



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



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Prez Sez EWM President Rob Kinnear

Happy New Year to you and your family. In 2019 we had our problems, but we had many successes. First, we had over 15,000 visitors this year, many from out of the state and country. We had a very successful Warbirds Wings and Wheels event again. Aircraft Restoration completed work on the TA-4J, The UH-1 and T-37. Vehicle Restoration completed work on the M151 Vietnam era jeep and the World War 2 Cletrack aircraft tug.

We added a SAAB 35 Draken, Ikrus Aero 3A, Taylor J-2 Cub to our aircraft collection; and to our vehicle collection, an Austin Champ jeep and Humvee. Dr. Jill Thayer is continuing to receive wonderful micro artifacts to add to the collection. The Museum's assistance in the formation of the local Aviation Club for local students has also been as rewarding as it has been successful.

The Woodland Auto Display has a new 4th section of displays. Work has commenced on Freedom Hall's southern extension. This space will house work area for the museum's huge inventory of "smaller" items.

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WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY

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15K? Signed in attendance to EWM/WAD is a tick away from 15000 for calendar year 2019.

Best Yet!

AND: Toni Moore reports another good month at the regi\$ter!

Restoration Corner And.....



NEW ADDITIONS TO EWM ROLLING STOCK: BRIT "JEEP" AND COOL HUMVEE

Restoration will make each "Parade Ready"



1950s Austin Champ British Army Vehicle



Paint-Ready: OV-10 Bronco awaits Restoration Makeup Dept.



1950s Burma Jeep



2008 M-1123 Utility Truck (Humvee)

A Donation!: this rare bird, one of 2 known to exist, was originally brought to the United States by Fred Patterson after purchasing it directly from the [Museum of Aviation, Belgrade, Serbia](#). It was reassembled and flown as his personal aircraft until which time it was placed on loan to the Western Aerospace Museum, Heyworth, CA. In January of 2019, Mr. Patterson donated the plane to Estrella Warbirds Museum in order to preserve a piece of history for future generations.



1957 UTVA Aero 3-A trainer in Hangar 1.

Library Quiz For January: *Commercial Aviation Trivia*

“You are cleared for takeoff”

1. Kennedy Airport in New York was originally called:

- a) Idyllwild
- b) LaGuardia
- c) White Plains



2. The ICAO is an organization which administers international air commerce.

True False

3. Which Airport in the US handles the most flights?

- a) Atlanta (ATL)
- b) Los Angeles (LAX)
- c) Chicago O'Hare (ORD)



4. The first scheduled non-stop trans continental air service started in:

- a) 1960
- b) 1953
- c) 1947

5. The highest airport in the world with commercial service is at:

- a) 14,472 ft
- b) 14,042 ft
- c) 12,972 ft



6. Domestic Airlines must have a license to fly issued by:

- a) The Commerce Dept.
- b) Congress
- c) The Federal Aviation Agency

7. Airbus is a European Multinational Aerospace Corporation. Is it the world's biggest Aircraft manufacturer?

Yes No

8. The Tenzing-Hillary Airport is regarded as one of the world's most dangerous. It is in:

- a) Nepal
- b) Peru
- c) Alaska

9. The language of international Airline Traffic Control Is:

- a) French
- b) Russian
- c) English



10. In Order to Land at a controlled Airport, You must have a functioning radio

True False

VISTORS FROM BEYOND THE WIRE

Estrella Makes It To The Blogosphere. The Power Of Tech....

An enterprising family with a taste for tech and social media called into EWM not long ago, spoke to President Kinneer and offered to put Estrella on a family video, put that video on to **YouTube** and make us "famous" **IF** it would gain them entrance into the museum. **John Spooner**, our industrious PIO/PR agent, greeted **Tony and his Family** at the door on November 5 and escorted them around the campus, detailing the exhibits as they passed. Check out the resulting vid on YouTube and you can see that John's family had two future USC or MIT residences eager to learn about Estrella/Woodland and appreciate why this place is important as well as where we are on the map of the world.. Hurry back, guys!

This is the best PR money can buy. The Dad, Tony, and his 2 sons get into blogging about their travels. Of course Estrella/Woodland is a major stop. Check out the YouTube web site exactly as written.....

"This is our Paso Robles video guide with the lead-in featuring the Warbird Museum: <https://youtu.be/X2PgFbu1L9Q>

Thank you again for having us! John (Spooners) was a great guide and we learned a lot!! Enjoy and share with your fans!

Best,
Tony and Family"

EWM/WAD ALSO WELCOMED:

CALIFORNIA COASTERS **DEC 5th**

BIG BEAR OFF ROADERS **DEC 6th**

Hurry back everyone!

See page 5 for another high-flyin' visitor
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GET A TASTE OF WHAT A COMBAT "ADVISOR'S" LIFE IS LIKE.... IN AFGHANISTAN



Sgt. Maj. (Ret) Chad Rickard

Thomson Hall
January 8, 2020

Again, just like the Real Deal Himself, George Marrett, someone who has been there and done that graces Thomson Hall on January 8 to present his book, *Mayhem 337* to the membership and tell his story. Given he retired from Army life as a Sergeant Major E-9, wears the Purple Heart, his story will be one you will want to hear. Immediately post dinner on January 8, 2020.

MENU January 8th

BAKED CHICKEN

ROASTED RED POTATOES

VEGETABLES

GREEN SALAD

SEASONAL DESERT

SOCIAL 5:30PM DINNER 6:30PM

\$20.00 AT THE DOOR

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New, brighter and more efficient lights were installed outside and with PG&E assistance will be installing efficient lights inside of the buildngs. Additional vehicle display space is almost finished with the new Motor Pool structure. We are continuing our efforts to develop our lease to the west of the Museum.

None of this is possible without the support of our wonderful volunteers and membership. It takes all of us to keep this world class Museum open and operating. Thank you all for your tireless efforts to keep us 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. Happy New Year!

Rob Kinnear

FROM GLOBAL AIRCRAFT T-45 GOSHAWK FOR SALE



Primary Function: Training platform for Navy/Marine Corps pilots

Contractor: Boeing [McDonnell Douglas] (prime)

Crew: Two, student and instructor

Unit Cost: \$17.2 million US DOLLARS

SOMEONE GET ON THE HORN TO G.A. AND GET THIS BEAST INTO OUR INVENTORY TO RIDE ALONG WITH SHERMAN SMOOT'S T-28 AND OUR LIKE-NEW TA4J SKYHAWK.

https://www.globalaircraft.org/planes/t-45_goshawk.pl#photos



A chat with Dr. Jill Thayer in EWM Curator Office.

Visitors → Continued



Photo Dave Finley

A young man named Chris Reilly stopped by EWM/WAD on December 7th just to cruise the museum. Turns out LT. Reilly is an instructor pilot with the Golden Eagles of Training Squadron (VT) 22. out of Kingsville, Texas. He's from Merritt Island, Florida.....down on the "Space Coast". A 2002 Merritt Island Christian School graduate and Merritt Island, Florida, native, he plays a key role in the lengthy and rigorous training process that transforms officers into U.S. naval aviators.

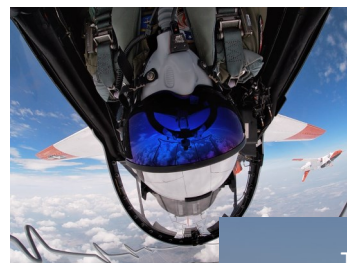
Serving in the Navy is a continuing tradition of military service for Reilly, who has many family members who have previously served. Reilly is honored to carry on the family tradition.

Thanks to Dr. Jill Thayer and SpaceCoastDaily and Spec 2 Dave Finley

"My father, uncle and grandfather were all Navy pilots," Reilly said. "It means everything for me to follow in their footsteps and serve my country."

Lt. Reilly, it is an honor to welcome you to Estrella Warbirds Museum. Please bring some of the folks from VT22 out here to see it for themselves.

LT.REILLY: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



That's him in a training maneuver.

That's him again along with A-1 Skyraider from Cavanaugh Flight Museum in Addison, TX



T-45C Goshawk

A-1 Skyraider

Photo Scott Slocum

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10am till 4pm



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A big "THANK YOU!" to **Tony Lem** who, behind the scenes, donates and replaces **EWM's POW/MIA flag** whenever it becomes tattered. This fine gentleman flew in to the museum Saturday, September 14, in his 1975 Cessna Skylane and surprised us all. Photo Dr. Jill Thayer

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Answers 1-a, 2-true, 3-c, 4- b, 5-a , 6-c, 7-no, 8-a, 9-c, 10-true