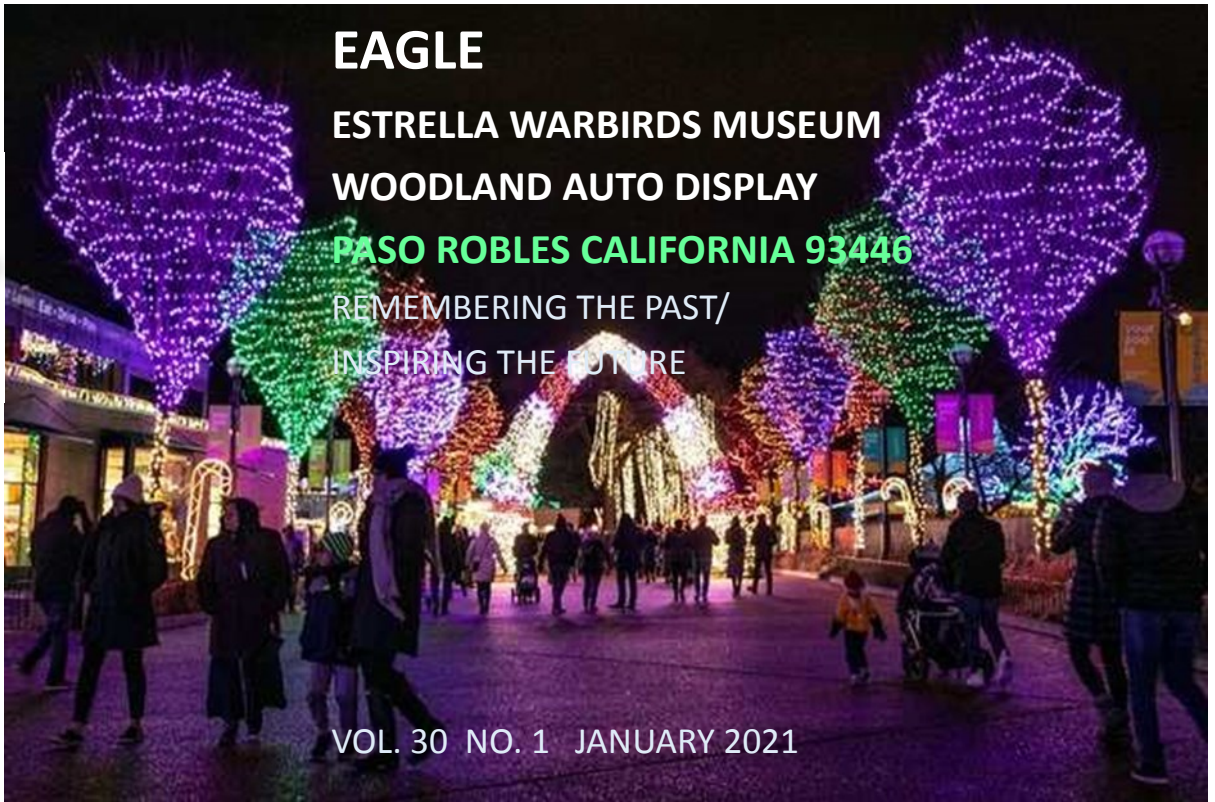




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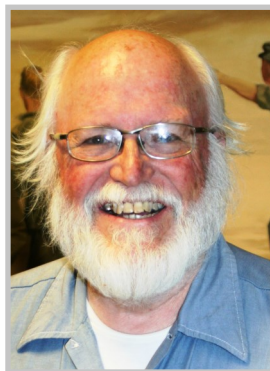
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PRESIDENT ROB KINNEAR

Happy New Year, and welcome to 2021. I hope this newsletter finds you safe and well. The year 2020 was definitely a memorable one.

COVID 19 placed many challenges on the museum, resulting in cancelling our January Dinner Meeting. The State of California issued the Stay-At-Home order. Additionally, our guest speaker cancelled. The First dinner of 2021 was scheduled for just a few days after New Years. The December 2020 meeting was cancelled for lack of reservations.

Despite all of this, we accomplished a lot at the Museum in 2020. The Humvee and OV-10 restorations were completed. Restoration is now working on the Burma Jeep, the 1940 Ford Bomb Truck bomb truck and the A-7 Corsair.



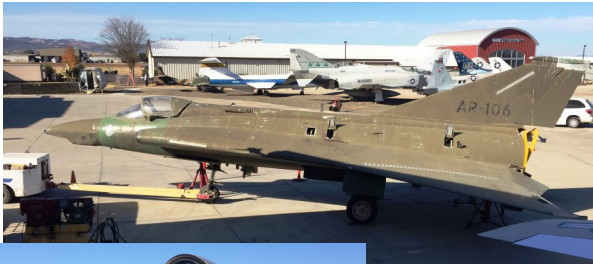
The Aviation Club restored the F-4 nose section in Navy Blue Angles livery. They're now working on the Stinson Reliant. This one will be interesting as this airframe is covered with fabric. Thomson Hall and Hangar 1 were repainted, and those buildings entrance covers were replaced.

A new sound system was installed in Thomson Hall. The Freedom Hall addition for curator storage was started and will be completed shortly. We repositioned all of the outside aircraft for better viewing. There were also two very successful swap meets held here. Although Estrella is not involved in the construction, Dry Creek Road to the museum is almost finished.

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RESTORATION CORNER

DRAKEN NEXT?



DRAKEN gets a lift to Resto Hangar area to prep for sanding and paint job

Well, not the sleekest silhouette for a jet fighter? I'm sure it looks great. . . at 40,000 feet, or, with new Resto makeup. Get ready for close-up shot.



Mucho attention for an old CAT D-4. Keith Dekker, Jerry Ahrens, Ron Boyte, Mike Harris, Scott Stelzle, Ron Brooks confer prior to tractor's Heart Surgery.

Help sand the DRAKEN



EWM's 2008 Hummer

Dispatch from Ron Boyte to BOD:

We have put finishing touches on the "Hummer" and it is ready for display.

I want to say **it came out great**. I would estimate it is worth 40 to 50 thousand (\$)(dollars).

John Evert has been chasing bugs out of the '40 Ford. Other on-going projects we have include jacks stands, ramps, prop hanger, D-4 tractor and cutting up a concrete landing strip to put under the re-positioned aircraft wheels.

—Ron

Ron Boyte heads up the EWM Restoration Dept.

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FROM THE DUCKPOND Dick Woodland



The Woodland 1951 Austin



A 1953 Singer

The attached photo is of the latest acquisition. It's a **1951 Austin Fire Truck**. It was built on the Austin A40 chassis with a tow behind pumper rig, powered by a Coventry engine. This was specially built to fit the narrow roads of Cheddar Gorge in Somerset, which was a popular tourist area in England. However, the roads were so narrow that standard size fire trucks were too large to navigate the roads (The Austin automobiles etc. were produced prior to partnering with Donald Healey, thus Austin Healey.)

While this vehicle appears to be complete and in good shape for its' age, it will get a major restoration. Currently, we are working on restoring the **1953 Singer (a finished product at left)** and, once completed, we will commence work on the Austin.

Hope you have a wonderful holiday! —Dick Woodland

The volunteers and staff did an amazing job keeping our museum going last year. We still have some major challenges for 2021. I have no doubt our EWM team will pull us through again this year.

Don't forget the 3rd Wednesday of the month is our Board meeting. All members are welcome to join us on January 20, 2021 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

NOW HEAR THIS:

Covid-19 mandates make the cancellation of our January 6th, 2021 Monthly Dinner/Meeting necessary. Stay tuned to the website for information on the next Estrella Warbirds Dinner/Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, 2021.



Dry Creek Road getting that much-needed 3" of blacktop Mr. Kinnear is talking about. ENJOY!

Restoration Corner cont.



Ron Boyte starts at the front with winch work on the 1940 Ford Bomb Truck..... sounds ominous.

HELP SAND THE CORSAIR



Good portrait of **Mike Brophy** tickling belly of **A-7 Corsair** with a palm sander. Can't paint until this job is considered complete (perfect).



James Messineo sands down external tank after its removal from A-7. Do you get the idea that **SANDING** is as important as anything else in detailing these old and priceless airframes?

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Ron Brooks and Scott Stelzle move P-2V prop from one wall to another to make room for more tenants of the airplane variety.



Has it been mentioned that the critical task prior to applying a \$150 per-gallon of spec paint to one of our airframes (Here is Carl Robbins doing the duty on the A-7) is. . .SANDING? If you would like to lend a hand on a Monday, Wednesday or Saturday, stop by the Restoration Hangar and tell someone. Getting a job has never been so easy. Yes its taxing, but. . .it's also cool!

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