



*Remembering The Past
Inspiring The Future*

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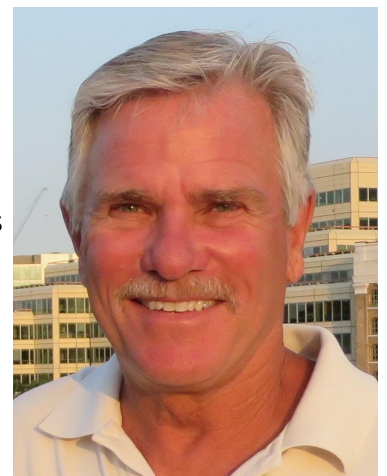
EWM PRESIDENT JOHN COUCH



Pat and Lyle Stevens, Winners of the Estrella Wine Raffle, stand in front of Betsy's Biscuit Bomber with the Eberle Wine that escorted "Betsy" to Normandy on its mission marking the 75th Anniversary of the Normandy Allied Invasion to end World War II. We trust that they will enjoy the locally-made fine wine and remember what it truly represents. Salude!

June was a busy month at the museum, with lots of activity throughout each weekend. Hall rentals are up and people are working hard, as they contribute to the many jobs that make our museum one of quality and substance. The board was honored to acknowledge the contributions of volunteers at a dinner on June 27.

Awards were given to those with certain levels of volunteer hours. Our special thanks to those volunteers, as well as those who volunteer, but don't record the number of hours they contribute. As an example of how well our staff performs, the **Petersen Automotive Museum** from Los Angeles held a lunch here in July. We received good feedback about our museum, Ken Newman and staff. They are one of the foremost museums of their kind in the nation, so those compliments mean a lot to us and good news travels fast. If you have the opportunity, please check out their museum at <https://www.petersen.org/>. Visit their facility and let them know you are visiting from Estrella\Woodland. Lots going on and lots more to come. Great work everyone! —John



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Fresno's Central Valley Corvettes: The Museum's own Mike Harris guided this group on a campus tour. Larry Eastwood fed everyone. Fabulous time had by all per Jeff Engleman, the Group Leader.

www.centralvalleycorvettes.com

MENU

BBQ SPARE RIBS

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POTATOES

VEGETABLES

SALAD

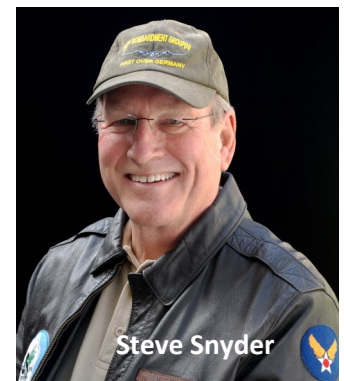
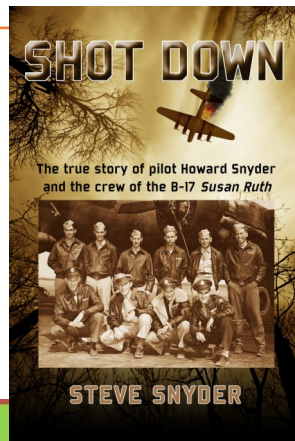
DESSERT

Reservations:

Phone: 805-296-1935

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To Dinner Reservations

AUGUST 4, 2021 DINNER/MEETING GEORGE MARRETT PRESENTS STUNNING STORY OF THE B-17 *SUSAN RUTH* FROM A SON'S LOVING QUEST



Steve Snyder

In 2009, Steve Snyder began his quest to learn more about the World War II experiences of his father, pilot **Howard Snyder**, and the crew of the **B-17 Susan Ruth**. It became his passion, and after 4 ½ years of dedicated research, resulted in his award-winning book, **SHOT DOWN**. A member of many World War II organizations, Steve is past president of the **306th Bomb Group Historical Association**. He is very busy making presentations to all types of organizations, attending air shows around the country signing copies of **SHOT DOWN**.

**DON'T MISS THIS PRESENTATION
AUGUST 4, 2021 AT THOMSON HALL!!**

LIBRARY QUIZ CALFIRE

1. The possibility of using aircraft for fighting wildland fires in California was raised in:

- a) 1953
- b) 1940
- c) 1931

2. The first “ air tankers” were agricultural spray planes converted for use on fires.

True or False

3) In the early years of fire fighting, many types of aircraft were pressed into service Which was **not** tried?

- a) C-47
- b) Grumman TBM Avengers
- c) Stearman
- d) B-17

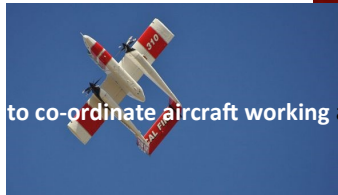
4. By 1970, concerns about an aging fleet led to the adoption of the Grumman S-2 Tracker as the mainstay of CalFire’s fleet. They eventually bought or leased how many aircraft?

- a) 10
- b) 55
- c) 12



5. CalFire depends on a “spotter and control “ aircraft to co-ordinate aircraft working around fires. Currently, CalFire uses the OV-10A also known as:

- a) The Mosquito
- b) The Trapper
- c) The Bronco



6) Currently, instead of contracting for helicopter “bombers” CalFire owns and operates its own fleet of helicopters.

True or False



7. A tanker not utilized by CalFire is the Global Supertanker. It’s a modified 747. Flying with gear and flaps down, it can drop from as low as 800 feet. . .at what speed?

- a) No one in their right mind would do this
- b) 300 knots
- c) 140-150 knots
- d) 200 knots



8.The material dropped is a slurry mix of water, a clay thickening agent, with chemical salt and dye. It’s non toxic. It does not extinguish fire , but retards its spread.

True or False

9. In addition to the effective S-2, CalFire has added modified C-130s to its aerial fleet.

A fully loaded C-130 can carry:

- a) 1,200 Gallons
- b) 4,000 Gallons
- c) 8,000 Gallons

10. The Dc-10 has been modified and used as a maximum volume tanker. Its “runs” are proceeded by a “leader airplane for safety.

True or False



See Page 8 For Quiz Answers

**MANY MORE VISITORS FROM OUTSIDE THE WIRE
WOODLAND HOSTS L.A.'s PETERSEN AUTO MUSEUM**



Petersen Auto Museum, Los Angeles, CA

www.petersen.org

June 26, 2021 Dick Woodland, Betty Miller, Peter Snyder and Ken Neuman provide the “heavy lifting”: docent, guide, herding and shepherding, parking, etc.. Lunch catered by the best, Larry Eastwood. As usual, many of our guests were astounded that such a venue like Estrella/Woodland even existed prior to their visit.

**Dispatch #1 from the Duckpond
(Dick Woodland):**

“The Petersen Museum tour was a homerun. I don't believe most of our people understood the significance of the luncheon/tour booked by the Petersen Museum. Their museum is on Wilshire Blvd. in Los Angeles. If you've never been to it, it should be a part of your bucket list.

They all seemed to be completely blown away with the size and quality of EWM/WAD. In fact, I don't believe most of their group understood there was a car collection on site with the EWM, so it was a pleasant surprise for all in attendance.

I'm confident we'll get some good mileage out of this visit. Also, I think we should make the most of it by getting the word out on Facebook, newsletters, etc. regarding same.

Our people did a great job. Ken, Peter, Betty and our WAD docents did an excellent job as usual. A big THANK YOU to all of them, which I will convey at the Appreciation Dinner.”

See Dispatch #2 on page 5

**HEAVENLY VISIT FOR A HEAVENLY GROUP
C-47 Ride For Lucky Seniors From Heavenly Home**

15 residents of "A Heavenly Home" retirement community embarked on Betsy June 24, to enjoy a nice sunny day after the clouds went away. Smiles were had by all! It was our pleasure to host them!



FLIGHT CREW: SHERM SMOOT, SCOTT STELZLE, JEFF QUAD AND ROB KINNEAR.

Photo & story Ken Neuman

**SAY HELLO TO
BREANNA AND KEEGAN SCHILLING**



Welcome new EWM volunteers Mr. and Mrs. Keegan Schilling. Mrs. Schilling starts nursing school here in the fall. Keegan is . . .Active Duty Military. Those shirts are total strak. And they have. . .THE LOOK!! Find them ASAP at EWM and say Hi!

Volunteer Dinner To Say Thanks!

June 27, 2021 .. It's dinnertime at Thomson Hall as Estrella volunteers are treated to BBQ served up by "Management" Scott Stelzle, Ron Brooks, Cindy Bergen and a few others.

Mr. Stelzle aims to test out some of the goods prior to serving it up to hungry Vols.



Dispatch #2 From The Duckpond

Dick Woodland



New in the D-Pond: 1915 Henderson Long Tank. Seven (7) hp, 4 cylinder engine. Fastest bike in the land at the time. Docents take note: See it at Woodland Auto Display!

Restoration Report Dennis Johansen

The heat is on. And the HEAT is slowing down the paint schedule on the A-7 Corsair. I have three more stars-and-bars to put on the plane then it's finished! The Draken is about one week from being sanded. Draken will be white overall with a red nose and red tail. That is today's plan. Paint is NOT ordered as yet. I ordered silver paint today for the F-86 Sabre Jet. It's up next after Draken job. Looking forward to painting it out of the sun. The Sabre actually fits in the hangar! Soon, I hope.

Ron Boyte is out for a month with some foot surgery. He'll be back with us as soon as he is able.

I have been working with Scott on getting an FA-18A which is now at the Leatherneck Museum in Sand Diego. The museum is closing and they are getting rid of their aircraft. However, the "Feds" have become finicky about giving away artifacts of any kind. It could cost \$100k to buy, disassemble, ship the pcs to EWM. So, off the table for now, anyway.

Finish the Corsair. Finish the Draken. Finish the Sabre. Restoration has plenty to do.



NEW ITEM AT POST EXCHANGE



Real Cedar Closets



These are cool, authentic Unit/MOS Patches you see on the sleeves of astronauts, fighter and bomber drivers all over the whole of the Armed Forces of the USA. Get one or more for the kid in your Family Unit. Be sure to secure in proper military "fashion". Avoid being written up by an observant docent! Under \$6.00 out the door. . .such a deal. Available at the Gift Shop, of course.

Here is the latest on the **Curatorial Archival Facility:**

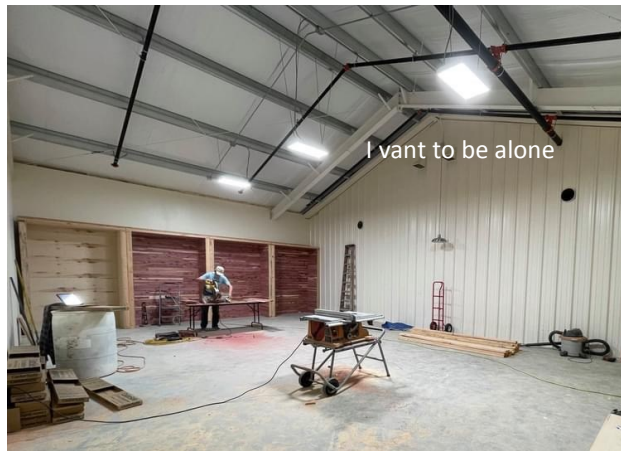
We are making headway on the 25ft. cedar-lined closet in the Curatorial Archival Facility at Estrella Warbirds Museum. A BIG shout out to Ron Brooks, Board Member, Facilities Manager, and Donor; and Scott Stelzle, Chief Operations Officer seen here building the framework as it's coming together. Ron just completed three panels and finishing the fourth this week. It takes one day to install each section with the tongue and groove cedar planks.



Dr. Jill Thayer and super-skilled laborers Scott Stelzle and Ron Brooks. Yes, they do everything.

The 2-tiered storage space will house our military uniforms that date back to WWI. After the closet, they will install the carpet and then the industrial shelving. Moving the archives and artifacts from the small space in Brooks Bldg. to this new facility in Freedom Hall will be a feat, but we're up for the challenge. I am one grateful curator! - Dr. Jill

Photos courtesy: Jill Thayer, Rob Kinnear, and Ron Brooks.



Gettin' there! Go, Ronnie, Go!

July Fourth Parade On A Perfect Day

July 4, 2021 Downtown Templeton, CA.... James Messineo, Mike Brophy, Jeff Quaid, Mike Harris take the Jeeps and Ambulance for another spin in front of the adoring roadside fans. The Vets rode along this time.



Navy Jeep Gets Fresh Start Prior to Stroll Down Main St



James Messineo lifts jeep for impressed inspectors Mike Brophy and Jeff Quaid



Staging area before the parade



It is not that easy getting the old gears oiled up and ready for July 4. All that exercise pays off when Estrella's hardware makes its appearance on Main Street in Templeton. Olive drab mixes perfectly with the Red, White and Blue. '57 Chevys, Woodies, Muscle Cars, Pick-Up Trucks and tractors... It's all AMERICA. Happy Birthday USA!



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WARBIRDS, WINGS AND WHEELS 12
CAR SHOW & SWAP MEET
OCTOBER 2, 2021
 HOURS: 7AM - 4PM
 MUSEUM BUILDINGS OPEN AT 10AM

Barn Dance 6PM, Friday, October 1, 2021
 With Monte Mills' Lucky Horseshoe Band

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Monte Mills has become an [icon](#) of the California Central Coast. Monte's not only one of the last of the yodeling cowboys...He's the best!

Location: Estrella Warbirds Museum Hangar One

Date/Hours: Friday Oct. 1, 2021. From 6pm to 10pm. Entrance fee includes dinner.

Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. and dancing starts at 7 p.m.
Beer and wine available for purchase. Save \$35 on table purchase.



MONTE MILLS

Tickets: Individual: \$35/person or \$245. for an 8 person table \$315 for a 10 person table.

You must RSVP prior to midnight, Sep 29, 2021. Entry fee includes catered dinner (p/p).

TICKETS/RSVP Online: www.ewarbirds.org

Library Quiz Answers 1-c, 2-true, 3-a, 4-b, 5-c, 6-true, 7-c, 8-true, 9-b, 10-true

Go to "Register" and Drop down to "Barn Dance"