



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

Hattie Stone Does It Again

Many of you will remember that in December of 2005, [Hattie Stone](#) made the largest donation in the Pacific Coast Air Museum's history—\$25,000 to the Building Fund. Well, we opened an envelope from Hattie during the last days of December 2006 and were thrilled to find that our Hattie has done it again—another \$25,000 donation to our Building Fund.

Hattie, who is 88 years young, is a WWII veteran, having served as a U.S. Navy Petty Officer First Class from 1943-1945. She is a frequent visitor to our museum, often in uniform, sometimes driving her WWII Jeep. Hattie is Past President of our local American Legion Post and very active in local veteran's affairs. Hattie certainly exemplifies the patriotism and character traits of "The Greatest Generation"!



Hattie's generosity over the past year in donating \$50,000 to our Building Fund deserves a huge THANK YOU from every single member of the Pacific Coast Air Museum!

Thank you Hattie! Your generosity, as well as your service to our country, is greatly appreciated

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The time for the February 21st Member Meeting has changed.

The **Air Show Planning** Meeting will be held at the **Museum** at 6:00 PM.

The **Monthly Members Meeting** will be at the SCOE at **8:00 PM**

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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Help Wanted - - Air Show 2007, August 18-19

The 2007 Air Show is just around the corner (yep, we're already planning for it). We have a commitment from the C-17 crew that they are coming back, and we're lining up some terrific new civilian performers and military aircraft. Our Air Show Committee has been meeting and recently attended the International Air Show Council Conference. One of the things they stressed to us was getting volunteers lined up early. We need several department heads, section heads and several hundred top notch volunteers. If you sign up now and tell us what job you'd like to do, you'll probably get that job. If you wait till the week before the Air Show, that job may be filled. What are the benefits of being an Air Show volunteer? For one, you get to park without hassle. You get to see the show free. We feed you lunch and you are invited to a volunteer BBQ or Pasta Feed Saturday evening. As a volunteer you can get a special tour of the C-17. Most importantly, you'll be with a terrific group of folks and providing an extremely valuable service to the Pacific Coast Air Museum.

What kinds of jobs do we have available? Right now, most everything. We could really use a Volunteer Recruiter who, with last year's data base, could start recruiting volunteers for the 2007 show. We need folks in security, emergency response, ticket sales, front gate, beverage sales, ice cream sales, C-17 tours, recycling program, etc, etc. We'd love to have you join the great Air Show volunteer crew, and come back year after year. Many good Air Shows like ours have the same group eagerly coming back year after year. We'd love for that to happen with our "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show.

Send an e-mail to director@pacificcoastairmuseum.org, or call [Dave Pinsky](#), [Norma Nation](#), [Steve Hoxie](#) or [Linda Wright](#) at the museum, 707-575-7900 to ask questions, sign up or let us know what you are interested in helping with.

Pacific Coast Air Museum

Welcomes These New members

Ted Baggett Family—Healdsburg

Mike Bassignani-Sacramento

Neil Brem Family—Windsor

Robert Dickinson—Petaluma

Don Graham—Windsor

David & Kathie Lanatti & Family—Petaluma

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Bill Thompson—Santa Rosa

February Guest Speaker

Lt. Col. Bob Kennedy USAF (Ret.)

[Bob Kennedy](#) is a former B-52 pilot who was on White House Staff for Air Force One. He was the advance guy who went to the locations that the President was going next to arrange security.

He flew B-52s for two tours in Viet Nam, and transitioned into transports and flew the C-5A afterwards.

He retired from the Air Force as Lt Col from the Operations Center 22nd Air Force.

His talk will be about his experience on White House staff for President Ronald Reagan.

1966-1986
USAF-Pilot
B-52 & C-5A
Two tours in Viet Nam

For All You Scale Model Enthusiasts
SCALE MODEL EXPO 2007

There is a scale model contest and exposition featuring displays and demos by over a dozen hobby clubs; including railroad, radio controlled planes, ships and cars. There will be vendors with models, decals and books. The Pacific Coast Air Museum is sponsoring one of the trophies for this expo and contest.

The theme of the expo is: Models From the "[PACIFIC RING OF FIRE](#)"

Saturday, February 10, 2007
9:30 am to 4:00 pm
Petaluma Community Center
320 North McDowell Blvd
Petaluma, CA



For those of you who missed the news about our newest aircraft, here are two of them, the AV-8 Harrier and the S-2 Tracker. They both look “Ready to Fly”. That is due to our great Crew Chiefs and their crews, who spent many hours getting these aircraft ready for display. “Hats Off” to the Crew Chiefs and crews. (Pictures taken 1/27/07)

Did you know that The Pacific Coast Air Museum has 27 aircraft in it’s museum inventory!

A-26 Invader	C-118 Liftmaster	IL-14 Crate
A-6E Intruder	F-8C Crusader	F-4C Phantom II
F-16N Viper	F-14A Tomcat	UH-1H Iroquois
A-4E Skyhawk	HU-16E Albatross	RF-86F Sabre
F-86H Sabre	F-84F Thunderstreak	F-105F Thunderchief
T-33A Shooting Star	BAC 167 Strikemaster	T-37 Tweet
T-38 Talon	T-28C Trojan	F-106A Delta Dart
H-34 Chocktaw	AV-8C Harrier	S-2 Tracker
F-5E Tiger	BD-5J Bede Jet	Pitts Special S-1

Wells Fargo Center and Pacific Coast Air Museum Partner to Educate Kids

By: Allan Morgan

Last July, [Tracy Sawyer](#), the Education Program Coordinator with the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts, came to [Dave Pinsky](#) and me with a challenging project: Partner with Wells Fargo Center for the Arts in hosting one of the Artists in the Schools programs. The program was titled “The Wright Brothers, Aircraft History and Science Workshop”.

The Museum’s responsibilities were to visit with each of the participating five classrooms and conduct a 45 minute educational seminar two weeks before the Wright Brothers Musical Comedy performance at the Burbank Center. We were to present the history of flight, through the Wright Brothers, discuss the principles of flight using simple illustrations making and flying paper airplanes, how aircraft have affected our lives and a brief history of the Pacific Coast Air Museum.

The second meeting with the students was a tour of the Pacific Coast Air Museum on January 19th after the 100 2nd grade students had attended the production “The Wright Brothers Musical Comedy” at the Wells Fargo Center. At 11:00 Am, 100 schoolchildren, their teachers, and some parents came to the Pacific Coast Air Museum. Led by [Allan Morgan](#), they were broken up into groups of 20. Each group spent 15 minutes each in the Gift Shop learning about props and ejection seats from Ray Smith. In the Annex, they learned about flight by seeing a video presented by [Allan Morgan](#). [Rich Stout](#) explained the Huey to them as they sat inside that helicopter. They toured and sat in the cockpit of the Albatross conducted by [Bill Greene](#), and [Barney Hagen](#) showed the T-37 to the children and allowed each to sit in it’s cockpit. [Ed Nelson](#) staffed the Gift Shop and kept an eye on things there. It was a hugely successful day. The wide eyes, smiles and excitement on the faces of the kids reminded us of what this is really all about and made me, our Executive Director and all our docents feel quite good.

The day ended with all 100 schoolchildren eating lunch on and around our new patio, and the Wells Fargo Center presenting Dave with a check for \$1,500.00, with another \$1,000.00 to come later. Several of the parents and teachers said they would be back.

Our third visit was a 45 minute return to the five classrooms the week after the student’s trip to the Museum to do a review of January 19 and closing with a discussion of aircraft safety.

By all accounts, all parties the students, teachers, parents, Wells Fargo personnel and Museum participants were quite pleased with the results of the months of planning and preparation which culminated on January 19th, with 100 bright eyed, enthusiastic 2nd graders that now have a new perspective on the first powered flight that went 120 feet in 12 seconds.

It was truly a great event and a huge success for the Wells Fargo Center, the schools, and the Pacific Coast Air Museum.

Pictures of the event are on the following page. (7)



Executive Director's Update

Well, the New Year sure started out with a “bang”, the bang of frozen pipes. Many thanks to [Bill Greene](#) and [Barney Hagen](#) for quickly repairing our broken pipes, then insulating and covering the others which protected us without further damage throughout the extended cold spell.

The New Year also started out with your Board electing its new officers for 2007. Please join me in congratulating Board President [Guy Smith](#), Vice President [Bob Archibald](#), Secretary [Mike Voorhees](#) and Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer [Judy Knaute](#). [Roger Olson](#) is under contract for 2007 as Museum and Air Show Marketing Officer.

How about our wonderful WW II veteran and Pacific Coast Air Museum supporter [Hattie Stone](#) making her second \$25,000 donation to the museum's Building Fund!! Hattie - - your generosity is deeply appreciated.

[Jim Long](#) and I continue to work with the Airport Manager and County staff to gain approval from the Board of Supervisors to enter into lease negotiations for the Sheriff's Garden area across from the Airport Manager's office. What a great location this would be for our new museum.

We're hoping to have another Shrimp Feed Fundraiser on Saturday, June 9th, at the City of Santa Rosa's Finley Recreation Center. We are badly in need of several folks to join the committee to help plan and set up this event. If you are interested, please contact me at the museum (575-5900) or by e-mail (director@pacificcoastairmuseum.org) .

Many of you know that Horizon Air is bringing scheduled commercial air service to LAX and Seattle to our airport starting March 20th. Their introductory fares are amazing, and they are currently offering free flights to Disneyland for kids under 12 years of age.

The arrival of Horizon also brings TSA and increased security requirements to our airport and our Air Museum. We will be conducting an inventory of gate cards, and any gate card that cannot be accounted for will be made inactive by the Airport Manager's Office. Do not loan your gate card to anyone. And please make sure the gate closes when you enter and exit so unauthorized persons don't tailgate in and onto the airport. We've also been asked to ensure that unauthorized folks do not leave the museum area and enter the airport. That's one of the reasons there is a rope up now between the museum and Dragonfly Aviation. Finally, if you have a valid reason to drive on the ramp, do not cross the red lines into the aircraft security box. Doing so when an aircraft is there could bring serious consequences, including arrest and prosecution.

Aircraft on Page # 10 is the MV-22 B Osprey

Executive Director's Update (continued)

We have some extremely valuable Junior and minor family members who volunteer a ton of their time to the Pacific Coast Air Museum. After listening to a number of our volunteer staff and speaking with other museums, we have put together a policy regarding Junior and minor members participation as volunteers. Basically, minor and Junior members are to be supervised when they are at the museum, shouldn't be given projects to work on by themselves and shouldn't be placed in supervisory roles. It's really pretty much all common sense and safety related. Copies are available in the Gift Shop and museum admin offices. We're asking all Junior members, minor members and their parents to read and sign the procedures and return a signed copy to the museum.

During the past week I've had several museum members ask about the museum possibly selling some of its aircraft. The museum owns the Strikemaster and has been trying to sell it for about a year. It has a current annual and is in flyable condition. Recently Board Members [Bob Archibald](#) and [Paul Heck](#) have agreed to develop an aggressive marketing program with an eye toward selling the Strikemaster by this spring or summer. There are no plans to sell any other museum aircraft. The Flight Foundation owns the C-45 and Fouga and is currently exploring options regarding the future of these aircraft.

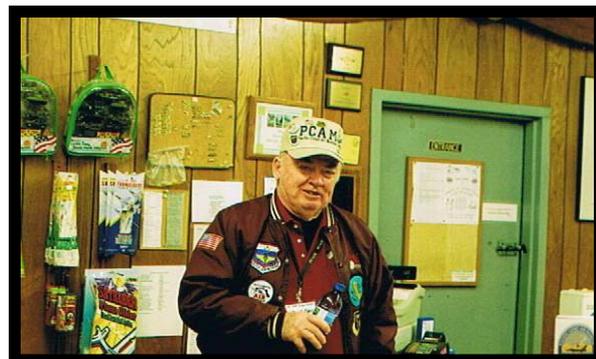
On Friday, January 19th, led by [Allan Morgan](#), the Pacific Coast Air Museum partnered with the Wells Fargo Center in a schoolchildren aviation education program. It consisted of visits to schools, a program on the Wright Brothers at the Wells Fargo Center, and over 100 schoolchildren, teachers and parents visiting the museum to learn about aviation and sit in our aircraft. Not only was it a huge, huge success, but the Wells Fargo Center donated \$2,500 to our museum for our partnership. Many thanks to [Allan Morgan](#), [Bill Greene](#), [Barney Hagen](#), [Rich Stout](#), [Ed Nelson](#) and [Ray Smith](#) for all they did to make this such a success.

Finally, we are already planning in earnest for this year's "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show, scheduled for August 18-19, 2007. A terrific lineup of civilian performers have agreed to fly at our show - - folks like [Dan Buchanan](#) (ultra light hang glider), [Gene Soucy](#) (Grumman Ag Cat), [Doug Jardine](#) (radial engine Sukoi 26), Team Rocket from Canada and [Spencer Suderman](#) (Pitts S-2B). The C-17 which "stole" the show last year is eager to return, and has agreed to do so. A lot of other very exciting things are in the works. This year for the very first time there is an excellent possibility that our Air Show guests will be able to order, pay for and print their Air Show tickets on-line. We are re-organizing our Air Show volunteer program - - if you can help organize and help manage our Air Show volunteers, give me, [Steve Hoxie](#) or [Norma Nation](#) a call. If you want to be a volunteer at this year's terrific show, let one of us know now, so you can work in an area that is of interest to you.

Our museum is off to a great 2007. We're in good shape financially, members have been renewing their memberships at a heartwarming rate, and we have plans to do some pretty exciting and interesting things, including some new activities, throughout the year.

I want to thank all of you who do so much for our museum, and make it the success that it is. I sincerely want to thank our Board of Directors and membership for the terrific support and encouragement they have given and continue to give me.

Dave



Here is our own Billy Collins on duty at the Gift Shop. Have you been there lately? There are “scads” of items to select from, and it would take you a long time to actually look at everything we have on display. Visit our Gift Shop soon and see what’s “in store”.



Can you name this aircraft?

Answer at bottom of Page # 8

The Following Article submitted by

[Bob Archibald](#)

One night during a bombing raid on Hanoi, [Captain Jerry Coffee](#), U.S. Navy, peeked out of his cell window and watched a flight of four F-105s during their bombing run. As they pulled up, it was obvious the lead was badly hit. Trailing smoke, he broke from the formation and Jerry watched the damaged bird until it disappeared from sight. He presumed the worst. As he lay there in his cell reflecting on the image, he composed a toast to the unfortunate pilot and all the others who had gone before and since him. On New Years Eve, 1968, [Captain Tom Storey](#) and [Jerry](#) were in the Stardust section of Hoa Lo (wa-low) prison. Jerry whispered the toast under the door to Tom. Tom was enthralled and despite the risk of terrible punishment, insisted Jerry repeat it several more times until he had it committed to memory. He then promised Jerry when the time came and they were again free men, he would give the toast at the first Dining-in he attended.

Tom's first assignment following release in 1973 was to the USAF Academy. During that same year, the Academy hosted the annual Air Force conference for General Officers and the associated dining in. Tom found himself seated with Generals [Curtis Lemay](#) and [Jimmy Doolittle](#). (two men of heroic proportions in their own rights). The jovial clinking of glasses accompanied all the traditional speeches and toasts. Then it was [Tom's](#) turn. Remembering his promise so many years ago, he proposed [Jerry's](#) toast; now named "[One More Roll](#)" When he was finished, there was total silence. To the men in that room, men who spent their careers flying into combat and laying their lives on the line, it was a stunning toast and one they would never forget:

"ONE MORE ROLL"

"We toast our hearty comrades who have fallen from the skies, and were gently caught by God's own hands to be with him on high, to dwell among the soaring clouds they have known so well before, from victory roll to tail chase, at Heaven's very door, and as we fly among them there, we're sure to hear their plea - - Take care my friend, check your six, and do one more roll for me"

A toast to POWs, MIAs, and all of our fallen comrades.



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Visit PCAM
February 17th-18th
Climb Aboard
A-26 "Invader"
@ 11:00 AM

REMEMBER THESE DATES

February 7th @ 8:30 AM—Board of Director's Meeting at the Air Museum.

February 17th @ 11:00 AM—New Member Orientation.

Learn the ins and outs of your air museum's operations and programs

February 20th @ 12:00 Noon—Executive Director's Staff Meeting at the Air Museum.

February 21st @ 8:00 PM—Member Meeting at the S.C.O.E. (note time)

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