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**ESTRELLA Warbirds MUSEUM/
WOODLAND AUTO DISPLAY**
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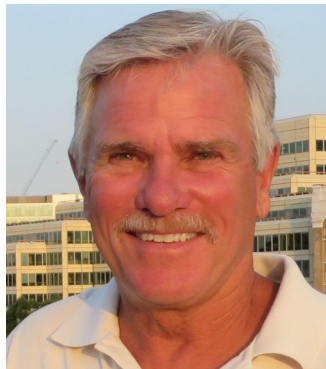
*REMEMBERING THE PAST/
INSPIRING THE FUTURE*



Prez Sez

EWM President John Couch

I was recently out in my yard when I heard the throaty sound of a radial engine airplane approaching. As I expected, it was Betsy's Biscuit Bomber making a pass over Sherm and Laurie's house. Thinking of how Betsy participated in the D-Day Invasion reenactment, I wondered just how loud it must have been to see her and hundreds like her along with heavily loaded bombers and other aircraft loudly straining to gain each inch of altitude as they attempted to form up on their way to the Normandy coast. I thought about how those who experienced first hand those sights and sounds continue to pass daily and soon there will be no one left who has heard them. No one to tell the stories. We as a museum can't begin to duplicate those sounds. What we can do is preserve the memory of those who were there by preserving and displaying those artifacts you see around you as you tour the museum.



We can honor those who have served and continue to serve and sacrifice to protect our freedoms and way of life. The many volunteers and staff as well as the generous donors to our museum have an honorable purpose, to educate others about the sacrifices of others on our behalf. We cannot let their efforts be forgotten.

If you or anyone you know are interested in being a part of that noble purpose, we would love to have you join us. There are many different ways to volunteer. I'm confident we can find something that you would enjoy being a part of.

Come and join the Estrella Warbirds Museum and Woodland Auto Display and help keep those memories alive.
--John

HoDown October 14, 2023!
Food, Music with Monte Mills
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NOTEABLE OCTOBER DATES (Legit!)

- 1ST NATIONAL HAIR DAY
- 2 NATIONAL NAME YOUR CAR DAY
- 3 NATIONAL BOYFRIEND DAY
- 4 NATIONAL GOLF LOVERS DAY
- 5 NATIONAL GET FUNKY DAY
- 6 NATIONAL COACHES' DAY
- 7 NATIONAL FRAPPE DAY
- 8 INTERNATIONAL PODIATRY DAY
- 9 COLUMBUS DAY/ NATIVE AMERICAN DAY
- 10 WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY
- 11 NATIONAL E.R. NURSES' DAY
- 12 NATIONAL FARMERS' DAY
- 13 U.S. NAVY BIRTHDAY (1775)
- 14 **EWM HO DOWN/NATIONAL DESSERT DAY**
- 15 NATIONAL GROUCH DAY
- 16 NATIONAL BOSS'S DAY
- 17 NATIONAL PASTA DAY
- 18 NATIONAL NO BEARD DAY
- 19 NATIONAL KISS YOUR CRUSH DAY
- 20 NATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER DAY
- 21 SWEETEST DAY
- 22 NATIONAL MOTHER-IN-LAW DAY
- 23 NATIONAL TV TALK SHOW HOST DAY
- 24 NATIONAL STOCK MARKET CRASH DAY
- 25 NATIONAL ART DAY
- 26 NATIONAL DAY OF THE DEPLOYED
- 27 NATIONAL AMERICAN BEER DAY
- 28 NATIONAL CHOCOLATE DAY
- 29 NATIONAL OATMEAL DAY
- 30 NATIONAL TEXT YOUR EX DAY
- 31ST HALLOWEEN

RESTORATION CORNER
Time For . . .A-4 and Gamma Goat



Camino

Foss



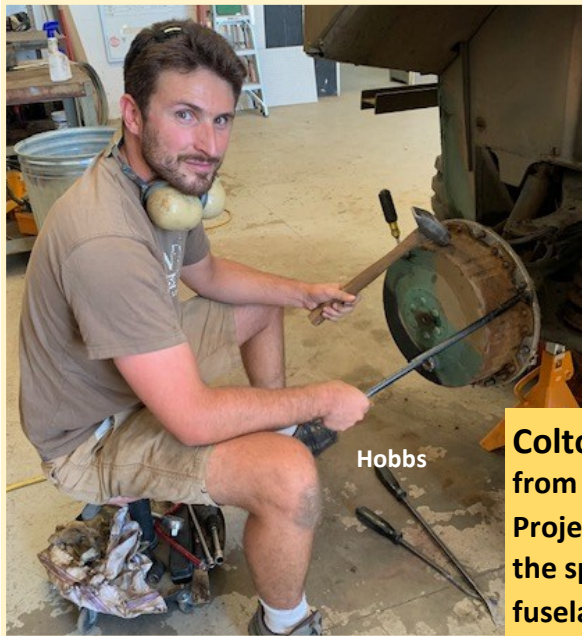
Camino



Foss



Foss



Hobbs



Heydenreich

Colton Hobbs (right) removes super-corroded brake drum from the newly-acquired Gamma Goat. The entire Goat Project goes well into next year. Steve Foss (top left) gets the spray paint (all to spec on the paint) onto backside of A-4 fuselage. Rick Camino (top right) goes through a few rolls of painter's tape, as he begins detail work on A-4 wing surface. Seen underneath him is Greg Heydenreich (above) papering over landing light on the A-4 in preparation for painting. Final primer and paint is next. The A-4 Skyhawk and the GammaGoat will a major attraction on the flight line in their brand-new outfits!

Mr. Hobbs and Mr. Camino and Mr. Heydenreich make up a few Resto Newbies!? Mr. Foss is a RESTO veteran already. Go over to the Schade Bldg. and say "Hi!" . . . and perhaps fetch a wrench or roll of tape.



EWM Member
LT/G David L. Brooks

OCTOBER 4 DINNER/MEETING

THOMSON HALL

5:30PM SOCIAL 6:30PM DINNER

GUEST SPEAKER: DAVID BROOKS POST DINNER

\$25 AT THE DOOR

RESERVATION ONLINE: ewarbirds.org

Drop Down to *Dinner Reservations*



MENU

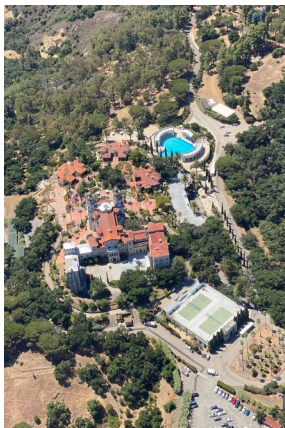
Baked Meat Loaf

Vegetable

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Salad

BETSY GETS EWM'S YOUTH AVIATION GROUP UP IN THE AIR FOR BREEZEY RIDE UP AND DOWN SCENIC CENTRAL COAST



August 5— One of the “benes” of belonging to the *Estrella Warbirds Museum Youth Aviation Club* is the chance to do something unique. This opportunity came when Betsy’s Biscuit Bomber fired up and hauled a special group of future aviators from Paso Robles to the wild blue yonder, up and down the Central Coast from Morro Bay and back to San Simeon, around the Castle and back to EWM. Why, you can taxi right up to the Museum! The Bomber is our C-47B Skytrain that wears the proud paint scheme of its predecessors, hard at work for our allies in WWII, some 80 years ago. The experience is noteworthy as the sensations aboard the C-47B are exactly what the paratroopers over Normandy felt, heard, smelled and saw those many decades ago. Contact Ms. Mary Allmon pictured in the photo above (2nd from left). See the information box on the back page of the *EAGLE* for contact info.

Dave Brooks is a familiar face at EWM. Find him Docenting and/or leading visitor groups around the campus. He is GOOD at it. On October 4, Dave will lay out some of the events that led him to a lifetime of service in the Navy as an aviator and later as CFO of a SOCAL utility and SLO County Waste Management Authority and the Lake Nacimiento Water Project.

He earned his USN Commission in 1954 and served 24 years, retiring as Commander in 1978. He also flew just about everything in the inventory (from SNJ T-6 and T-34s to Hellcats, C-54 and DC-6s), giving him the rare expertise and “creds” to blanket his lucky tourists with his story at EWM. He is truly “Local Talent” and is anxious to share some of those stories all the way from Miramar to Templeton. Perhaps an extra meat loaf at dinnertime for Commander Brooks on October 4? Be at Thomson Hall that evening and join up with the-one-and-only Dave Brooks!

QUIZ : United States Military Academy USMA West Point



1. The Academy we know of as *West Point* was signed into being by . . .

- President Thomas Jefferson in 1802
- President Abraham Lincoln in 1860
- President George Washington in 1779
- President John Adams in 1800

2. *West Point Military Academy* was initially created as . . .

- A Warfare Training School
- Engineering College
- Country Club Retreat for Ranking Military Officers
- Fortress to Defend America from British Forces

3. 25% of the entire USMA Cadet Class is female. The first female class admissions at USMAC was admitted on . . .

- June 18, 1982
- August 1, 1960
- August 31, 1973
- July 7, 1976

4. A first-year student at USMA is a . . .

- Freshman
- Crumb
- Plebe
- Newbie

5. A Third-Year student at USMA is a . . .

- Sophia
- Cow
- Slug
- Chump

6. A "Firstie" is a name given to . . .

- New arrival at Dorm
- 4th-year Cadet Senior
- A servant to Upper Classmen
- Any Upper Classman

7. Upon Graduation from USMAC Cadets attain the official rank of . . .

- Field General Brigadier
- Staff Sergeant
- Second Lieutenant
- Warrant Officer

8. Root For USMAC Sports teams and you are rooting for the . . .

- Black Knights
- Golden Knights
- Cadets
- Silver Sabres

9. The current Commandant Of Cadets at USMA is . . .

- Gen. Mark Milley.
- Gen. Colin Powell
- Gen. Lori Robinson
- Gen. David Petraeus

10. USMA is no cinch to get into. Candidates **MUST** have a nomination letter signed by . . .

- Elected Senator or U.S. Representative
- Vice President of USA.
- Relatives or friends active or retired from active duty in the Officer Ranks and honorably discharged
- Family member with proof of graduation from UMAC
- All of the above would help



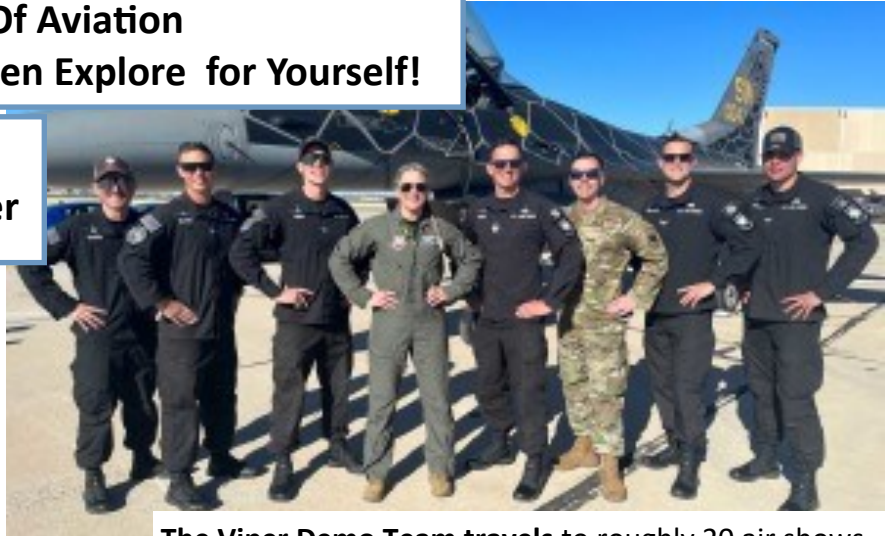
Answers on back page

Estrella's Youth Aviation Club - Now Hear This. . .

A First Step Into The Adventure Of Aviation

Note Here What Can Happen. Then Explore for Yourself!

Meet, Then Just Google
USAF Capt. Amie "Rebel" Fiedler



The Viper Demo Team travels to roughly 20 air shows across the United States each year, where they engage with local media and members of the community in which they are performing. *USAF Photo*



Capt. Fiedler loved flying from the start. But she likens her pursuit of her dream to any aspiration. She originally aimed to go to law school after undergrad at South Dakota State U. "I love flying and I realized I could give back and serve my country while doing what I love, and I expect others to give back and others to serve, so I should hold myself to that same standard", she said. "I got kind of the best of both worlds."

But Amie you're a GIRL!?. . . "The more we try to glamorize and glorify women in this role, the less we're normalizing it" she told *Skies Magazine*. "I grew up in an environment where I was the only girl on the team. [As a child], I played on a boys' soccer team until my sophomore year [of high school]. No one ever said, 'You can't play soccer at this level.'"

Amie says "You have to make sure that you're qualified for it, first and foremost. So from a young age you can work on that dream, whatever it is, play sports, make good grades, and stay qualified".

(Skies Magazine, sdstateconnect.org)

Amie Fiedler (aka REBEL) came out of a military family (2 brothers attended Service Academies) a distinguished high school soccer player with good grades, went off to **South Dakota State University** and, without attending the Air Force Academy, applied to Officers Candidate School. And here, after almost 7 years in the Air force, this young wife and mother heads up the **USAF F-16 Viper Flight Demonstration Team** for 2023!

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- 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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HEY AVIATORS PRESENT AND FUTURE:

YOU IN HIGH SCHOOL?
YOU LIKE AVIATION/AIRPLANES?
LIKE ENGINES/MECHANICS/PHYSICS?
ENGINEERING?
LIKE A CAREER IN AVIATION?
WHY NOT INQUIRE WITH
ESTRELLA YOUTH AVIATION CLUB
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Quiz Answers: 1-a, 2-b, 3-d, 4-c, 5-b, 6-b, 7-c, 8-a, 9-c, 10- a

This page is the same FLYER insert
as in the last 2 issues and now in
this issue also ... as a loose, single
2-sided page .. re: the Ho Down
On October 14TH

Call if any questions

Thanks!!

Steve