



STRAIGHT SCOOP

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

Will Whiteside

Guest Speaker for May

Join us Wednesday evening May 18, 2011, as [Will Whiteside](#), Pacific Coast Air Museum member speaks and shares video from the 2010 Reno Air Races and his role as pilot flying "Voodoo" a highly modified P-51 Mustang flying in the Unlimited Division.

18 years as a Flight Instructor, Corporate Pilot, Airline Pilot and Air Race Pilot paid off three years ago at the Reno National Championship Air Races.

In his 5th year racing Reno, Will has entered a very exclusive club flying "Voodoo."

The 500 MPH club is made up of a very small group of race pilots who have gone over 500 MPH on the Unlimited race course behind a propeller. He will discuss the challenges, rewards and pitfalls of pushing a WWII fighter to its limit and beyond.



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, 7:00 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

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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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 community for their continued support. Thank you.

Mark this date on your calendar:

July 9, 2011

Time: 5:00 till' 8:00

Tickets: \$15.00. Kids, under 12, with parents, free.

No host bar: Beer & wine, \$2.00 Soft drinks, \$1.00

Join us at the Museum's patio for a fun afternoon BBQ, good food, drink and fellowship.
Tickets are available at the gift shop and online at our web site or from a board member.

**The proceeds are to benefit the
9/11 "First Responder"**

F-15 Project.

Y'all come!!!!





Picture: Art Hayssen explaining pilot licensing.

The Museum hosted 56 Boy Scouts who received their **Aviation Merit Badge** during the month of April in 3 consecutive Saturday classes. The scouts spent 3 hours in the classroom studying topics as "the Principles of Flight, The Wright Brothers and Career Opportunities. Guest speakers included [Art Hayssen](#) addressing pilot licensing and [Matt "Popeye" Doyel](#) explaining jet engines & careers in the military.

The afternoon had the scouts flying the museum's simulator, guided by [Robin Dotti & Mike George](#), touring the control tower and flying in the museum's 5 plane "air force" piloted by [Paul Heck, Art Hayssen, Kevin Quirk, Dale Brown & Matt Doyel](#).

Students came from a large area to attend the classes. To name a few, Incline Village, Colusa, Marin County, Petaluma and Sonoma County. The scouts were accompanied by 24 parents & troop leaders.

An example of some of the parent's comments:

"Good afternoon, we didn't get a chance to tell you thank you before we left Saturday. That was a great class. The boys thought it was fun and at least one would like to pursue a pilot's license in the future. We really appreciate the work that you put into the presentation and I'm definitely going to encourage more of our Scouts to take the class. Thank you again, Lola Chavez Troop 999"

"Allan, I just want to thank you for the great class you did for Troop 121 on April 23rd. The boys had a memorable time in the class and also in the air. You, Art and "Popeye" did a very good job of engaging the boys. Thank you for your time and effort—you really are making a difference in many kids' lives! By the way, I enjoyed myself also! Sincerely, Jennifer Kelleher BSA Troop 121"

READ ANOTHER POSITIVE COMMENT ABOUT THIS PROGRAM AT THE TOP OF PAGE # 5

Allan,

I received many thanks for organizing the class, so, I wanted to forward them to you :) The boys had a blast!

Thank you for sending clear instructions and answering questions right away. It's been a pleasure working with you!

Enjoy your weekend,

Irina

- **Shrimp Feed Fund Raiser** - - Saturday, June 4th, at the Santa Rosa Finley Center on W. College Avenue
- \$45 Dinner Tickets *includes*: Cajun or Sautéed Shrimp, Caesar Salad, Marinara & Pesto Pasta and Garlic Bread
- Tremendous Raffle *including* Airplane Rides!
- Spectacular Silent Auction *including*: Week at Lake Tahoe during Reno Air Races, San Francisco Bay Cruise, artist autographed litho of our F-15 over NYC, model of our F-15!
- Purchase tickets in Admin Office or on line at www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org



The C-40B is a special-mission aircraft that provides airlift with an office-in-the- sky environment for U.S. combatant commanders and other senior government officials. Built for the U.S. Air Force, the 737-700 aircraft is equipped with equipment and capabilities that support a rapid response for global missions. C-40Bs are equipped with the Connection by Boeing system, providing secure in-flight broadband connectivity -- data/video transmit and receive capability -- to enhance communications, productivity and security.

A Small Town Goes to War

American Legion Post 111 salutes the Veterans and Music of WWII

with
*The Ray Walker
Swing Band
and Vocal Quintet*

Featuring Tom Pettit's
*"The Bedford Boys,
First at
Omaha Beach"*

Saturday, May 28, 8PM

Sunday May 29, 2PM

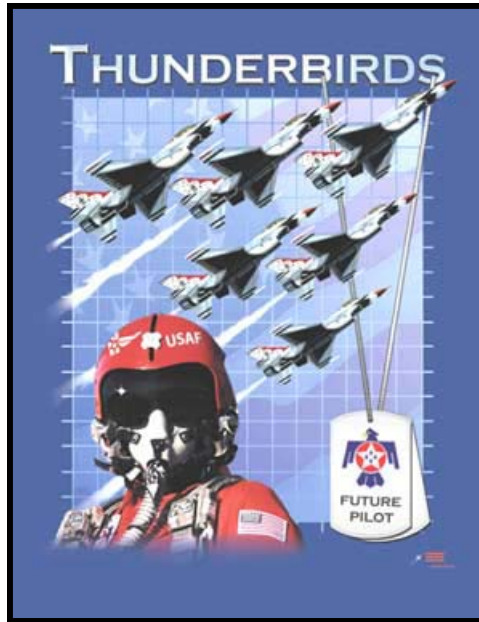
\$15 Donation

Door Prizes!

Get tickets from a member of
American Legion Post 111,
or in Healdsburg at Levin & Co.
or Copperfield's Books

Raven Performing Arts Theater
115 North Street, Healdsburg

Are you interested in seeing the United States Air Force Thunderbird Aerial Demonstration Team? They are scheduled to be at Travis AFB on July 30th and 31st.



Three Musketeers

The Three Musketeers aerobatic team was the first USA display team formed in late 1927. The team represented the 1st Pursuit Group from the Army Air Corps based in Montgomery, Ala. The original members were Lt. John J. Williams leader, Lt. William L. Cornelius and Lt. Johnson. They flew Boeing PW-9 aircrafts. The major event that the Three Musketeers participated was the National Air Races in Sept 8-16, 1928 at Mines Field (now Los Angeles Int.). During that demonstration, Lt. John J. Williams crashed and died a day or two after his crash on 10 September. He was from Moab, UT. Charles Lindbergh replaced him as a leader for the remainder of the Air Races air shows.

Later Lt. Johnson was killed while escorting Charles Lindbergh on a Canadian tour and was replaced by Lt. Irvin A.(Bert) Woodring.

Lt Cornelius died from another crash on 25 Sept 1928 and was revived by Capt. Claire Chennault. Cornelius was killed at Rockwell Field during regular daily formation practice maneuvers when his airplane crashed into another one while airborne. Cornelius' parachute became entangled in the descending wreckage and he went down with it. Soon after that the Three Musketeers demonstration team was disbanded.

Lt. Woodring died on 20 Jan 1933 during test flight at Wright Field. He fell 2000 feet from the sky and no chance to use his parachute, like this device saved his life twice before.

In 1932, as a pursuit aviation instructor at Maxwell Field, Capt. Chennault re-organized the team under the name "The Men on the Flying Trapeze."

The Pacific Coast Air Museum
Is proud to welcome these new members

Tony Martin Family – Windsor

Richard Zito – Placerville

Robert & Margaret Cassero – Winters

Erin Przybylinski Family – St. Helena

Shelby Munsch – Sebastopol

Harvey & Gail Harlin – Santa Rosa

Kenneth & Marie Piazza – Santa Rosa

Matthew Gabel Family – Fairfax

Jim Mattison – Rohnert Park

**Thanks to the heroism of U.S. military forces, justice has been rendered
(painting by museum member and Santa Rosa firefighter Don Ricci)**



**THE CLOVERDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS
IN HONOR OF MEMORIAL DAY 2011**

Lt. Colonel James C. Warren, of the Tuskegee Airmen, will speak on Tuesday, May 24th at 7 pm
At the Cloverdale Historical Society.
His topic will be 'The Freeman Field Mutiny'

The story of the 162 black officers arrested in 1945, for demanding lawful entry into the white officer's club at Freeman Field, Indiana.

Lt. Colonel Warren, one of the original Tuskegee Airmen, has more than 12,000 hours of flying time as a Bombardier and Navigator with service in World War II, Korea and Viet Nam. Col. Warren was selected as the Navigator on the first C0141 to fly into North Viet Nam to return the first group of POWs to Clark AFB in the Philippines. Col. Warren received his private pilot's license at age 87.

His Decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross (3), Eleven Air Medals, Three Meritorious Service medals and the 2007 Congressional Gold Medal.

Because of his determination and through tireless research, 50 years after the incident at Freeman Field, the United States Air Force removed the reprimands from the service records of the arrested officers.

The Historical Society is honored to have Col. Warren and his wife visit Cloverdale. Come to the History Center to hear the stories of this distinguished officer. His autographed book "Freeman Field Mutiny" will be on sale for \$25.00.

The Cloverdale History Center is located at 215 North Cloverdale Blvd. in Cloverdale. A \$3.00 donation is suggested for the speaker series. For Reservations and information please call 707-894-2067 or contact Joaquin at 894-5653. The Cloverdale Historical Society is a 501 (c3) non-profit organization. All funds go towards education and exhibit programs.



“Climb Aboard”
May 21st & 22nd
F-4, F-106, T-38

REMEMBER THESE DATES

- May 4th @ 8:30 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting at the Museum
- May 10th @ 12:00 p.m. Executive Director’s Staff Meeting at the Museum
- May 18th @ 6:00 p.m. Air Show General Planning Meeting
- May 18th @ 7:00 p.m. Member Meeting
- May 21st @ 11:00 a.m. New Member Orientation at the museum

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