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MEMORIAL DAY
MAY 25, 2020
HONOR
AND
REMEMBER



NOW HEAR THIS!

Re: War vs COVID-19:
All health and safety practices mandated or otherwise suggested by the State and/or local munis are in effect at EWM/WAD. Practice the disciplines of social distancing, hand washing and good sense. Let's get the Museum Back on the track!!

PREZ SEZ EWM President Rob Kinnear

They say April showers bring May flowers. The COVID-19 shelter at home order has definitely brought showers to the Museum's operation and hope you are keeping yourself safe and well.

The good news is that the Museum is alive and well. Many of us are working on museum projects at home. We have begun to hold committee and Board meetings using electronic media. With more than 10 acres of property at the Museum, we have enough space for a few of us to work at the Museum and still maintain social distancing.

Scott Stelzle is keeping an eye on the facility and taking care of the place. Cindy Bergen and Jenny Walker are still paying the bills.

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Dennis Johansen is continuing to paint the OV-10. Mike Harris is working on a landscape beautification project in front of Thomson Hall. Dr. Jill Thayer is still getting and processing offers of artifact donations, and with Jim Blaes is working on existing curator projects.

Although the Aviation Club is suspended for now, Brad Eaton is keeping the F-4 nose section project going. Small, one-person tasks are being taken care of by our OWN personnel. **Bill Lander, Ron Brooks and Mike Kelley** have been working on projects around the facility.

Scott, Jill, Cindy and Ken Neuman are researching and applying for grants to cover us during this time and for money to keep up moving forward when COVID-19 is behind us. Any money donated at this time is extremely helpful to get us through this.

The doors may be closed for the moment, but we are still a functioning organization. We are positioning the Museum so that as soon as this is over we will open the doors and will be fully operational again.

From the previous newsletter you know that we have moved Warbirds Wings and Wheels 12 to September, 19th. We now must cancel the May dinner meeting because of the continued health crisis. Hopefully this will end soon and we will see you in June.

Until then, be well!

Rob



Jeff Byard gets greasy while giving the FW its Annual check up and certification.

Looking Forward To More: WWW12 (Sept. 18, 19) Library Quiz Monthly Dinner/Meeting Visitors From Outside The Wire Restoration Corner

ESTRELLA WARBIRDS MUSEUM WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY

Rob Kinnear-President
Open Position--Vice President
Cindy Bergin—Treasurer
Carol Verstuyft - Secretary

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Margi Bauer — Volunteer Program
Ron Boyte— Vehicle Restoration
Ron Brooks - Buildings Maintenance
John Everett — Parade
Jerry Jones—Museum Coordinator
Bob Kelly—Membership
Mike Kelley—Tech
Rob Kinnear — Aircraft Restoration
Bill Lander — Grounds Maintenance
Steve Lochen—**Newsletter**
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Dr. Jill Thayer—Curator
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With all the roadwork, improvements, etc. going on around the Museum, this is what you can expect at PRB 2021? CMA got nothing on us!

Flying into **Camarillo**, as I do often in my 55-year-old Piper Cherokee, is like touching down at Disneyland— if Disneyland were wholly dedicated to general aviation. It’s not uncommon to find yourself cleared to land behind a restored World War II fighter, a home-built kitplane, a multi-million-dollar executive jet, a Cessna trainer with a young student behind the yoke, or some vaguely confused guy driving a Beech Bonanza who sounds over the radio like he’s never talked to air traffic control in his life.

Any aviation-minded person who questions the existence of nirvana on Earth has never spent a day here.

A big part of that draw can be attributed to the Southern California Wing of the **Commemorative Air Force** based at Camarillo, which maintains some of the finest restored World War II aircraft found anywhere, including a Grumman F6F Hellcat, Mitsubishi A6M3 Zero, and a Supermarine Spitfire. None of the wing’s aircraft may be more revered, however, or more fussed over, than its twin-engine **PBJ-1J—the Marine Corps variant of the B-25J Mitchell medium bomber**.

The CAF’s PBJ was built in 1945—too late to get into the fight—and sold as war surplus for \$950. Continental Airlines used it as a trainer. An oil company relied on it as an executive transport. A brewery owner in Denver bought it. The old bomber changed hands more than a dozen times over the years, eventually falling into disrepair. “The sheet metal was so corroded in places, you could push your finger through it,” says Dan Newcomb, a private pilot, former police officer, and one-time Douglas Aircraft aerospace worker who learned how to buck rivets at Douglas from a real-life Rosie who’d helped build B-17s during World War II.



Nice Piece in Air And Space About Our Neighbor To The South



Mark Russell, Gene O’Neal and Jesse McClintock keep the Mitchell in perfect condition when it is not flying.

A host of Commemorative Air Force volunteers, including Newcomb and Marc Russell, a United Airlines Boeing 787 captain, would spend countless hours over 23 years getting their hands dirty restoring the PBJ. In 2016, it made its first post-restoration flight. “We reworked every inch of her,” says Russell with obvious pride. “She’s the queen of our fleet.” He is also one of the PBJ’s designated pilots.

By David Freed; Photographs by Caroline Sheen
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RESTORATION CORNER

F-4, HUMVEE, BRONCO



Bill Lander prepares .50 cal gun mount for the Humvee.



Brad Eaton walks the walk to lower forward canopy into place on the F-4 Blue Angel cockpit. This will be one the premier interactive exhibits. Ron Boyte steers the piece into place. Jeff Quaid guides all.



Familiar sight: Dennis Johansen applies trim coat to top section of tail assembly on the OV-10 Bronco, slated for roll-out in the near future. It will be a time of celebration as the business of Estrella/Woodland resumes in earnest!.



NOW HEAR THIS #2:



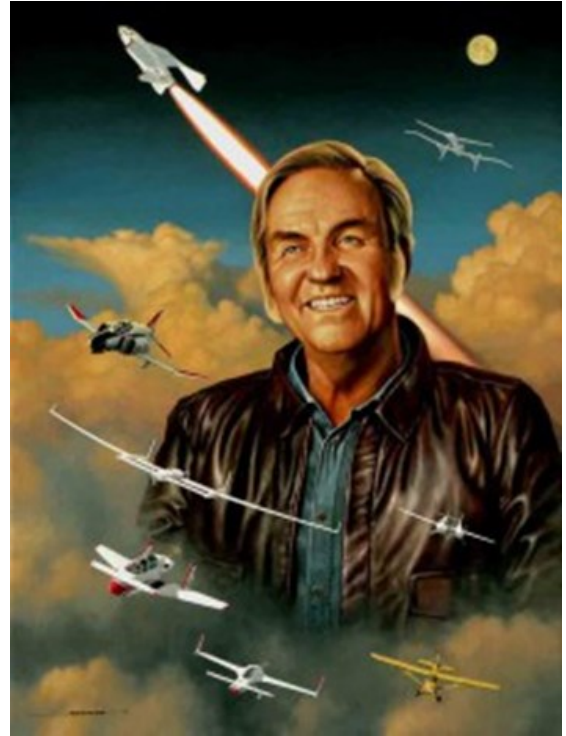
DUE TO COVID-19 MAY 6th DINNER MEETING IS CANCELED. NEXT SCHEDULED DINNER MEETING PLANNED FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2020 AT TOMPSON HALL. 5:30PM SOCIAL, 6:30PM DINNER AND GEORGE MARRETT PRESENTS. BE WELL.

....That is all

LIBRARY QUIZ

BURT RUTAN

1. Burt Rutan graduated from which engineering school?
 - a) M.I.T.
 - b) Carnegie-Mellon
 - c) Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
2. Who approached Rutan about constructing a plane which could fly around the world without re-fueling?
 - a) Donald Douglas
 - b) Sir Richard Branson
 - c) His brother Richard
 - d) Cessna
3. What auto manufacturer did Rutan do some design work for?
 - a) Ford
 - b) Lotus
 - c) Astin Martin
 - d) Mercedes
4. Rutan worked on the spin testing of which US fighter?
 - a) F-4
 - b) F-111
 - c) F-14
5. SpaceShipOne was the first privately funded, built and flown spacecraft
True or False
6. Which one of these home built aircraft did Burt Rutan design?
 - a) Vans RV6
 - b) VariEze
 - c) Zenith 710
7. "Space tourism" was the business of Rutan and ?
 - a) Nasa
 - b) Richard Branson
 - c) Viking Tours
8. The Rutan Voyager is famous for:
 - a) Pacing the Reno Air Races in 2000
 - b) Being the first solar powered airplane
 - c) Flying around the world non-stop without refueling
9. SpaceShipOne was awarded the Collier Trophy in 2004 for "Greatest Achievement in Aeronautics or Astronautics in America"
True or False
10. Did Rutan ever design a plane for a major Aerospace company such as Boeing?
Yes No



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STAY IN PLACE



Something To Look Forward To:

WARBIRDS, WINGS AND WHEELS 12
CAR SHOW & SWAP MEET
NEW DATE!
SEPTEMBER 19, 2020
HOURS: 7 AM - 4 PM
MUSEUM BUILDINGS OPEN AT 10 AM
DINNER & BARN DANCE!
SEPTEMBER 18, 2020
DENNIS GAGE
FILMING MY CLASSIC CAR

Paso Robles, Ca

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LIKE MECHANICS, PHYSICS, ENGINES?
STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL?
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AVIATION CLUB
CALL BRAD EATON
ESTRELLA WARBIRDS MUSEUM
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Answers: 1-c, 2-c, 3-b, 4-a, 5-True, 6-b, 7-b, 8-c, 9-True, 10-No