per person.**  
**Table of (8) = \$245 • Table of (10) = \$315**

**Must RSVP by May 8<sup>th</sup>. Please include on the attached entry form.**  
**Limited to first (250) people. Car Show Participants receive one additional ticket for cash drawing at car show.**

