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WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY
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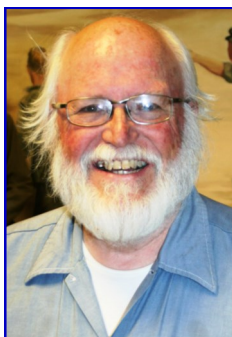
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PREZ SEZ President Rob Kinnear

Well, it is November already and I hope everyone has visions of Thanksgiving in their head. The Museum has much to be thankful for this year. The number of visitors increased again this year. Our crack restoration team has completed work on two projects: the UH-34D and the TA-4J. The long anticipated P-2V Neptune arrived last month.



Dr. Gil Stark at the September Dinner Meeting gave an interesting and thought provoking presentation on the Cal Poly football team aircraft accident and its effect. Although it was a sad event, what occurred afterwards was enthralling.

The up-coming NOV 7 Dinner/Meeting we are looking forward to hearing Ms. Jan Johnson and her L-5 Stinson sojourn to Oshkosh all the way from Hayward, California and back. That's 8400 miles!

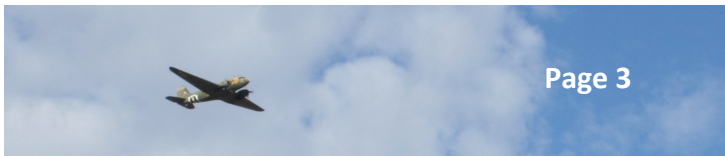
We are trying something new with a TRUNK or TREAT event on October 31 between 4 and 7 pm. The idea is this is a place for kids in costumes to have a safe and entertaining place to Trick or Treat with classic and vintage cars to see.

The Museum had three vehicles in the Paso Robles Pioneer Day Parade on October 13: The Ford Model T Ambulance, the Navy Jeep and our 2½ ton Vietnam era Gun Truck. The parade was enjoyed by all. The Honor Flight also made an appearance with Scott Stelzle's Piper Cub, George Marrett's L-5 and Bob Kelly in the L-16.

Brad Eaton is working with the Paso Robles and Templeton High Schools to start an Aviation Club to foster young people's interest in all areas of aviation. The initial efforts are quite productive and we are working with him to make this a viable club.

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After 4 Long Months C-47 Is Airborne Again



Paso Robles Aviation Club: A Hangar Full Of Opportunity



Brad Eaton (kneeling) poses with the initial grouping of PRAC students and parents from Paso Robles HS. A similar group from Templeton HS will join to form the Club. More on Page 6

PIONEER DAY PARADE FLYOVER HIGHLIGHTS HUGE TURNOUT



Ben Heaston, George Marrett, Scott Stelzle, Bob Kelly, Scott Benedict flew the Honor Flight mission over the Paso Robles Pioneer Day Parade.



Young parade participant joins the massive crowd watching **Bob Kelly, Scott Stelzle (front)** and **George Marrett** execute the pass over Spring Street.



The Riders: Tami Lander, Bill Lander, Keith Dekker on the **Gun Truck**: Mike Brophy in the **Navy jeep**, Debbie and Dad Ron Brooks in Ron's **WWI Ambulance**.



After months languishing without her wings, **Betsy's Biscuit Bomber** took to the skies once again for a trip Apple Valley to show off her new skin and rehabbed wings. The Bomber Crew took a shake-down flight on the day before just to adjust all the nuts and bolts and relish the tuned engines. Man, its runnin' nicely! **Shane Wallace and Hector Camacho** took the controls at 1550 hours on **October 12th** and zoomed off runway 01, took a long, sweeping turn to the right and headed for Bakersfield. Those of us lucky enough to witness this event will not soon forget it. The Editor even helped turn/

First Mission For **BETSY'S BISCUIT BOMBER** Sends C-47 To Apple Valley CA For Airshow First Flight Since **BIG Overhaul**



Late July, 2018

prime the engines prior to takeoff! The cameras were clicking. Welcome back to the Flying Warbird Fold, Betsy!



John Edell and Shane Wallace attend to some Dip Stick Duty During Pre-Flight Check



Rumble To The Taxiway **October 12, 2018**

Flight crew consisted of: Andrew Angellotto, Dan Lloyd, John Edell, Pilot Shane Wallace, Co-pilot Hector Camacho



Off To Apple Valley



Help Betsy Get To Normandy
June 2-9, 2019
75th D-Day Commemoration
Please visit & give Generously at
BetsysBiscuitBomber.com
Or for more info:
info@gooneybirdgroup.com

Prez Sez **Continued From Pg 1**

Part of the plan is for the Aviation Club to have meetings here regularly. If any of you are interested in helping or speaking to the club, please contact me.

The Woodland Auto Display building extension has started. Look for completion at year's end.

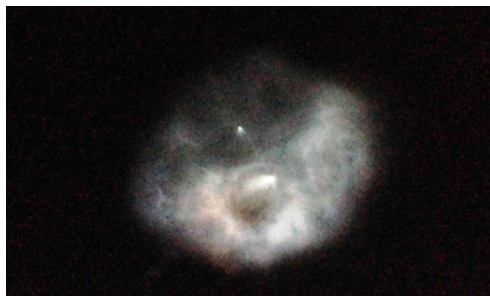
If you have been out to the Museum recently, you should have noticed that the Gooney Bird Group has put Betsy's Biscuit Bomber back together and it has flown to the air show in Apple Valley. They are still working to take her to Europe in 2019.

World War One, "The Great War", is history. There is no one alive who experienced it. This month marks the 100th anniversary of the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month that began the ceasefire resulting in the end of that war. I hope you will take a moment on Sunday November 11 to remember the men and women who served our country at that time.

Of course we always need volunteers for our normal operations. If you can give us some time, we can always use more hands to help us grow the Museum. So, come out and join the fun with us. And you know, if you are already assigned and committed to be a docent, restoration genius, gift shop worker, kitchen assistant, why not bring a friend to EWM/WAD to work with you?

Happy Thanksgiving!

Rob



This is Space X Falcon 9 on October 7 about 8 minutes after launch from Vandenberg as seen from Pismo Beach. The upper dot is the 2nd stage zooming to orbit. The flare is the spent first stage firing the brakes as it returns to the landing pad. Photo Steve Lochen

Check out www.space.com

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Woodland Auto Display**

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**November 7 Dinner/Meeting
Brings Local Aviatrix Jan Johnson,
Her Love For Flying. . .Especially Her
George Marrett Look-Alike: Her L-5**



Jan Johnson stands next to her Stinson at Oshkosh EAA Fly In in July. Her story about "Coffee, Tea, Or...." at Reno Air to accomplish private Warbird pilot is not to be missed.

Come to Thompson Hall November 7 at 6pm.

Monthly Dinner/Meeting
Wednesday November 7
6pm Social, 7pm Dinner
\$20 At The Door
MENU
Roast Turkey
Dressing
Mashed Potatoes
Vegetables
Pumpkin Pie
Jan Johnson Presentation

Reservations:
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To Dinner Reservations**

LIBRARY THEME/QUIZ FOR NOVEMBER: THE DAWN OF FLIGHT



READY? BEGIN.

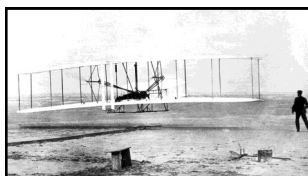
1. The First Lighter Than Air Flight Was Made In France in 1783. True or False

2. Manned, powered flight was preceded by:

- A. Gliders
- B. Kites
- C. Hot-Air Balloons
- D. All The Above

3. The Wright Flyer was piloted by:

- A. Wilber Wright
- B. Joshua, Orville Wright's Cousin
- C. Orville Wright



4. Zeppelin Travel Was Considered

- A. Sophisticated and Safe
- B. Faster Than Ocean Liners
- C. Nazi Propaganda
- D. All The Above



5. Early Pilots Wore Goggles Because:

- A. They Acted As Sunglasses
- B. They were Considered Galant Looking
- C. To Protect Their Eyes

6. The Wright Bros. Flight Caused An Immediate International Sensation.

True or False

7. The First Powered Flight Over The English Channel. What Country Claimed Credit For This Amazing Fete?

- A. France
- B. England
- C. Briitan
- D. America



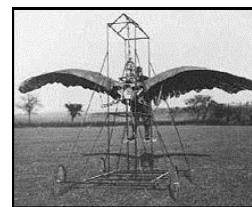
8. The First Float Plane Was Constructed And Flew In. . .

- A. 1908
- B. 1918
- C. 1911

Quiz Cont. . .

9. The Ornithopter

- A. Was A Helicopter
- B. Moves Its Wings Like A Bird
- C. Was The Result Of A Backyard Invention
- D. Actually Flew



10. Manfred Von Richthofen Flew A. . .

- A. Fokker Tri Plane
- B. Nieuport
- C. Spad

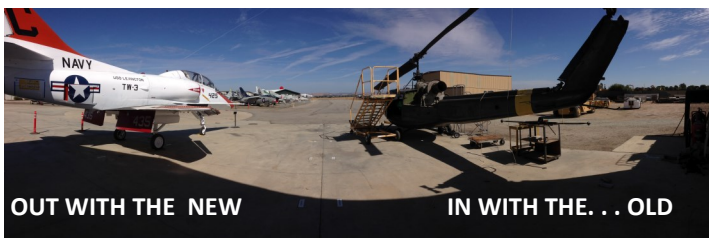


BONUS!:

11. This Man Is. . .

- A. Late for work
- B. Bruce Wayne Sr.
- C. Smiling for some reason

RESTORATION CORNER



The big news is, of course, the TA-4J . It is DONE! What a sight! Now a new task: transform our **UH-1D Huey** into something Viet Nam veterans everywhere can identify with. This will be special. Restoration is licking their chops here. There will be arguments disguised as spirited



discussion about livery (paint scheme), utility (represent transport, utility, attack, com-

mand, medivac) and details down to unit ID. About time we had a **U.S. Army** airship on display? Up on a stand in take off mode perhaps? Open cockpit for inter-active display maybe? Kids love that. . .especially the 70-somethings who remember, sometimes with some pain, the moments like it was yesterday. Anyway the die is cast and the parts are already all over the place. It will be a privilege to follow its progress. There is no Rest in Restoration!

M151-A1 Jeep The frame looks like a frame finally.



Just a few of the parts laid out on jeep work bench



Joe Caetano grinds another rough spot before welding steel plate over rust holes in M151A1 jeep.

With vacation season here, some of the Restos head for the hills for a few days. But on a recent Monday 3 Hard Cores were at work focusing on the jeep, Huey and shop maintenance: Joe Caetano, Bill Lander and Tom Nixon. More masterpieces await the public with these folks on the job!

From The Duckpond

Dick Woodland

I'm told the bldg addition will be ready for Move-In-Day by the end of the year. Doubtful but we'll see. 1st qtr anyway.

Off to CSUN tomorrow, Oct. 15, to pick up the Parnelli Jones midget. The Tamale Wagon sprint car will go directly to the Petersen Museum in LA until end of 2019. The PJ midget will go to my shop as it will also be going to the Petersen Museum on 11/7 for a special tribute night for Parnelli on 11/8. It will ship back to Paso the next day and to WAD shortly after. Also in Nov., my 70's era, and fully restored, Bromme/Thompson sprint car will be shipped from Indiana to Perris, Calif. It will be the pace car for the Oval Nationals sprint car finals. From there, to PR and WAD shortly after.

Dick (from the iphone)

PASO ROBLES AVIATION CLUB..... CONT.

EWM member Brad Eaton flies a beautiful Stearman, a Cessna jet and has lived his life in the air. He is now the force behind what is known as the **Paso Robles Aviation Club**. Prime targets for membership are the High School kids of the Central Coast, namely anyone enrolled at Paso Robles or Templeton High Schools.

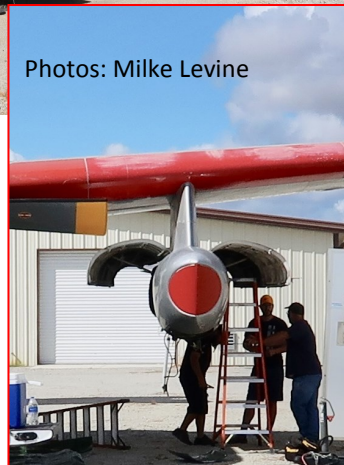
As of this writing, 22 students are "officially interested" in joining this Club, with enthusiastic parents equally excited about this opportunity. A meeting is scheduled at Templeton High the week of October 15. This group will tour the Cal Fire tanker station, CHP and the Airport Manager's Office prior to touring EWM/WAD.

Watch for the photo next issue with the combined group. One does not need to doubt for a minute that this endeavor will bring great press to Estrella Warbirds and will eventually tap the talent that exists right here in the community for engineers, pilots, scientists, teachers, technical experts of all kinds.

Among the mentors for the first group: Cmdr. Paul Oyler, F-18 pilot and Friend of EWM/WAD, lending his leadership talents to the future. He joins our Brad Eaton blazing the contrail to success for these kids.

FLY THAT P2V NEPTUNE OUT OF HERE. . .FORGETABOUTIT.

Neptune Aviation Arrived at EWM to swap out 2 working radials and install two more that are timed out.. Then they took the engines and left the pods for the outboard jets. All 4 loaded up units made an odd sight along the roads around Paso Robles. The P2V jet pods will be left empty. The radials are per spec but will not operate. The Neptune will have a good life for decades to come here at Estrella Warbirds Museum!



Photos: Milke Levine



Visitors From Outside The Wire



Photo: Top, Jerpen. Bottom, Bastiaan.

The Editor was cruising the EWM/WAD campus on September 30 and caught two rough looking dudes eyeballing the C-47 up close and taking lots of photographs. Rather than calling the FBI, I demanded their photo IDs. They responded (in English) that they were from . . . NORWAY.

After my private tour, ending in Hangar 1, we selfied and promised to be pen pals. They are airplane "spotters"! They have been to more aviation museums throughout the world than YOU have. They sent these 2 photos to me for sharing. They found EWM on line and were amazed at what they had found. They love the Biscuit Bomber and they



Bastaain, Editor, Jerpen

"It has bee awhile, but hee,(sic) here we are. It's been a pleasure walking around with you at the museum. Please keep me posed o the Dakota progress. Thanks! The pictures you can use where ever you like. Best regards Bastiaan Hart and Jerpen van Toor"

WILL be kept abreast of its health, wellbeing and work life.



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Docents: Call Coordinators Jerry Jones or Jason Holland 805-238-9317

GIFT SHOP: Thursday through Sunday, 10am until 4pm.

Call Toni Moore at 805-238-9317

LIBRARY: Open when the Museum is open. Contact Marci Rice, Librarian at 805-238-9317

RESTORATION: Hands On! "Get Dirty"! Just show up Monday, Wednesday or Saturday, startin at 9am. Gourmet Lunch on Saturday provided by Wayne Rice.