



PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM

STRAIGHT SCOOP

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

Flag Raising at Pacific Coast Air Museum

On June 22, 2006, the American Flag was raised for the first time on the new flag pole on the new patio at the Pacific Coast Air Museum in what was a tearful ceremony for all involved.

It is a beautiful sight to behold

The pictures remind me of the great freedoms that we enjoy and the sacrifices made to keep those freedoms.

Editor.



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: Chris Tart, Editor
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New Museum Snoopy Novelty Logo

Thanks to the tremendous cooperation by Craig Schulz, Schulz Studio Artist Justin Thompson, United Features, and our own artist, Don Ricci, Pacific Coast Air Museum now has it's own, brand new, Snoopy Novelty Logo. As you can see in the above reproduction, it certainly leaves no doubt that Snoopy is walking by our A-26, with P-40s flying "top cover", and Mt. St. Helena in the background—it's our Air Museum.

The novelty logo will be used on an approved list of apparel and novelty items which we hope to have in time for the Air Show, and will also be sold in our Gift Shop.

A committee consisting of Craig Schulz, Norma Nation, Jim Cook and your Executive Director worked to make this happen.

Thanks.

Editor's Note:

Due to the large amount of important "Stuff" in this issue, the aircraft history and mystery aircraft articles will not be available. See them next issue.

The following e-mail was received by Jim Long on 5/30/06 and sent to the Board.

Board Members,

Please read this . For me, this makes it all worth it.

Dear Jim Long,

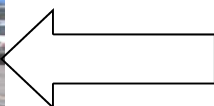
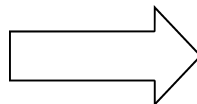
Thank you for getting the AV-8C. I've been waiting so long for it to come! Finally, a VSTOL fixed wing aircraft added to the collection!"

From Kenny (the kid who came on June 18th for his birthday).

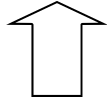
Jim Answered— Dear Kenny, Your message is very kind. Our ability to give aviation excitement to young people like yourself means we're doing our job, and especially for your birthday party! We all look forward to having you back, but don't wait until your next birthday-the Pacific Coast Air Museum's Wings over Wine Country Air Show is August 19 & 20, less that 3 months away! I hope to see you then, and I guarantee you'll have a great time. Thank you again for your nice messages.

Kenny responded— ps Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!!!):):):):)
(Smiley faces)

Executive Director Dave Pinsky and
Master Crew Chief Jim Cook congratulate Rich Stout
on his completion of his "Blue Angels" F-4 cockpit
simulator

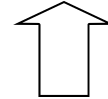


Rich Stout showing off his F-4 Cockpit Simulator to
Craig Schulz at the airport Open House



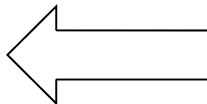
Pacific Coast Air Museum

A major participant in the First Annual Sonoma County Airport Open House



The DC-6 Nose

Being restored by Bill Carpentier & Bill Greene



This unit was once the nose of a fire-fighting aircraft here in the Sonoma County area

GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE.....SOLD

I want to thank those of you who have sent referrals for silent auction donations for this year's Air Show. I have followed up on those referrals and as a result, we have some very exciting items to auction off. Our donations thus far include two roundtrip tickets on Horizon Air Lines, a case of Merlot from Chalk Hill Winery, as well as a hot air balloon ride over Napa Valley.

However, if we are truly going to make this a success, more referrals for raffle and auction items are needed. The Air Show is just under two months away and I am again requesting your assistance. If you know someone who could be a potential donor or you yourself are a donor, please get the information to me. I will follow up on each and every lead provided in order to secure a donation. To maximize PCAM's exposure and the bidding process, please consider donations that not only have broad appeal but are also unique and unusual. Here is how to contact me:

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Executive Director's Update

As I sit down to write this, I realize there are so many things going on that I don't know where to start. So, how about starting with Billy Collins. Next time you are at the Museum, take a look behind the Gift Shop counter, just outside the office door. You'll find a brand new set of white shelves, specifically designed and built to house the many rack cards and handouts that used to lay on the Gift Shop glass counters. With no fanfare, Billy saw the need, built and painted the new shelves, and came out quietly one weekend and installed them while hardly anyone was watching. Thanks Billy!! The shelves look great. Now, let's turn to Mary Brown. Quietly, on nights and weekends when almost no one sees her, Mary Jane quietly changes out a lot of the museum displays. By rotating the indoor displays and exhibits, local visitors are more likely to come back for return visits to view the updated displays. If you haven't been inside our two museum buildings lately, drop in and take a peek at how great and professional they are looking these days. Thanks, Mary Jane. Have you been out to the big hangar lately and checked out the T-28? Its coming back together nicely. The amazing work of Crew Chief Bryan Lee and crewmembers Jack Caldwell, Glyn Rowley, Don Davis, Anthony Lee, Lynn Hunt, and others have this aircraft closer to flying status than any of us dreamed possible just a few months ago. Great job guys. While you are at the big hangar, take a look at the BEDE 5! Crew Chief Ed Nelson and John Henry have this little beauty looking so great that we took it to the shrimp feed where it was a huge hit. Terrific work gang!. Check out the A-26 and the DC-6 nose. Ron Stout has the A-26 looking better than ever. Bill Greene and Bill Carpentier are doing some amazing things with the DC-6 nose—good going guys. Al Morgan is doing a great job with our schoolchildren aviation education program and birthday parties, ably assisted by Al Cathcart and Barney Hagen. Thanks guys.

The weekend of June 19-20 has to go down as one of the best and most successful in a long time. We participated in the Airport's first annual Open House, had a highly successful two day Open Cockpit Event and of course our hugely successful First Annual Shrimp Feed Fund Raiser. A number of folks should be recognized for their leadership and hard work that weekend, which made it one of the best weekends for our Pacific Coast Air Museum in a while. One always risks leaving a deserving person out, but let's hope not, and here goes. Thanks to Jim Long and Jim Cook for their leadership and hard work in completing the painting of the new East Patio, installing the cover and making it beautiful and useable for Saturday and Sunday of that weekend. Thanks to Duane Coppock for his hard work and leadership in organizing the Pacific Coast Air Museum's participation in the highly successful Sonoma County Airport First Annual Open House. Thanks to Jim Cook, Rich Stout, Don Doherty, Bill Canavan, Guy Smith, Billy Kerhof and Roger Olson for being out there all weekend spreading the good word about our Air Museum and Flight Foundation. Thanks to Linda Wright for her hard work and outstanding organizational skills in organizing and bringing off our very successful First Annual Shrimp feed fundraiser. It was a fun event and came off very well and just about everyone raved about the evening. Thanks to Linda's daughters, Norma Nation, Steve Hoxie and all the many volunteers (including two Board Members—Larry Rengstorf and Paul Heck) who performed heroic duty as food servers for the 200 plus folks who showed up. Many thanks to the volunteers, docents, crew chiefs and crewmembers who staffed the Gift Shop, opened many cockpits and made our Open Cockpit Weekend one of the more successful in quite some time, and to Ron Stout who towed the aircraft early on Saturday and very late on Sunday. We all should thank Lynn Hunt and Steve Penning of the Sonoma Jet Center. SJC sold hot dogs on Saturday and donated over \$400 in proceeds to our museum. Thanks to members Terry Lorence and daughter Rachel for staffing the SJC hot dog booth. Let's not forget the guy who works so hard at putting out the "Straight Scoop" newsletter you are reading right now. Putting out a monthly newsletter is not an easy thing to do and Chris Tart is doing one great job. Thanks. If I have left anyone out, please be assured that it is inadvertent and know that your efforts are truly appreciated.

Now, we look forward to, and are planning for, our annual "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show, August 19-20. What a show it is going to be— a U-2 flyover on Saturday, T-38 formation flyover on Sunday, a C-17 amazing short field take-off and landing and aerial demonstration. A-10 / P-51 and T-6 Heritage Flights, F-18 Aerial demo, Stearman with wing walker, Edge 540 and Pitts S-2C Acro and Kent Pietch's Super Cub comedy routine. Add to this lots of great static displays, a huge number of war birds and a P-51 Tribute to the late Art Vance and you can see that we have one tremendous Air Show planned. Remember, we need volunteers —just contact Cindy Bertino to sign up. Thanks to all of you for all you do, for making the June 19-20 weekend so successful for our museum and for the pleasure of knowing you and being able to watch the many magnificent things you do.

Smooth Landings, Dave

July Guest Speaker is Sonoma County's own**Jim Markel**

Jim Markel is President of Apex Aviation Corporation. Apex is one of the Fixed Base Operators at the Charles M. Schulz - Sonoma County Airport providing fueling, aircraft maintenance and management, on-demand charter, hangar, and aircraft sales services. In addition to Sonoma County, Apex has operations in Concord and Napa.

Jim has been involved in the aviation industry, with a focus on the business airplane sector, for thirty years. He believes in being an active contributor and putting something back into both the local and worldwide communities his company serves. Jim recently completed a two year stint on the International Aircraft Appraisers Board of Governors and is currently the Chairman of the National Aircraft Resale Association; a Washington, DC based trade group that establishes ethical standards and best practices procedures for aircraft sales and leasing transactions. Here in Sonoma County, he sits on the Airline Attraction Advisory Committee and is a supporter, both personally and through his Company, of the Pacific Coast Air Museum.

Jim is an experienced pilot and maintains his flying currency regularly occupying the cockpit of corporate jets during business travel. He holds an Airline Transport Pilot certificate with Type Ratings in Learjet's, Citations, Falcons, Sabreliners, Challengers, Gulfstreams, and the Boeing 747.

Jim began his association with airplanes as a fighter pilot in the United States Marine Corps flying supersonic jets. During his seven years on active duty, he flew over 100 combat missions and was awarded five Air Medals and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Member of the Month

By: Linda Wright

This month, we honor Billy Kerkhof who was selected by last month's honoree, Mike Fenn. This was really interesting for me because when I look around at all our members, I have to wonder, "which one is he?"

Billy is one of the younger volunteers, but I learned that he is a real staple to our Master Crew Chief's roster. Billy is the Crew Chief of the F-5, and get this; his wife crews the F-14; (Billy recruited her for that). Billy proudly stated that his daughter, Carley, will eventually take over the F-5 when she has a bit more experience. Carley is 18 months old now, but she is a quick learner according to Billy. Billy says, "teach them the right stuff early on". Billy's eyes lit up as he told me how Jim Cook gave him three options and that without question the F-5 was Billy's choice. "It's got a little bit of the old and new in her, he said. Billy spent a lot of time learning about his charge, reading and reading more, and talking to pilots whenever possible. Billy's Dad used to roll him around the airport 30 years ago and today, Billy has made volunteerism a family project. It doesn't hurt that his wife's grandfather is the head of the restoration team down in Pensacola.

I asked Billy what his favorite part of this volunteering is and he replied that one of his favorites is talking to the kids during the Open Cockpit weekends. He says that the most frequent question he is asked is, "where are the guns"? There is always something to learn when talking to our Members of the Month.

I was surprised to learn that Billy works for Lee Histology Lab at nights and thus he is unable to attend the member meetings. When Billy goes to work, he handles over 200 different biopsies at times. He actually cuts the tissue into ribbons thinner than a hair, puts the samples on a slide and uses a stain so that the doctors can look at the cellular structure. MMMMM; that alone makes Billy a very interesting guy. Next time you see Billy, let him know how much he is appreciated and of course a great deal of thanks for the Kerkhof Family volunteerism and dedication. ATTABOY Billy.

Pacific Coast Air Museum Participates in Beale AFB Air Show

By: Dave Pinsky

On the weekend of June 3 & 4th, a team of thirteen Pacific Coast Air Museum (PCAM) members did us proud at the Beale Air Force Base Air Show. Our team, led by Norma Nation, Duane Coppock and Linda Wright, transported and set up our PCAM booth where we sold museum Gift Shop items and handed out "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show information.

The PCAM Flight Foundation flew their C-45 to Beale where it was on display for the very first time ever. It was extremely popular. Guy Smith and Don Doherty, who staffed the C-45, commented that the big rotary engines were the most photographed engines at the entire show. Despite the fact that we were not in a good location on Saturday, we moved Saturday evening, set up a second location by the C-45 and had an excellent day Sunday promoting our museum and Air Show, and selling gift shop items. Thanks to a lot of hard work we sold almost \$3,000 worth of items and netted a nice profit after expenses and cost of goods were figured; AND we got to see an awesome two day Air Show. The USAF Thunderbirds (and their first ever female demonstration pilot—she done good!!!), the U.S. Army Golden Knights, U2s, T-38s, F-15, F-18, Eddie Andreini in his Stearman, Rich Perkins and his L-39 Tigercat, Dan Buchanan in his hang glider and a number of other great acts. One of the highlights was the Air Force's newest airlifter, the C-17 Globemaster III, which put on an incredible aerial demonstration in which it took off in 1,000 feet, never left the traffic pattern, landed in 1,700 feet, then backed up half a mile and backed off the runway. The best news is that the C-17 will be at our "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show this year, as will the U-2 on Saturday and the T-38s on Sunday. Our merry band of 13 socialized together each evening, worked hard during the day, and all in all had a great time. Beale AFB personnel were wonderful to work with and made us all proud of today's U.S. Air Force.

Last, but not least, our Executive Director and his bride got to spend three days on his old base, living in base quarters, trying (and succeeding) in re-living his days of old. He was overheard telling the new Wing Commander that he's a volunteer to re-up and go back to Beale.

Many thanks to all who volunteered and helped and to Norma, Duane and Linda for all their hard work in bringing it off so well.



The "Merry Band of 13"

USAF Thunderbirds



C-17



East Patio- - A Long Awaited Dream Coming True

By: Dave Pinsky

The brand new East Patio, formerly known as the Lanai, is under construction and progressing nicely towards completion. Thanks to the generosity of Gloria Going, a friend of Fred Zanotto, our wonderful new addition to the Pacific Coast Air Museum is almost complete. Fred, a local attorney, winemaker and aviator lost his life in an aircraft accident last fall while returning to Santa Rosa from his office in Ukiah. Gloria wanted to donate something to the museum that would honor Fred's love of aviation. The East Patio became the avenue to do just that. Using plans developed by Tom Whitson, museum member and former board member, and under the expert construction management of Jim Long, our President, the project is progressing nicely toward completion. The preparatory earthwork was done by our own Guy Smith. Gravel was delivered and compressed. Jim then framed up the patio floor and before we knew it, concrete was being poured, and the framing for the overhead cover supports were in place almost like magic. On a cold and drizzly Saturday morning, Jim Long supervised the delivery and pouring of the concrete for the flagpole base. He was assisted (and supervised) by the other characters you see in the photographs below. Jim Cook, (renamed by the Executive Director with the call sign "Painter 01") painted the framing. Then Jim Long attached the screening material that forms the roof, and then as if by magic again, the flagpole was erected, again by guess who—Jim Long. (is he a real magician)? The stone is now cemented around the flagpole base. All that remains is landscaping around the patio and the plaque honoring Fred Zanotto to be manufactured and installed. We will have a grand opening and dedication sometime this fall. Many thanks to Gloria Going for her generous donation that made the East Patio possible, to Jim Long, (resident magician) for his expert construction management and sweat equity, and to Jim Cook and the others who contributed to making this long awaited project come to fruition. This terrific addition to our Pacific Coast Air Museum will provide a wonderful venue for birthday parties and other great events. We'll publicize the date of the grand opening and dedication. Hopefully, many of you will plan to be there.



Jim Long, Guy Smith, Jim Cook, Buck Darbley
Photographed by Dave Pinsky



Master Crew Chief's Coin is
in Flagpole Base



The East Patio is almost done

Not to be outdone, The Executive Director
placed a PCAM Challenge coin in the base as well



Shrimp Feed Photos



Jim Cook shows our Bede 5 to another "Cook",
Celebrity Chef Guy Fieri



Guy Fieri congratulates Jamie Cook for
winning an airplane ride



Guy thanks volunteer server
Betty Pinsky

Please Welcome These New Members to Our Museum

Sue Bonzell—Forestville

David, Claire, Will, and Nate Cooper—Santa Rosa

Robert & Nicki Panizzon—Santa Rosa

Tony & Arlene Lazzarini—Greenbrae

Anita P. Murdock—Santa Rosa

Tim Mozzaferro Family—Santa Rosa

George & Abigail McDonough—Santa Rosa

Joe Lash—Santa Rosa

Call for Volunteers—"Wings Over Wine Country Air Show"**Calling All Volunteers****Can you help with this year's Air Show?**

You sure can, by providing me the name and phone number of just one person to volunteer. As a volunteer, in exchange for their time, this person will see the show for free. The sooner you call, the better choice you'll have of working the following areas.

We are in dire need of Volunteer Managers and volunteers for the following areas:

Air Show Parking
Bank
Grandstand Ticket Sales
Inventory Control
North Beer Booth/ North Water & Soda Booth***
Popcorn Sales
Raffle Ticket Sales
Secretary Assistant, needed week before air show to assist with incoming phone calls.
Day before Set Up
Sunday tear down and removal of highway signs
Soda and Water Cart
South Beer Truck / South Water & Soda Booth
Staff Break area
Vendor Gate
Gate at Museum
Volunteer Parking Area

The only area in which folks have expressed interest so far is marked ***
Please contact Cindy ASAP, as her notes regarding the beer booth were lost.
Give Cindy a call at 707-544-8558 or email—cindybertino@aol.com

Wanted

We need someone to take over the video production of the Official 2006 Air Show Video. We have the use of the "Santa Rosa Media Center" production facilities for the editing of the video. Anyone interested? Please contact Al Cathcart at (707) 537-0370 or email at alsrb36j@sonic.net, OR see me at the Museum on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Thanks Al.



CLIMB ABOARD WEEKEND
Visit Pacific Coast Air Museum
Saturday & Sunday, July 15-16
Climb aboard the T-33 T-Bird,
T-37 Tweet, T-38 Talon
U.S. Air Force Trainers

REMEMBER THESE DATES

July 12th @ 8:30 AM—Board of Director's Meeting at the Air Museum.

July 15th @ 11:00 AM— New Member Orientation.
Learn the ins and outs of your air museum's operations and programs.

July 18th @ 12:00 Noon—Executive Director's Staff Meeting at the Air Museum.

July 19th @ 6:00 PM—Air Show Planning Meeting at the S.C.O.E.

July 19th @ 7:00 PM— Member Meeting at the S.C.O.E.

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