



Photo by Tony Richards

Bob Olesen and Larry Wood carefully load the XB-70 model for transport to its new home at the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum in McMinnville, Oregon.

Valkyrie model finds home in Oregon

After a multi-year search for permanent exhibit space for his 1/72nd scale model of the Valkyrie airplane, North Tustin resident Bob Olesen was elated when the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum in McMinnville, Oregon wanted to add it to its collection.

"We're excited to have it," retired USMC Colonel Larry Wood says of the museum's new acquisition. "This plane was a testbed for a number of advanced technologies, and the only real one left is in Dayton. There isn't much of anything about this airplane anywhere."

The North American Aviation XB-70 Valkyrie was conceived as a high-altitude, high-speed bomber that would be immune to interceptor aircraft. The advent of intercontinental ballistic missiles in the late 1950s overtook the need for anti-aircraft bombers. The project evolved into a research effort to study long duration, high-speed flight. Two prototypes were built and used for supersonic test flights in the 1960s. One of them crashed, relegating the program's history to the lone survivor -- and Olesen's model.

Retired aerospace engineer Olesen worked on the XB-70 aircraft program in the 1960s. He commissioned the model because he didn't want the plane to be forgotten. Since the unveiling of the model in 2013, it has been displayed locally, but only temporarily. "I wanted to find a permanent place for it, where it would be appreciated," Olesen says.

Wood, a decorated Vietnam-era fighter pilot, recently retired as director of the museum. With a car trip to San Diego already planned, he volunteered to pick up the model, and chauffeur it up the California coast to Oregon.

"Hidden Jewel" found?

Villa Park is only 15 minutes, or four miles, from the Chapman University campus, but worlds away, in terms of being an unexciting, quiet and conservative family-oriented residential community. Most of Orange County doesn't know the "Hidden Jewel" exists. So neighbors in Villa Park were surprised to learn that one of the homes in their quiet cul-de-sac had been rented to five Chapman University students.

The reaction of the neighbors has been mixed. Homeowners on one side of the "frat house" have repeatedly called local law enforcement and university officials about loud parties in the back yard that have included DJs, scantily-clad coeds and traffic issues, as well as smaller beer pong gatherings.

Other neighbors have welcomed the young men to the

neighborhood, calling them "nice, friendly, respectful" -- and even cooked dinner for them. "When the first party went late into the night," one neighbor reported, "we asked them to not bring the party out front or let it go so late, as there are young kids here that need to go to bed."

The students, she said, responded, and have tried to be good neighbors. Before a daytime pool party, they distributed a letter to each neighbor, advising them in advance of the party, and hired security. Post-party, the renters walked along the street, picking up any errant trash.

That was not enough for other nearby homeowners. Parties may legally drink in their own backyard, but law enforcement was repeatedly called for "loud noise." The sheriff's blotter indicated that "from the front of the

house, I could barely hear the music, but could hear the yelling from the college students." The renters were advised about the noise disturbance.

Party traffic is not an issue for many of the residents, as most students and coeds arrive and depart via Uber. But, they report, traffic becomes problematic for the entire cul-de-sac when law enforcement breaks up the party, as there is only one egress into the small neighborhood of six homes.

As the school year picks up, and studies become more of a priority, neighborhood tensions around this one home may lessen. But Villa Park residents, having heard the stories of wild Old Towne Orange happenings, are concerned that their "Hidden Jewel" has been "found" by Chapman University students.

Over the edge for Scouting

Fran Klovstad of OPA and Vikki Murphy of Orange recently went over the edge -- literally, 17 stories, or about 210 feet over. "That first step," said Murphy, "was the most difficult."

The two adventure-junkies rappelled down the side of the Irvine Marriott Hotel, raising money for Boy Scouts of America. They were among approximately 60 brave souls that took the plunge to raise over \$50,000 for the organization.



Fran Klovstad



Vikki Murphy

Handmade items abound at boutique

St. Cecilia Church, 1301 Sycamore Ave., Tustin will hold a gift boutique and bake sale from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14, and 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15.

Handmade Christmas and fall decorations, doll clothes, fashion accessories, hostess gifts, baked goods, jams and jellies will all be for sale, 90 percent of which have been hand-crafted by the loving hands of church members. All proceeds will benefit St. Cecilia.

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