



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

“WINGS OVER WINE COUNTRY”

The 2008 edition of the Pacific Coast Air Museum’s “Wings Over Wine Country” spectacular Air Show will take place on August 16th and 17th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This is **“The”** Air Show of the year. You do not want to miss this one. The C-17 is returning plus the P-38, U-2 and lots more. Get your tickets now and prepare for the “Premier” Air Show of Northern California.



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 26th 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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Get your 2008 *"Wings Over Wine Country"*

AIR SHOW

***PERFORMERS
RECEPTION***

Tickets Today!

Please join the **PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM**
in a Wine Country Experience welcoming the

Air Show Performers

at the beautiful

Vintners Inn / John Ash & Co. Event Center

at 4350 Barnes Road, Santa Rosa

on Friday, August 15, 2008 from 6 to 8:30 PM

- Meet and Mingle with the Air Show Performers
- Two Servings of Sonoma County Wine and Hors D'Oeuvres
- Entertain a performer as your guest.
- Dress smart casual suggested with flight suits OK for performers.

To purchase tickets and to a sponsor a performer, contact
Duane Coppock (707) 575-7900 or
Kathy Kumpula (707)544-4311
or come to the Air Museum.

Tickets are \$40 for each person
Questions, please call the Air Museum at 707 575-7900

President's Message

By Mike Voorhees

Our feasibility study has been completed and presented to the Board of Directors and the membership at recent meetings. The bottom line as far as the new museum facility is concerned is that we can reach our goals but it will take a little longer and will need to be accomplished in stages. One of the prime reasons for the longer completion time are the current economic conditions in general and particularly in the Bay Area counties.

The results of the study were presented to the Board on July 9th so we haven't had time to fully study and digest the results, let alone approve a plan for action. We shall do so promptly once the 2008 "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show has been completed.

Among the findings of the study was the opinion held by many of those interviewed that our should not presently become a "flying museum." Many believed that large-scale flight operations, involving several aircraft, should only be undertaken when our new facilities have been completed and their operations are financially stable.

Regardless of whether the Pacific Coast Air Museum becomes known as a flying museum, there is one aircraft destined for flight and that is our T-28 currently being restored by a very dedicated crew. The Board has been unanimous in its support for completing the restoration of the T-28 and operating it under our auspices.

We are now in the last weeks before our annual Air Show. If you want to make a monetary contribution to this Air Show there are several opportunities to do so. Please contact our Marketing Officer, Roger Olson, at 707-396-3425 or rogerolson427@comcast.net. If you would like to contribute your time, please contact our Air Show Volunteer Coordinator, Bobbi Lewis, at 707-837-0148 or rlewis6543@sbcglobal.net.

And, if you'd like to attend the P-38 (and now also the P-40 and P-51) reception at Kaiser Air on August 14th or the Performer Reception at the Vintner's Inn on August 15th, please call the museum at 707-575-7900 for ticket information.

I'll see you at the Air Show!!

Mike welcomes your questions and comments. You can reach him at president@pacificcoastairmuseum.org.

P-38 FUNDRAISER

Help welcome this aircraft to Santa Rosa
presented by

KAISER AIR
SANTA ROSA JET CENTER



TICKETS AT KAISER AIR & PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM

AUGUST 14, '08 5 PM - 7:30 PM



PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM
AIR SHOW 08

A **\$25** ticket gets you:

- Reserved Parking • See, touch & feel a P-38
- See the inside of the cockpit • A talk with the pilot
- Bring your camera & get a photo of you alongside an aircraft
- Wine, champagne toast, light snacks

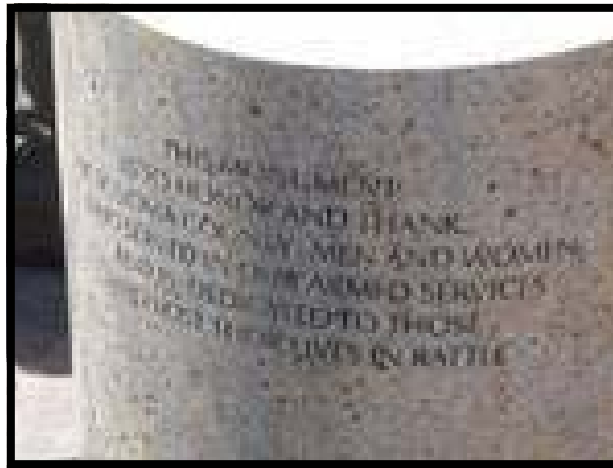
Celebrating Al Cathcart's Life

On Saturday, July 12th, members of the Pacific Coast Air Museum and [Al Cathcart's](#) family gathered to honor one of Al's last wishes - - that his life be "celebrated" at the Pacific Coast Air Museum. and celebrate this fine man, father, grandfather, friend, volunteer and crew chief we did, 150 strong, on the patio Al so much wanted built and loved after it was. Al's wonderful family provided pictures of handsome Al from his youngest days and throughout his life. Pacific Coast Air Museum members shared their fondest memories of Al. Family members spoke of their father and grandfather and their love and respect for Al was evident. Quite a few of Al's high school classmates attended and we finally heard the story of how Al got the nickname "Barney". President [Mike Voorhees](#) let the family know that Al's three year museum membership was being transferred to the families of his three children, [Christy](#), [Craig](#) and [Mike](#). At the end of the celebration, Executive Director [Dave Pinsky](#) led Al's family out to Al's Tweet, where, as a surprise to the family, he asked them to remove masking tape and paper from the side of the T-37. When they did, the aircraft that Al was the first and only crew chief of, sported "[Crew Chief, Al Cathcart](#)" on the right forward side of the fuselage. A fitting tribute to a fine man and a member of the Pacific Coast Air Museum who will be fondly remembered for a long, long time.



Dedication of Santa Rosa Veterans' Memorial

On Wednesday, July 2nd, on the Southwest lawn of Santa Rosa's City Hall, the long awaited memorial honoring Sonoma County veteran's who lost their lives in battle was dedicated. The ceremony was very well attended, and Congressman Mike Thompson, a Vietnam vet, said some very poignant words. Museum members in attendance were [Dave Pinsky](#), [Duane Coppock](#), [Chuck Root](#) and [Gary Greenough](#) (if there were others, sorry we missed you). Several families of deceased servicemen were there to help unveil the memorial. It was a touching patriotic ceremony for a memorial long overdue and for those who lost their lives and for their families. When you can, stop by to see it - - we think you'll be pleased and impressed.



VIET NAM MEMORIAL WALL

The Viet Nam Memorial Wall, "The Wall That Heals", will be in Santa Rosa at the Santa Rosa Memorial Park, 1900 Franklin Avenue, August 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st. Visiting hours are any time, 24 hours ea



Satellite image of the Washington D.C. Wall taken on [April 26, 2002](#) by the [United States Geological Survey](#).

The dots visible along the length of the angled wall are visitors

Executive Director Update

Things are really hopping around the museum these days as we finish the upgrades to the museum, got the Air Force Museum inspection visit out of the way, and ramp up for our annual "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show in a few short weeks.

The upgrades to the museum building are just outstanding, as is the new air conditioning in the building. The displays are better than ever thanks to the hard work of [Mary Jane Brown](#). The great "Tuesday/Thursday Gang" has cleaned up the area behind the museum, around the storage shed and under the old lanai - - it looks just great!! Thanks to all who worked so hard on these projects.

The Air Force Museum (technically it's the "National Museum of the United States Air Force" - - the Navy Museum had to change its name too) came and visited us July 11 for the operational certification visit we've been striving to get for over two years. It took a lot of work, a personal visit to the AF Museum in Dayton and a ton of paperwork just to get "administratively certified". So the operational certification visit was like giving birth after a two year pregnancy. The team of [Mary Jane Brown](#) (artifacts & exhibits), [Jim Cook](#) (aircraft exhibits), [Mike George](#) (computerized inventory) and [Duane Coppock](#) (facilities) and I prepared for the visit, briefed the rep and showed her our stuff. Our game plan was "if we can't dazzle her with our brilliance, we'll baffle her with ____" (just kidding). The rep was very impressed with the condition of our aircraft, our planning, the computerized inventory system (still in it's infancy), and how well integrated and well known we are around the airport community. We thought the visit went reasonably well. We're told we should know the results around the end of July or early August, so keep your fingers crossed. If we gain operational certification, we become eligible for the loan of Air Force Museum aircraft, parts and artifacts. The first thing we have our eyes on is an SR-71 engine waiting for us in Tucson!

The hammering you hear around the new patio is the fiberglass roof going in over the tan shade cloth. It's now finished and will provide a cover for our new patio which hopefully will be waterproof and allow us to advertise "birthday parties and other events, ***rain or shine***".

The celebration of [Al Cathcart's](#) life, reported on elsewhere in this newsletter, was very well attended and a heartwarming affair. To hear the love of Al from his grandchildren gave me goose bumps. Next time you are out at the museum, check out the right side of Al's Tweet. The family was touched when we unveiled it. [Ed Nelson](#) has volunteered to take over Crew Chief duties on the Tweet, and we all know he'll love it and keep it in great condition for his friend, and ours, [Al Cathcart](#).

Those of you who were at the July Member Meeting know that the Capital Campaign Feasibility Study is finished. President Mike Voorhees reported on it in his column earlier in this newsletter. You can get a copy of the Executive Summary if you'll drop by the Admin Office when we are open (but not during Air Show week please!). The results show that we can raise the money needed to build our new museum, but in two stages, due mainly to the planning needed and the current state of the economy. The Board plans to address the study results and next steps following the Air Show.

Speaking of the Air Show, only three weeks to go as I write this:

- Tickets for the Thursday night, Aug 14th, P-38 Reception & Fundraiser are going like hotcakes. We've added [Craig Schulz's](#) P-40 to the evening, as well as a pristine P-51 Mustang not seen at our airport before. Admission is by advance ticket sales only, so stop by the museum and get yours soon, before all 250 are sold.
- The Air Show Performer Reception tickets for Friday night, Aug 15th, are now on sale. Same price as last year, \$40, same great place, Vintner's Inn at John Ash. Again, advance ticket sales only, and we ask that if you can, please sponsor a performer.
- I'm really excited about this year's Air Show lineup - - two all female acts, a wonderful young Hispanic aerobatic performer, the amazing Aviation Hall of Famer [Kent Pietsch](#) doing two acts each day, one of which is taking off and landing on the roof of a truck! A U-2 will make several low passes on Saturday, and Beale AFB's black T-38s will be making low passes on Sunday. The C-17 is back, as are the F-18s and a great legacy flight to end the show each day.
- And the Air Force Reserve jet car will be back - - 400mph on our runway, and it will race one of our warbirds.
- Finally, the warbirds - - we'll have one of only three P-38s flying in the U.S. flying each day, along with a P-40, several P-51s and other warbirds.

This is one Air Show you won't want to miss, and you can't begin to see it all from your back yard! Air Show attendance across the country is up this year, so we are looking forward to one wonderful and well attended show. And you can still volunteer to help at the Air Show if you contact Bobbi Lewis at rlewis6543@sbcglobal.net ASAP.

Thanks to all of you who work so hard and give so much to our wonderful Pacific Coast Air Museum. See you at the museum and at the Air Show!

Smooth landings,
Dave



Can you name this aircraft?

Answer is at bottom of Page # 10

CAFE Foundation is holding the second General Aviation Technology Challenge Aug. 4 through August 10. The contestants are competing for up to \$300,000 this year. Prize money has been provided by NASA, and NASA dignitaries will be distributing the various cash awards at the banquet on Saturday, August 9.

BANQUET AND AWARDS CEREMONY G.A.T. CHALLENGE

The General Aviation Technology Centennial Challenge Banquet and Awards Ceremony will be held Saturday, August 9, 2008, at the beautiful Charlie's Grill at the Windsor Golf Club, just about 1 mile from the CAFE Flight Test Center.

Seating is limited, so please reserve now.

The evening will begin at 6:30 PM with a no host bar and hors de oeuvres on the patio. Dinner will begin at 7:30 PM. The buffet menu consists of:

- Mixed green salad with two choices of dressing
- Grilled chicken breast marinated in lemon cream sauce
- Pasta with pesto made from fresh basil, garlic, pine nuts and parmesan
- Potatoes au gratin
- Seasonal vegetables
- Rolls and butter
- Apple strudel with fresh whip cream (no raisins or nuts)

Charlie's is located at 1320 19th Hole Drive, Windsor, CA 95492. Their phone number is (707) 838-8802, and their website is www.charlieswgc.com.

Dress for the evening is casual. It can be what you had on all day at the airport, as there might not be time to go back to your home or hotel and freshen up.

Following the dinner will be the Awards Ceremony with surprise keynote speakers and the suspenseful presentation of cash prizes totaling up to \$300,000.

Cost for this special evening at the G.A.T. Banquet and Awards Ceremony is \$36 per person. This includes tax and gratuity. Please make checks payable to "CAFE Foundation".

Remember, seating is limited, and the deadline for paying for tickets is Wednesday, August 6th, so be sure and reserve your spot now.

You may pay Meg Hurt at the G.A.T. Centennial Challenge, or checks may be mailed to Meg Hurt at 1711 Calavaras Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95405.

Answer to aircraft on Page # 9 is: The Fairchild C-123K



AIR SHOW 08

The Pacific Coast Air Museum's resident artist, **Rose Pattenaude** (above), has decorated the ice cream boxes below) in preparation for the Air Show, August 16th and 17th. As I write this there are only twenty-one days remaining— will all of your preparations be ready by then?

Duane Coppock



C-47 Palm Springs Air Museum



P-47 Palm Springs Air Museum



Visit the Pacific Coast Air
Museum's
"Wings Over Wine
Country" Air Show
August 16th & 17th

REMEMBER THESE DATES

August 6th @ 8:30am Board of Director's Meeting at the Air Museum

August 13th, 7:00pm— Air Show Volunteer meeting, at the Air Museum

August 14th, 5:00pm— P-38/P-40/P-51 Reception (by advance ticket sale only)

August 15th, 6:00pm— Performer Reception, Vintner's Inn, (advance ticket only)

August 16th & 17th "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show

August 19th 12:00 noon—Executive Director's Monthly Staff Meeting

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