



Paso Robles, CA

PREZ SEZ Estrella President John Couch

It's hard to believe that it's already January 2022. 2021 was a busy year with the usual challenges connected to Covid-19. Our staff dealt with those challenges and continued to make our museum and the client experience, better than ever. This new year will be no different in that respect.

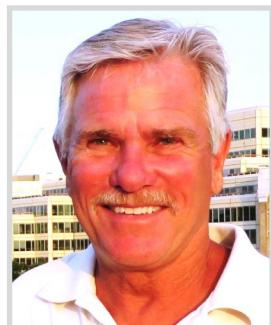
Some of the things in store for 2022 are: conducting a fund raising campaign for improving the west side property, specifically a large hangar to house Betsy and other flyable aircraft.

We continue to look for more aircraft to add and will be potentially fundraising as well for a **C123 Provider** cargo plane and possibly a full scale mock-up of a **P-38**, thanks to member Joel Chesler's initiative.

Warbirds Wings and Wheels 13 is scheduled for the weekend of May 6 and 7, 2022 and is already in the planning stages.

Our Museum continues to make improvements in displays and restoration of vehicles and aircraft. The youth program continues to be a great opportunity for students to get excited about aviation.

Woodland Auto continues to provide an amazing display of automotive history.



Last but not least, we hope to be celebrating the 30th anniversary of our museum.

We have a LOT to do and will need a lot of participation to do it. Please help out in any way you can and encourage people you know to become a part of the excitement.

I hope you have a very prosperous and enjoyable New Year. It's going to be great! -John Couch



Fairchild C-123 Provider

"Lee's Legacy", Central Coast Honor Flight Hosted By Estrella Warbirds Nov. 13

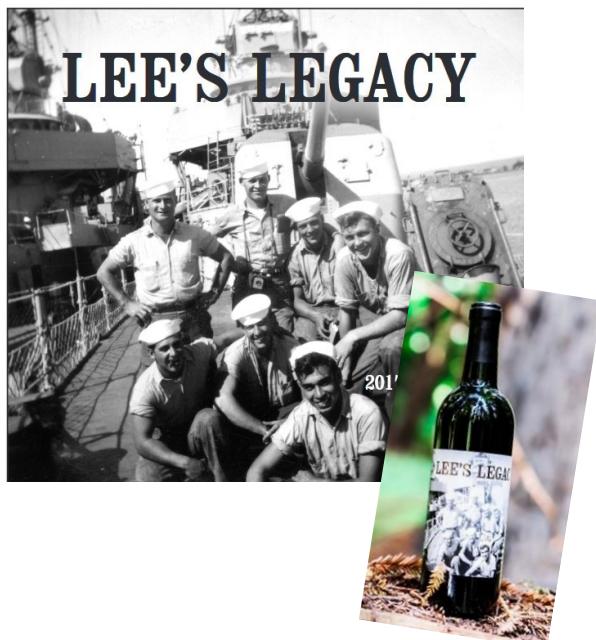


On Saturday, 11/13/21, Estrella Warbirds Museum had the pleasure of hosting **Lee's Legacy**. This event was a charity event supporting **Honor Flight of the Central Coast California**. **Lee's Legacy** honors the late James Lee, who served in both WWII and the Korean War. Honor Flight teamed up with **Pianetta Winery** from Paso Robles, to create a red blend honoring James Lee and all the veterans of past conflicts. Guests eagerly purchased this select wine and participated in a silent auction as well. All proceeds went to support Honor Flight Central Coast California. A good time was had by all and it was our honor to host this event!

VISITORS FROM OUTSIDE THE WIRE



Yes, that is Past EWM President Jerry Takier and Bride Penny taking in WWW this year. Traveled all the way from.....Vegas. Love the shirts!



Denise "Rosie" Bryant shows the moxy needed to move into 2022 with the Spirit of Rosie The Riveter. Denise heads up the Gift Shop at EWM....and maybe lots of other stuff in the future?



CURATOR FINDS

with
Dr. Jill



Gary Ryan of Goofy Graphics in Morro Bay and Ron Brooks hold the new sign donated by Gary to replace the weathered one on the Brooks Building.



EWM Volunteer Archivist Jim Blaes and Board Member/Facilities Manager Ron Brooks, place our new Soldier in the Red Ball Express/Pfauter Bldg. Images of Herman Pfauter's Red Ball Express Motor Pool collection of vintage military vehicles from 1941 through 1945.



A "Shout Out!" to the Estrella Warbirds Museum High/Middle School Aviation Club for their help in relocating artifacts from an area on campus to the new Curatorial Archival Facility. A lot of work, a lot of stairs, and a lot of boxes. Thanks Aiden, Mary, and the entire crew for their valuable efforts. These kids are amazing! They moved load after load of heavy artifacts across campus while others placed a few hundred uniforms on to new wooden hangars and into garment bags. Some of the collection dates back to WWI. Nice work everyone.



L-R: Marc Gronet (R) and his son Ryan, donated this keen collection of aircraft models built by his father, along with a beautiful cabinet to display them in. Check out the collection in Freedom Hall.

Photos Dr. Jill Thayer

Mike Kelley, Ron Brooks are *Gettin' On Up* To Put New Light in Hind Pavilion



The museum gift shop can now be seen in all its glory! Thanks to Mike Kelley and Ron Brooks for installing the three new lights. They were able to complete the whole process with amazing grace and professionalism. Having the new lights being installed is part of our multipart process to improve certain attractions at the museum, like the gift shop!



Estrella Christmas Parade gang forms up prior to the start of the Parade Of Lights on December 4. From left: Mike Brophy, Berta Pape, Ron Brooks, Mark Scarbrough, Jill Thayer, Lauren Powers, John Everett and Mary Allmon.

RESTORATION CORNER

F-86, Bomb Truck, Corsair, XB-70 (tire)

Paintmeister Dennis Johansen uses a special blue concoction to paint (I think) the stand that will support the XB-70 Valkyire tire exhibit in Freedom Hall. . . .very soon!



Ken Trefftzs contemplates final design and fabrication of the Plexiglas cover that will house the XB-70 tire atop the custom stand seen with Mr. Johansen at right.



ALMOST!!! **A-7 Corsair** sits in the pale light as if to say: “you coming to my roll-out?” Wow, those nifty hard-point ornaments are really cool. And check out that crystal clear canopy! A couple of touch ups and it’s out in the sunlight for the A-7



John Evans and Steve Foss fit wheel to the **Bomb Truck**. Those new-fangled pneumatic “Lug-Nut-Spinners” don’t work as well



Top: **F-86** makes its way in Restoration Hangar for a much-needed makeover. Bottom: First things first. . .sanding. **Greg Heydenreich** starts the process. The shiny finish we know actually comes from the final painting. That will make for a stunning debut sometime this winter.



Monthly Dinner/Meeting Wednesday—January 5, 2022

Thomson Hall 5:30 Social, 6:30 Dinner, Guest Speaker \$20.00

Reservations: Phone 805-296-1935 or
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MENU

ROAST PORK

SCALLOPED POTATOES

MIXED VEGETABLES

SALAD

DESSERT

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Did you know that the city of Paso Robles, California, 93446 did, last September, put in an application to the government of the United States Of America, to become a SPACEPORT? Check it out with KSBY-TV. **Mr. Paul Sloan** will be in Thomson Hall on the evening of January 5, 2022 to use his earned credentials (note above) in front of a riveted audience and put a futuristic eye on what could be in store for "Way Of The Oaks" in the next decade or so.

Mr. Sloan's bio reads as follows: Originally from Paso Robles, Paul Sloan has over 20 years of experience in marketing and business development, most recently serving as the global CEO for the National Tourist Board of Tahiti for the past 5 years.

Paul Sloan has a Master's degree from the George Washington University School of Business in Washington DC, as well as professional certification in Destination Management, and has worked extensively with a broad range of stakeholders in the areas of marketing, strategic planning, communications, branding, business attraction and workforce development. After living and working abroad for 17 years, Paul returned to Paso Robles with his wife and son in 2020 to care for an aging parent and is honored to work for the City of Paso Robles in supporting and developing the economy of his wonderful hometown.

LIBRARY QUIZ HOWARD HUGES: AVIATION PIONEER AND PHILANTHROPIST

1. The Hughes H-1 built in 1935 set two speed records: one for top speed (352 mph) and the other for coast to coast travel time 7 hrs and 28 min. However, it was not successful as a prototype fighter because:
- a) Army mistrust of retractable landing gear.
 - b) Cantilever wings feared not strong enough.
 - c) Poor cockpit visibility.

2. The H-1 featured what construction innovation?
- a) Cantilevered wing structure.
 - b) Flush riveting.
 - c) Titanium leading edges.

3. The H-1 was built and flown with two sets of wings: one for the speed record and the other for the coast to coast speed record.

True or False

4. The H-1 was:
- a) Destroyed in a subsequent crash.
 - b) Broken up for scrap in WWII.
 - c) Kept by Hughes and donated to the National Air and Space Museum.
 - d) Sold to Republic Aircraft, where its design was incorporated into the P-47

5. The Hughes XF-11 prototype flew too late for WWII, yet it had been in development all during the war; why?
- a) Howard was flakey about this aircraft.
 - b) Army Air Corps kept changing the specifications.
 - c.) A suitable engine was not available.

6. The Howard Hughes Medical Institute was founded in 1953. It's the largest private sponsor of biological and medical research in the US.

True or False?

7. A Howard Hughes Scholar is supported by:
- a) Funding for salary.
 - b) Funding for laboratory space, equipment and staff.
 - c) Funding for graduate students at the scholar's university.
 - d) All of the above.

8. A Howard Hughes Scholar is free to follow any promising line of research, as long as it "advances science and benefits humanity".

True or False

9. The HK-1, better known as the Spruce Goose" was designed by Henry J. Kaiser in 1942. Howard renamed it:

- a) The H-1 Atlas.
- b) The Hughes Titan.
- c) The H-1 Hercules.

Bonus question:

In the famous "taxi test" in which the Goose became airborne, it was about 70 ft above the water. Is this within ground effect? Yes or No

10. The "Goose" was powered by 8 Pratt and Whitney R-4360 Wasp engines. What was the estimated cruising speed?
- a) 250 mph
 - b) 300 mph
 - c) 200 mph



Answers on back page...



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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!

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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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Answers 1 a or b, 2-b, 3-True, 4-c , 5-b, 6-True, 7-d , 8-True, 9-c , bonus-Yes

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