

Welcome Christina Olds, Director of Museum Operations

The Pacific Coast Air Museum Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Christina Olds has been selected as our new Director of Museum Operations.



Many of you may already know Christina, as she has been active with PCAM for the past year and a half. Christina is the author of the book "Fighter Pilot: Memoirs of Legendary Ace Robin Olds", about her father. The book was published in 2010 and has received over 100 five-star reviews on Amazon.com. She presented his story to us at our November 16, 2011 General Membership meeting. She is well connected within the United States Air Force and within the air museum and air show communities.

Christina's work experience includes office and project management, facilities planning, construction coordination, events planning, public relations, and fundraising for events. For the last year, she has been Administrative Director and Communications Coordinator for the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce BEST Division (Building Economic Success Together). She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English/Creative Writing from Vassar College in New York.

Christina writes "It is an honor and a privilege to be taking on the role of Director of Museum Operations for PCAM after more than a year of getting to know and love the people and the museum. The dream of somehow being involved in aviation certainly started without realization when I was a child. I followed my dad around like a puppy and absorbed his love for airplanes and the people with whom he served. As his own father had influenced him with the glorious camaraderie of pilots, my dad influenced me with the joy he always felt when he was hanging around 'his guys'. In the early 1990's I started accompanying him on trips to aviation museums, fighter pilot reunions and air shows across the U.S. and in England. Everywhere we went I noticed that people seriously involved with aviation were a happy bunch. They had passion, purpose and playfulness. My dad's friends became my friends and the community has continued to grow exponentially through all the years since. I have been tremendously honored to carry on his legacy, not only through writing and promoting the book, but through my own active participation in Air Force reunions, aviation museums and air shows around the country. Now, it has truly become my destiny to happily 'fly a desk' as I step into this new job at PCAM. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you as we go forward into an exciting 2013. Please stop by to say Hi!"

Please join us in welcoming Christina to our PCAM family. ✪

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The PCAM Mission

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

December 19 Member Meeting and Holiday Party

The Member Meeting and Holiday Party on December 19 was a time for good food and for recognizing the significant contributions of the many outstanding PCAM volunteers.

Award of Appreciation to Dave Pinsky

Former PCAM Executive Director Dave Pinsky was given special recognition for all the amazing accomplishments he engineered over his seven years in service to the museum. Dave was introduced by Kristina Keck, a member of the PCAM Board of Directors and also Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant at Moffett Field. She explained the special relationship between Chiefs and Colonels — and this made it especially appropriate that she was the one to introduce him. She touched on the high points of Dave's PCAM career and showed a PowerPoint presentation that celebrated some of those accomplishments and illustrated some highlights of Dave's military career. Dave made a very gracious speech thanking PCAM for the opportunity to serve and recognizing the team he worked with. See related story, page 13.

Awards for Career Volunteer Hours

Duane Coppock took the podium to recognize volunteers who had reached important milestones in the number of hours they had served. For a full report, see page 4. Of particular note are Mike Hart who won the award for Volunteer of the Year, and Ron Stout who leads the pack with 12,105 hours!



Mike Hart (left) receives his award for Volunteer of the Year.



Dave Pinsky (left) receives congratulations on his special award from Allan Morgan.



Roger Olson and Allan Morgan show off a commemorative check from Active 20-30.

Introducing Christina Olds, Director of Operations

Allan Morgan introduced our new Director of Operations Christina Olds. She briefly introduced herself and expressed her eagerness to participate in this wonderfully growing museum now that she has returned to California from Colorado. Please see the full story on page 1.

Lynn Hunt: Acknowledgement of Special Air Show Contributors

Troop 32 Supports a Local Hero

Scout Troop 32 was new to the air show this year, and they handled all the refuse and recycling. Lynn presented representatives of Troop 32 with a check for their efforts. This had particular significance; Troop 32's stated goal was to earn money to help support U.S. Army Specialist Stefan LeRoy, a local soldier who was critically wounded in Afghanistan.

Parking Tsar Tim Delaney and Troop 125

Tim introduced Shawn Hanna from Scout Troop 125, which was responsible for directing parking at the air show. They overcame some significant problems that threatened the efficiency of parking the 6,000 - 7,000 vehicles that arrived each day of the show, and made it all run smoothly. Shawn was presented with a check made out to Troop 125.

CAP Anthony Hamill

Lynn recognized Anthony for a superior job overseeing

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access and security on the ramp during the show. Apparently, Anthony had trained his team so well that a young monitor actually denied one of the Harrier pilots access to his own plane because he did not happen to have the correct credentials on him at the moment! That's a young man who's going places!

New Air Show Director Wayne Seamans

Lynn will be stepping down to run the new Flight Operations Division, and introduced Wayne as his replacement. See the full story on page 6.

Promotional Successes at ICAS

The International Council of Air Shows has recognized Wings Over Wine Country in a couple very special ways. See full story on page 5.

Donation from Active 20-30

Roger Olson announced that the local chapter of Active 20-30 had donated \$2,500 towards the costs of the REACH helicopter ride for Santa during the December Santa Fly-In. Thank you Active 20-30!

Bob Conz Retiring from Gift Shop

Bob announced that after many years he is turning over management of the gift shop to Mike Lynch. Bob has done a spectacular job of organizing the gift shop and applying industry-proven retail merchandising techniques to our little store. Bob said a few words, acknowledging the contributions of his staff and thanking everyone for supporting him.

Ed Nelson and Hot Dog Thursday

Paul Heck thanked Ed for leading this regular event that has earned over \$45,000 for PCAM over the last seven years! It has become an important and regular source of revenue, and a much anticipated diversion for folks who work throughout the commercial district surrounding the airport. Paul gratefully acknowledged Sonoma Jet Center, which hired the crew to work

their Aviation Day event on October 6. Sonoma Jet Center paid for all the food, leaving PCAM with all profit and no expenses. Thank you Sonoma Jet Center! Ed is actively recruiting new volunteers to work Hot Dog Thursdays, so let him know!

Volunteer of the Year Mike Hart

Mike was recognized as Volunteer of the Year, for the many hours he has spent working outside the limelight and largely unknown by the majority of our membership. He made a career of repairing airliners, going all over the world to repair aircraft that couldn't be safely flown, safety checking maintenance and doing many other jobs. He is currently our jack-of-all trades on our T-28 where he is mainly working on the hydraulic and fuel systems and rigging. Thank you Mike!

President's Award to Ron Stout

It's not often that an award like the President's Award goes to a guy who brings bombs to meetings, but it happened this time. Allan said that every time there were discussions of outstanding volunteers, Ron's name kept popping up. Truly, his name peppers the pages of this newsletter and the website, always in conjunction with some new project undertaken, old project completed, or donation received. See photo, page 4. Hats off to you Ron! And if you're curious about the comment about bombs, see page 7.

Chris Tart, Straight Scoop Newsletter

Finally, Allan recognized a gentleman who was not often seen in person but whose efforts were seen by everyone. Chris edited the Straight Scoop Newsletter for many years, growing it from a small initiative into a vibrant resource for PCAM members and contributors. Thank you Chris for taking on this tough job and for building up this important communications channel.

All in all, it was a great evening. Everyone brought a dish for the potluck feast and the tables were nearly collapsing under the weight of main dishes, salads, beverages, desserts, and other great things. Thanks to all who contributed and who helped us congratulate our award winners for a job well done. ★

Earn \$25.00 per Hour for Your Museum: Log Your Volunteer Hours!

By Duane Coppock

Like virtually all museums and non-profits, the Pacific Coast Air Museum relies on monetary grants from foundations, individual donors, and other resources. These folks want to know that our members are committed before they contribute, and they measure that commitment by the number of hours volunteered by people like you.

Some of these groups, especially foundations, have formulas (or rules of thumb) to convert hours to a dollar figure. That figure is typically \$25.00 per hour.

So every hour you work on behalf of PCAM could be worth \$25.00 in grant money.

Need we say it? Log your Volunteer Hours!

Look at Ron Stout's volunteer hours: 12,105 total career hours to date. To the museum that's worth \$302,625!

Now you can see the importance of the number of hours you log. But we know many of you have been remiss in not staying current, particularly those working the Air Show.

But it's 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 your airplanes.

A Volunteer Badge is available to anyone who donates any of his or her time. Volunteer Hour Pins are awarded for 100, 300, 500 and increments of 1,000 hours to 5,000 hours. At the Member Meeting and Holiday Party on December 19 we awarded these pins to the dedicated and generous people listed opposite.

To all of you on this, list, PCAM appreciates your hard work and salutes you for the contributions you make, both direct (with hands-on work for the museum) and indirect (for helping us get additional grant money.) 🌟

Awards for Career Volunteer Hours

100 Hour Pins

Chris Wall
Mike Lynch
Cody Harrington
Bruce Tinkham
Denny Hutton
Charlie Crowley

300 Hour Pins

Carol Lewis
Margaret Nelson
Don Thoman
David Kinzie

500 Hour Pins

Rich Lewis
Ben Martin
Stan King
Billy Collins
Marianne Delagnes
Laura Collins
Mike Hart -- also

Volunteer of the Year!

Paul Topai
Larry Houghton
Jim Mattison

1,000 Hour Pins

Mike George
Tom Chauncy
Max Johnson
Mark Fajardin
Joe Cholewa
Rose Pattenaude
Jon Seeley

2,000 Hour Pins

Judy Knaute

4,000 Hour Pins

Bill Carpentier

5,000 Hour Pins

Bob Conz
Duane Coppock
Barney Hagen
Bill Greene
Ed Nelson

10,000 Hour Pins

Larry Rengstorf
Ron Stout



PCAM President Allan Morgan (right) presents an award of recognition to our Number One volunteer hour donor Ron Stout (left). He's got 12,105 hours throughout his career at PCAM!

Wings Over Wine Country Air Show Wins Big at ICAS

PCAM is proud to announce that the Wings Over Wine Country Air Show received two first place awards in the International Council of Air Shows (ICAS) Marketing Competition on December 13, 2012.

Each year ICAS holds its Marketing Competition at the ICAS Convention in Las Vegas in December. Air shows may enter in at least four categories including newspaper ad, television ad, radio ad and website. Air shows are broken into two categories based on attendance (above 50,000 attendees and below 50,000 attendees).

Wings Over Wine Country received first place awards for Commercial Newspaper Ad and Event Website among the air shows below 50,000 attendees.

PCAM Director of Marketing & Business Development Doug Clay announced these wins at the December meeting and holiday party. "This is a great moment for our air show and our marketing team," he said. "We are very proud of the work that we do to promote our annual air show." PCAM seemed to be on everyone's lips, seeing as it won not just one but two prestigious first-place awards, and is gaining in reputation. Congratulations poured in from all sides.

PCAM sent Doug, Matt Doyle, Dave Pinsky, and Wayne Seamans to this important convention to gather information, make connections, and secure a stellar list of performers for the 2013 show. And they succeeded. So far, this year's lineup includes...

- Michael Goulian and his Extra 330SC
- Julie Clark and her Smokin' T-34 Mentor
- Eddie Andreini and his Super Stearman
- Kent Pietsch and his Interstate Cadet
- Greg Colyer and his T-33 Shooting Star
- And a U.S. Navy FA-18

The story behind the FA-18 illustrates PCAM's growing influence and well-connected leadership. Doug described how at first, the Navy had not slated Wings Over Wine Country to get an FA-18 this year. This was a problem; the high-adrenaline spectacle of a front-line fighter roaring over our vineyards is a major attraction, and boosts show attendance. Perhaps the Navy felt it was time for some other show to have a turn. However, after asking the right questions and chatting-up the right people and shaking the right hands, certain forces relented and WOWC got its FA-18. Congratulations and thank you to Doug, Dave, Wayne, and Matt for obtaining this key performer!

We all look forward to seeing (and hearing) the Hornet and the all the other great attractions this coming August. ✪



2013 Performers, Clockwise from lower left: Eddie Andreini in his Super Stearman, Kent Pietsch in his Interstate Cadet (is that a wheel we see falling off, below the tail?) U.S. Navy FA-18, Greg Colyer and his T-33 Shooting Star, Michael Goulian and his Extra 330SC. Next page: Julie Clark and her T-34



Meet Air Show Director Wayne Seamans

By Lynn Hunt

In last month's newsletter I introduced you all to the new Flight Operations Division, and announced that I will be heading it up. Obviously, this means that I can't also continue as Air Show Director.

Fortunately, Wayne Seamans has stepped up to become Air Show Director for Wings Over Wine Country 2013, and his appointment has been approved by the Board of Directors.

Wayne comes into this job well prepared. He was Air Show Site Manager for Wings Over Wine Country 2012 and participated in numerous Executive Committee meetings. He has a supporting cast of experienced ExComm members as well as several returning department heads and hundreds of talented and hard-working volunteers. The planning process is already well under way with Wayne and other ExComm members, and has taken a great leap forward with our highly productive visit to the International Conference of Air Shows (ICAS) convention in Las Vegas. There, Wayne and the others succeeded in securing a stellar line-up of performers for next year's show, and built some great momentum for this coming summer.

After a couple of years of college, Wayne enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1980. He advanced to Chief Petty Officer, then served as a warrant officer, and as a line officer. He retired as a "mustang" lieutenant commander after 31 years of service. Wayne is originally from Springfield, Oregon, but decided to settle in Santa Rosa with his family after his second tour of duty at the Two Rock Coast Guard Training Center. His early

Wings Over Wine Country air show years were spent as a "ramp rat" marshalling aircraft on the flight line. He served 3 years as the Air Show Flight Line Safety Coordinator before his 2012 role as the Air Show Site Manager. In addition to his air show duties, Wayne is

a docent at the air museum conducting tours and hosting birthday parties for children.

Please join me in welcoming Wayne into this new role. He and the other members of the Executive Committee have a significant job ahead as they plan and prepare for next year's show. We are

blessed to have such a talented group for this undertaking, and are deeply appreciative of Wayne's willingness to step into such a vital leadership role. ✪



Our new Air Show Director Wayne Seamans is shown with the 2010 Air Show ramp crew. He's in the back row, second from the right.

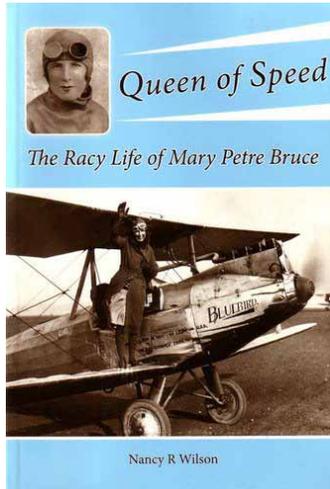
Air Show Flashback

Julie Clark salutes the crowd as she taxis past after her spectacular aerobatic performance "Serenade in Red, White, and Blue," August 19, 2012. She and her T-34 will be back in 2013. Photo courtesy Forrest Galt.



January 16, 2013 Guest Speaker: Nancy Wilson

Join us at our first PCAM Member Meeting of 2013 as we start the new year with local author Nancy Wilson who will be giving us insight into a lesser-known aviatrix from the early years of aviation. Nancy's work titled "Queen of Speed – The Racy Life of Mary Petre Bruce" was truly a labor of love that began in 1990 when she spotted a small obituary in a San Francisco newspaper that included the headline "She Broke Records..." Using the emerging internet, Nancy discovered the winning bidder of an auction of Mrs. Bruce's personal possessions and began her fifteen year quest in earnest.



Nancy will share stories about a woman who set out to fly around the world solo, one of 17 speed and endurance records she would set on land, sea and in the air; a woman who would also be the first of her gender to win the Monte Carlo Rally.

An Unconventional Christmas Gift

Air museum volunteers are an odd lot. Take their taste in Christmas gifts for example. We at PCAM are just thrilled with our new load of inert bombs.

Apparently, someone around here concluded that some of our jets looked a bit bare. Fortunately, our generous friends and associates at LeMoore Naval Air Station were able to provide a timely gift of eighteen decommissioned 500-pound general purpose bombs, complete with tail fins and nose cones.

Ron Stout, Mark Fajardin, Joe Cholewa, Gary Casassa, and Bruce Carpenter made the 250 mile drive to LeMoore on December 19, returning in time to announce their acquisition at the Holiday Party. We are indebted to Mark Fajardin and his brother who works for the Navy at the Pentagon for building and nurturing the good relationship with the folks at LeMoore that

Nancy will be selling and autographing her book at our meeting as well as making a donation to the Museum from the proceeds of her sales.

About Nancy

Nancy grew up in Santa Rosa, graduating from SRHS in 1957 and SRJC School of Nursing in 1963. After raising a family and several years of ER nursing, she added a secondary career as a travel agent and organizer of tours for women ('Broads Abroad'.) A love of writing led her to Sonoma State University, where she earned her BA in English in 1997.

Since retiring from nursing, she has continued to travel and write, as well as volunteering as a Local History Docent at the Petaluma Library and at Cinnabar Theater, where she is Head House Manager and Volunteer Coordinator.

Nancy lives in Petaluma with her husband Tom. 🌟

enabled this. This the first gift of its type, and it may be the genesis of a supply conduit that could provide display munitions for some time to come. Thank you Mark and the others for this unique acquisition! 🌟



Our friends at LeMoore Naval Air Station load up eighteen inert 500-pound bombs. How'd you like to explain that to the CHP?



Educational Programs Announced for 2013

The Pacific Coast Air Museum is committed to providing introductory training to the county's young people, helping open their future to careers in aviation. **Register now** — space is limited!

Aviation Summer Camp

For students grades 8-12

Two unique educational experiences for eighth through twelfth graders are now available. Each syllabus provides five days of exciting classroom aviation activities, plus a special bonus activity.

Course 1 (15 hours total) June 10-14

- Forces of Flight
- History of Aviation
- Aircraft Safety
- Aircraft Engines
- Altitude Density

Course 2 (15 hours total) June 17-21

- Principles of Navigation
- Flight Planning
- Aviation Careers
- Weight & Balance
- Aircraft Performance

Added Bonus:

- A Graduation flight around Sonoma County.

Both Courses will also include:

- Flying with a FAA licensed pilot
- Visiting the control tower
- Piloting our flight simulator
- Sitting at the controls of a Huey helicopter
- Touring the museum's artifacts

Tuition for each 15 hour course is \$145.00. Students may take both courses (Includes two flights).

Classes meet at PCAM, 9:00 – 12:00, Monday-Friday

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To enroll in the Aviation Summer Camp, Email Amrgn@comcast.net or visit our web site at www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org

These courses meet several of the California State Standards in social studies, science, and math.

Aviation Merit Badge Class For Boy Scouts

March 16, 2013

Allan Morgan, Counselor

A one-day class that earns a Merit Badge in Aviation.

Learn about:

- Kinds of aircraft
- Physics of flight
- Aircraft engines
- Guest speakers from several facets of aviation

Activities:

- Fly our simulator
- Visit a control tower
- Receive a graduation flight from a FAA licensed pilot

Total cost: \$55.00

For complete information contact: Allan Morgan, 707 575-7520 or Email: Amrgn@comcast.net

You may register online at

<http://www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org/classes/meritbadge>

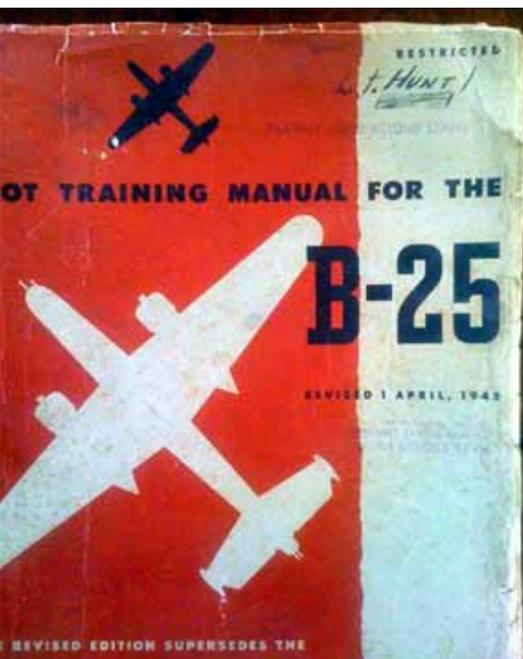
This course follows curriculum requirements established by the Boy Scouts of America. ★

Can You Believe It?

By Lynn Hunt

My father was a pilot during WWII. Some of my earliest childhood memories were of flying stories that my father would tell. I know that I inherited from him his love of flying and particularly his fondness for the North American B-25 which was his favorite. As a young boy I had dreamed of someday owning and a flying my own B-25. Years later my father would help me buy and restore one but that is not the purpose of this story. The restoration would take years but when finished I secretly hoped that when the time came to learn to fly it, my father would be able to help train me. Unfortunately my father passed away in 1996, long before it was ready to fly.

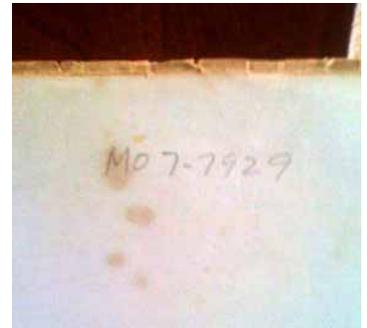
In 1998 I was fortunate to become involved with a group that purchased the last flying B-25 air tanker in Canada. We were able to get her flying and bring her to Santa Rosa. What followed was a year of restoration work and upgrades but soon she would be ready to fly. It was at this time that my partner Steve Penning and I began to prepare ourselves for the training necessary to acquire a type rating in the B-25. Being in the training mode we were constantly in search of training materials. One day I received an e-mail from Steve regarding a B-



25 training manual for sale on eBay that he thought I might be interested in. Once I had the chance to look at it I saw what he was talking about. A picture of the document showed the

name of the original owner in the upper right hand corner. In a handwriting style that seemed familiar to me I read the name Lieutenant Hunt. I realized that the chances were very small that this document had once belonged to my father but I was determined to find out. I submitted a rather large bid on the manual so I would be sure to own it and I was successful. The description of the document suggested that there were numerous examples of the owner's handwriting inside the manual. I had collected other samples of my father's handwriting so I hoped that we might learn more when the document arrived.

My brothers and I were giddy with excitement the day it arrived in the mail. We compared the handwriting, and it looked very similar to our father's. Then we made a fascinating discovery. Written in pencil inside the rear



cover of the manual was "MO7-7929". At first we had no idea of its significance or to what it might refer. Could it be relative to the B-25? Maybe it was a locker number or a license plate. Then I had an idea. I glanced at my watch and went to the phone to call my Aunt Virginia in Kansas City. After a brief explanation I read to her what was penciled on the cover. She paused for a moment then laughed and said "Why Lynn, that was our old phone number when we lived in Kansas City, Missouri". Somehow our dad's training manual had found its way in 1945 from a WWII training base in Texas, to a museum in Maryland and finally to us in California some 55 years later.

Many times I have told this story. To some it is a human interest story about overcoming amazing odds. To others it's a testimony of the power of the internet. For me it's a story about how my dad reached out to help train me long after he had passed away. I still open that book from time to time and enjoy a special moment with my dad, my friend and my hero. This is only one of the many ways he helped me to become the best that I can be, in this case a pilot, a B-25 pilot. Everyone should be so lucky. 🌟

Man in Red Draws a Big Crowd At Santa Fly-In

Santa Rosa, CA – December 15, 2012 – The Pacific Coast Air Museum is pleased to announce that Santa Claus arrived in good time and in perfect safety for his annual audience with the people of Sonoma County, despite the threat of oncoming weather. Marginal VFR conditions did not deter the dedicated gift bringer nor his temporary aircrew from REACH Air Medical Services. This special flight was also made possible by a generous donation from Active 20-30 of Santa Rosa.

A large crowd of several hundred showed up to this free event despite the threat of rain. Kids and adults lined the fences in eager anticipation, waiting for the first glimpse of the bright red helicopter that ferried Santa in from the secret landing zone where he had left his sleigh.

"There he is!" A bemitted hand shot skyward, pointing to a small gray dot against a gray sky. All faces turned, eyes squinting against the chill breeze. A wave of excited murmuring rolled down the line of expectant lap-sitters, but the children shushed them saying things like "Daddy, be quiet, I want to hear the helicopter!" or "Mommy, you'll just have to be patient!"

The big red chopper roared in for a landing. It settled



An eager crowd lined the fences. A lucky few got choice viewing spots on the fire engine graciously provided by the Rincon Valley Fire Department.

easily onto the ground, the skill and care of its pilot apparent. Though accustomed to carrying precious cargo, REACH flyers seldom carry anyone of such exalted celebrity.

The door opened. A flash of red, a hint of white, and Santa was on the ground, waving to the cheering crowd. A quick ride brought the Man in Red to his temporary North Pole under the wing of the museum's First Responder F-15, where he and his helper Elves got down to the serious business of taking Christmas gift orders.

Every child was given a number, and numbers were called in groups over the museum's public address system. The first group, one through fifty, lined up and waited patiently (in most cases) for their chance to whisper their Christmas wishes into the ear of this icon of the season. And so it went throughout the day.

"I have seldom encountered a group of such universally good children," Santa remarked during a break. "Some were a little iffy, and you know who you are. But on the whole, I don't see much cause for anyone to be overly concerned."

One father, apparently unconcerned with setting bad examples, shouted out a request for new upholstery

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"There he is!" Marginal VFR conditions did not dissuade Santa's pilots, as they brought him in low over the Butler Hangar and landed nearby. The crowd went wild.

Santa Fly-In

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for his Bonanza. A stern look from Santa and he was politely but firmly ushered away. Our special guest then muttered something under his breath, which sources later said was simply the word "coal."

When not waiting in line or placing orders, kids and adults enjoyed special snacks, the climb-aboard T-37 Tweet, jumpees (sorry adults, kids only!) and a special petting zoo of local baby farm animals. It did rain later in the day and the crowd thinned out, but it seems most people had shown up early in anticipation of the precipitation.

Many could not stop talking about the spectacular helicopter arrival, made possible by REACH Air Medical Services and a generous donation of \$2,500 from Active 20-30 of Santa Rosa.

Santa later denied rumors that he was going to permanently trade in his open-cockpit sleigh for a cushy REACH helicopter, citing tradition as a prime motivator. "A painting of me on the side of a coffee cup just



And here's what it's all about: smiles all around and a bit of holiday cheer.



There's no mistaking the Jolly Old Elf, even from 100 yards away. The REACH helicopter departed immediately, ready to serve Sonoma County's emergency transportation needs.

would not be the same if I were hiding behind a windscreen," Santa remarked. "The sleigh lends a certain cachet. And in case you had not noticed, the sleigh-reindeer combo is magic. Gets me anywhere in the twinkling of an eye. Those REACH helicopters perform an altogether different kind of miracle every day, but for me, the sleigh's the thing. And besides, reindeer pretty much take care of themselves. At today's costs for turbine fuel that's a serious consideration, ho ho ho."

The only disappointment was the conspicuous lack of reindeer. One of his Elves explained this on condition of anonymity. "The trip down here was a great practice mission, but too much attention from crowds like this goes

to their heads," she said. "We've all learned the hard way that it's better to keep the reindeer somewhere quiet, so they can really cut loose on the 24th."

At the end of the day, Mr. Claus and representatives of the Pacific Coast Air Museum graciously expressed how appreciative they are of everyone who had helped make the event possible, from PCAM staff to REACH flyers to the 20-30 organization. They indicated special gratitude to all those who staffed the food booths and gift shop, brought their animals for exhibition, and tended to jumpees and the climb-aboard. All agreed that without volunteers like that, a day like this would simply not be possible. Finally, Santa thanked the remaining crowd of adults and children, and expressed great appreciation that they had come out to PCAM to visit that day.

The Santa Fly-In has become a much-anticipated Sonoma County event, and PCAM invites you, your family and friends to meet St. Nick again next year. ★

Flight Operations Report

By Lynn Hunt

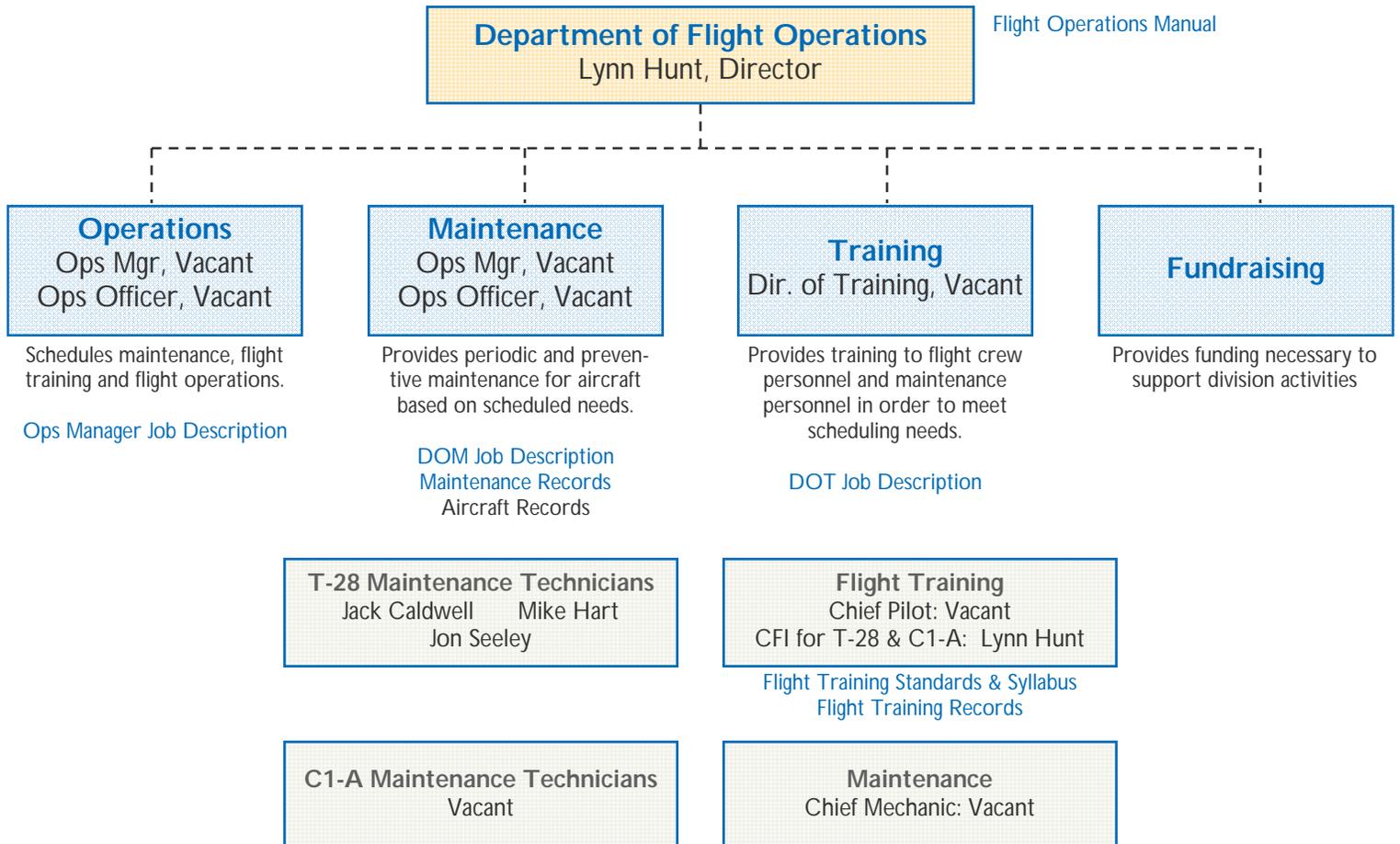
Work continues on the development of a suitable framework for the Flight Ops Division and the identification, outline and creation of the necessary documents that will provide the guidance we will need. This information arrives in a variety of formats, the most common being friends and people I know, stopping by to tell me how they would do it. At this stage of the game there are no bad ideas so please don't hesitate to voice yours. The phone continues to ring and e-mails arrive from a variety of interested people who want to help out with the formation and function of this newest department. We will take a stab at organizing this group sometime in the spring when it is warmer.

Below you will find the beginning of an organizational chart that describes the various components of the

department. This is a handy tool that will help us understand the relationships between the many components and how best to construct them.

Progress on the donations has been hampered by the activities in Washington and the uncertainty that creates regarding sizable tax implications. As you might expect the parties involved in these and any large donations to non-profit organizations are wary of any changes to the tax code or tax rates. Let's all keep our fingers crossed that whatever changes are made have the best interests of non-profits and the generous people who support them in mind.

Regardless of the current progress on the donations, we need to move ahead with planning for 2013. We will be operating the C-1A and possibly the T-28 on a limited schedule so we need to have the key ingredients in place, an operating budget formalized, and board approval of our plan. There is much to do. ✪



Retired Executive Director Dave Pinsky Honored by County of Sonoma

In December, a special Resolution by the Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County recognized retired PCAM Executive Director Dave Pinsky for his outstanding achievements. The proclamation says it best itself:



"The Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma does hereby commend and honor Colonel Dave Pinsky for his more than five decades of dedicated, exemplary service to the Country and Sonoma County through his many good works."

The Resolution outlines some of the key contributions Dave has made:

- Service in the Air Training Command and in Vietnam as a Forward Air Controller, during which he earned numerous decorations...
- Three years on the NATO staff in Europe, three years at Air Force Headquarters and on the Joint Chiefs of Staff...
- Deputy Commander for Operations of two FB-111 wings...

- Wing Commander of the 9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing at Beale AFB, which flew SR-71s and U-2s...
- Over 6,500 flight hours in the SR-71, U-2, F-106, and other aircraft, including over 1,000 combat hours...
- Numerous decorations, among them the Legion of Merit, Silver Star with One Oak Leaf Cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 26 Oak Leaf Clusters, and two Purple Hearts...
- Service to Santa Rosa as Deputy Director of Utilities, President of the Rose Parade, and through numerous additional civic contributions...
- Executive Director of the Pacific Coast Air Museum and the fact that he "is now retiring after seven years of tireless service..."

During Dave's stint as Executive Director, the Pacific Coast Air Museum has grown significantly, adding many examples of historically important aircraft, increasing its positive impact on the community, and boosting its reputation as a local resource and destination.

We at PCAM are pleased to see Dave honored like this, and congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition. ★

A Thank-You to the Gift Shop Crew

On December 27, President Allan Morgan took the gift shop team out to lunch in appreciation for their work and efforts this year in up-grading the appearance of the gift shop, and their skill in greeting visitors and merchandising.

We encourage everyone who hasn't already done so to drop by the gift shop and see the big changes. ★

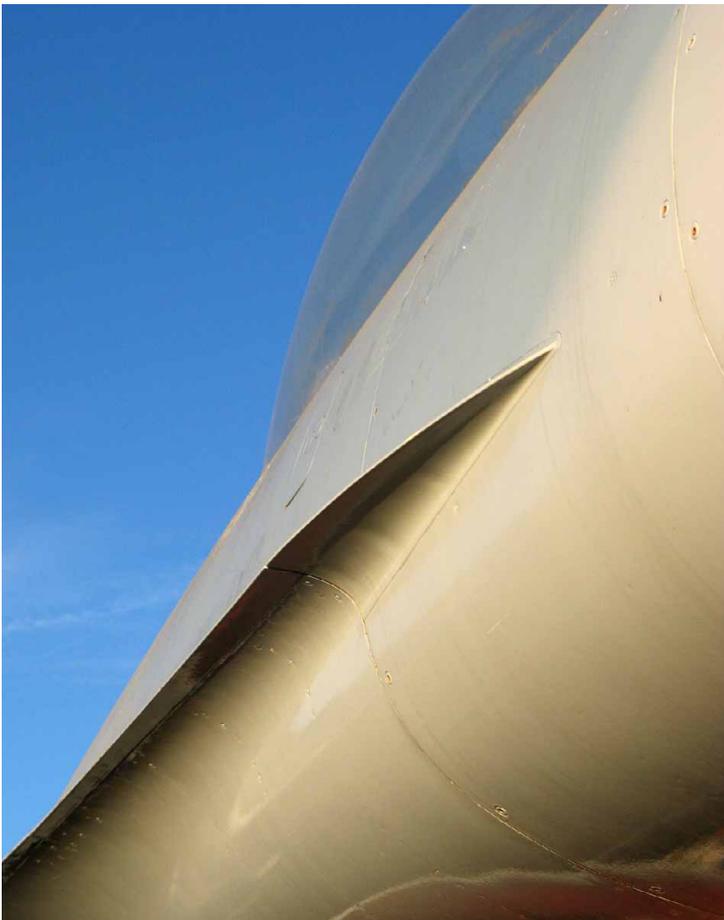


Got an Interesting Story or Photo?

The Straight Scoop always welcomes submissions by readers and museum members. So if you have an interesting story to tell, or a photo you just have to share, please send it to us. Things to keep in mind:

- Your photo or story must be related to aviation or aircraft, and be suitable for a general audience.
- We may edit the story or adjust the coloration or size of images.
- If you send us something, we will assume you give permission for PCAM to use it in the Straight Scoop newsletter, website, and other museum publications.
- We can't promise to publish it. What goes in the Straight Scoop newsletter depends upon available space, scheduling,, other content, and other factors.

Kindly send any submissions to Peter Loughlin at pcam-news@loughlinmarketing.com ✪



"Any soldier worth his salt should be antiwar. And still there are things worth fighting for."

General Norman Schwarzkopf 1934 - 2012

The Pacific Coast Air Museum recognizes the passing of General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, Jr., former Commander of U.S. Central Command and commander of coalition forces during the Gulf War. A great American hero, General Schwarzkopf departed this world December 27, 2012.

New Members

Mary Lou & Dale Erickson – Santa Rosa
Ronald & Dian Coleman – Windsor
Joseph Otos & Family – Windsor
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The Pacific Coast Air Museum

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At the Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport
North of Santa Rosa, West of Highway 101
At Becker Blvd. off 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 online 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: **Peter Loughlin**, Editor, in care of the Pacific Coast Air Museum, One Air Museum Way., Santa Rosa, CA 95403, pcam-news@loughlinmarketing.com, 707-575-7900.

Membership Renewals

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

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In January.*

REMEMBER THESE DATES

Wednesday, January 9	8:30 a.m.	Board of Directors Meeting at the Museum
Wednesday, January 16	7:00 p.m.	Membership Meeting

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