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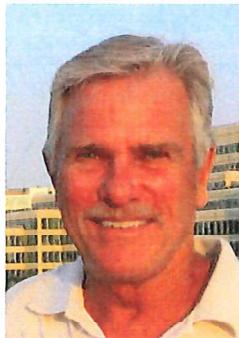
PREZ SEZ

EWM President John Couch

Normandy France June 6, 2024—I'm writing this from Normandy, traveling with our son and a friend of his, all veterans. I've been here before but experiencing this together in the company of veterans, I just see things differently than the last time. Each day is filled with visiting museums, beaches and landmarks and reflecting on what occurred this day 80 years ago.

The gut punch is seeing the over 9000 grave markers, many of whom lost their lives during the invasion. Each one has a story. Each one is a son, a brother or a father. Several are women. All were lives cut short while serving for a just cause. Without their efforts, the trajectory of the world would have been significantly different. The sacrifices of theirs and others like them cannot be forgotten.

Our museum serves a role in that preservation. Thank you to all who participate in that effort. What we do matters and we welcome all who are interested in being a part of that effort as well. —John



THIS MONTH OF JULY IS REALLY SPECIAL!

- 1st Nat. Second Half Of Year Day (Over yet?)
- 2nd Beatles Day (I Wanna hold your hand)
- 3d American Redneck Day; (Hay'll Yeah!)
- 4th Nat. Hillbilly Day + The Obvious
- 5th Nat. Bikini Day + Dinner/Meeting Night
- 6th Intl. Cherry Pit Spitting Day (Pitui)
- 7th Nat. Day Of Rock 'n Roll ("Zeplin", man)
- 8th Nat. Freezer Pop Day
- 9th Nat. Dimples Day (Where are yours?)
- 10th Nat. Chronic Disease Day (phone addict)
- 11th Nat. 7-Eleven Day (can of Red Bull please)
- 12th Collector Car Appreciation Day (Yeah!)
- 13th Intl. Skinny Dip Day (What it says)
- 14th Nat. Nude Day (Ditto)
- 15th Nat. Be A Dork Day (hoooooo problem)
- 16th Nat. Artificial Intelligence Day (Huh?)
- 17th Nat. Tattoo Day (Where's yours?)
- 18th Nat Caviar Day (if you have \$)
- 19th Nat. Football Day (season yet?)
- 20th Nat. Lollipop Day
- 21st Nat. Junk Food Day (Gimme Some)
- 22nd Nat. Rat Catchers Day (That's...funny??)
- 23rd Nat. Vanilla Ice Cream Day (my fav!)
- 24th Nat. Tequila Day (not my fav)
- 25th Nat. Chili Dog Day (yousa...back on track)
- 26th Nat. Talk In Elevator Day (How Rude!)
- 27th Nat. Chicken Finger Day
- 28th Nat. Parents' Day (You Deserve It)
- 29th Nat. Lipstick Day (Leavin' this alone)
- 30th World Snorkeling Day (this one too)
- 31st Nat. Mutt Day (pet yours daily)

If you are having doubts:

<https://www.listofnationaldays.com/july-national-days/>

**Monthly Dinner/Meeting
Wednesday, July 3, 2024 Tompson Hall
5:30 Social - 6:30 Dinner \$25.00**

Reservations:

**Phone 805-296-1935
On Line: ewarbirds.org
Drop Down to
*Dinner Reservations***

Menu

**BBQ Pork Ribs
St. Louis Style
Salad
Vegetables
Dessert**

Presentation: Vietnam Stories with Dan Petkunas

Our July 3, 2024 dinner speaker is another one of those veterans who can describe a side of combat flying that you can only know from experiencing it. But the side you will hear at this dinner may surprise you and certainly will entertain you. Lt. Col. Dan Petkunas (Chicago native) is a highly decorated U.S. Air Force veteran with 200 plus missions in an F-4 Phantom. His stories include training how to fight, Burning paint off the wings, Hands from Heaven intervening, Close air support for the Army, UFO's, Escorting B-52's and a Navy rescue after ejection. Sort of a combination of *Mash* and *Top Gun*. Guaranteed laughs to show you a different side of combat.

I'm sure you'll enjoy it. —John



**Estrella Youth Aviation Club
Packs Up ... And Moves Next Door ...
To Antique Aero**

The Youth Aviation Club packed up and made a move down the tarmac and paid a scheduled visit to a close Neighbor, Antique Aero, for a visit and rare visual into some of the airplanes hidden under roof just a few doors down in Mr. Chuck Wentworth's hangars. EWM's Brad Eaton led the discussions



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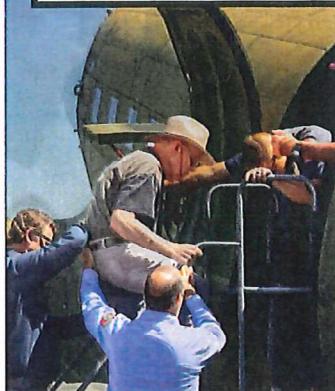
1925 Duesenberg and Estrella tour guide
Betty Snyder checking it out in person



At center is Franklin D. Roosevelt's Personal Staff Car: All Original and owned by Milt Wheeler of the Club. He's had it for 50 years!

Great lineup of old beauties at Estrella on May 18, 2024 as Northern California Packard Club got VIP tour from Betty and Peter Snyder. Old Duesenberg roadster and FDR's Personal Staff Car are just two of the stars in this group. They do these "tours" a few times per year and said they will be back! Group included cars from California and Oregon.

ANOTHER HONOR ROLL MISSION FOR C-47 COASTAL SHERMAN SMOOT LEGACY FLIGHT



June 6, 2024 D-Day Plus 80 years. Betsy's Biscuit Bomber took 17 Veterans for a Legacy Flight up and down the Central Coast, to honor the legacy of Sherman Smoot, past President of Estrella Warbirds Museum and iconic aviator, vintner and local persona who was to many bigger than life. Flight Crew Scott Stelzle and Ben McCaul welcomed folks to the flight deck. The Welcoming Back crowd shows what's important to Sherman Smoot as Betsy taxis back. This Legacy Flight is now an inaugural event to the memory of Sherman Smoot initiated by the Smoot Family in his name.

JULY 2024 QUIZ - HUBBEL, JAMES WEBB AND EUCLID

(Telescopes which changed everything)

Quiz by Marcia Rice

1. The Hubble Space Telescope was launched in 1990 into a:

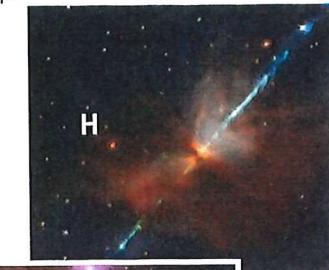
- A) Geosynchronous orbit
- B) Low earth orbit
- C) Mid-point between the moon and earth



2. Its first images were blurred by the hugely embarrassing "oopsie" which revealed a spherical aberration missed by every inspection. True or False

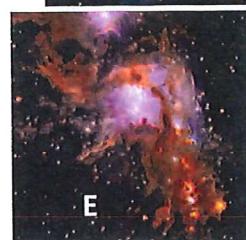
3. The Hubble's "vision" was restored by astronauts in 1993. The telescope was updated and repaired by astronauts until:

- A) 2009
- B) 2012
- C) 2014



4. The James Webb Telescope was launched on Christmas Day 2021 and arrived at a stable position 1,500,000 km from earth referred as:

- A) A trojan orbit
- B) The Lagrange point L-2
- C) Retrograde orbit



5. This position allows the telescope's heat shield to protect it from the heat and light of the sun, moon and earth.

True or False



6. The James Webb observes in the visible, near ultraviolet and near infrared wavelengths, enabling it to peer back in time to the:

- A) Big Bang
- B) First galaxy formation
- C) First massive stars

7. The Euclid Telescope was launched in 20232 by the European Space Agency. Its near infrared imaging has detected galaxies formed only 290 million years after the big Bang.

True or False

8. Euclid was able to photograph in exquisite detail the spiral galaxy NCG 6744, very similar to our own Milky Way with:

- A) Bright blue new stars
- B) Massive nebulae
- C) No observable black holes



Hubble, JWebb, Euclid: L to R

9. Both the Hubble and the Euclid telescopes can analyze visible light spectra and search for exoplanets which lie in the "habitable zone" around their stars.

True or False

10. An exoplanet to be thought capable of supporting life, must show possible evidence of:

- A) Liquid water
- B) Carbon
- C) Hydrogen
- D) All of the above

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WWW15
Estrella Warbirds Museum
Woodland Auto Display
4251 Dry Creek Road
Paso Robles, CA 93446
805-238-9317
Thursday—Sunday
10am till 4pm

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Permit 163 AMS
Paso Robles CA

NOW HEAR THIS:

Dear EWM/WAD member:

If you see a WWW15 photo in the June or July EAGLE newsletter that you might want, reference issue and page # with short description and I'll send it to you.

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Steve Lochen - Eagle Editor

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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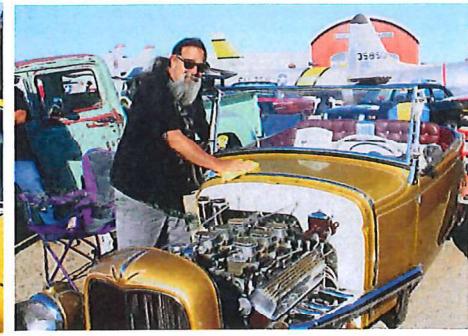
WWW15 ENTRANT :1934 FORD RDSTR.
M/M HANK BAIER



1971 CHECKER MARATHON A-12
HERMAN PFAUTER (R)



1931 FORD RDSTR.
BILL ANDERSON



Quiz Answers: 1-b, 2-True, 3-a, 4-b, 5-True, 6-b, 7-True, 8-a, 9-True, 10-d