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**Estrella Warbirds Museum
Woodland Auto Display
Paso Robles, CA 93446**

REMEMBERING THE PAST/INSPIRING THE FUTURE
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PREZ SEZ

EWM PRESIDENT JOHN COUCH

We are off to a great start for 2022, with a very interesting dinner presentation in December 2021, by Paul Sloan, Economic Development Director for the City Of Paso Robles, on the proposed space port designation for the Paso Robles airport. It was very informative and clarified many questions that I'm sure we all have had about the project.



It was nice to have the gift shop open prior to the dinner, for those who wanted to shop for the many items on display. Please plan to stop by and check it out before the next dinner and support the museum if you see something you'd like for yourself or maybe a gift for someone else.

I don't know about you but it just felt good to get back together with everyone after the hustle and bustle of the holidays.

We have a lot in store for this year, so at the time of this writing, the board is going to be conducting a strategic planning session to narrow down our focus on priorities and how to plan for accomplishing the many projects being considered. Will fill you in as we go.

As we move forward, please consider helping out as we identify those projects. Looking forward to a productive and enjoyable year at the museum.

—John Couch



Valentine's Day

Monthly Dinner/Meeting Feb. 2, 2022
Thomson Hall 5:30 Social, 6:30 Dinner
\$20.00 at the door. Reservations
See Green Box

RESERVATIONS:
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Down To Dinner Reservations

MENU

Baked Chicken
 Tossed Salad
 Vegetables
 Mashed Potatoes
 Dessert

NOW HEAR THIS:

TODAY FEB 2, 2022
 IS
 GROUNDHOG Day
 THAT IS ALL

George Marrett Presents
SLO Police Captain Bart Topham ret.
A Look Forward Into A
Museum's Mission

Bart Topham—President
Central Coast Veterans
Memorial Museum



Bart Topham is a retired SLOPD Police Captain and former Chief of Police at Cuesta College. After retirement in 2003, he opened his own consulting company and worked with local government and Law Enforcement around the state.

He retired again in 2018. He is a U.S. Army Vietnam combat veteran, obtained his B.A. degree from Sacramento State, and his Masters from the University of San Francisco.

For the last several years, Bart has devoted his time to “paying it forward” to veterans and their families.

He is currently Chaplain, and past commander of American Legion Post 66, the President and Director of the Central Coast Veterans Memorial Museum, (www.vetmuseum.org) a member of the Grizzily Youth Academy Foundation Board of Directors, and the Veterans Helping Veterans Board of Directors.

Bart will talk about the Central Coast Veterans Memorial Museum and their goals for the future.



CURATOR FINDS

Jill Thayer, Ph.D.

Editor: From Dr. Jill Thayer's December, 2021 Curator's Report to the Board Of Directors. A good fit here alongside our Guest Speaker on February 2, 2022 noted at left. Perhaps we take in what we learn from Mr. Topham and find our common purpose and goals?

Why Strive for Excellence?

When museums commit to a *culture of excellence*, it will:

- Be a stronger asset to its community
- Demonstrate it is worthy of support and public trust
- Ensure sound stewardship of its collections
- Enhance its funding opportunities
- Raise the quality of its operations
- Leverage change
- Improve staff and board skills
- Distinguish itself among peers

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Feb 2022 EWM Library Quiz The B-36 AKA: “.....”



hint

1. The B-36 was conceived in 1941 as the US looked at the probability of war with Germany. The requirements were for a 5,770 mile range (to target and back). What future German bomber was on the drawing board??
 - a) The Heinkel BMW 801 E
 - b) The Amerikabomber
 - c) The Stuka
2. Unbeknownst to the designers of the B-36 the size of its bomb bay was determined by the size of the super secret Atom Bombs being developed by the US.
True or False
3. The B-36 was huge by any standard. Its 6 piston engines were rear facing. In order to prevent propeller turbulence from interfering with the airflow over the wings:
 - a) The propellers were three bladed
 - b) The wing had a unique shape
 - c) Spoilers were introduced on the leading edge of the wings
4. The B-36 was obsolete nearly from its first operational flights in 1948; however the US had no long range jet bombers until _____ became operational.
 - a) The B-52
 - b) The B-47
 - c) The B-50
5. The B-36s were extremely expensive and a maintenance challenge. The US Navy maintained that aircraft carriers were far more effective both tactically and monetarily. Who fought and won their continued existence?
 - a) Secretary of Defense, Louis A. Johnson
 - b) Curtis LeMay
 - c) President Eisenhower
6. The radial engines were prone to fires. The aircraft crews changed the bomber's slogan from "6 turning and 4 burning" to "2 turning, 2 burning, two smoking, 2 choking and 2 unaccounted for"
True or False
7. The slow speed of the bomber lead to fears that it could not:
 - a) Take off on hot days
 - b) Use normal length runways (ie. 10,000 ft)
 - c) Outrun the blast of a nuclear weapon
8. In Feb 1950, a B-36 took off from Eielson AFB in -40 degree weather. 7 hours later, engine fires forced it to jettison a Mark 4 Nuclear Bomb. The bomb :
 - a) Detonated in mid air
 - b) Fell into the inside passage between Alaska and Canada
 - c) Is still unaccounted for
9. In order to shorten its take off roll and increase its speed over the target a pair of GE J47-19 engines were added to the aircraft almost immediately.
True or False
10. The large slow turning propellers created an easily recognizable low frequency pulse that was immediately identified by absolutely everyone who heard it.
True or False



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Dispatch From The Duckpond

Dick Woodland



Patrick, Richard, Robert and Dick Woodland stand with midget racer on the way to the Chili Bowl midget races

"Next week (Jan 9), Claudia, myself and 3 sons, will be in Tulsa, Oklahoma, racing the Woodland Auto Display midget for 6 nights at the Chili Bowl. Templeton driver **Kaleb Montgomery**, will be making his first start there in a field of 380+ entries, which includes drivers from almost every form of racing."

The Chili Bowl Midget Nationals is an indoor midget car race. It takes place in January, two weeks after Christmas, on a 1/4 mile dirt track **at the Tulsa Expo Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma, United States.** NASCAR calls it the "biggest Midget race of the year". It's nicknamed the "Super Bowl of Midget Racing".

Quiz B-36 Bonus Question. . .

The B-36 had a role in the movie "Strategic Air Command" with which Hollywood star??

- a) Jimmy Stewart
- b) Johnny Depp
- c) Gregory Peck

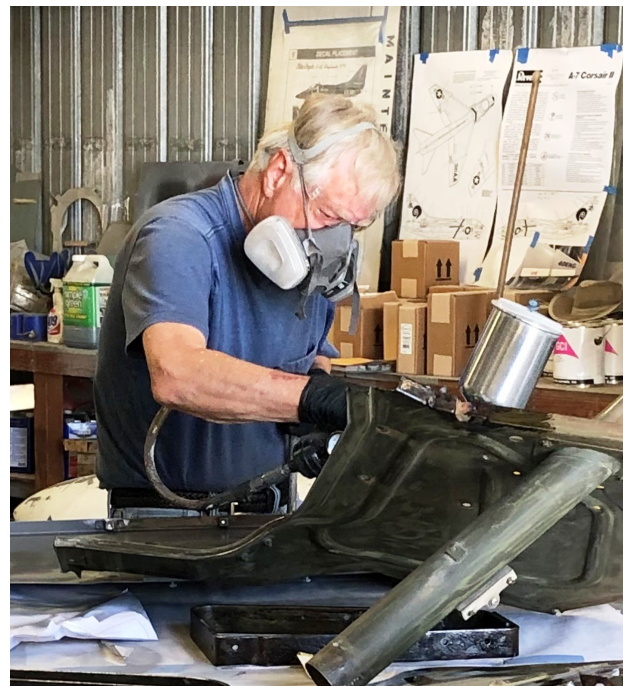


Answers on back page

RESTORATION CORNER



Keith Decker creates inner fender for bomb truck with plasma cutter, as Ron Boyte looks on. Good to see Ron around the Resto Building these days. Dec 23, 2021



Paintmeister Dennis Johansen at it again ,as more grey paint gets added to Bomb Truck detail. It does not end. Show up on a Wednesday or Saturday at Restoration Hangar/Bldg. and get it on with Restoration Crew. . .and maybe learn something really useful. . .SANDING! Resto Helpers are always welcome.





Diane Chesler stands affront the Holiday gifts/prizes/ goodies ready to be drawn at January's Monthly Dinner/ Meeting. Note raffle drum at left. Thanks to Diane and Joel Chesler for setting it all up!

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Dispatch From. . .Arizona?

That's right, Arizona. In July of 2021, my wife and I took a short trip to downtown Tempe, AZ, to the Mission Palms Hotel. Mission: to seek the geeks who go about serious collecting of Airline Memorabilia, Airline Collectibles. This is serious stuff to those who live it. Amazing! If you are near Chicago, IL. in June of 2022 ,you can buy a ticket for \$5 and meet fellow airplane/airline-o-phobes in the flesh. Rosemont O'Hare Hotel. This space is devoted to the photos of what you will be in for. Worth the visit! Go to: airlinersinternational.org.



Story photos by Steve Lochen



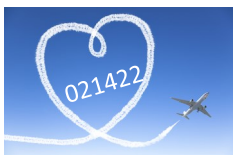
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Last Look at 2021..

Denise Bryant and Carol Verstuyft with their Christmas tree decorated and ready for Holiday presentation to EWM/WAD visitors. A great way to bid fond adieu to a challenging year, met with grit and pride by our membership. Thanks!!



Photo Dr. Jill Thayer



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We are grateful to all of you! Please consider making a gift to the Estrella Warbirds Museum. Your gifts support so much more than our operation. They allow us to bring quality experiences, programs and memories to our audience and beyond.

This is YOUR HISTORY. Thank you for helping us share it!

PLEASE THINK OF ESTRELLA WARBIRDS MUSEUM WHEN YOU PLAN YOUR ESTATE TRUST

All of us here at Estrella Warbirds Museum wish you and yours a joyous Holiday season and a great start to the new year in 2022

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The February Quiz answers: 1-b, 2-True, 3-a, 4-a, 5-b, 6-True, 7-c, 9-True, 10-True, Bonus-a