

ESTRELLA WARBIRDS MUSEUM WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY PASO ROBLES, CA 93446



INSPIRING THE FUTURE, REMEMBERING THE PAST

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PREZ SEZ. . . EWM President Ren Stelloh

There are two very noteworthy items for this month's column: **Warbirds, Wings & Wheels 10/ Mega Swap Meet** and the **Gorham's contribution** to the Museum's library.

It is hard to believe that this is the **tenth anniversary** of our car show. Be sure to come out on May 12 and enjoy all the magnificent **cars**, kids' activities, the **Corn Hole Toss**, and the **Cackle Fest** (which will determine whether NASCAR racecars or front-engined dragsters are the loudest!). Plus don't forget the **Barn Dance on Friday night, May 11**. Good food, music -- lots of fun!

Please join me in thanking **Tom and Mary Anne Gorham** for their yeoman duty over the past five years in putting our museum library "on the map". During their five years of exemplary service, they organized, sorted, and processed the library holdings which grew from 3,000 to over 7,000 items. In August the Gorhams will relinquish their library duties. Tom and Mary Anne, thank you and we wish you all the best!

Ren



WWW10 MAY 12, 2018

Freedom Hall Facelift Continues

The ongoing effort to organize and beautify the inside showcase holding Estrella's micro artifacts charges ahead. Headed by Dr. Jill Thayer and an intrepid crew of volunteers, the new paint scheme, banners, heavy stuff like display cabinets and furniture holding delicate items like models, old clothing and uniforms are finding their way to their "final resting place", ready for permanent display under much more user-friendly conditions.

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BT-13 VULTEE STARTS FINAL TAXI TO RUNWAY 31 BOUND FOR AUSTIN, TX AND DELIVERY TO ITS NEW OWNER

EWM- March 20, 2018— EWM lost a fan favorite on March 20 as the Marine Vultee, formerly owned by Gary Corippo warmed up, taxied out to the runway, started its journey to a new home and owner. Scott Stelzle and Randy Wilber filed the plan to Austin Texas where Al DiDario was waiting to take the controls



for the final leg home to the West Central Coast of Florida. Al is a retired Northwest Airlines pilot who knows about these older birds and will take excellent care of her. *Vultee prep crew in above photo: Sherman Smoot, Al DiDario (new owner), Scott Stelzle, Gary Corippo and Randy Wilber.* Gary said she made it all the way to Austin and didn't burn a drop of oil. Fitting testament to the TLC she received while residing in Hangar 1. Farewell.

In With The "New". . .Hopefully?

TG-3 WWII Training Glider Sails Into The "To Do" Column



This is a hot item as the deal has yet to be sealed. Estrella Warbirds is in negotiation to purchase an aircraft from WWII, a **1943 AAF SCHWEIZER TG-3A TRAINING GLIDER**. This plane is in parts right now at Minter Field near Bakersfield and as soon as viable, it will most likely hop a truck/trailer to the Schade Restoration Building for assembly and possible fabric reapplication. The original manuals are in hand. No one here has done this type of restoration before, but the details about fabric control surface installation are available. The discussion is ongoing as of this writing. Soon, we will know if this piece will someday grace our display area. Stay Tuned!



RESTORATION CORNER

TA-4, M151A1 JEEP, GUN TRUCK



Zach DeWeese uses new Mig welder to patch up the floor/fender assembly of **M151A1 Jeep** with sheet metal cut and fabricated right here inside the Schade Restoration Building.



Wayne Rice and Ron Boyte share a discussion about bay doors for the landing gear attached to the TA-4 which sits in front of the hangar bundled up for the rain predicted for that afternoon. Museum visitor looks/listens on.



Finally inside the hangar, close inspection details the size of the sand, scrape and paint job facing restoration

Bill Lander weighed in on the **Gun Truck**. Currently **Keith Dekker and Kathy Draznazck** are assisting me with finishing the upgrades on the Gun Truck for the upcoming events:

1. Wings and Wheels car show.
2. Golden Classic car show.
3. Pioneer Days Parade.

Jobs included fabricating ammo can racks and placing ammo cans for each gun as they were used in Vietnam. Fabricated and installed mounts for first aid ammo cans. Mount water can units to cool guns while in operation. Touch up paint on truck and guns for upcoming shows.

Facelift. . .

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One of the new banners to soon hang in Hind Pavilion



"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

John F. Kennedy



Banner placements in Hind Pavilion as they will look when Installed

Gary Ryan of Goofy Graphics in Morro Bay is a longtime supporter of EWM. His company is producing the signage from Dr. Jill's designs in our museum display updates.



The “Bomber” Is Resting Comfortably. . .For Now



Wingless C-47 on April 14 residing back at EWM while Mooney Fly-In at the airport takes space at ACI Jet’s hangar, the “Bomber’s” home for now.

Just a few days ago we lost the **BT-13 Vultee** to an interested buyer. Gone to Florida. Both buyer and seller (Gary Corippo et al) wound up “happy” with the deal. But that deal cost EWM a visible, iconic trademark for all to see and admire as it growled around the skies every once in a while.

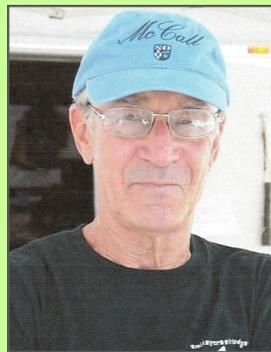
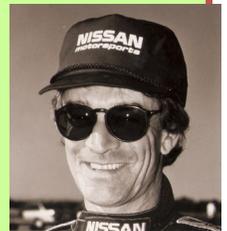
Now, our **C-47, Betsy’s Biscuit Bomber**, is in the airplane hospital for much needed (an understatement) repairs and engine overhaul. The engines can find their work right here at EWM. The rest, discovered after removing the wings prior to it’s annual inspection, will take some extensive, expensive work. Some corrosion exists internally and the fix is determined to be necessary if the trip to Normandy in 2019 is to happen. Discussions with Planes Of Fame in Chino, CA, who have similar issues with their C-47, have lessened the anxiety a bit (team effort perhaps?). But fundraising is now a priority according to C-47 team member John Doyle. More as this situation matures.

MONTHLY MEETING DINNER MENU May 2, 2018

Baked Enchilada
Zesty Salad
Rice
Refried Beans
Desert

George Marrett Presents
John Morton Racing

Nearly 50 Years Of Pro Racing
And Still Going Strong. Incredible
history and action from one of the
greats in racing! Be There.



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To Dinner Reservations**

Visitors Lighten Up A Dreary Day.

Forced Inside To Deal With Cool Stuff



Gerry White and Vapor Trail
'Vettes . . . and a '56



Aaron Reed and the
Central Coast Roadsters



EWM Rain or shine the troops come in all sizes. They drive their Cobras, '32 Fords, Corvettes and family sedans and trucks to see the machines at EWM/ Woodland.



Mr. Jay-Phillips and Troop 392



Central Coast Cobras

Shown here are Scout Troop 392 from Kingsburg, CA, Central Coast Cobras (Howard Love and cast of tens were in Thompson Hall enjoying lunch instead of posing in the rain), '32s came in from Morro Bay.

HOW TO HELP OUR MUSEUM?

ASSIST IN THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS:

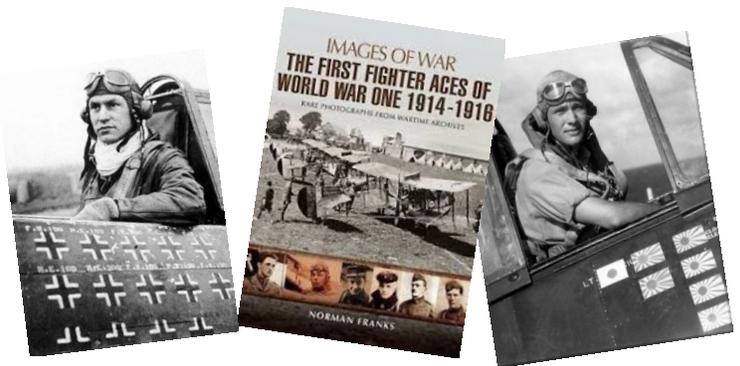
When: Tuesday June 5 and Tuesday November 6.

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 237-1030



From Tom and Mary Anne Gorham, our Librarians: The library's topic of interest for May is "**Flying Aces of the World**". Our latest donation includes a great amount of WW II themed books, covering event and battles in both the European and Pacific war theaters. Many of these books are on people, events, battles we have not had ANY materials on previously. Thanks, Tom

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All Roads Lead To Warbirds, Wings and Wheels,
Mega Swap Meet May 12, 2018

WWW10 Entry Form Insert Inside

