President’s Message by Laura Hinkle, hickleh@gmail.com

Lots happening around the China Lake Museum over the next few months! More information is located inside this newsletter but here are the highlights.

We are having a fundraiser at Pizza Factory/ Beanster’s on March 16, April 14 and May 5th. Present the flyer (see inside) or mention the CL Museum and 20% of the proceeds will be donated. You know you are hungry for some coffee and pizza.

Charlie May will be providing an entertaining and informative Lecture on Shrike on Thursday, March 26, 2020 at the SpringHill Suites Conference room from 7:00-8:30 PM. The cost is free but donations are extremely welcome. Charlie’s book will be available for purchase that evening and at the CLM gift shop. Thanks to the Ridgecrest Regional Hospital for providing the space for this talk.

The Canopy/ C Containers will be going up soon and some of the containers have already been delivered. It will be great having covered space and additional storage at the museum for our exhibit materials. We appreciate the donations of artifacts that have been brought in by China Lakers and need the extra space until our 4,000 sf addition to the museum is completed. Our architect from Bakersfield, Bruce Keith, has been working on the concept plans for this addition which will be connected to the existing museum and bridge the space between the existing museum and the future Phase 2b Hanger style building. If you have visited the museum lately you will see we are rapidly running out of space for some of our newest acquisitions.

The CLMF is participating in Give Big Kern on May 5, 2020. Check out https://www.givebigkern.org/organizations/chinalakemuseumfoundation for more information.

We hope you can attend our 20th Annual Dinner Auction on May 9th at the Kerr McGee Center. This will be an important event and fundraiser for the building fund and item donations are being accepted at this time. See the flyer inside for an early bird special discount on dinner tickets purchased by April 18, 2020.

Hope to see you soon at the museum.

You can find us at:
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Website – chinalakemuseum.org

COMMUNITY PARKING LOT SALE
At the China Lake Museum – Saturday, June 6, 2020 from 6:30AM – 11:00AM
To Participate or more details...Contact Jenn at the museum at 760-677-2866 or 847-902-8076 or by email at chinalakemuseumstoremanager@gmail.com
Shrike
The World’s First Anti-Radiation Missile
By: Charlie May
Thursday, 26 March 2020
7:00 PM
Marriott Spring Hill Suites
Admission is Free – Donations are Highly Suggested

Shrike was the world’s first anti-radiation missile. It was designed to detect, track, and damage enemy ground-based radars being used to direct surface-to-air missiles (SAMs) at incoming aircraft. Shrike was conceived, designed, developed, and tested at China Lake.

A little-known fact is that Shrike played an important role in the Cuban Missile crisis. Shrike seekers were mounted on an A-4 aircraft and flown towards the Russian ballistic missile sites in Cuba. This caused the ground radars of the surface-to-air missiles protecting the ballistic missiles to “light up.” This allowed the Shrike seeker to determine the type of SAMs protecting the ballistic missile site, providing important tactical information.

Charlie May assembled the first 12 Shrike seekers, several of which were flown during the Cuban Missile crisis. Charlie will chronicle the Shrike program as well as its associated amusing anecdotes.

Presentation Proudly Sponsored By: China Lake Museum Foundation
Charlie’s Book will be on sale after his presentation.
The China Lake Museum Foundation

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20th Annual Dinner & Auction
Saturday, May 9, 2020 at 4:30 pm
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Auction and Raffle
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We were pleased to have CA Assemblyman Vince Fong and Kern County 1st District Supervisor Mick Gleason tour the museum on February 28. They shared valuable strategies and ideas with board members.
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**Meet our Volunteers**

Meet our newest and youngest volunteer, Jacob Klugh (pronounced “Clue” – yes, just like the game). Jacob is the son of PO1 Scott Klugh, USN Seabee and Jessica Klugh. His family arrived from Japan on July 6, 2019, the day after the 7.1 earthquake. Jacob is a 7th grader at Murray Middle School and has been accepted into the California Junior Scholarship Federation. He enjoys anything technical, computers, baseball, building things and hanging out with friends. Jacob is helping on Saturdays.

It’s that time of year when weeds are popping up everywhere! A ‘BIG Thank You’ to Charlie May and Dennis Cott for keeping our Museum grounds and parking lot looking professional and clean.

Jessica and Jacob Klugh
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