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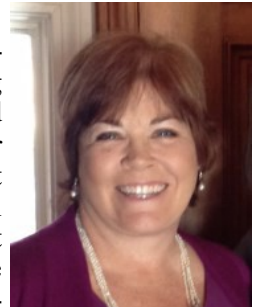
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We appreciate our members. In response to our Founder's Campaign appeals we had 106 contributors in the 2019 year resulting in \$104,818.92 for the upcoming building projects. This included a \$10,000 donation from the Kern Community Foundation for our Container Canopy. In addition, due to positive attendance at the museum, energy savings, wonderful volunteers and careful staffing, we were able to cover Operations costs and thereby put the proceeds of the Annual Dinner Auction and Celebrating the 1960's Dinner/Dance towards the building projects. The Container Canopy structure, for additional storage and undercover work space, has been ordered and should be installed in early April.



We need a few volunteers to help on the installation weekend. Please call the museum at (760) 677-2866 if interested in being notified so you can be involved.



An architect from Bakersfield, Bruce Keith, has been engaged to plan and oversee the Phase 2a

addition to the museum. This 4,000 sf addition will be connected to the existing museum and bridge the space between the existing museum and the future Phase 2b Hanger style building. We will proceed as quickly as possible, understanding that there are many hoops to jump through in the planning and permitting process.

We are in desperate need of more greeter and docent volunteers, especially on Saturdays between 10 AM and 4 PM. Even a few hours once per month will help us keep the museum doors open on this important day of the week. Our most positive comments on Facebook are often the friendliness of the first person at the door. That person could be you!!

Hope you can attend our 20th Annual Dinner Auction on May 9th (please note this change). This will be an important event and donations are being accepted at this time. Hope to see you soon!

You can find us at:

Facebook - [@ChinaLakeMuseum](#)

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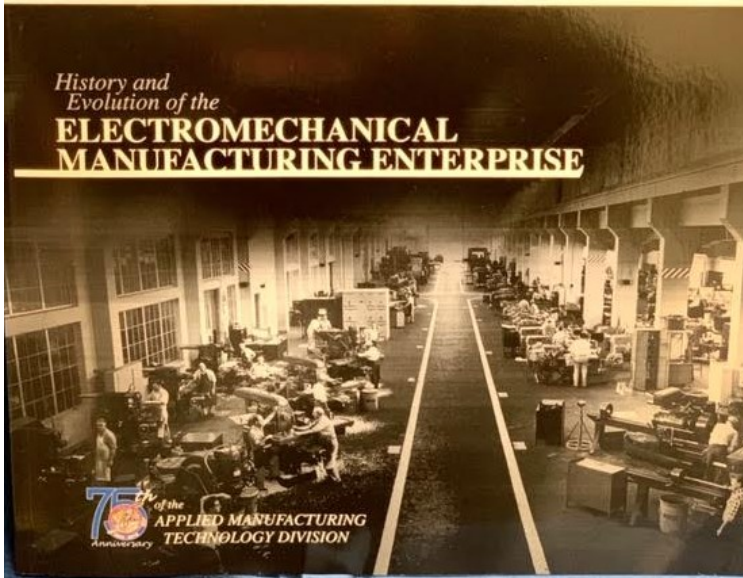


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An Important piece of China Lake History

Now available for sale at the China Lake Museum



The Machine Shop on base suffered major earthquake damage and is scheduled to be rebuilt. A copy of the “History and Evolution of the Electromechanical Manufacturing Enterprise” is now exclusively available in the Museum Gift Shop (\$31.95 plus tax). We encourage you to pick up a copy for your library. “The history of ‘the shop’ is an excellent summary of the formation of the Michelson Laboratory shop as well as other machining and fabrication capabilities at other locations at NOTS. It also attests to the leadership that put the lessons learned from WWII into the operational requirements for NOTS, primarily those of Dr. Lauritsen and Rear Admiral W. H. P. Blandy. This shop history explains in detail

the evolution of the shop to the present day through its 75 years of operation. It provides an overview of how dedicated leadership in the management of the China Lake machine and fabrication capability has risen to many challenges over those 75 years and today is as capable and valuable an asset as ever.” ~ Burrell Hays, Technical Director, Retired, Naval Weapons Center

Educational Lecture Series

The China Lake Museum Foundation, in cooperation with the China Lake Chapter of American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, sponsored the lecture “Soaring to 76,000 Feet.” Jim Payne, chief test pilot of the Airbus Perlan II project, described the technical details of the record setting flight accomplished in September 2018. The flight originated in El Calafate in the Patagonian Andes and rode a stratospheric mountain wave to the record altitude. Jim’s wife Jackie, was in charge of the logistics which included shipping the Perlan II sailplane and all of the ancillary equipment from Minden Nevada to the southern tip of Argentina, a journey of over 10,000 miles. Seventy-seven people attended the lecture, and many remained afterwards to talk to Jim and Jackie.



The China Lake Museum Foundation



Honoring the Past - Building for the Future

20th Annual Dinner & Auction

Saturday, May 9, 2020 at 4:30 pm
Kerr McGee Center

\$45 Per Person - \$80 Per Couple

Early Bird Special: Purchase Tickets on or before April 18th

\$35 Per Person - \$65.00 Per Couple

\$250 Sponsor Seating for 2

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If unable to attend a tax deductible donation is appreciated

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All proceeds go to the Building Fund

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**Live Auction
Silent Auction
Raffles**

(Winners must be present)



**Auction and Raffle
Donations Needed**

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