



STRAIGHT SCOOP

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PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM

To promote the acquisition, restoration, safe operation, and display of historical aircraft
and provide an educational venue for the community

The BIG Meeting

Don't miss this year's [HOLIDAY AND GRAND PARTY MEETING](#).

This is not only the Pacific Coast Air Museum Holiday Party, but it is also the Annual Membership Meeting as required by our By-Laws. This meeting is where you (the membership) elect our three new Board Members to a three-year term.

WHERE; The Sonoma County Office of Education

WHEN: December 20th, 7:00-9:00 PM

DETAILS:

1. Since it is the Holiday meeting, members are asked to bring potluck dishes, hors d'oeuvres and holiday snacks to share.
2. We will announce the Volunteer of the Year, plus many other awards.
3. This is the chance to meet and greet members you have never met and to enjoy

EDITOR'S NOTE:

NORAD has again given some advance warning as to why they will be on a Special Alert from December 16th through the 25th. They have advised that they are expecting a very special flying craft from a Northerly direction headed towards The Sonoma County Airport. They also advised that this craft will be an open cockpit type and powered by 8 or possibly 9 separate power units shaped like Reindeer. NORAD Interceptor pilots have been advised to give this craft a priority escort throughout the area. I also have learned that a local Helicopter Unit (REACH) will be providing a special service for the operator of that craft and that it is scheduled to make a stop very near The Pacific Coast Air Museum on the 16th of December at approximately 11:00 AM. This information has proven to be very reliable and has also been approved for public dissemination.

www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org

(707) 575-7900

The Pacific Coast Air Museum

Location: At the Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport, North of Santa Rosa, West of Highway 101, at 2230 Becker Blvd, off North Laughlin Road.

Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. 10:00am—4:00pm.

“Climb Aboard”: A selected aircraft is available to “Climb Aboard” the third weekend of each month (weather permitting). Please visit our web site at www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org or call 707-575-7900 for details or further Information.

Member Meetings: Normally held on the third Wednesday of each month, 7:00pm, at the Sonoma County Office of Education, near the airport at the intersection of Airport and Skylane Boulevards. Interesting speakers are featured at each meeting.

“Straight Scoop”: The museum newsletter, “Straight Scoop” is published monthly and is available on line on the museum’s web site. Members are highly encouraged to submit articles for possible publication. The deadline is the 20th of the month prior to publication. All articles in the newsletter are covered by copyright. If you wish to submit articles or use any of the content, please contact:

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Membership Renewals: \$30 per year individual; \$45 per year for families. Send renewals to the museum at the address below.

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Display of Private Aircraft at the Pacific Coast Air Museum

Because of new aircraft acquisitions and TSA security requirements, we are down to very few spaces available for display of non-museum aircraft. Before you tow over or fly in, give us a call to make sure we have space. It's a service we offer when space is available and we are open. We have to certify that your aircraft was not only here, but was displayed on museum property and was here all day on a day the museum was open. We find that lots of folks want to display their aircraft on weekends near the end of the year. Please try to display your aircraft early in the year and give us a call to find out whether or not we have space before you bring your aircraft over. If we do, we're happy to work with you.

We have two spaces for the display of non-museum aircraft. One is on the pavement to the right of the F-14 (Pad # 2). The other is on the concrete hard stand to the right (West) of the F-14 nose, inside the rope (Pad # 1). We can no longer display private aircraft at the East end of our museum collection. The space at the East end previously used to display private aircraft has been taken up by our newly acquired S-2 and the remaining grass area belongs to Dragonfly Aviation. So, no more parking at the East end. **Do not park on Dragonfly Aviation property. We will not sign off any aircraft that do so.** The two aircraft display spaces are at the West end as described above.

We will take reservations up to seven (7) calendar days in advance. You MUST call the Gift Shop and get your reservation in the book for the day you want to display. If you haven't made a reservation, please call our Gift Shop before you bring your aircraft over to ensure that we have a space for your aircraft.

In order to get credit for displaying your aircraft, it must be on museum property (on Pad # 1 or #2) and be here for the entire day (10-4) on a day the museum is open. We're not supposed to certify you were here if you show up at 12:00 PM and want credit for the entire day, and we cannot certify your aircraft for days that the museum is not open. **Please be aware that we do not provide security, day or night and are not responsible for damages of any kind to private aircraft parked at the museum.**

When you leave your aircraft on display with us, you must come into the Gift Shop and log in. We cannot certify that your aircraft was here if it is not in the Gift Shop Log. The reservation does not count for this purpose.

If you leave your aircraft overnight, you will be tagged by airport personnel and have to pay tie down fees. There is nothing the museum can do about that .

Please don't leave your aircraft for more than two days at a time. First, it is not fair to others who might want to display their aircraft. Second, your aircraft may be in the way of museum maintenance activities and you will generate tie down fees due to the airport.

We have a long time requirement that you must be a Pacific Coast Air Museum Member to display your aircraft for tax purposes. We're providing a service that helps you save money on your property taxes. It seems reasonable that we should provide this service only to our museum members. If you are not a member and would like to display your private aircraft, we're happy to have you join. If you join for three years, I'll send you a personal thank you and a special museum Challenge Coin.

Finally, put a placard on the prop or in some other significant place that tells about your aircraft. You are displaying your historic aircraft at an Air Museum and get a tax benefit for doing so. There ought to be a sign on your aircraft telling our visitors about it.. When museum visitors ask our volunteers about your aircraft, without a sign or prop placard, we may not have much info to give them.

We want to help you display your aircraft to the extent that we can. Help us to help you. Thanks.

Executive Director's Update

Our aircraft collection is looking mighty spiffy these days with the addition of the CDF S-2 and the painting of the DC-6 and KC-97 Noses. Thanks to the many who worked so hard and long on these projects.

At long last we have a Membership Chairperson. [Kathy Kumpula](#), a long time museum member has stepped up to assume the Membership Chair position. She'll be meeting and greeting visitors and new members at our Member Meetings, recruiting new members on Climb Aboard weekends and at the Air Show, will be developing an annual Membership drive, and will be the "go to" person for questions and information about membership. Thanks for stepping up Kathy!

How about this for a Christmas Season idea? [Bob Conz](#) has announced that everything in the Museum Gift Shop will be 20% off for the entire month of December. That's a great deal as you look for Christmas presents for the kids and grandkids. We've got lots of Snoopy logo Challenge Coins and iron on Snoopy patches. We've also got Pacific Coast Air Museum bumper stickers. Stop by and load up on Christmas and birthday gifts.

My three year membership challenge is still out there for you to accept— if you join or renew for three years, you will receive a special museum Challenge Coin from me. Eleven (11) have already met the challenge, renewed for three years and their coins are on the way to them. Why not you?

We're working on an exciting new project and display for the Pacific Coast Air Museum; a flight simulator. Thanks to [Mike George](#) who is heading up the project and [Ray Smith](#) for his research and ability to somehow come up with hardware and software at very little cost. The simulator will be in the current library area. It will be used as an educational display and a donation of \$3.00 per use will be requested (just as they do at other museums).

Please remember to get your volunteer hours in to [Bob Eldredge](#) as soon as possible. At the Dec. 20th Member Meeting, we give out the Volunteer hour pins and if you don't send us your hours, we won't know what kind of pin to award you.

Speaking of the December meeting, its going to be a good one. First, its our annual Holiday Party and everyone brings a pot luck to share (so the food is yummy). Next, it's the meeting where we present awards and recognize the folks who have done so much for our museum during the year. It's also our election meeting where you can turn in your ballot and find out which of our four candidates won the three Board seats up for election. Look for election and membership renewal information in a flyer we will mail to all museum members.

As we near the end of the year, I want to pay tribute to our Museum President, [Jim Long](#), whose two years as President are coming to a close. Jim has been a stalwart for the Board, the Membership and the entire museum for the two years he has been President. His list of accomplishments is far too long for this column, but I'd like to mention just a few—he led the effort to build the new East Patio, got thousands of dollars worth of materials donated, spent a lot of his own free time tying rebar, pouring concrete, stapling on the roof covering, and a whole lot more. During Jim's two years we added eight aircraft to our collection and we have made great strides toward acquiring a prime piece of real estate for new museum location.

Executive Director's Update Continued.....

Under Jim's leadership the Air Show has become bigger and better. He has been both President and leader of the Board. He hired a new Executive Director and became a teacher, mentor, sounding board and friend that has helped the new ED immensely. Finally, take a look around at all the new aircraft, new displays and how great our Pacific Coast Air Museum looks. Thanks Jim, ..you done good!

Now, Jim is not going far—his term on the Board is not up, and we are looking forward to having [Guy Smith](#) as our new President. Guy brings a wealth of experience in aviation, around our airport, in Sonoma County history and in his love of the Pacific Coast Air Museum. We are all looking forward to working with Guy.

Finally, thanks to all of you for all you have done to make 2006 the outstanding year it has been for the Pacific Coast Air Museum.

Please accept Betty and my wishes for a very happy holiday season and a healthy, happy New Year.
Dave

Lunch Honoring Our Veterans

On November 2, 2006, [The Santa Rosa Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs](#) sponsored a "Special Luncheon Honoring America's Veterans" at Santa Rosa's Memorial Auditorium. A splendid group of 26 Pacific Coast Air Museum members and guests, most wearing their museum logo polo shirts, attended and we all sat together for the entire event. We were honored to have [USAF General \(Ret\) Jim Eade](#) and several other WWII veterans with us.

The entire program was a stirring tribute to our veterans and current men and women in uniform. The [Santa Rosa High School Symphony Orchestra](#) played not only the National Anthem, but each service song as well. [Michael Pritchard](#), a well known speaker, gave an emotional and patriotic speech called "Coming Home After You Come Home". Retiring of the Colors was accompanied by the playing of "Echo Taps" and not many a dry eye was left. Not only was it a wonderful tribute to our veterans, but it was a terrific en masse show of pride by the Pacific Coast Air Museum. We were noticed by many and all had a very good time. We'll organize it and do it again next year.



Pacific Coast Air Museum Building Fund Donations

From the start of our new museum Building Fund drive through mid-November of this year, the folks on this list have made generous donations for our new museum. We need your donations, no matter how large or how small, to support our building campaign. Many thanks to all on this list who made donations to the Building Fund. We are currently negotiating with the County for a wonderful new location on the airport. We are making progress. You can show your support by sending in a donation of any size. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

GOLD WINGS

(Donations of \$1,000 or more)

Apex Aviation—Jim Markel
Ron Dreyer
Lindsay & Margaret Marcom
Daniel Cassidy Estate
Howard Hall
Larry Rengstorf

Bill & Julie Conklin
George & Alicia Johnston
John Rutigliano
Jim Cook
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SILVER WINGS

(Donations of \$100 to \$999)

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Roger Olson	Darwin Paulos	Jodi Piscitello
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BRONZE WINGS

(Donations up to \$99)

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Randy Wetch	Jeanne Williams	Kristan Zwerling

The following folks accepted the Executive Director's "**CHALLENGE**" and renewed their memberships for three years. Their coins are on the way to them. Join this great group of folks and get a special coin just by sending in your check for three years of membership:

Les Carey	Judy Knaute	Bud Simmons
Mark Quattrocchi	Jerry & Susan Curry	Nelson & Jane Weller
Bill Greene	Ray & Jean Smith	Mary Lavezzoli
Barney & Claire Hagen	Paul Heck	

Help Wanted: Air Show Deputy Director for Operations.

You will train under current Ops Director Barney Hagen for the 2007 Air Show, and also work with **Bill Canavan and Dave Pinsky**. Some aviation experience and/or familiarity with FAA procedures and aircraft operations desirable. If you are interested, contact Barney or Dave.

DC-6 and KC-97 Noses

After months of work, the intrepid crew of [Bill Greene](#) and [Bill Carpentier](#), with lots of help from [Jim Cook](#), [Tony Sarganis](#), [Michael Callen](#), [Billy Kerhoff](#) and his dad [Bill and Dave Pinsky](#), the DC-6 and KC-97 noses were painted on a sunny Saturday in early October. Kudos to [Bill Greene](#) and [Bill Carpentier](#), who have worked for months restoring the DC-6 nose. There is still some trim, striping and finish work to be done, but check out these pictures . Great job guys.



The Latest Addition to the Pacific Coast Air Museum Aircraft Fleet

During the middle of October, 2006, a crew consisting of [Bill Canavan](#), [Larry Rengstorf](#) and [Dave DeWitt](#) went to McClellan Airport in Sacramento to prepare our latest acquisition - a CDF S-2 Fire- Bomber-Tanker T-84, for the ferry flight to Santa Rosa and the Pacific Coast Air Museum. They started the necessary maintenance and repairs under the watchful eye of the DynCorp maintenance supervisor (for CDF aircraft) [Bud Ehrk](#). Spark plugs were changed, tires and wheels changed, oil was changed and a gear retraction was performed. Several weeks later, Larry returned to McClellan for two days of maintenance, repairs and checks, including engine run-ups, to assure the plane was ready for flight. Later [Jim Cook](#) traveled to McClellan to bring back needed parts.

On Thursday, November 9, 2006, with a FAA ferry permit in hand, Pilot [Bob Vallette](#), with [Larry](#) aboard, flew the S-2 to Santa Rosa. They were joined in flight by [Bill Canavan](#) and [Guy Smith](#) in Bill's Bonanza as in-flight photographers to record the historic event. A large contingent of Pacific Coast Air Museum members met and welcomed the S-2 as it taxied off the runway after landing.

The S-2 has now joined our other aircraft on display and will stay in the CDF colors. This tanker was based at Santa Rosa during many fire seasons. It was a welcome sight to many here on the airport as it arrived, after several low passes before landing. The crew chief for our new display is [Garry Beverlin](#), a member of CDF here in Santa Rosa.

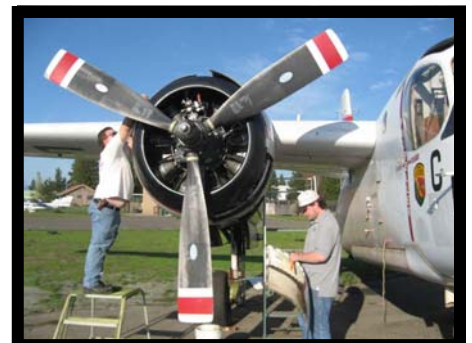
After some restoration and paint work, a dedication ceremony will take place, and all of you will be invited! Come on out and see our new addition.



Pacific Coast Air Museum's S-2's Last Run

Larry Rengstorf

Here is what I/we did this weekend! This is our museum's S-2 Fire bomber that we just flew in a few weeks ago, from the California Division of Forestry base in Sacramento Calif. I ran the engines every three days to lubricate them and finally last weekend we ran them for the final time and then preserved them with hot oil pumped into the cylinders and the engine. This will preserve them for a number of years. The plane will now go on static display at our Pacific Coast Air Museum - and I can go on to the next project. It was really a lot of fun -- fixing it, flying it, and finishing the S-2 for the museum. Enjoy the newest addition. A lot of people helped on this project, Thank You-- [Bill Canavan](#), [Jim Cook](#), [Jim Long](#), [Bud Ehrk](#), [Bob Vallette](#), [Dave DeWitt](#), [Guy Smith](#), [Bryan Lee](#), [Andrew Lee](#), [Gary Beverlin](#), [Bill Greene](#), and everyone else that helped - that I may have missed, and me, [Larry Rengstorf](#).





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December 16th
Climb Aboard
Santa Arrives at PCAM
@ 11:00 AM**

REMEMBER THESE DATES

December 13th @ 8:30 AM—Board of Director's Meeting at the Air Museum.

December 16th @ 11:00 AM— Santa Arrives at PCAM Via REACH.

December 19th @ 12:00 Noon—Executive Director's Staff Meeting at the Air Museum.

December 20th @ 7:00 PM— Member Meeting at the S.C.O.E.

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