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Estrella Warbirds Museum
Woodland Auto Display

Paso Robles, CA 93446

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Warbirds, Wings and Wheels/Swap Meet Set For Gala On May 9

Be sure to check out the opportunity below to have a ride on June 6th, 2020 aboard our C-47, *Betsy's Biscuit Bomber* to mark the 76th Anniversary of D-Day.

Passengers need to arrive at Estrella Warbirds Museum at 4:30 PM for the flight departing at 5 PM.

Reservations are required

Sponsorship and/or Reservations:

Please make checks payable to Estrella Warbirds Museum and mail to 4251 Dry Creek Rd., Paso Robles, CA 93446. Please make a notation on your check that it's for sponsorship for WWW12 so our bookkeeper knows where to credit.

Commitments and payments must be received by April 1, 2020 in order to have your logo on the event poster.

A large banner displaying all sponsor names will be displayed in the hangar during the car show.

For more information please contact Carol Verstuyft at 805-286-5566 or email to:
carolverstuyft@ewarbirds.org

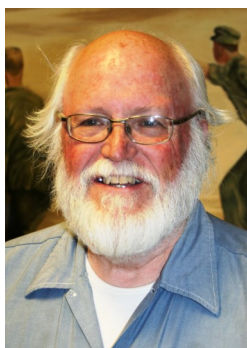
<https://www.ewarbirds.org/www/sponsors.shtml>



Prez Sez .. EWM President Rob Kinnear

Spring is officially here and things are getting more active at the Museum besides the grass and flowers growing.

April is the month we have the big push to get ready for Warbirds, Wings and Wheels. WWW 12 is looking good at this point. The advertising is out and car registrations are coming in.



The aviation club is close to completing the restoration of the F-4S nose section for the car show. The HUMVEE repaint should also be completed by then.

The repainting of Thomson Hall is completed and we are working towards new shrubs in front of the building, shutters by the windows and a new sign. We are also looking at replacing the main entrance and Hangar 1 cover with ones like our entrance at the Hind Pavilion.

Then there is the saga of the "Pea Shooter". We have a forklift by that name that, several years ago, suffered engine cylinder failure. A company said they would rebuild the engine and bring it up to operating condition. Continued pg 7

ESTRELLA WARBIRDS MUSEUM
WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY

Rob Kinnear-President
Open Position--Vice President
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Carol Verstuyft - Secretary

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Bob Burgess
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Bill Lander
Toni Moore
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Ron Brooks - Buildings Maintenance
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Wayne Rice—Kitchen
John Spooner—PIO
Scott Stelzle—COO
Dr. Jill Thayer—Curator
Carol Verstuyft—Advertising
Peter Visel—Webmaster



Monthly Meeting/Dinner, Wed., April 1, 2020
Thomson Hall 5:30pm Social, 6:30pm Dinner
\$20 At The Door Reservations: 805-296-1935

MENU

Baked Ham
Scalloped Potatoes
Salad
Mixed Vegetables
Dessert

George Marrett Presents
Cuesta Concord Chorus



Joining us for our April 1 monthly dinner will be **The Cuesta Concord Chorus**. Formerly known as the *Cuesta College North County Chorus*, they are a diverse community of singers who experience life-enhancing moments through the art of choral music. The Cuesta Concord Chorus is a mixed chorus (SATB) based in Paso Robles, CA, which performs fine choral literature from the Medieval Era to the present.

Last 4th of July, while our C-47B, Betsy's Biscuit Bomber, was high above participating in the 75th Anniversary of the Normandy invasion, they were not the only Paso Robles natives to be part of the memorial journey. The Cuesta Concord Chorus was at ground level, at the American Cemetery in Normandy, performing for the thousands gathered from around the world. They also performed at four concerts in London and Bath, England during the anniversary.

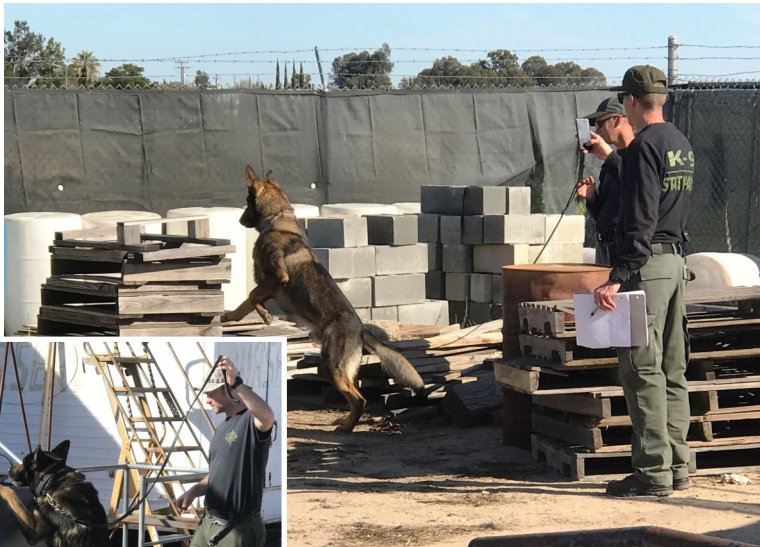


Rev your engines! Our new display features an array of rotary and jet engines that fit well in the recently completed structure on the East side of Hangar One. Thanks to Scott Stelzle, our new COO, for leading the charge along with Bill Lander and Ken Tieffz on **installation**; and Mike Kelley, Ron Brooks, Randy Wilbur and EWM President Rob Kinnear, on **construction**. Signage is in the works.



VISITORS FROM OUTSIDE THE WIRE

From Ken Neuman: EWM welcomed officer **Jason Rule** along with his K-9 dog "**Kahn**" last week (March 3) with the **CA State Parks Dept.** to do explosive detection and narcotics training on the EWM campus. He was accompanied by 3 other officers and their K-9's.



Training was done in the "boneyard" and also the gift shop(!) for several hours. This provided valuable training for both the officers and K-9's in a larger environment where time is of the essence.



EWM Visitor **Mike O'Neil** is a 21-year Veteran retiring from the **U.S. Air Force** as SMSgt. He served as a flight mechanic in Vietnam on a score of aircraft including the KC-135, C-123, C-124, C-5, E-3, and others. Thank you, Sir for your service to our country. We salute you!

THOMSON HALL BRUSH-UP IS COMPLETE THANKS TO THE BOYS FROM *BROWDER*



The A-Team from Browder Painting Company, Inc. Joe Eley, Michael Taylor, and Juan Carlos



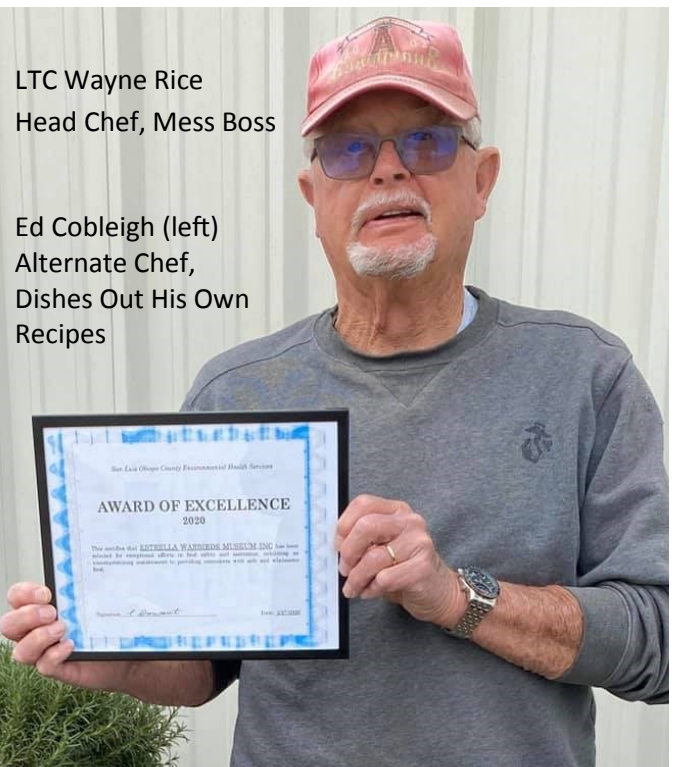
Looking Like New Money!

C-47 Is Never Left Alone For Long.



L-R... John Doyle, William Holton, John Edell, Mark Scarbrough and Jeff Quaid working on *Betsy's Biscuit Bomber's* starboard wing at Estrella Warbirds Museum.

EWM Kitchen Recognized As "Exceptional" by SLO CEHS



LTC Wayne Rice
Head Chef, Mess Boss

Ed Cobleigh (left)
Alternate Chef,
Dishes Out His Own
Recipes

Kudos to Estrella Warbirds Museum Kitchen Manager **LTC Wayne Rice, USMC (RTD)** who accepted this **Certificate of Excellence** from San Luis Obispo County Environmental Health Services. This certifies that EWM has been selected for exceptional efforts in food safety and sanitation exhibiting an uncompromising commitment to providing consumers with safe and wholesome food. Thanks also to **Larry Eastwood and staff of Vic's Cafe** for their catering in Thomson Hall, and EWM volunteers for their work behind the scenes!

RESTORATION CORNER...



Humvee panel gets circular sanding from Tom DuVaul



Rob Kinnear and Scott Stelzle (fork driver) move the newly painted F-4 cockpit to its trailer. The detail Blue Angel paint scheme is next. Paso Robles Aviation Club is overseeing the project. What a great inter-active display this one will be!



Dennis Johansen uses the lift to apply base coat of "cami" livery to the OV-10 Bronco.

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Ron Boyte (left) and Tom DuVaul pose nicely with the "new" and improved "Pea Shooter" fork lift which will now join the Resto Crew in creating and maintaining the exhibits that bring the fans to EWM/WAD on a daily basis. Sometimes the results of Restoration work are very important, if not that glamorous, to the casual visitor. Great Work!!

Library Quiz

SST .. SUPER-SONIC TRANSPORT

1. Three super sonic commercial transports were developed. Which had the longest commercial record.
A. The Tupelov TU 144
B. The Boeing 2707
C. The British -French Concord
T F
2. The Concord owes its political life to French President Charles de Gaulle who wanted a British-French company to regain French prestige.
T F
3. The British designers developed a delta winged aircraft which required a very high angle of attack on take off and landing. This lead to the “drooping” nose of the aircraft which gave the pilots visual ability on approach and take off.
T F
4. The Boeing 2707 was initially designed as a swing wing, but the design proved unworkable and Boeing switched to a design similar to the B-70
T F
5. The Concord was incredibly fuel inefficient yielding only 15.8 passenger miles per gallon of fuel while the Boeing 727 reached 46.4.
T F
6. The Concord’s power plants were way ahead of their time in technology. Was the aircraft fitted with afterburners and were they used.
A. yes
B. only on trans pacific flights
C only on the original 4 planes.
7. Passengers were warned that cruising at Concord’s higher altitudes would expose them to higher doses of solar radiation and were advised to use sunscreen.
T F
8. The only Concord accident was Air France 4590 at Charles de Gaulle airport due to debris on the runway .
T F
9. The last scheduled flight of the Concord was in 2003. Did investors try to resurrect it in 2015.
Yes No
10. One of the major reasons for the commercial failure of the SSTs was the feared impact of sonic booms over populated areas.
T F



PREZ SEZ

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When someone says they will work on it for free, that means they will work on it when they have the time. Four years later the engine was rebuilt but not installed and the forklift was returned to us. **Ron Boyte's** vehicle restoration crew began to work on it. Ron said once they got one thing to work something else would fail. Many man-hours were spent on it. I'm happy to report that Ron's excellent crew has the Pea Shooter UP AND RINNING and we will get many hours of use out of it. Well Done guys!!

This is all accomplished by volunteers who give us what time they can. It takes all of us to keep the Estrella Warbirds Museum going. If you are not volunteering, we can always use more hands to help us grow the Museum. If you are volunteering, bring a friend. As always, come out and join the fun with us.

Finally, be aware that this CoronaVirus is no joke. By the time you receive this copy of EAGLE, Estrella Warbirds Museum/Woodland Auto Display will have been temporarily closed to the visiting public. The target date for re-opening as of this writing is March 29, 2020.

Rob Kinnear

DISPATCH FROM RESTORATION!!

Dennis J, Gary C, Palm Springs, and an F-18 Driver Named Chris. Swap and Trade Resto Style:

"The forward windscreen on The **F-4** we are working on had a sizeable hole in it and Gary C. found a new replacement from a friend of his in So. Ca. A guy who visited the museum a few weeks ago by the name of Chris makes the rounds of museums and we gave him a wish list. He is actually in the Navy and flies an FA-18 for his regular job. He had sent me an email saying that he had found a wing tank for the **TA-4** and would also stop by Gary's friend in So. Ca to pick up the new windscreen. He is looking for two wing tanks for me and also the two attaching hard-points. He said that the

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Chance to Win the
75th Anniversary D-Day Flight
WWII Veteran C-47B - Betsy's Biscuit Bomber



Commemorative Wine Bottle

Purchase your ticket today!

The C-47, pilots, and flight crew successfully completed a two-month world tour throughout the United States and abroad to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day Invasion. The American fleet of vintage C-47s crossed the Atlantic and joined other C-47s from around the world for the Daks Over Normandy event crossing of the English Channel into France.



Donation • Drawing • June 3, 2020 Dinner Meeting

**\$5 each or 5 Tickets for \$20
RAFFLE TICKET**

Commemorative custom etched bottle
Courtesy of Gary Eberle

ALL PROCEEDS WILL HELP
BUILD BETSY'S HANGAR

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The bottle was flown to Europe aboard Betsy's Biscuit Bomber. It features dual-sided labels signed by WWII Veterans and dignitaries in Normandy to commemorate the historic mission.

Winner does not need to be present.
If not claimed within 4 weeks, another drawing will be held at next EWM dinner meeting.



1. Checks can be made out to **Estrella Warbirds Museum, Inc.** dropped off at the museum gift shop, 2. Mail checks made out to Estrella Warbirds Museum to: **Estrella Warbirds Museum ATTN: Bookkeeper 4251 Dry Creek Road, Paso Robles, CA 934463. On line: <https://>**

air museum in **Palm Springs** has the hard points but has to research them to make sure they actually own them and not the Feds. When he was here around Xmas time, he dug through the half dozen or so **ejection seats** we have up above in the restoration building. He was able to put makes and models on most of them just by looking...great info. One of them, he said, was a very early **(1950's) Martin-Baker seat** and was very desirable. We researched it and while don't know where it came from, it was EWM's property, so we **traded it to him for the tanks and hard points.**

That's **the kind of trading we like to do!**



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4251 Dry Creek Road
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805-238-9317
Thursday—Sunday
10am till 4pm**

Be There!

NOW HEAR THIS:
**Estrella Warbirds Museum/
Woodland Auto Display
Will Close Temporarily Until At
Least March 29, 2020, Following
Governor Newsom's Directory
Concerning The CoronaVirus.**

**2 VERY Important
EWM/WAD
Phone Numbers:**

For **Group Tours** Call
805 610-2333
For **Facility Rentals** Call
805 674-3939

**HAVE AN INTEREST IN AVIATION?
LIKE AIRPLANES?
LIKE MECHANICS, PHYSICS, ENGINES?
STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL?
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