



## ESTRELLA WARBIRDS MUSEUM



### Woodland Auto Display

### Warbirds, Wings and Wheels

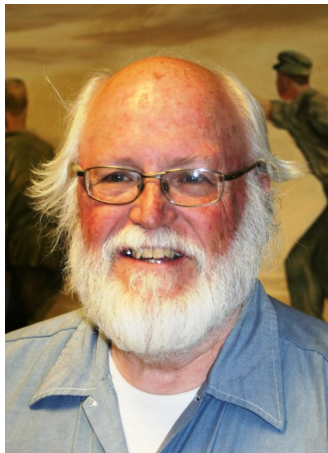
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### Prez Sez...    President Rob Kinnear

The last Dinner Meeting was right after the national State of the Union address. At the meeting I was asked what the Museum's state of the union was. Here is what I said:

Overall the Museum is in good shape. Our visitor rates are increasing. We continue to be recognized as a leading attraction for the Paso Robles area. The development of the new leased property is moving along. Not as fast as we would wish, but it is not stalled. Our display collection is expanding and the restoration shops still put out excellent work. Positive comments from our visitors keep coming in. Hall rental is improving with Ken Neuman coming on board.



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### WARBIRDS, WINGS & WHEELS 12 CAR SHOW & SWAP MEET SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Be sure to check out the opportunity below to have a ride on **June 6th, 2020** marking the **76th Anniversary of D-Day in Our C47, Betsy's Biscuit Bomber**

Passengers need to arrive at Estrella Warbirds Museum at 4:30 PM for the flight leaving at 5 PM. Reservations are required

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 further information please contact Carol Verstuyft at 805-286-5566 or email to: [carolverstuyft@ewarbirds.org](mailto:carolverstuyft@ewarbirds.org)



“Congrats to **EWM Accountant Jenny Walker Welch** and her husband **Jeff** who were recently married in Hawaii.”

**ESTRELLA WARBIRDS MUSEUM  
WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY**

**Rob Kinnear**-President  
**Open Position**--Vice President  
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**Carol Verstuyft**—Advertising  
**Peter Visel**—Webmaster

**March 4 Dinner/Meeting**  
**Thomson Hall Social 5:30 Dinner 6:30**  
**\$20 at the door**

**MENU**

**Corned Beef and Cabbage**  
**Mashed Potatoes**  
**Salad**  
**Dessert**



**George Marrett Presents:**

**CAF FLIGHTLINE .....AND THE PILOTS!**

Three-year old ***Estrella Squadron of the Confederate Air Force*** put on their first air show on May 23, 1993. The fifty odd members recruited aircraft such as the World War II BT-13, T-6, P-51 and a British Spitfire to thrill a big crowd at the Paso Robles airport. The USAF, USN and USMC assisted the show with flybys of the huge Lockheed C-5A Galaxy, P-3 Orion and 2 AV-8 Harriers. Obbie Atkinson interviewed squadron volunteers and they explained their job.

**RESERVATIONS:**

**PHONE: 805-296-1935**

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

All this flying and activity was captured on video by **squadron members Obbie Atkinson and Ralph Grasso**. Ralph's wife and Obbie wrote a script and George Marrett was the narrator for a 25-minute video of the historic event.

Now 27 years later, some of the early members will describe our humble beginnings by first playing the video and then discussing their hopes and dreams for the museum in the future. Don't miss this classic meeting!



Calling all car aficionados, automotive Swap Meet sellers, food, drink and craft vendors!



**Now is the time** to get your reservation in for [Warbirds Wings & Wheels & Swap Meet](#), **May 9, 2020**, for the best car show in the area! Not only will you have a chance to show off your favorite vehicle, but also a chance for you and your car to be part of an upcoming broadcast of **"My Classic Car with Dennis Gage"** on national television!

**You (or your car)** could become **immortalized** in digital format for the entire world to see! No promises, but when Dennis Gage is around with film crew, there is always a chance! Sweet prizes too! Even more, the **hottest gig in town on Friday night, May 8th, as Monte Mills & The Lucky Horseshoe Band return for a fantastic dinner and dance.**

Money is tight, but it has always been that way. We fully expect that our 2020 operating budget of over \$474,000.00 will be met. This covers the expenses to keep the Museum open 4 days a week, promote the Museum and maintain the facility. Restoration and improvements are paid for by money earned above the budget and donations for specific projects. We just received a donation to begin repainting our buildings, starting with Thomson Hall. More is needed.

The Board of Directors is responsible for setting goals to meet our mission, establishing the budget and overseeing the Museum's growth. The departments are the part that make it happen.

Donations and what we earn by the hard work of our staff and members is what keeps the Estrella Warbirds Museum open. Again, only through the work of our volunteers do we have a museum. I can't thank you enough.

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. - Rob Kinnear

**Forward From Ms. Dollemore:**

Just wanted you all to know that the Year End Appeal so far has brought in \$27,000+ and counting.....we may get a few more donations before we close the appeal, but thought you might find a little space in the newsletter to put this information in so folks could see it.

Cheers,  
Sue Dollemore







**“New” Chopper On Way To EWM!  
Aerospatiale/Eurocopter Alouette III  
Model SA319B (1974)**

**Donor: Mr. Wayne Fulton**

Mr. Fulton has a French helicopter that he wants to donate to the museum. He will pay all transportation costs and they will be in good show condition and he will supply any missing parts.

Consists of: Paris Jet Marrone MS7501R complete with engines valued at \$175,000. Arrow SA319B Helicopter valued at \$125,000. Presently in Santa Maria now and will be made complete but un-flyable.

We are anxiously awaiting its arrival and installation along chopper row.

**Ron Brooks and Mike Kelley** worked tirelessly to complete the protection cover over the east side of Hangar 1 where the engine display is located.



**RESTORATION CORNER ... BUSY!**



Rescued From Fresno: “new” (70 Yrs?) **portable lift crane** from Fresno’s Yosemite Airport and **Ross Aviation**, undergoes test run by Mike Kelley and Ron Brooks.



Mike Kelley adjusts counter weight “**Medicine Ball**”



Keith Dekker attaches engine mount onto **OV-10 Bronco**



Bill Lander and Gary Woodall sand gun ring for **Humvee**



Tom DuVaul and Ron Boyte remove bumper from **English Jeep**.



Ron Boyte TIG welds part for **C-47**

Restoration: These days they are booked solid!

## MARCH QUIZ ...

### FLIGHT HISTORY AND COOL FACTS

1. What was the first jet fighter to be put into operation?

- A) British Typhoon
- B) US P-80 Shooting Star
- C) German Heinkel He 162

2. The WWII P-51's Assigned Mission was:

- A) Transport
- B) Escort for long range bombers
- C) Target towing

3. The first VTOL jet airplane was/is:

- A) US Harrier
- B) US Ryan X-13
- C) German V-2

4. What is the largest airplane ever built for commercial use?

- A) US C5-A Galaxy
- B) C-130 Hercules
- C) Anatov A-225

5. What was the first "Jumbo Jet" in commercial service?

- A) Boeing 747
- B) McDonald Douglas DC-10
- C) Lockheed L1011

6. Commercial jets navigate anywhere using:

- A) Inertial navigation. No outside help
- B) Global Positioning Systems (GPS)
- C) Radio beacons assisted by on-board computers
- D) All of the above in some fashion

7. The fastest commercial jet airliner was:

- A) Convair 990A
- B) Tupolev TU-144
- C) Concorde

8. The world's largest helicopter was built by:

- A) U.S. Bell X-37H
- B) Russian Mil Mi-12
- C) Sikorsky CH-53 Sea Stallion

9. Who invented the Gyro-Copter?

- A) Wilbur Wright 1910
- B) Alfred Newman 1937
- C) Juan de la Cierva 1920

10. The coolest, "baddest" military airplane EVER is:

- A) F-4 Phantom
- B) F-14 Tomcat
- C) F-22 Raptor
- D) P-51D Mustang
- E) P-38 Lightning
- F) A-10 Wart Hog (Lightning II)
- G) \_\_\_\_\_ your pick





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Thursday—Sunday  
10am till 4pm



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WANT YOU!**  
The Estrella Warbirds Museum  
needs YOU as a DOCENT!  
We are looking for Volunteers who enjoy  
talking with people and have an interest in  
history, aircraft, and cars.  
**We will train you!**

Call  
Pete at 805-238-6383



2019 Best Of Show

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LIKE MECHANICS, PHYSICS, ENGINES?  
STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL?  
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805-550-8755**

Answers: 1. C, 2. B, 3. B, 4. C, 5. A, 6. D, 7. B, 8. B, 9. C, 10. what's your pick?