



# STRAIGHT SCOOP

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



Pictured above is [Mary Jo Johnson](#), Master Story Wizard and Pride of the Pacific Coast Air Museum's community enrichment activities.

Mary Jo Johnson's Story time program has resulted in a large amount of positive feedback for her and the museum.

To read more about this gifted PCAM member; turn to pages 7 and 8. Read all about it. Spread the word. Mary Jo is "in the building".

"Way to go, Mary Jo"

[www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org](http://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](http://www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org) or call 707-575-7900 for details or further information.

**Member Meetings:** Normally held on the third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm at Mesa Beverage Company, Inc. 3200 N. Laughlin Road, Santa Rosa, CA

### “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: Chris Tart, Editor, 1064 Maple Drive, Windsor, Ca 95492, 707-836-9226 [sctartusaf@yahoo.com](mailto:sctartusaf@yahoo.com)

### Membership Renewals:

\$30 per year individual; \$45 per year for families. Send renewals to the museum, address below.

**Address Corrections:** Please send to: Pacific Coast Air Museum, 2230 Becker Blvd., Santa Rosa, Ca 95403

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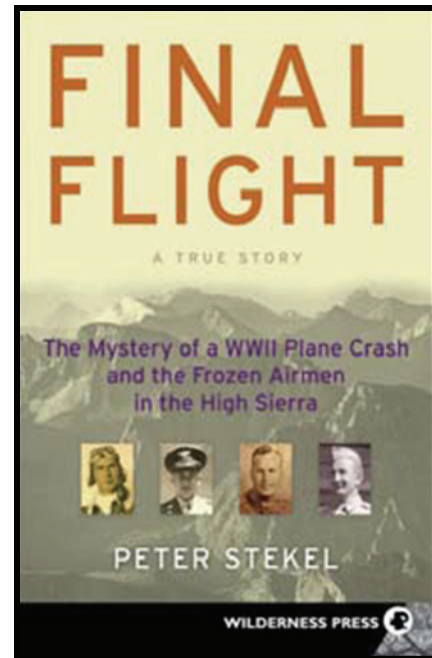
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Guest Speaker for April

Join us at the Membership Meeting on April 20th to hear our guest speaker, Peter Stekel, Author who will discuss his most recent book, "Final Flight: The mystery of a WWII Plane Crash and the Frozen Airmen in the High Sierra".



## Peter Stekel

Author, *Final Flight: The Mystery of a WWII Plane Crash and the Frozen Airmen of the High Sierra*

Peter Stekel is an award-winning writer specializing in feature articles and photography of the Sierra Nevada. Stekel grew up in Southern California and has been hiking and backpacking in the Sierra since he was twelve years old.

Peter Stekel's first trip to the Sierra Nevada was at summer camp with his Boy Scout troop in Sequoia National Park. Under the weight of a heavy backpack and his own inexperience in the wilderness, Stekel believed he might actually die from exhaustion. Upon reaching their destination—amidst the beauty of an alpine lake, granite cliffs, and wildflower fields—Stekel changed his opinion, and believed he *had* died—and gone to heaven. Since that time he has hiked all over the Sierra Nevada, returning again each year.

Peter Stekel is also the author of *Best Hikes Near Seattle*, and the novel *The Flower Lover*. Stekel has appeared as an authority on the Sierra Nevada in various national and international media outlets including National Geographic, BBC 4, and many other print, radio, and television media. He holds a B.A. in Botany from the University of California at Davis, and a teaching credential from Humboldt State University.

He makes his home in Seattle with his wife, their tropical fish, and a menagerie of stuffed animals.

## **STRAIGHT SCOOP**

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Delbert & Barbara Kron - Windsor  
Rick Thorson – Santa Rosa  
Wayne Miller Family – Sebastopol  
Benjamin Morrissey Family – Cloverdale  
Mary Thompson – Santa Rosa  
The Ricci Family – Santa Rosa  
David & Carol Carlson – Rohnert Park  
James Fisher – Windsor  
Bryan Penfold Family – Santa Rosa  
Peter Martin – Rohnert Park  
Kenneth Ross – Windsor  
Donald Closton – Santa Rosa  
Steve Bishop Family – Santa Rosa  
The Sibert Family – Healdsburg  
Dick & Nancy Lammerding – Cloverdale  
Joe Castillo – Petaluma  
Royal Wald – Santa Rosa  
Dale Brown Family – Incline Village, NV.  
Don & Helle Thoman, Santa Rosa  
Allen Hall – Windsor  
Ron & Kristy Burton – Windsor  
V. Georgia Fauss – Santa Rosa  
Robert Swann – Santa Rosa  
Brad & Karen Shaver – Forestville  
Jeff & Samantha Stewart Family – Windsor  
Lesly Taboada-Hall – Sebastopol  
George Taylor – Marshalltown, IA  
Michael Hart – Santa Rosa  
Steven Cole – Vacaville

### **NEW LIFE MEMBER**

**The Pacific Coast Air Museum is pleased to welcome it's third paid Life member, Craig Schulz. Thanks for your support and dedication to the Pacific Coast Air Museum.**

**Our C-118 needs your help**

We are looking for people to help with the restoration of the Museum's C-118 Douglas Liftmaster. We are looking for help with all skill levels to help with this project. Fortunately, the plane is in very good physical shape but it needs a lot of TLC (sweeping, cleaning, painting (oops, environmental protection), mechanical work, etc.). This is a huge plane (one of the last prop transports before the jets) so we have plenty of work to go around. We would like to have the first workday a week from Saturday, April 9. For this first meeting, let's meet at the Museum at 10:00 and then go over to the plane. Please bring brooms (all kinds), cleaning supplies, old clothes and portable generators if you have them. We hope to set up a schedule of workdays (maybe every other Saturday) but this is subject to change to fit the crew's needs.

The Museum has owned this plane for years but due to various reasons (mostly it's location) not much has been done with it. We have recently moved the plane to the CDF side of the airport so that access is much easier and closer to the Museum. Our goal is to have her cleaned up and ready to display by the Air Show. She is quite a display by herself but has enough room on the inside to be used as a display and meeting area. Our main goal is to save this great piece of history from the scrappers and have fun doing it.

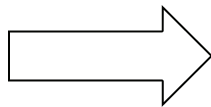
If you'd like to help with this project and have a little or a lot of time, please let me know via email ([stouts@sonic.net](mailto:stouts@sonic.net)) or show up a week from Saturday at 10:00 at the Museum.

We are also looking for some help with our T-28 project. As most of you know, we are in the process of returning this aircraft to flight. We are looking for some help on Wednesday evenings for the general work on the plane and we are looking for one person to help Jon Seeley with the wiring on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the day.

If you are interested in this project, please email me at [stouts@sonic.net](mailto:stouts@sonic.net) or give me a call at 327-8199.

Thanks  
Ron Stout  
Master Crew Chief

PCAM's C-118



Mary Jo Johnston, Master Storyteller  
Pacific Coast Air Museum



Miss Jensen's Fourth Grade  
Washington School



Homer, The Helicopter

Cloverdale Historical Society  
February 24, 2011



Wave Length Play (based on the  
Electromagnetic Spectrum)



Forces of Flight



Here are some letters Mary Jo has received .....

Dear Mary Jo, Thanks so much for the glider, Peacock feather, Valentines, Air Museum Stickers cookies, drinks, airplane information, lift-thrust-drag-and weight, kite, wave length play, remote helicopter, and blue skies spectrum. And most important thank you so much for the trip to the Museum. I liked the museum so much that I might go back someday. Jessica A.

Dear Mary Jo, Thank you for the talk about lift-thrust-drag weight. I liked the drinks and the cookies. Thank you for the gliders. I got a dinosaur one. Thank you for the Peacock feathers, I taped my pencil to one. Sincerely, Julia P.

Letter from Ms. Jensen, Washington School, Cloverdale, 2/24/11

Dear Mary Jo and Husband,

Thank you so much for your wonderful talk -- and all your special gifts for the children. They loved the peacock feathers and attached them to their pencils. All day peacock feathers danced in the classroom. The helicopter is such a hit that a student made a sign-in sheet to monitor time. With March here and the promise of wind -- we will be taking the kite out. During a P.E. period the class took out the little gliders. They had so much fun with them. They enjoyed the magic Valentine cards. The guest teacher was supposed to give them the last little planes during preferred activity -- and didn't, so they have that surprise still to enjoy.

The children and I enjoyed everything: the talk, the snacks, and gifts. Thank you.

Sincerely, Jane Jensen **2/24/11**

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Sincerely, Jane Jensen

You Are Invited to a  
**WESTERN PIG BBQ**

Presented by the Pacific Coast Air Museum's Board of Directors and Officers  
In appreciation to our members and the Community for their continued support.

THANK YOU

WHEN—Saturday July 9, 2011 1700-2000 hours (5pm to 8 pm)

WHERE—The museum patio area.

Tickets are \$15.00 for adults / children under 12 with parents are admitted free.

Beer and wine \$2.00. Soft drinks \$1.00. No host bar.

Tickets are Available at the Museum Gift Shop or on line at the Museum's Website or can be purchased from a Board Member.

Join us at the Museum for a fun afternoon-evening with BBQ, good food, drink and fellowship.

The proceeds from this event are to benefit out 911 "First Responder" F-15 Project

Y'all Come

**The F-14 Tomcat, F-16 Viper and the T-38 Talon are all open for "Climb Aboard"  
on April 16th and 17th**





**EAA's flying, fully restored B-17 is coming to a town near us.**

You will have the opportunity of a lifetime to relive the legacy of the thousands who flew bombing missions during WWII. Your flight experience aboard EAA's B-17 Aluminum Overcast will be approximately 40 minutes duration. You will have 24 minutes in-flight to walk around and take photos and/or video of this magnificent war bird. Check out the crew positions of the Navigator, Bombardier, and the Waist Gunner. Watch the pilots in action as they command this 65,000 lb bomber. Experience how vulnerable and most importantly how brave these young men were as they were fighting for the freedoms we have today.

The schedule is as follows:

April 29-May 1st	Watsonville Municipal Airport; Watsonville Ca. (WVI)
May 3rd and 4th	Buchanan Field Airport, Concord Ca. (CCR)
May 6th through May 8th	Hayward Executive Airport Hayward Ca (HWD)
May 10th and 11th	McClellan Airfield Sacramento Ca (MCC)
May 13, 14 and 15th	Napa County Airport Napa Ca (APC)
May 17th and 18th	Redding Municipal Airport Redding Ca (RDD)

Visit the EAA B-17 website for a complete spring schedule. You can reserve your spot on line or call a EAA Representative at 1-800-359-6217.

**Help Wanted!**

Do you have some spare time and nothing to do? How about donating that time to our museum. We are always in need of volunteers to assist with museum operations. Give Norma Nation or Dave a call or contact any of the staff listed on page #2 of this issue. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

**Thanks!!**

This is a BIG "Thank You" shout out to all who participated in the March Member Meeting raffle. It was a huge success, generating more money than it has ever had at a regular meeting without a plane ride as a prize. Remember, all proceeds generated from the monthly raffles goes towards this wonderful organization we lovingly know as the Pacific Coast Air Museum, helping to run the day-to-day business, restore aircraft, and eventually move to a new larger facility. Once again, Thank you for making the raffle such a great success! Let's see if we can do it again in April.

Robin, Raffle Coordinator



**“Top Gun”  
Weekend  
F-5, F-14, F-16  
April 16th and 17th  
“Climb Aboard”**

**REMEMBER THESE DATES**

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| April 6th  | @ 8:30 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting at the Museum          |
| April 12th | @ 12:00 p.m. Executive Director’s Staff Meeting at the Museum |
| April 20th | @ 6:00p.m. General Air Show Planning Meeting at Mesa Beverage |
| April 20th | @ 7:00 p.m. Member Meeting Mesa Beverage                      |

**Member Meeting Location**  
**Mesa Beverage Company, Inc.**  
**3200 N. Laughlin Road. Santa Rosa, CA**

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