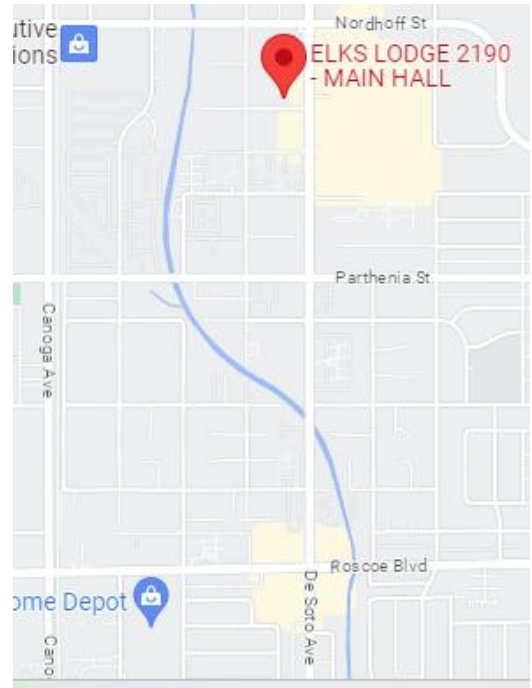




Photo by Larry Kusner

Elks Lodge 2190 Offers Alternative Meeting Location



When Wings Over Wendy's were not able to meet on July 3rd in the ECRCHS North Campus Auditorium due to their school holiday, the Canoga Park Elks Lodge 2190, 20925 Osborne St, Canoga Park, across from Rocketdye, came to our rescue and we were able to arrange to hold the Monday meeting in their Banquet Room.

They have recently installed a drop-down screen but we had to provide a projector (courtesy of Bob Donovan) and our sound controls. It was a little messy with electrical, sound, and VGA extension cords across the floor, but we were able to make it work and connect to Zoom.

On July 17, 2023, we had to use the Elks Lodge Banquet Hall again as the North Campus Auditorium was closed to us again.

Lossing the Greatest Generation

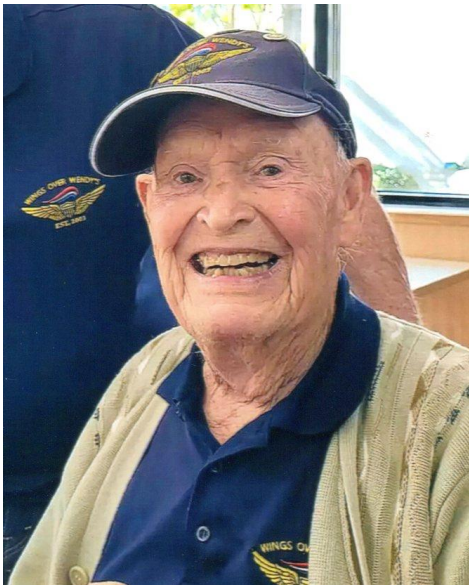


Photo by Marilyn Hauck

On July 6, 2023, Wings Over Wendy's and the World lost Jimmy Weldon when he "Flew West" to join the afterlife.

Reported by; Ed Reynolds

After I sent out the notice that Jimmy Weldon had "Flown West" I was overwhelmed by messages of the impact he had on those who knew him. From the teachers at the schools that he spoke at and what he had represented from the "Greatest Generation."

Kathleen Sterling, Publisher of the Valley News Group ask me for details about Wings Over Wendy's WWII veterans. How many were still alive and attending

weekly meetings, how many had passed since our founding in 2001? That prompted me to analyze the Departed Roster and remember those who passed and the impact they had on our group.

We had Fighter Pilots like Fred Blechman, Clyde East, Ernie Bankey, Don Hassig, Hal Knowles, Tom Richards, and Larry Powell. The German pilot Wolfgang Kaupisch. The Bomber Pilots and crewmen like Mickey Epstein, Chuck McClure, Ed Figueroa, Roy Emberland, Bill Blair, Steve Politis, Lee Levitan, Art Sherman, Clint and Elmo Maiden, Dick Kinder, Mike LaVere, Guy Chookoorian, Leon Waldman, Al Lewis. Transport and ferry pilots like Betty Jane Williams, Darrell Huston, and Don Foster.

On the ground and sea, we had Kent Kellegrew, Bob Rose, Malcolm Dipperstein, Dick Guyer, Abe Rosenzweig, Harvey Krasner, Walter Junkel, and Jimmy Weldon.

Darrel Huston and Leo Keligian would wear uniforms to the meetings. Bill Blair, Mike LaVere, Art Sherman, and Dick Kinder would wear them to our events.

Darrel started to bring the Grand Prize for the raffle, and Marion Lovelace carries on the tradition.

We could count on Bill Blair, Don Foster, Art Sherman, Bob Rose, Elmo Maiden, Dick Kinder, Mike LaVere, Leon Waldman, Phil Aune, Warren Weinstein and Howard Swerdlick to support our school visits, Aviation Career Days, and Air Show exhibits.

Everyone who passed had an impact on someone. The ones I listed above had passed and had been more active in the meetings and events than other members. They were the ones that made an impression on me and those whom I could count on to represent Wings Over Wendy's at schools and events. We still have a few great WWII active members and I hope they can continue to attend meetings and our events.

Since the first meeting in 2001, we have recorded 224 members passing. Of those, we have lost 119 WWII, 20 Korean War, and 55 other veterans.

We still have active attendance by Harvey Cohen, Bill Dillon, Barney Leone, Ethel Marglin, George Rothman, and Joe Weber. On Zoom Dick Burns and Bryon McKibben participate. Oscar Stein who turned 100 on July 27th attends Tuesday meetings when he has transportation.

In memory of Jimmy, here is his famous "I Am The Flag": that Jimmy would recite before the Pledge of Allegiance:

*I am the flag of the United States of America,
I rode with Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain
Boys at the Battle of Fort Bennington and blazed the trail
with Davy Crockett and Danial Boone.*

*I galloped up the slope of San Juan Hill with Colonel
Teddy Roosevelt and his Rough Riders and was carried
through the Halls of Montezuma to the shore of Tripoli
by the United States Marine Corps. History will never
write my obituary, for I am the Stars and Stripes forever.*

I am Old Glory. I am your flag. I am YOU!

July 2023 Meetings

July 3, 2023

Because El Camino Real Charter High School declared July 3rd a holiday and would not open the North Campus, Wings Over Wendy's met in the Elks Lodge.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Peggy Jean Bassett – Wild Times

In our first meeting in the Elks Lodge on July 3, 2023, Peggy Jean Bassett showed the group pictures of her wild youth riding motorcycles. She now drives a pickup truck.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Lucy Volotzky – Evening with Heroes

Lucy Volotzky invited the group to attend an “Evening With Heroes” at the American Legion Post 826, 5320 Fallbrook Ave, Woodland Hills, CA 91367



Photo by Larry Kushner



Abe Hoffman - Bernardo de Galvez

Abe Hoffman was the featured speaker on July 3, 2023. He talked to the group about Bernardo de Galvez, a Spanish officer, who contributed to the cause of American independence when Spain, an ally of France, joined in the American Revolution. (Continued page 3)

In recent years Galvez has been recognized for his role in fighting the British, and in 2014 Congress awarded him with honorary American citizenship, only the eighth person to receive that honor since it was created in 1963.

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Without the strategic success of Galvez’s service, both in directing the prelude to the conflict and in tipping the scales in favor of the American side, the colonists would have been overwhelmed in their rebellion against Britain. Through a potent combination of nepotism and genuine skill, Galvez proved time and again his leadership in conducting military campaigns.

In 1771 Galvez was appointed governor of Louisiana where he became involved against British efforts to control the lower Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico where they had forts at Mobile and Pensacola. Britain was edging its way toward economic and political dominance in the region. Galvez made use of his station in Louisiana by enabling the smuggling of Spanish supplies up the Mississippi River, furnishing the American rebels with weapons and gunpowder in direct defiance of British officials in West Florida.

Once Spain officially declared war against Britain, Galvez determined to capture the British forts and secure a stronger strategic position in the Old Southwest, His series of military victories secured Baton Rouge, Forts Bute, Mobile, Natchez, and, most notably, Pensacola. These actions effectively ended British threats along the Gulf Coast, assuring Americans in winning independence.

To focus on the American rebels on the Atlantic seacoast is to disregard the broader picture of the fight for American independence. It was a war fought not only by the thirteen colonies but also by a foreign ally—Spain—and its heroic general, Bernardo de Galvez.



As a little bit of trivia, Abe showed a picture of a statue of Bernardo de Galvez on his horse without his head. The statue resides in Washington, DC, and a replica is in New Orleans. The New Orleans statue needed cleaning and was transported to a facility to perform the work. The highway the statue would traverse had a height limitation so the restoration company removed the head to transport it and reattached it when it was returned to New Orleans.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Ed Reynolds presents Abe Hoffman with a Certificate of Appreciation and Wings Over Wendy’s Bumper Stickers.

July 10, 2023

We returned to the Auditorium for the July 10th meeting. The meeting started with a tribute to Jimmy Weldon. We played **I am the Flag** video starring Jimmy Weldon before the Pledge of Allegiance and sang God Bless America as Jimmy would like us to do, after the pledge.



Photo by Dodger Baseball
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Ethel Margolin Honored at Dodger Stadium on July 4, 2023

Thank you to John Wordin, Ethel Margolin threw out the first pitch at Dodger Stadium on July 4, 2023. We viewed a video of the ceremony.

Note Ethel's WWII profile on the Jumbotron. It was a great honor for a soon to be 101 year old who grew up in NYC when the Dodgers were playing in Brooklyn.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Ethel Receives Belated LA Birthday Greetings

In addition to the group viewing the video of Ethel throwing out the first pitch at the Dodgers game, Ron Rubine from Councilmember John Lee's office attended the meeting and presented Ethel with Birthday Greetings from the City of Los Angeles, honoring her 100th birthday last September.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Our Oldest Attendees - Harvey Cohen & Ethel Margolin

We are blessed every week to have him attending our Monday meetings, 101-year-old Harvey Cohen, and soon to be 101 year old Ethel Margolin.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Max Carlise – Restoring a Piper Cub and Buying a 77-year-old airplane

On July 10, 2023, Max Carlise talked to us about two videos he has produced.

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THE
FLIGHT ACADEMY
VAN NUYS

1940 PIPER J3 CUB FIRST FLIGHT IN 35 YEARS

The first video was about the restoration and first flight of a 1940 Piper J3 Cub aircraft. Max's friends and instructors at The Flight Academy, Van Nuys, purchased the 1940 Piper J3 Cub and restored it at the Academy. Max showed us the process they performed and the first flight of the restored aircraft.



1940 Piper J3 Cub

Although it was manufactured in 1940, the J3 Cub is still a popular light aircraft for training and recreational flying.



Photo from the video

Buying a 77 YEAR OLD AIRPLANE (and flying it home!)

Max next showed the group a video he produced about his buying a 77 year old aircraft in Arizona and flying it back to Van Nuys.

He explained his reasoning for purchasing the aircraft, configuration, and flight to Van Nuys.



Photo from the video

Kurt Rademacher drives Max to Arizona.



Photo from the video

Max describes the cockpit and instruments.



Photo from the video

Max at the Controls



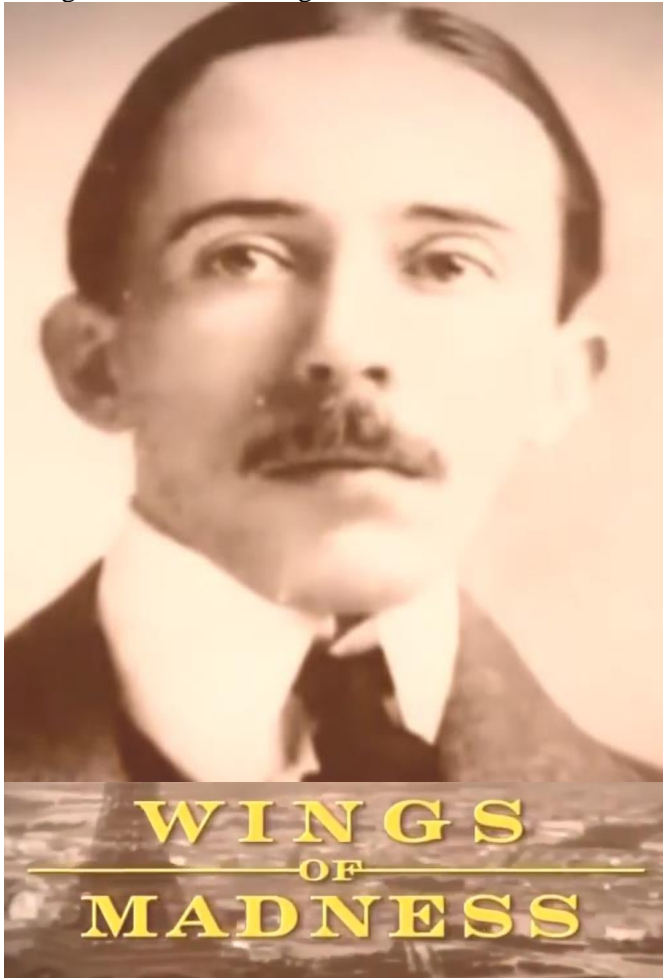
Photo from the video

Flying to Van Nuys from Arizona

After the videos, Max answered a lot of questions from the audience.

July 17, 2023

On July 17, 2023, the ECRCHS could not find support staff to open the Auditorium, so the physical meeting was held again at the Elks Lodge.



Wings of Madness Alberto Santos-Dumont

The featured presentation on July 17, 2023, was **Wings of Madness - Alberto Santos-Dumont**. The whole world needs to know the truth about who was the real inventor and pilot of the first airplane to fly in the sky in the world.

The video is a full documentary about the life of Alberto Santos-Dumont, a Brazilian inventor and aviation pioneer credited with designing, building, and flying the first practical dirigible airship. The documentary explored his life and achievements, including his work on airplanes and his contributions to the development of aviation.

Alberto Santos-Dumont was a Brazilian aviation pioneer who captured the imagination of Europe and the United States with his airship flights. He made the first significant flight of a powered airplane in Europe with his No. 14-bis.

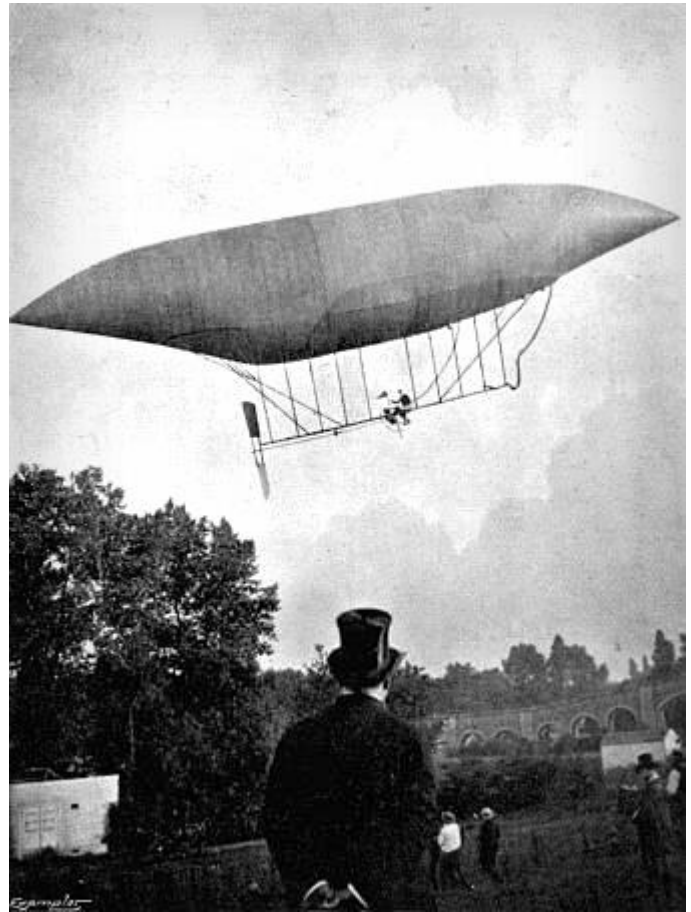


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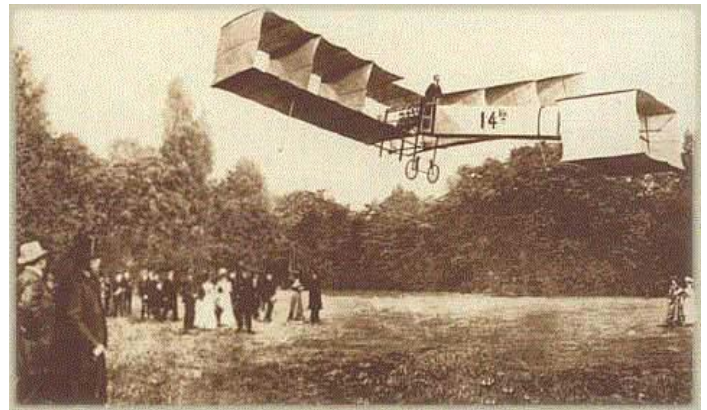


Photo from the video

Santos-Dumont, the son of a wealthy coffee planter, traveled to France to study engineering, and he soon became fascinated by flight. His first balloon design was the Brazil, which he flew in 1898. However, he quickly turned his attention to powered airships. A total of 11 dirigibles emerged from Santos-Dumont's workshop over the next decade. Santos-Dumont achieved one of the high points of his career on the afternoon of Oct. 19, 1901, when he won the 100,000-franc Deutsch Prize for an 11.3-km (7-mile) flight with his airship No. 6 from the Paris suburb of St. Cloud to the Eiffel Tower and back in less than half an hour.

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By 1905 Santos-Dumont had become convinced that flying airships could be compared to “pushing a candle through a brick wall.” Inspired by stories of what the Wright brothers had accomplished in the United States, Santos-Dumont designed and flew a series of heavier-than-air flying machines.

His major accomplishments include making the first public flight in Europe with a powered, winged aircraft on Sept. 13, 1906; winning the Archdeacon Cup on October 23 for a flight of 60 meters (about 200 feet); and winning an Aero Club of France Prize of 1,500 francs for the first flight of 100 meters (about 330 feet) on November 12.

Santos-Dumont remained active in aeronautical circles before World War I, developing the Demoiselle, a high-wing monoplane, in 1909. He returned to Brazil as a national hero in 1928. He took his own life four years later, apparently depressed by the outbreak of a local war in which the airplane was employed as a weapon.

July 24, 2023

On July 24, 2023, we returned to meeting in the Auditorium.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Laura Colby Visits Wings Over Wendy’s

On July 24, 2023, Peggy Jean Bassett’s daughter, Laura Colby, from Lake Topaz, Nevada, visited the Auditorium meeting.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Barney Leone Receives Belated LA Birthday Greetings

Standing in for Ron Rubine, Ed Reynolds presented Barney Leone with Birthday Greetings from the City of Los Angeles, honoring his 98th birthday on September 25, 2022.



Extreme Machines Flight Power Aircraft History

The featured presentation on July 24, 2023, was **Flight Power – Aircraft History** episode in the Extreme Machines series.

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The history of aviation is thrilling, fast, dangerous, and sometimes deadly. In pursuit of the dream of flight, we have seen decades of determination and inventiveness and witnessed the birth of an amazing number of different and exotic flying machines. There are many different designs and types of power used to stay in the air, each has its own flying abilities, but they all enable us to defy nature.

Extreme Machines is dedicated to discovering how machines work and experiencing aviation's exciting and flamboyant world.

Focusing on unusual aircraft and man's most extreme flying methods, we look at different ways of powering aircraft, from a homebuilt plane powered with a lawnmower engine to the cutting-edge technology of NASA's solar-powered planes.

The video starts with a close look into the world of Vertical Take Off and Landing (VTOL) planes, specifically the infamous Harrier Jump Jet, with its unique maneuverability and ability to take off and land from almost anywhere.

It covers home-built, custom-built aircraft. Hybrid auto/aircraft, hang gliding, solar powered, and many various forms of flight.

It is a fascinating review of man's quest to fly, and control their flight.



July 25, 2023



Photos by Ed Reynolds

Oscar Stein turned 100 on July 27, 2023

On July 25, 2023, the WOW Tuesday Group celebrated Oscar Stein's 100th birthday with a luncheon at the I Hop Restaurant adjacent to the Tarzana Community Center, where the group meets.

Oscar told the group about some of his life growing up in Vienna and escaping the Nazis when the War broke out.

He told us he owes his life to a German Colonel. Oscar was with a small group that had stopped their forward advance to rest and have a meal. Since he spoke German, he was summoned to a nearby building where a captured German Colonel was being interrogated. Oscar was acting as an interpreter when a shell exploded on the group he had just left, killing all of them.

Oscar's story of attending a speech by Hitler when Germany annexed Austria, his close call when he should have registered as a Polish Jew, his escape to Hungary, hiding in a Budapest Polish Army Refugee Camp, and his eventful trip to NYC is fascinating. A two-hour recording of his experience resides in the Washington, DC Holocaust Museum.

See:

[Oscar Stein papers - Collections Search - United States Holocaust Memorial Museum \(ushmm.org\)](#)

The full membership will celebrate Oscar's 100th birthday at the Wings Over Wendy's Annual Awards Luncheon on August 24, 2023.

July 31, 2023



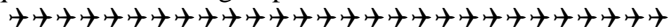
Congressman Tony Cárdenas

On July 31, 2023, the featured speaker was Congressman Tony Cárdenas. He gave a short talk about The PACT Act, a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances.

There's no deadline to apply for PACT Act benefits. But if you file your PACT Act claim—or quickly submit your intent to file—by August 9, 2023, you may receive benefits backdated to August 10, 2022.

Next, he then talked about the new 988 Suicide and Crisis hotline. He explained that it is now nationwide.

The Congressman finished his visit by answering questions from the group.



Voyager, Flying Nonstop Around The World

On July 31, 2023, following the Congressman's talk we saw a video on the *Voyager, Flying Nonstop Around The World*

Voyager's flight, with Command Pilot Dick Rutan and Pilot Jeana Yeager, was the first-ever nonstop, unrefueled flight around the world. This milestone flight took 9 days, 3 minutes, and 44 seconds.

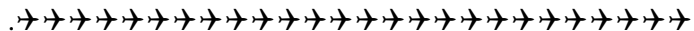
The absolute world distance records set during that flight remain unchallenged today. The Rutan Model 76 Voyager was the first aircraft to fly around the world without stopping or refueling.

In preparation for the flight, the airplane made 67 test flights over three years, revealing severe operational issues that had to be corrected before the round-the-world flight would be attempted.

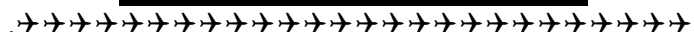
On one of the test flights, the electric propeller pitch-control motor on the front engine shorted out. Before it could be shut down, the engine shook off its mounts, and the propeller departed. The only thing that saved Voyager and its crew was a flexible strap holding the engine to the fuselage.

During a three-day flight, Dick and Jeana found the interior noise level generated by the tandem-mounted, push-pull engines almost unendurable, threatening permanent hearing loss, so the team added active-noise-suppression headsets.

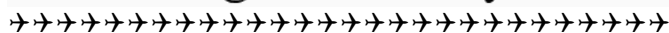
The Voyager now hangs in a SEATAC airport terminal.



In Other News



Los Angeles Daily News



Never lose your humor, or your pitching arm, says 101-year-old Ethel Margolin

World War II veteran has more than proved she has the 'right stuff'

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Photo courtesy Los Angeles Dodgers

Dodger pitcher Bobby Miller, Ethel Margolin and John Wordin, founder of a suicide prevention organization called Life Aid at Dodger Stadium on July 4, 2023, for the ceremonial first pitch. By DENNIS MCCARTHY | PUBLISHED: July 28, 2023

The ceremonial first pitch at Dodger Stadium often goes unnoticed by fans anxious for the game to start, but this past Fourth of July — on the nation’s 247th birthday — the silver-haired, 101-year-old lady standing at home plate with her walker held the holiday crowd in the palm of her hand.

“She’s a grandmother, a World War II veteran, and proud cat owner,” said Dodger public service announcer Todd Leitz. “Please welcome retired Woman’s Army Corps private first class Ethel Margolin. Ethel, the mound’s all yours when you’re ready.”

Scattered applause came from the stands as she straightened the wheels on her walker and crossed the foul line into fair territory with the help of John Wordin, founder of a suicide prevention center who helps the Dodgers find veterans to honor.

The mound was all Ethel’s, now all she had to do was get there. It might as well have been in Orange County because she wasn’t going to make it.

At 101, she’d be lucky to throw the ball 10 feet, so Ethel hung a hard right with her walker, and headed for the green grass closer to home plate. This would be her mound.

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(Photo courtesy Los Angeles Dodgers)

Ethel Margolin, 101, delivers the ceremonial first pitch at the July 4th Dodger game this year. Aiding her is John Wordin, founder of a suicide prevention organization called Life Aid. Ethel is a member of "Wings Over Wendy" in the Valley. Catching the ball is new Dodger pitcher Bobby Miller.

There was no way she was going to let those old World War II boys in her veteran’s group — Wings Over Wendy’s — razz her at their next meeting about not throwing a strike to home plate. Just watch me, she told them.

Baseball ran in her blood. As a young woman, she was at sold out Yankee Stadium the day a terminally-ill Babe Ruth leaned on his bat at home plate in 1948 to say good bye, and she absolutely adored that amazing gazelle who roamed center field for the Yanks, “Joltin’ Joe” DiMaggio.

That was a longtime ago in another life when she was a Rosie the Riveter and wouldn’t take no for an answer when she wanted to do even more for the war effort. The Marines, Navy, and Air Force wouldn’t take her: only the Army did.

Her IQ tests were off the charts, and she was one of five women across the country specially assigned to headquarters division in Cincinnati, Ohio for two years to work on special, classified projects.

“When you’ve lived to be as old as I am, people somehow think you’re brilliant,” Ethel said, laughing. “You want to know the most important thing? Never lose your sense of humor.”

She wasn’t going to lose it now in front of 20,000 people watching her every move. This was more than just a ceremonial pitch now. From the moment she crossed that foul line with her walker, Ethel had grabbed the hearts of the pre-game crowd.

She was throwing this pitch for every grandmother and great-grandmother — every Nana they loved and missed.

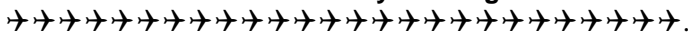
When Wordin moved her walker out of the way so she could throw the ball, Ethel swayed just a bit. Her balance became precarious. You could feel the crowd tense as she began to falter.

Wordin quickly steadied her, and when she was ready, he handed her the ball. With every ounce of energy she could muster, Ethel Margolin swung her right arm back in an underhand, windmill motion, and let the ball fly.

Dodger pitcher Bobby Miller knelt at home plate following its arc. The pitch was going to be a foot short and he reached out his glove to catch it before it bounced.

From the stands, 20,000 umpires cheered and called it a strike.

Dennis McCarthy’s column runs on Sunday. He can be reached at dmccarthynews@gmail.com.



Monday Zoom Meeting Agenda

The URL is always the same:

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- Meet & Greet starts at 8:00 am.
- The formal meeting starts at 9:30 am.
- Visitors and guests interviewed about 9:40 am.
- The presentation starts around 10 am

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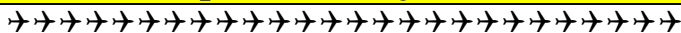
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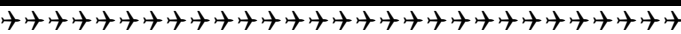
WOW Events Calendar Additions

Because of Wings Over Wendy's members' high participation in their events, the **teamup.com** WOW Events Calendar has been extended to include: ANA Meetings, MOAA/MOWW Meetings, and Operation Gratitude Events.

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Wings Over Wendy's Future Events:



SAT – SUN
AUGUST 19–20, 2023
GATES OPEN AT 9 AM

2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	
	GATES OPEN
9:00 AM	STEM and CAF Hangars Open 9AM-5PM Static Aircraft on Display, Car Show Open 9AM-5PM Food and Merchant Vendors Open 9AM-5PM
12:00 Noon	NATIONAL ANTHEM AND SERVICE SALUTE D-Day Doll USAF Wings of Blue Parachute Team P-51 Mustang Fly-By
12:13	Judy Phelps Pitts Special Biplane
12:32	Ventura Sheriff HH-60L Helicopter Water Drop
12:37	Clipper Aviation Acrobatic Team Edan Shalev GB-1 and Sammy Mason Edge 540
TRAINERS AND EAA	
12:50	Right Pattern - J-3 Cub, Fairchild, BT-19, Fairchild 24, Chipmunk, Big Panda II Left Pattern: EAA RVs, Lancair, Rocket
13:00	Torrey Ward Micro-Jet
13:16	John Colliver War Dog AT-6
13:30	EUROPEAN MILITARY THEATER AIRCRAFT WITH PYROTECHNICS ME-108, P-63 King Cobra, Mark XIV Spitfire, P-51 Mustang Airborne Demo Team - C-53 "D-Day Doll"
13:50	CLASSIC CAR PARADE Grand Marshal CAPT Royce Williams, USN Ret Shot down 4 Mig-15s
14:00	T-34s Formation / Navions
14:20	Sammy Mason Pitts S-2 with Pyrotechnics
14:35	Wings of Blue - USAF Parachute Team in Twin Otter & Torrey Ward - Sky Writer Glasair II
14:45	Dawn Patrol RV Formation Team
15:00	PACIFIC THEATER MILITARY AIRCRAFT PYROTECHNICS PBJ, Hellcat, Japanese A6M Zero, P-51 Mustang
15:26	Vicky Benzing PT-17 Stearman Biplane
15:41	USN FA-18F Rhino Super Hornet TacDemo
16:05	Korean War Remembrance Flight WALL OF FIRE A-26 Corsair I, Mig-17 & F-86
16:25 16:40	Condor Squadron AT-6 Formation Flight ending with Missing Man Air Show Concludes All Aircraft on Deck

Wings Over Wendy's will have a booth at the Air Show in the CAF Veterans Hanger.

Volunteers are requested to help set up our displays on Friday, August 18

Thursday, August 24th

10:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Wings Over Wendy's Annual

Awards Luncheon,

entertainer - Steve Oliver

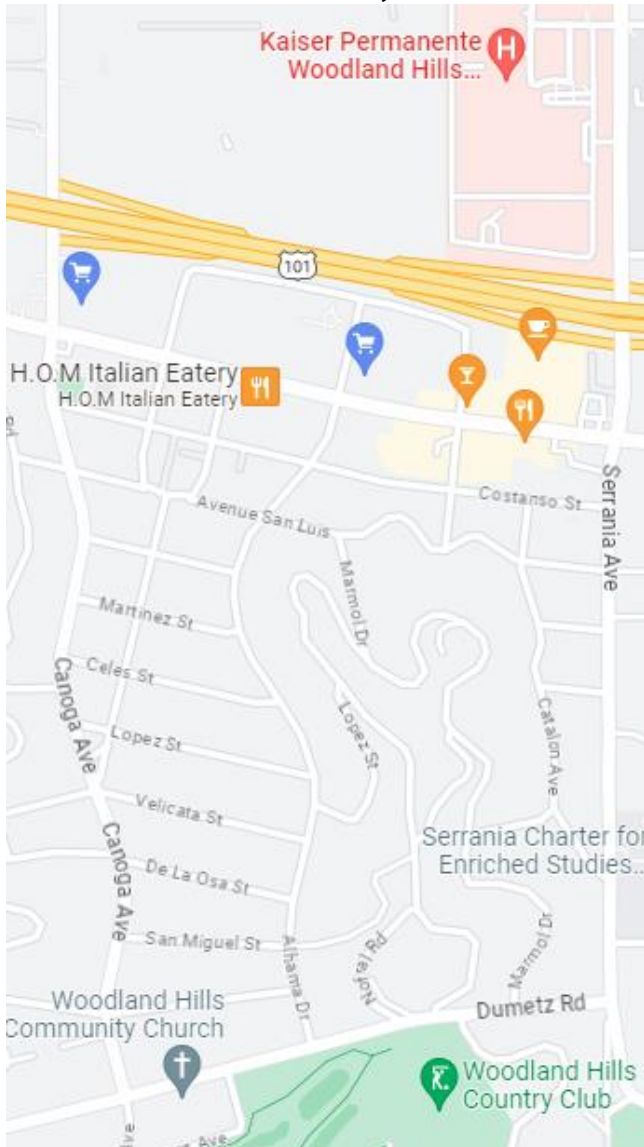
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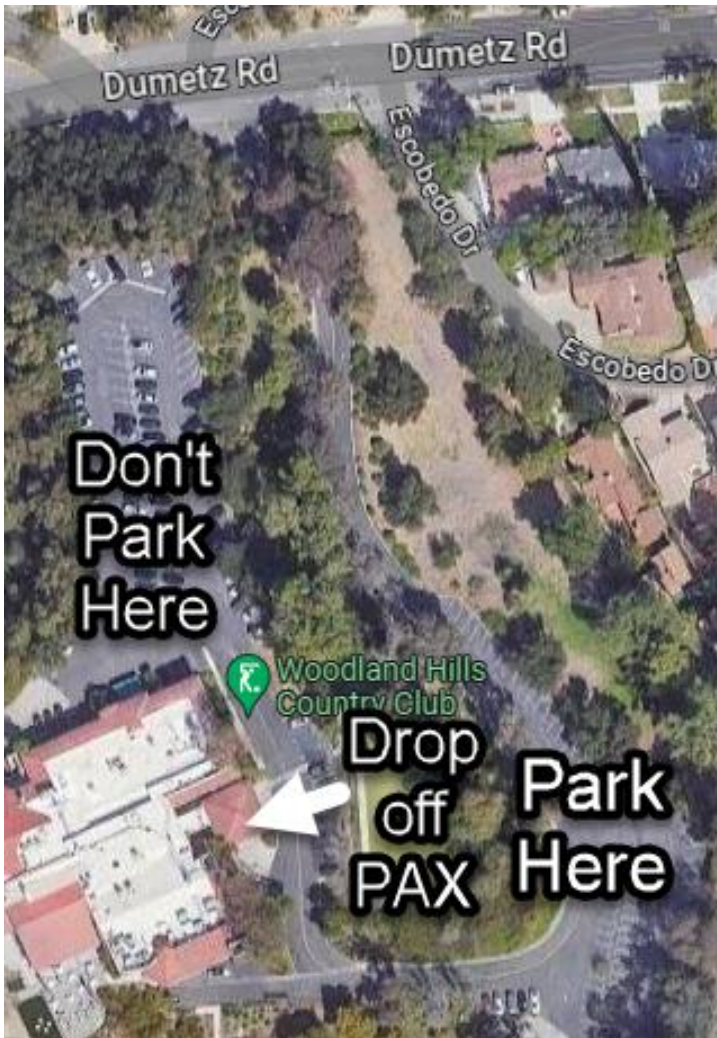
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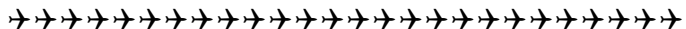
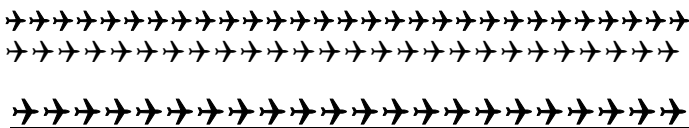
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The entrance is at the top of a hill on the south side of Dumetz. Drive uphill to the Club entrance and drop off passengers.

Drive back to the EVENT Parking area and a shuttle will carry you back to the Club entrance.

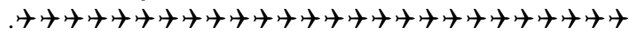


Prayers

Unfortunately, several of our most active members are at home, recuperating from their injuries or illnesses.

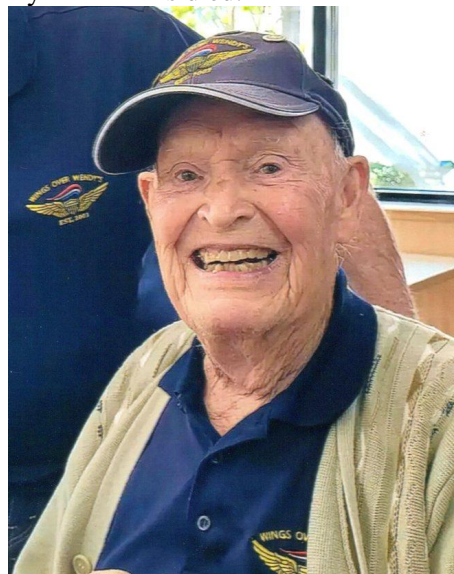
Our prayers are for a speedy recovery:

Harvey Cohen



Memoriam

In July 2023, we learned that four long-time Wings Over Wendy's members died.



Jimmy Weldon

09/23/1923 – 07/06/2023

He was born Ivy Laverne Shinn on September 23, 1923, in Dale, Texas. Early in his Army career, he adopted a favorite family name, Jimmy Weldon, as a stage name which stayed with him the rest of his life.

Drafted in mid-1943, Jimmy started training to become a pilot but as the war in Europe was winding down pilot training was stopped and the cadets were sent to Europe as replacements. He was assigned as a combat engineer in the 1270th Combat Engineers. His unit arrived on the continent at La Havre, France, and was assigned to General Patton's Third Army. Combat engineers built pontoon bridges cleared minefields and whatever else was needed. He was attached to the unit that liberated Buchenwald Concentration Camp.

His unit proceeded across Europe and was ten miles from the Czechoslovakian border when the war ended. Jimmy was then assigned to General Eisenhower's Headquarters in Special Services. Prior to ending his military service, he was honored to be accepted at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London where he honed his acting skills. (Continued page 15)

After the war, his first job in the entertainment field was as a disc jockey at radio station KWOC in Chickasha, Oklahoma. On the advice of a friend, he developed the character and duck voice of a hand puppet he named Webster Webfoot.

In 1948, Weldon (and Webster Webfoot) moved to Duncan, Oklahoma, where they performed on another 250-watt AM station, KRHD, for two more years. The big 50,000-watt radio station WFAA in Dallas, Texas, recruited Webster and Weldon as entertainers, and Webster became a real person on television on April 4, 1950, on The Webster Webfoot Show, produced locally by station WFAA-TV.

They moved to California on September 5, 1952, joining KCOP-TV, Channel 13, in Hollywood and continued their television careers. During an appearance at a middle school in Brentwood, Jeff Chandler and Randolph Scott collected the tickets from the children and parents who came to see the show. These two movie stars made Weldon feel very lucky indeed when they commented, "Our children think more of little Webster than they do OUR movie careers." Also, Ralph Edwards was there, and he later gave Webster and Weldon the positions as co-hosts of a new children's game show titled Funny Boners, a junior version of his famous Truth or Consequences radio and television shows, which aired on ABC.

In 1956, Weldon and Webster moved to Fresno, California, which began a career in the San Joaquin Valley at KFRE-TV, Channel 12. This was interrupted, however, when NBC executives called them to New York to replace Shari Lewis on the Hi, Mom show on NBC flagship station, WRCA-TV, Channel 4.

In 1959, Channel 13 in Hollywood once again became their television home.

In 1961, Weldon and Webster were called back to the San Joaquin Valley. They continued performing their show on KJEO-TV, Channel 47, in Fresno, California, throughout the 1960s. During this time, Weldon and Webster also did TV shows in Salinas and Bakersfield, California, flying their airplane from city to city for those shows..

After retiring from active involvement in Hollywood, Jimmy channeled his energy and patriotic spirit into motivational speaking and youth patriotic education. In the past 20 years he has conducted countless motivational seminars for corporations, associations, and veterans' organizations. Several years ago he established his own not-for-profit foundation, Center for Youth Patriotism. His subscriber list grew to over 800 members. Every week for many years, Jimmy narrated short videos detailing the patriotic contributions of Americans throughout our history. To enhance his presentations to school classrooms and assemblies, Jimmy produced and narrated a video called "A Pirate Saves America" and a short video on the American flag entitled "I am the Flag."

He also appeared on episodes of Alfred Hitchcock

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Steve Andersen

01/01/1944 – 07/07/2023

Steve was a New Year's baby, born January 1st, 1944, to Robert and Helen Andersen. Steve's father, Robert, was in combat during World War II and did not see his son until he was 2 years old. At age 6, Steve accepted the Lord as his Savior and he loved and trusted the Lord the rest of his life.

In high school, Steve carried a New Testament in his shirt pocket which attracted the attention of his bride-to-be who had prayed for a Godly man. Steve and Mary were married on August 28th, 1965. They have 2 sons, John and Tom.

Steve served in the Navy reserves for 6 years. During his working career he was employed by Control Data, Minneapolis Leasing Co. National Computers Systems and Jack Links's Beef Jerky Company. He directed the church choir for 20 years in Omaha, Nebraska and enjoyed singing solos.

Preceded in death by his parents as well as his grandparents. Survived by wife, Mary; sons, John (Kathy) and Tom; grandchildren, Kendra, Jeffrey, Krista and Jonathan; sister, Karen Vegtel in California; as well as nephews and many cousins.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Stanley DeCovnick

05/22/1932 – 07/10/2023

Stanley was born on May 22, 1932, in New York City. Earned a Bachelor of Business Administration, Arizona University, 1955. Served as a pilot in the USAF from 1955 to 1957, Attended Postgraduate, at Arizona University, in 1958 and Postgraduate, University Southern California, in 1990.

Manager, Bendix Electrodynamics, North Hollywood, California, 1965-1967; director, Paramount television, Hollywood, California, 1967-1972; executive director, 20th Century Fox Television, Beverly Hills, California, 1972-1988; executive director, Deluxe laboratories, Hollywood, 1988-1991; with, Met Associations, Woodland Hills, California, since 1992. Lecturer University of California at Los Angeles, since 1982, Arizona U., Tucson, 1983.

Stan was a Member of the Society of Satellite Professional International (board directors Los Angeles branch since 1988), and the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers.

He Married Frona June Bezman, April 6, 1963. Children: David, Melisa, Matthew.



Loren D. Tyler III

03/22/1949 – 07/07/2023

He was born on March 22, 1949, in Muskegon, MI to Loren and Luella (Boucher) Tyler.

He is survived by his Sister and Brother-in-law, Luanne and Judson Forsyth of Norton Shores, MI along with his Nephews and Nieces-in-law, Rodger & Faith Chartrand and Mark & Monica Chartrand. He is also survived by 3 Grand-Nephews and 4 Grand-Nieces as well as 3 Great-Nephews and 3 Great-Nieces.

He graduated from Mona Shores High School in 1967 and shortly thereafter joined the Army with his life-long friend John Mills. Loren served two tours in Viet Nam and earned a Bronze Star Medal which is awarded for either heroic achievement, heroic service, meritorious achievement or meritorious service in a combat zone.

Loren lived a full life and worked at various jobs including farm work as a boy and young man, honorable service in the United States Army, factory work, selling men's clothing while living in Detroit for a while, Electronics Technician while living in California, entrepreneur when he moved back to Michigan in 1988 and an Associate working at Costco when he moved back to California in 2009. In 1981 he attended college at The DeVry Institute of Technology in Columbus, OH and earned an Electronics Engineering Technical Certification making the Dean's list. He landed a great job in California with TimeShare Corporation in 1984 which was acquired by McDonnell Douglas in 1987.

When his Father passed away in 1988, Loren moved back to Michigan to care for his Mother. Shortly after his arrival back in Michigan, he secured a job at the Muskegon Paper Mill and a few years later he married Betty Cole and they lived on Pontaluna Road in Norton Shores, MI.

Years later he started his own business by investing in an AIM Postal Center franchise that was located on Apple Avenue in Muskegon, MI. He longed to move back to California where he loved the sunny warm weather, so he moved West in 2009 and secured a job with Costco where he worked until he retired in 2014. Unfortunately, he suffered a stroke in December of 2009 which made it difficult for him to write, but he was still able to work a few more years.

In retirement, he enjoyed cruising to a local park and listening to talk radio most mornings followed by lunch and an enjoyable, leisurely afternoon. He enjoyed frequent visits with Rodger & Faith and their four children as he lived on their property. Rodger was able to take Loren on annual business trips to Las Vegas where he thoroughly enjoyed staying in an executive suite at the Luxor or Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino , great gourmet food, gambling and various shows. He also enjoyed socializing with his fellow members of American Legion Post 826 where he served on the Executive Committee and as Sergeant at Arms.

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