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ESTRELLA WARBIRDS MUSEUM
WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY
PASO ROBLES, CA 93446

REMEMBERING THE PAST
INSPIRING THE FUTURE

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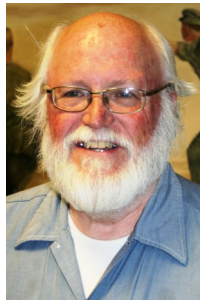


Paso Robles
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PREZ SEZ EWM President Rob Kinnear

Happy Halloween. October is looking like an active month for the museum, with the Swap Meet and continued work on expanding our museum.

We expect the Swap Meet (October 3) to be a lot of fun. If you're not volunteering to work the meet, you can always come out and see what's being offered. There will be a lot to see, like car parts, tools and household items. We are planning to repeat this event four times a year, with one of them being part of our annual Warbirds Wings and Wheels, returning in the spring of 2021.



The outside of Freedom Hall looks about the same, but it's bigger. In September, the shell for the Curator's archival storage room was built. We still have the interior to complete. This gives us much needed space better located with the Curator's office. See the pictures top left back page.

The hot weather, smoke and Covid-19 were major factors affecting September operations. We did have a couple of days of poor visitor attendance. It still proved to be a good month in comparison to previous years. In fact we had one day that broke an attendance record for the day in September! —Continued on Page 6

ATASCADERO FREEDOM FLIGHT
ECHOS THE TRAMA OF SEPTEMBER 11



Flight Leader George Marrett, Scott Stelzle, Wayne Rice and Keith Dekker. Fifth in the group was Scott Duff, pilot of the Cessna 182 in the background.

MONTHLY MEETING, DINNER OCTOBER 7

Thomson Hall Social 5:30pm Dinner 6:30 pm

Must Reserve (50 SEATS MAX!) \$20.00

Phone: 805-296-1935

Online: ewarbirds.org

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GEORGE MARRETT PRESENTS...

Dennis Johansen

Estrella Warbirds Aircraft, Vehicle Restoration Paintmaster

Estrella member **Dennis Johansen** came to the Central Coast in 1970 after his US Army enlistment ended. He has always had air-planes (had his license a while ago) in his DNA. When Restoration had the F8U Crusader in the shop, Dennis came to **Ron Boyte** and got into the sanding and the painting of



anything that needed the TLC to be Resto Ready. Mr. Boyte taught him well, as Dennis has his mark/smudge on all of the newer and now more sustainable, needy aircraft and vehicles we have on display today. Hear him talk about his journey to Estrella via Viet Nam, Jim's Camera Shop and the San Luis Light House. Be There On October 7, 2020!!



Greetings to all who open these doors...from 2 ea. 16" projectiles meant for use by battleships...on our side. Fitting memo for what awaits inside: Military History Lessons.

MENU

Baked Chicken

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Salad

Mixed Vegetables

Brownies

1. About 0900 hrs on June 3rd, 1942, a PBY Catalina flying boat located the Japanese Invasion Fleet to the west of Midway island-thus initiating the epic battle of Midway.

True or False

2. During WWII in Europe, Army Air Corps Reconnaissance units used American pilots and:

- A. Specially customized B-25s
- B. The British Spitfire
- C. Captured German FW-109's

3. At the beginning of the cold war, specially modified B-47's flew dangerous missions over Soviet territory: Which statement is incorrect?

- A. Their base was Elmendorf Air Base in Alaska
- B. They carried three extra crewmembers
- C. Initially, the RB-47 was faster than any Soviet interceptor
- D. At least one was shot down

4. The first flight of the super secret U-2 was from:

- A. Edward's Air Force Base
- B. Groom Lake, Nevada
- C. Thule , Greenland

5. The wing span of the U-2 was/is:

- A. 80 ft.
- B. 72 ft.
- C. 85 ft.

6. The U-2 was extremely tricky to fly. It was:

- A. All below
- B. Very sensitive to cross winds
- C. Had to be "stalled onto the runway"
- D. Stall speed at high altitude was subject to the "coffin corner" effect

7. The U-2 flew un-challenged to Moscow, Leningrad, Siberia and the Baltic Coast.

True or False

8. Kelly Johnson's aircraft design genius developed the A-1 to A-12 aircraft later called the SR-71 while working for:

- A. Boeing Aircraft Company
- B. Martin-Marietta
- C. The Skunk Works

9. The SR-71 engines were developed by Pratt & Whitney. The J-59 produced 32,000 pounds of thrust with afterburner engaged.

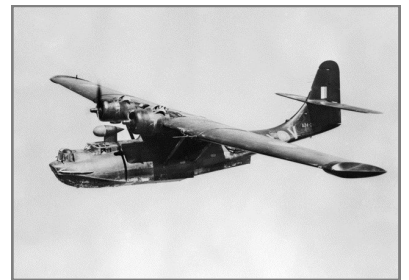
True or False

10. Because of the high altitudes at which the SR-71 flew, the American public was occasionally subjected to "mystery" sonic booms. One of these annoyed Richard Nixon at the Western Whitehouse.

True or False

Bonus Question: Which of the *Warbird's Museum members* attempted to keep up with an SR-71 on its climb to altitude

- A. "Grinder" Rice
- B. "Demerit" Marrett
- C. "Rugdance" Smoot



Library Quiz

SPY PLANES

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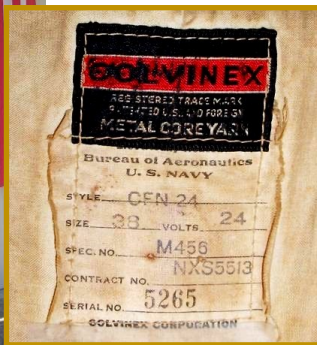


CURATOR FINDS

Jill Thayer, Ph.D.



"EWM supporter and display donor **Marty Wright** and EWM Museum Coordinator **Ken Neuman** check out new donations in the Curator's Office. Marty brought in this P-38 weathervane. The AT-4 (Anti-Tank) on the table that Bill Lander secured from Camp Roberts are on loan."



Curatorial acquisition: WWII Electric Colvinex Flight Suit from a private collection in Washington, DC, SFN 24. The artifact will be delivered in September and will be a

feature display in Freedom Hall.

Restoration Corner

New Burma Jeep Cab Project

"Project request to assemble Burma Jeep cab and chassis with bomb hoist to create a GTBS bomb service truck in Navy paint scheme. Type of restoration will be a static display suitable for outside. If possible would like to have it runnable for ease of moving but not necessary. Scope of work, the cab and chassis have been cleaned and painted recently and will only require repaint. A passenger seat will need to be fabricated, the rear flat-bed is made of wood, the hoist will have to be straightened cleaned and painted, rear finders, toolbox, spare tire mount and rear bumper will require fabrication. At this time not looking for new tires or upholstery but may be considered at a later date."

Cost of this undertaking: about \$2000. Donations accepted.

Submit to BOD by Ron Boyte, Restoration Supervisor, Sept 2020.



VISITOR VETS

"Museum Visitor **Tony Lassiter** stopped by. He served as a Marine Corps Corporal in Field Artillery and Meteorology (1988-1996); and Navy Lieutenant Commander, P-3 Orion Sensor Operator (1996-2019). Thank you Sir for your service to our country. We salute you!"



LCDR Lassiter ret. (on the right)

Photo Dr. Jill Thayer

CAN YOU HELP US OUT WITH THIS? ESTRELLA WARBIRDS NEEDS.....FENCING !

Estrella Warbirds Museum/Woodland Auto Display is looking for some 6' non climb fencing + posts and two 6' high x 10' wide gates. Hoping that someone has some excess lying around they would like to donate They can contact Scott at:

scottstelzle@ewarbirds.org

805-610-3310

Thank You!

Visitors From Beyond The Wire



Kids love Estrella Warbirds Museum! Especially a climb up and into our LVTP5. Pictured Here, Top L-R: Liam, Everly, Rowan, and their dad David Stein.” The Stein family became Lifetime Members of Estrella Warbirds!

**Register for
Paso Robles Swap Meet**

October 3, 2020

Estrella Warbirds Museum tarmac

By Phone: 805-238-9317

Or online address below

<https://www.ewarbirds.org/swap/registration.shtml>

ATASCADERO FREEDOM FLIGHT September 11 Official Flight Plan

Flyovers are not easy assignments. Experienced pilots make it look easy. We have many of those at Estrella. The whole thing is closely organized. The price for missing a mark can be unpleasant. Thank you to those shown here, honoring the fallen of September 11, 2001.

**Freedom Flight
Estrella Warbird Museum
Friday, September 11, 2020
9/11 Memorial Service**

Crew positions:

Eagle 1: T-34 Mentor	Scott Stelzle (lead)
Eagle 2: Cessna 182	Ron Cuff (USN) / Wayne Rice (USMC) right wing
Eagle 3: L-5E Sentinel	George Marrett (USAF)/ Keith Dekker (USA) left wing

Briefing:

Museum Hangar 4:30pm

Takeoff:

Start engines at 5:15pm, takeoff at 5:25 pm on 123.00 Unicom. After takeoff flight leader will transmit on radio for change of frequency to 122.75.

Flyby:

Proceed to 9/11 memorial service at Atascadero Veterans Memorial. Fly over event at exactly 6:00pm.

Return to Paso Robles airport:

Climb to 3,000 ft and proceed north bound to the Paso Robles airport. Leader will call frequency change back to 123.00 before entering pattern.

Landing:

Flight will enter pattern as individual aircraft. Each pilot will call on radio that they have landed and clear of runway. After last aircraft has stopped, all aircraft will taxi to fuel pit or museum.

Emergency procedures:

If leader aborts, Eagle 3 will take over lead. If either Eagle 2 or 3 aborts, formation will continue with remaining aircraft.

Emergency Radio procedures:

If Eagle 1's radio fails, Eagle 3 will take over communication. If Eagle 2 or 3 has radio problems, continue flight as briefed using hand signals.

Debriefing:

Museum hangar, 15 minutes after landing.

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



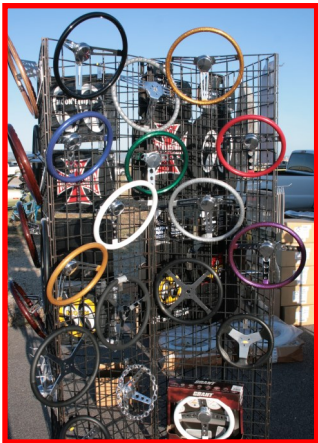
The exterior is completed for our **Curatorial Archival Facility** at Estrella Warbirds Museum. They finished in only 3 days!

Next steps include drywall installation, floor treatment, HVAC, lighting, fire suppression system, shelving, cabinetry, fixtures, a cedar-lined closet for the uniforms, and storage capacity for the archives and artifacts not on display. I have a tad more space-planning to do as this new facility evolves for storage, fixtures, staging of displays, and office integration with our data base management system.

I have been hoping for and planning this space to properly house our artifacts and archives for many years. I'm literally ricocheting off the rafters with joy!

Thanks to **Nunno Corporation** for erecting the building so quickly, to EWM Chief Operating Officer **Scott Stelzle** for overseeing the project, and most of all to **Ron Brooks** for his generous support in the stewardship of our collection.

From Estrella Curator Dr. Jill Thayer PhD, Pictured



PREZ SEZ, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

We are still alive and well in Paso Robles. The other good news is this: The City let the contract to repave Dry Creek Road. No start date yet, but soon we should have a smooth road to get here.

Don't forget the 3rd Wednesday of the month is our Board meeting. All members are welcome to join us on October 21st at 6 pm in Thomson Hall.

The Museum is a safe and fun place to visit and volunteer. We are working hard to keep it that way. Volunteer when you can. Be safe, well and have fun!
—Rob Kinnear



FALL SWAP MEET

Presented by
ESTRELLA WARBIRDS MUSEUM

October 3, 2020 From 7 am to 2 pm

Museum buildings open 10 am to 4 pm

\$5 Donation Kids 6 and under Free

Includes Swap Meet admission and all Museum indoor and outdoor displays

<https://www.ewarbirds.org/swap/registration.shtml>

Answers: 1-true, 2-b, 3-a, 4-b, 5-a, 6-a, 7- true, 8-c, 9-true, 10-true, bonus question - a