



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

The **BIG HOLIDAY AND GRAND PARTY MEETING** December 17, 2008

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 (SCOE)

WHEN: December 17, 2008, 7:00—9:00 PM

DETAILS: Since it is the Holiday meeting, members are asked to bring potluck dishes, Hors d'Oeuvres and holiday snacks to share. We will announce the Volunteer of the Year, plus many other awards. This is the chance to meet and greet members you may never have met or have not seen in a long time and to enjoy the fellowship.



Santa arrives at the Pacific Coast Air Museum at 11:00am on Saturday, December 20th. To help celebrate his arrival we will have hot dogs and refreshments and games and lots of stuff for kids of all ages to enjoy. A Petting Zoo, Clowns, & "Jumpies" are just a few of activities scheduled.

Membership Renewal, Planned Giving & Board Elections

In the next few days you'll be receiving a very important envelope with the Pacific Coast Air Museum logo and return address on the outside. It will contain: (1) 2009 membership renewal, life member and donation info and application; (2) Planned Giving brochure with info on how to remember the Pacific Coast Air Museum in your trust, will, estate, etc; (3) Candidate statements and ballot for the Board elections; (4) Envelope to mail your membership renewal, life member application and election ballot back to us. We know you get a lot of mail around the holidays, but this is the only one you'll get from your Air Museum (other than your 2009 membership card and thanks for those who become Life Members). It is probably the most important thing you'll receive from us all year. Please, please look it over when you get it. Then don't procrastinate - fill out the membership renewal form, write a check, vote for not more than three Board candidates, and mail it back to us not later than Dec 17th (ballots are due by 7:30pm that night). For those who would like more information on Planned Giving, we have an elder law attorney who can advise you on a strictly confidential basis, at no charge. Give me a call or an e-mail for further info.

Dave

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 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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Stan Strout Commemoration

By: Bill Carpentier

In September PCAM lost a warm and wonderful man - and a real WW II hero. His type of heroism was of the quiet kind, and it took me over 10 years to piece together those things that made him a hero while in the military - as well as a strong, dedicated, and unselfish contributor to two air museums, after the military.

Stan was one of a unique group of men who, in February of 1941, joined the United States Army Air Corps before we were actually in a shooting war. After basic training he was shipped to Australia where he helped load crated P-40's onto our first aircraft carrier, CV-1, the *Langley*. The ship was ordered to deliver these aircraft to Java and Stan was slated to accompany that shipment. His orders, fortunately, were changed at the last minute to go to India because the *Langley* was subsequently sunk by Japanese air and naval forces. After assembling many of the P-40's in India (some of which went to Chennault's AVG group, the Flying Tigers), his squadron was transferred to a small village in China near Chungking where he spent the rest of WW II as a P-40 and P-51 Crew Chief in the area called the CBI (China-Burma-India Theater), also called "The Forgotten War."

His squadron was supposed to get rations of U.S military food flown in regularly, but the Chinese somehow "misinterpreted" the orders and appropriated the rations which found their way into their own stores. Consequently, from 1943 through 1945 Stan and his squadron mates were fed nothing but Chinese peasant food cooked in fish oil and they became so emaciated and undernourished that when they got an annual two week furlough, they spent it in a Medical Rehab Hospital in Australia. It was necessary to rebuild their bodies and energies!! This was their only "R & R"!

Stan was a Charter and Founding Member of the Redwood Empire Aviation Historical Society (REAHS) along with another member of that group who has left us, [Harrison Rued](#). REAHS existed as an active museum from 1988 until we merged with PCAM in 1999. Our activities around building both of the Dioramas now in our PCAM museum were accompanied by establishing a separate aviation history museum in Healdsburg, and a great deal of PR in the county with presentations to various groups.

Stan was the power source for many of our programs, and he was able to design, build, and properly maintain an endless group of construction model projects. He overcame problems calmly and thoroughly, and his favorite saying when we began to get edgy over a problem was "let's spec it out".

As a PCAM volunteer, he taped our monthly meeting speakers for over three years, worked in the history group regularly, and provided many historical artifacts from his own collection which we now house in our museum.

During his final days he talked constantly of our museum, aviation history, how wonderful it was to work with [Ray Anderson](#) in historical research. The last time I saw him he was very "up" and had a big, warm smile on his face.

Thanks for being with us, Stan

Luncheon Honoring Veterans

On November 6th, the Santa Rosa Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs held a huge luncheon at the Santa Rosa Vets Building to honor our military veterans. For the fourth straight year, a large group of Pacific Coast Air Museum members attended, attired in their museum logo shirts and name tags and sat together. A special touch this year was a tribute to military veteran [Al Cathcart](#) who passed away earlier this year - - he was remembered with a seat saved for him and a name tag reserving the place in memory of Al.



Having a nice time



In Memory of Al Cathcart



PCAM President Voorhees (right), with member Richard Dunlap & wife Genelle



Our Museum Group

Air Museum Leader Honored by Sonoma County

Santa Rosa, CA - November 26, 2008 – The Sonoma County Economic Development Board is honoring [Roger Olson](#) as one of the recipients of the 2008 Sonoma County Spirit Awards. The award honors those who contribute to the economic development and enhancement of the communities in which they live and work through donations of their time and expertise in support of local business and in helping others. The 8th Annual Spirit of Sonoma County Awards Luncheon will be held on Friday December 5 at the Doubletree Hotel, Rohnert Park from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Olson, who was nominated by the Windsor Chamber of Commerce, has been a long standing contributor to the PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM (PCAM). He is currently the Marketing Director for PCAM and a Realtor with Frank Howard Allen Realtors in Healdsburg. Olson's long years of service to the community in Sonoma County began in 1971 when he joined the Active 20/30 club. He became a Rotarian in 1984 and has since moved his Rotarian membership to the Healdsburg club. In 1989 Mr. Olson joined the Pacific Coast Air Museum and has held several leadership positions in the organization.

His work at the museum includes helping start the first annual Open House at the Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County Airport. With his efforts, and the efforts of PCAM leadership, this event has grown into the “Wings Over Wine Country Air Show” that attracted more than 21,000 spectators in 2008.

Please join us in congratulating [Roger Olson](#) for his contribution to the community and for receiving this special award.



Can you identify this PCAM Member? Answer at bottom of page # 8



The A/C at the right is the O-1 “Birddog”



100 STUDENTS HAVE FIELD TRIP AT PCAM

The Pacific Coast Air Museum, in partnership with the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts, hosted 100 5th & 6th grade students from Old Adobe & St. Eugene's schools on a 2 hour field trip to PCAM. Five educational stations were open for the students including the Albatross, the IL-14 and the Huey Helicopter. About 10 PCAM docents were on hand to welcome the students, teachers and parents aboard the aircraft. The students had five 20 minute classes or 20 minutes at each station to learn about the mission and basics of each air plane. This event began with [Allan Morgan](#) making a one hour presentation to each of the four classes about aviation History and "First Black Combat Pilot", Eugene Bullard. The students attended a play at the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts about Eugene, then came to the museum for the field trip. A follow up visit to the class rooms will be made November 24 and 25 to recap the stage play, the field trip and expand the students understanding of aviation safety and the affect air travel has had on every day life.



Pacific Coast Air Museum & The Town of Windsor; A Partnership

In March, 2008, Town of Windsor Assistant Town Manager, [Christa Johnson](#) and Community Services Director [Donna Legge](#) met with the Pacific Coast Air Museum Executive Director [Dave Pinsky](#) and Marketing Director [Roger Olson](#) to discuss a partnership to mutually benefit the town of Windsor and the Annual PCAM Air Show.

The Pacific Coast Air Museum provided a banner advertising the "Wings Over Wine Country Air Show" for the Windsor's Town Green weekly Summer series concert and movie events. PCAM also had an article in the Town's Summer Recreation guide promoting the event.

Mayor Fudge presented PCAM President [Mike Voorhees](#) and PCAM Executive Director [Dave Pinsky](#) and [Roger Olson](#), the Marketing Director with a Proclamation on August 6, 2008, declaring the third week in August 2008 Pacific Coast Air Museum "Wings Over Wine Country Air Show" week.

The town of Windsor was listed as a sponsor of the Air Show on the banner and in the PCAM Air Show Program as well. The town also had a half page ad in the program, letting all attendees know that Windsor is only 7 miles North of the airport. [Mayor Deb Fudge](#) welcomed the Air Show audience on Saturday, August 16. The town of Windsor also arranged for the Windsor Chamber of Commerce to promote local businesses at a booth at the Air Show. Downtown businesses also displayed welcome flyers in their windows to promote the Air Show.

The Town of Windsor and The Pacific Coast Air Museum are already collaborating on next years partnership and how to expand it and make it "Pacific Coast Air Museum and Windsor Air Show".

Executive Directors Update

We received some wonderful news in mid-November from [Paul Ignalls](#), a member of the [DeLong-Sweet Family Foundation's](#) Board of Directors—museum. approved our grant request for \$25,000 to help fund the environmental study and report required for our new museum on Airport Blvd. Step by step, we are moving closer to the dream of a new museum building and grounds at a terrific new location. Thanks to members [Steve Kwok](#) and [Mark Quadrocchi](#) who put us in touch with [Paul Ignalls](#) and the [DeLong-Sweet Family Foundation](#). And many thanks to the [DeLong-Sweet Family Foundation](#)!

As I mentioned in an article earlier in this newsletter, you will soon receive (or already have received) the most important mailing the Pacific Coast Air Museum does all year - - membership renewal, Board elections and Planned Giving information. The Board of Directors has established a paid up Life Membership category and that information is included as well. Please take a moment to open and read the material, then fill out the membership renewal, consider becoming a Life Member, vote for up to 3 candidates for the Board, write a check and mail it all back to us. **Ballots for the Board must be received not later than 7:30pm the evening of Weds, Dec 17th. They can be mailed, hand delivered to the Admin Office or given to Duane or myself at the Dec. Holiday Member Meeting, up until 7:30pm.** With the planning for our new museum hitting full stride, this is a very important Board election, so read the candidate statements and cast your votes for up to 3 candidates for the Board of Directors. The Thanksgiving holiday cut our time to get the candidate statements and ballots out to you, so please open right away and get those ballots, renewals and checks to us right away.

We've included a brochure in the mailing which explains Planned Giving, a way for you to remember the Pacific Coast Air Museum in your trust, will, estate, etc. We are fortunate that elder law attorney and museum member [Deirdre Kruse](#) has offered to advise and assist anyone who wants more information on planned giving, and to help set up Planned Giving to the Pacific Coast Air Museum at no cost. Contact Deirdre at (707) 546-4970 or at dk@elderadvocate.net. This is an excellent way to help the museum.

With Thanksgiving behind us, it won't be long now until our wonderful Annual Holiday Party on Dec. 17th, 7:00pm, at SCOE. It's the meeting I most look forward to all year long. The best part for me is the awards given out to so many deserving members - - Volunteer of the Year, President's Awards, Volunteer Hour Pins, and more. It's a Pot Luck so the food is always delicious. The President will give a wrap-up of the highlights of this great year, the Board election balloting will close at 7:30pm, the counting will then begin and the winners of the three Board seats for this year will be announced.

Finally, another favorite event of mine, and of so many members and families in our community - - the Annual Santa Fly-In. It's set for Saturday, Dec. 20th. [Santa](#) will fly in at 11:00am. However, our doors will open at 10:00am and we have lots of fun activities planned - - jumpies, clown, face painting, a petting zoo and our fabulous "Hot Dog Thursday" gang will be cooking them up for purchase by everyone. It's a rain or shine event, and with the new cover on the patio, [Santa, his helpers](#) and the children and parents waiting to see him should be dry, rain or shine. It's been a wonderful year for the Pacific Coast Air Museum.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to our success this year. Simply put, we couldn't do it without each and every one of you. My heartfelt thanks - - you make me proud and happy to work with you and be associated with this fine organization.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Holidays to each of you and your loved ones,
Dave

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 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.

Platinum Wings

(donations of \$10,000 or more)

Hattie Stone

The DeLong-Sweet Family Foundation

Gold Wings

(donations of \$1000 to \$9,999)

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Jim Cook
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Howard Hall
Steve Kwok
John Rutigliano

Daniel Cassidy Estate
Duane Coppock
Ron Dreyer
George & Alicia Johnston
Jim Long
Carl Thompson

Bill & Julie Conklin
Dick Dennis
Barney & Clare Hagen
Judy Knaute
Larry Rengstorf

Silver Wings

(Donations of \$100 to \$999)

Earl Aagard
Dean Abramson
Tony Bassignani
Robin Bloomquist
R. Malin Campbell
In Memory of Robert Cha
Gil & Marianne Delagnes
General George J. Eade
Larry Ford
Frank & Naomi Gulick
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Steve Hoxie
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John Creech
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Robert Fiora
Bill Greene
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Arthur A. Kransberger
Kenneth Lawson
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Lawrence & Carol Manhart

Diane Barrett
Robert Bernard
Howard Bogg
In Memory of Hillary Beverlin
John Charlebois
Phil Danskin
Doug Eastman
Jerry & Donna Ford
David Gregory
Dick & Marilyn Gulledege
Jack Hickey
Larry Houghton
Carolyn R. Knight
Ron Kron
Dick & Carol Lewis
Don Madson
Lindsay & Margaret Marcom

Picture on page #5 is Dave Pinsky,
Executive Director of PCAM

Silver Wings (continued)

Mr. & Mrs. Sal Massaro	Bob Moon	Mike & Sandy Morgan
Daniel Mosier	Terry & Sandy Nelson	Donald & Joella Olsen
Doug Olson	Roger Olson	Glenn W. O'Neil
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Bronze Wings

(Donations up to \$99)

Phillip A. Aaron	Craig Ahswede	Jon Ahnberg
Robert Anderson	Bob Andrews	Ed Bale
George Barr	Jerry Bas	Steve Benjamin
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Bronze Wings (continued)

George Fenisey	Donal Figone	John Fisher
Dennis Flynn	John Funkhauser	In Memory of Larry Fostmeier
Cynthia Furst	Ezio Gallarate	Brian & Trudy Garman
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Chuck Thomas & Family	Phil Trowbridge	William & Barbara Van Asdian
William & Alice Veiga	Bud Waldo	Brad Wallis
Tom Walters	Jeffery Webber	James Weetman
Randy Wetch	Bill Wight	Capt. Robert M. Wicklund
Jeanne Williams	Ted Wilmsen	TE Wilson
William Wise	Jeff Wolford	Quincy & Jan Zlotnick
Kristan Zwerling		

ELECTION ALERT

This year's nomination committee for the up and coming election for the Pacific Coast Air Museum's Board of Directors was tasked with the job of recruiting and qualifying candidates to run for the board.

Our museum is entering into a new and exciting stage of growth. Because of this dynamic change, the board of directors and the museum's administration are also undergoing a time and need for change. The museum has become a very successful "non-profit" organization and has reached a point of being a true business with all of the management and decision making needs and goals of a "for-profit" company. Because the board of directors will be very important in the process of defining and steering the museum towards these goals, the nomination committee chose to "think out of the box" or in this case, think not only in but also outside of our general membership.

The fields of experience that were targeted were legal and professional, business management and financial planning and control. Non-profit board of director experience was also a recommending factor in qualifying candidates.

The nomination committee is pleased to report that this year's election has six (6) candidates running for three (3) seats on the board of directors. Three (3) of the candidates are incumbents running for re-election and three (3) are new members. All are qualified as candidates for election to the board of directors.

Very shortly, you will receive an election ballot along with your membership renewal. Please fill it out and return by mail or bring it to the "Christmas Party" and general membership meeting on December 17th. Your vote is important!

Last Chance to Make Tax Free IRA Rollover Donation

If you are age 70 1/2 or older and own an IRA or other type of qualified retirement plan, you may make a tax-free rollover gift to the Pacific Coast Air Museum if you do so by December 31, 2008. Most withdrawals are taxed, however Congress has extended a 2007 provision to allow this time-limited opportunity to make a tax free rollover to charities such as the Pacific Coast Air Museum.

1. This must be directly donated to the Pacific Coast Air Museum (or other qualifying non-profit) from a traditional or ROTH IRA. If you have a different type of plan, you must first make a tax free transfer to the IRA before donating to us.
2. You cannot personally withdraw the gift. It must be transferred directly to the Pacific Coast Air Museum or have your plan administrator make the check out to the museum.
3. Your gift will count toward your minimum annual distribution.
4. This must be completed by December 31, 2008, so time is of the essence.
5. Maximum contribution from all IRA'S is \$ 100,000.

If you have any questions, please contact Dave Pinsky at the museum, or elder law attorney and museum member [Deirdre Kruse](mailto:dk@elderadvocate.net) at dk@elderadvocate.net



Visit PCAM
December 20th
Santa Arrives at 11:00 AM
Hot Dogs, fun stuff for all

REMEMBER THESE DATES

December 2nd @ 12:00 noon Executive Director's Staff Meeting.

December 3rd @ 8:30 AM Board of Director's Meeting at the Air Museum.

December 17th @ 7:00 PM - Annual Holiday Party, Awards, Elections and Member Meeting, Sonoma County Office of Education (SCOE)

December 20th @ 11:00am—Annual Santa Fly In at the Air Museum.

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