



STRAIGHT SCOOP

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



The following is an excerpt from an article by Jim Douglas in the Aviation On Line Magazine

December 15, 2010—In an unprecedented opportunity, The Pacific Coast Air Museum has been awarded the honor of providing the home for a historic national treasure. The very first aircraft to respond on the scene to the World Trade Center twin towers attack in New York City on September 11, 2001.

Last Tuesday, the aircraft arrived at the Sonoma County airport, Santa Rosa California where it will be the centerpiece of an interactive, educational exhibit at the Pacific Coast Air Museum.

The aircraft has been awarded to the museum by the National Museum of the United States Air Force. Now, an aggressive fund raising effort to build a befitting exhibit is under way to raise \$250,000.00. The exhibit will honor those who perished and those who responded in a valiant effort to save lives as well as educate visitors and tell the untold story of heroism in the skies and on the ground that day. The Pacific Coast Air Museum is proud to be the West Coast destination for the public to learn about what many call our generation's Pearl Harbor.

If you'd like to make a contribution to the professional design, construction and installation of the only west coast memorial to 9/11, please contact Executive Director [Dave Pinsky](#) or Development Director [Barbara Beedon](#) at 707-575-7900 or director@pacificcoastairmuseum.org

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 **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
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Membership Renewals:

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

Address Corrections:

Please send to:
Pacific Coast Air Museum
2230 Becker Boulevard
Santa Rosa, Ca 95403
) . 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.

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Log Your Volunteer Hours

By Duane Coppock

It is important for all of us to log our volunteer hours because those hours show the level of support the museum receives from its own members. Why is that so? When it is time for the museum to apply for grants or to request donations from those donors of substantial means, they. In many cases want to know the level of support from the membership and that support is measured by hours volunteered. Some of these groups such as foundations have formulas (or rules of thumb) that converts hours volunteered into a dollar amount. That figure is at \$25.00 per hour. Well, folks, so far this year, 2010, there are 11,664 hours logged by volunteers for a total value of \$291,612.50. Now you can see the importance of hours logged and we know many of you have been remiss in not staying current. This is especially true for the annual air show. It is easy to log your hours. A hard copy logbook can be found in the museum crew lounge and the new shop for those of you working on our aircraft.

A Volunteer Badge is available to anyone who donates any of his or her time. Volunteer Hour pins are awarded for increments of 100, 300, 500, 1000 hours up to 5000 hours.

2010 Volunteer Hours

Here is the list of awards for 2010

100 Hour Pins

Gil Delagnes
Margaret Nelson
John Andrews
Don Hamlow
Aaron Clark
Ross Akers
Carol Lawson
Stan King
Jezreel Janairo

300 Hour Pins

Laura Collins
Carol Lewis
Larry Houghton

500 Hour Pins

Billy Collins
Bob Stratos
John Henry
Rich Lewis
Ben Martin
Marianne Delagnes
Jerry VanNorden

1000 Hour Pins

Robin Dotti
Max Johnson
Mike George
Mark Fajardin
Tom Chauncy
Allan Morgan
Gregory Thomas
Rose Pattenaude
Joe Cholewa

2000 Hour Pins

Judy Knaute

3000 Hour Pins

Rick Elwood
Ed Nelson

4000 Hour Pins

Jim Cook
Bill Greene
Bill Carpentier

5000 hour Pins

Bob Conz
Ron Stout
Duane Coppock
Barney Hagen

The number one donor of hours is Larry Rengstorf with 10,250 hours logged.

The Pacific Coast Air Museum Is Proud to offer
Stories at the Air Museum for ages 8-10 (adults are also welcome)

With Master Story Teller

[Mary Jo Johnston, Ed.D.](#)

Where-The Pacific Coast Air Museum

When- the 2nd Saturday of the month at 11:00 am until noon.

2011 Schedule

January 8th—A Biplane and Her Boy.

February 12th—Homer, the Helicopter

February 24th at 1:00 pm—4th grade class @ Cloverdale Historical Society.

March 12th—Jenny, the Airplane That Taught America to fly

March 23rd at 1:00 pm—4th grade class @ Cloverdale Historical Society.

April 9th—Amelia Earhart, The Legend of the Lost Aviator.

May 14th—Why is the Sky Blue? Clouds / What will the Weather Be?

Feel the Wind / Air is All Around You.

June 11th—Claire Bear's First Solo.

July 9th—Hot air, The (mostly) True Story of the First Hot Air Balloon Ride.

August 13th—Wings / Hawk, I'm Your Brother.

September 10th—September Roses / the Day America Cried-09-11-2001

October 8th—Everyday Forces / Gravity is a Mystery / Forces Make Things Move /

Energy Makes Things Happen

November 12th—Star Seeker, A journey to Outer Space.

December 10th—The Girl Who Could Fly.

The Cloverdale Historical Society Presents:

“Wings Over Sonoma County”

A tribute to Early Aviation

Honoring

[Fred E. Wiseman](#)

Centennial of America’s First Air Mail Flight

Petaluma Ca to Santa Rosa, Ca, February 17/18, 1911.

Exhibit and reception, Saturday, February 5, 2011; with special guest.

4 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments served. RSVP Joaquin Espinoza 894-5653.

A Wiseman family member will unveil a Model of Wiseman’s Smithsonian aircraft.

“America’s Aviation Heritage” Speaker Series at the

Cloverdale Historical Society

Tuesday February 15, 2011 7-8:30 pm

Topic: World War Two “To fly and Fight”

Speaker-Colonel Clarence E. “Bud” Anderson, USAF Retired

WW-II Triple Ace with 116 Combat missions and a Veteran Military Experimental Test Pilot.

RSVP Joaquin Espinoza at 894-5653

Col. Anderson will be available to autograph his book.

2010 Award Winners

- Volunteer of the Year - - Robin Dotti
- President's Award - - Bill Carpentier
- Special Achievement Award - - Bob Conz
- Special Recognition Award - - Tom Nelson

Here are some photos from our 2010 Holiday Party and Awards Night



Flight of the Eagle”

Update on the F-15 Exhibit Fund – December 2010

Fundraising Campaign Underway

The fundraising campaign has begun to design and built the exhibit for our newest acquisition – the 9/11 First Responder F-15 Eagle.

The Concept and Design Committee of the campaign, assisted by [Jenny Kaplan](#), of J Kaplan Communications, created a new letterhead for the campaign that incorporates the Museum logo with an image of the F-15. Kaplan also helped us pull together the publicity and plan for the arrival of the fuselage on December 14th.

That event was attended by about 40 people, among whom were [former Secretary of the Air Force, Tom Reed](#), incoming [Mayor of Santa Rosa, Ernesto Olivares](#), [former Sonoma County Sheriff Mark Ihde](#), (now CEO of Goodwill Industries), [Carol Russell, Mayor of the City of Cloverdale](#), and Press Democrat columnist and [PCAM friend, Chris Smith](#), as well as our friends [Jeff Kan Lee](#) and [Bob Norberg](#) of the Press Democrat.

The event was the springboard for a PR campaign that garnered us many “hits” with a broad variety of media, both local and Bay Area. Newspaper and TV coverage was garnered from the Argus Courier, Healdsburg Tribune, Windsor Times, the SF Chronicle, Press Democrat and KTVU Channel 2 News (SF). Radio interviews and mentions were heard on “FROGGY”, KRCB, KZST, KSRO, and both KGO and KCBS in SF. Many online sites covered the event, including the worldwide air show newsletter, “Indy Transponder”. More coverage is expected

At mid-December, the fund had received \$8000, and more gifts are coming in over the holiday season. There are many ways to give, and both the website and museum response envelope have been updated to show all of the options. Please let your friends and relatives know about this campaign, as we will need broad support from the community for this effort.

Our mission for the F-15 exhibit is to honor those heroes who responded on 9/11 and to remember the people lost on that day. As an Air Museum we also feel it is important for us to tell the story of the role the aviation community played on that day, including the U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard pilots who were the first responders over New York City and who are represented by our F-15 Eagle. With your help, we will design and build an exciting exhibit that will tell that story and honor so many.

It’s going to take a substantial amount of money to design and build an exhibit to properly honor those who perished, those who responded and to tell the story of the heroism in the air that fateful day in our history.

If you’d like to make a donation to help with the design, construction and installation of the 9/11 First Responder F-15 exhibit, please contact [Development Director Barbara Beedon](#) at 707-695-3683 or [Executive Director Dave Pinsky](#) at 707-575-7900 or director@pacificcoastairmuseum.org.



"We got this for Christmas"

The Pacific Coast Air Museum
Welcomes these new members

Beverlee Laird – Cloverdale
Brian Tucker – Healdsburg
Michael & Elaine Von der Porten – Santa Rosa
Meridith Nepogodiev Family – Santa Rosa
Joseph Dimitriadis Family – Santa Rosa
Richard & Shirley Domenichelli

DONATIONS SINCE THE PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER

Max Johnson
Jeffrey McDonald and Susan Lurty
John & Jean Bryant
David Gregory
Robert Bernard
Charles & Mary Johnston
Fred Hoyes
Connie Miller
Glenn & Marybeth Dow
Louis O'Brien
Eiji & Christine Ando
Stanley & Joan Baker
Hattie Stone
Paul Heck
William Palmer
Bill Greene
Jim Cook
Richard & Carol Lewis
Charles Brown
Barney & Clare Hagen
Everett Wildman
Nancy Horton
Sharie Sbrazza



Storytime Fun 2010 - - Our Master Storyteller

The Museum has a creative worker that mostly remains under the radar. She goes about her work quietly and without fanfare each month getting relatively no attention.

She does this while educating children of all ages, by thrilling them with flamboyant costumes, colorful books & posters and most of all, mesmerizing them by bringing the pages of a book to life.

This is Mary Jo Wisneski Johnson, our Master Storyteller.

Her popularity has grown each month, with children gathering around her to be charmed by her skills of story telling. On a given Saturday each month, Mary Jo sets up her display at the Museum, which she has spent many hours in her office creating, preparing for the eager children to hear her.

The Pacific Coast Air Museum is fortunate in having an effervescent person like Mary Jo to present this popular program.

Here are a few pictures of the Christmas spirit at the Pacific Coast Air Museum. A wonderful group of happy folks and some pretty neat decorations. Many thanks to the REACH Crew for their safe delivery of the Jolly man and to the museum aircraft crews who decorated their aircraft for the holidays. Well done!





**January 15th is
New Member
Orientation
11:00 a.m.**

REMEMBER THESE DATES

- January 5th @ 8:30 am Board of Directors Meeting at the Museum
- January 11th @ 12:00 pm Executive Director's Staff Meeting at the Museum
- January 15th @ 11:00 am New Member Orientation at the museum— see Duane Coppock
- January 19th @ 6:00pm Air Show Planning Meeting at Mesa Beverage
- January 19th @ 7:00pm Member Meeting at Mesa Beverage

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

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