



STRAIGHT SCOOP

PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM

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Photo courtesy Canadian Forces Snowbirds

The Jets Were Back and Wow What a Show!

On behalf of everyone on the 2015 Wings Over Wine Country Executive Committee I would like to thank all of those who attended the Air Show, our volunteers, performers and especially the Canadian Forces Snowbirds for making this year a tremendous success! Our attendance was up 40% from the prior year with crowds estimated at 20,000. 2015 will long be remembered.

— Nancy Heath, Air Show Director

Thank you, Canada, for sending those magnificent Snowbirds to grace our little air show here among the Sonoma County hills and vineyards! The Snowbirds are always spectacular. Their performance transcends mere aeronautical prowess and approaches the magical: nine aircraft in perfect formation, turning, rolling, and looping as one. As they pass, their smoke trails remain, sketching out their graceful maneuvers and testifying to the perfection with which they were executed. The Snowbirds exhibit a certain elegance and grace lacking in the louder, faster aerobatic teams whose speed and noise dominate. The flight of the Snowbirds is more like a ballet, and the eye and mind can actually keep up and appreciate every subtle nuance. They stole the show, as they always do. Bravo.

But there were other celebrities. A USAF F-16 performed a full aerobatic routine. Famed pilots Steve Hinton and Chris Fahey flew the F-86 and MiG-15. The USAF Wings of Blue skydiving team made a number of jumps. Spencer Suderman demonstrated his famous inverted flat spins, and Bill Cornick tore up the sky. Vicky Benzing, Jim Peitz, Frank “Dr. D” Donnelly, the Red Stars, and others all put in appearances. We hope you enjoy the photos.

— Editor

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The PCAM Mission

“To Educate and Inspire both young and old about our aviation heritage and space technology, to Preserve historic aircraft and artifacts, and to Honor veterans.”

Those Incomparable
Canadian Forces

Snowbirds



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F-16 FIGHTING FALCON



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Aerobatic
Demonstration
and
Heritage Flight
with F-86 Sabre



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USAF C-17 Globemaster transport

Top left, top right: Arrival at Santa Rosa

Bottom left : "We're gonna need a bigger tug."

Center right: The C-17 dwarfed our visitors and every other plane on the field.

Bottom right: The C-17's cavernous cargo bay, looking forward..

F-86 & MiG-15 Tail Chase



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F-16 & F-86 Heritage Flight



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Sanders Sea Fury
Smoke Show



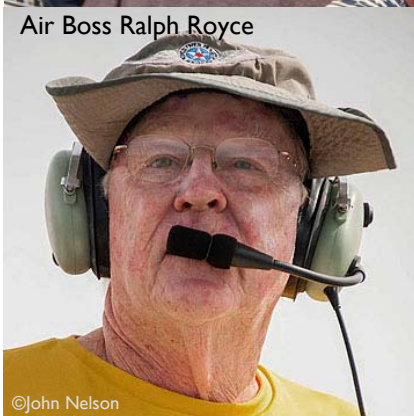
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Great food in the President's Club!



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Air Boss Ralph Royce



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Sanders Sea Fury on the ramp

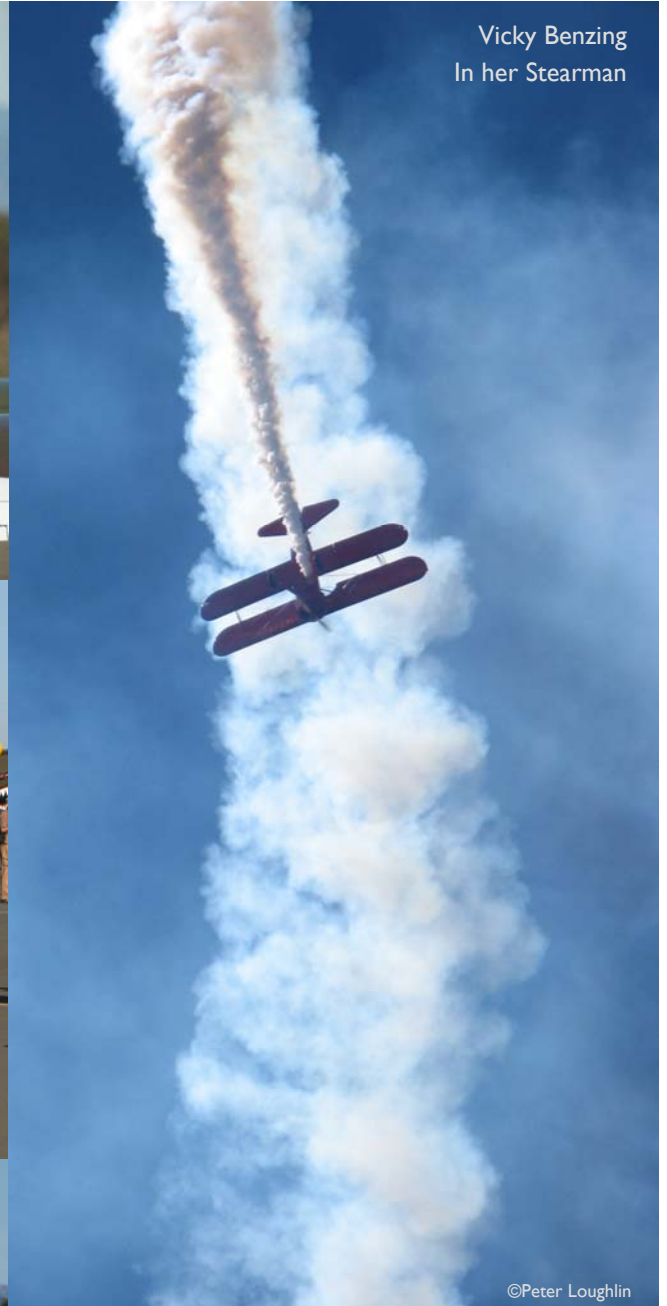


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Sonoma County Sheriff's SWAT Team



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A few of the amazing volunteers who make it all possible!



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Steve Hinton, Planes of Fame, flew the F-86



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Spencer Suderman



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Chris Fahey, Planes of Fame, flew the MiG-15



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Jim Peitz



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The Red Stars



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President's Message

2015 Air Show

Thanks and congratulations to Air Show Director Nancy Heath, to the ExComm, Department Heads, Team Leaders, and all the Volunteers for a very successful 2015 Air Show. I transported hundreds of guests both days and every single one said what a great show it was and how much they enjoyed it. Many said that it was our best show ever! A special thank you to Julia and Josh Hochberg of Sonoma Jet Center for hosting the Friday night Performers Reception.

Dragonfly/Butler Hanger Property

I am pleased to say that we signed the Term Sheet with the Airport. We now will wait to receive the actual Sales and Lease Agreement, expected to be approximately 140 pages. We then negotiate all the final details. This next step will take several months. During this period we will be lining out all the steps that we will need to take to make the actual move. There will be much more to come. If anyone wants more details, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will give additional details at the Membership meeting on October 21st.

Cobra Acquisition

We have received little support for this acquisition. We are now faced with the decision to either use operating funds or reserves to procure this wonderful aircraft, or to pass (which we don't want to do). Again, if anyone can contribute or if you know individuals or organizations that might, please contact me immediately.

Director of Museum Operations

Most of you know that September 30th was Christina Olds' last day at PCAM. Christina has left to move to the Los Angeles area for the time being. She will be back for two weeks in October and will attend the membership meeting October 21st. We will have an opportunity to recognize her then. We will be advertising for this position starting with this newsletter. Please see the job description on the next page. It is also ap-

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A Fond Farewell

By Christina Olds

This past March, I made the difficult decision and announcement to the Board of Directors that I would be leaving my position at the museum after this year's air show in order to focus on writing my second book and promoting my father's legacy. The time for my departure has come and I must now bid a fond farewell to all of you.

It has been a wonderful three years in every way and I'm happy and excited for PCAM's future, with the museum's planned move over to the Dragonfly property and the Butler Hangar. It will be great fun to come back to see the progress. There are exciting times ahead as my move to Southern California will keep me focused in the aviation world and able to easily return for visits.

The heart so serendipitously drawn in the sky by the Snowbirds sums up my feelings. I wish all of you well and I leave you with the biggest possible sign of my love and thanks.

— Christina



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pearing in the Airport Red Baron Flyer newsletter and going out to other organizations. If anyone is interested in this very important position, please send your résumé to me right away, or call for additional information.

Annual Veterans Luncheon

This year's annual Veterans Luncheon at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building will be on Thursday, November 5th from 11:30 to 1:30. This will be the 15th Veterans Luncheon hosted jointly by all the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs in Sonoma County. There are usually 500 to 600 attendees. I have had the privilege of attending all of them. I can't get complimentary tickets but I can get tickets. They are \$15.00 each. Let me know if you want tickets and I will get a block.

— Jim Sartain

Pacific Coast Air Museum Seeks New Director of Museum Operations

We are seeking a qualified individual to fill the role of Director of Museum Operations, to replace Christina Olds who is moving on to other things. This is a full time position for someone with good business sense and experience who can track multiple tasks, be personable and work well with people, give direction without being bossy, and be well organized. The Director must be aware of what's happening and what needs to happen across all museum divisions and operations, without trying to do all the work him- or herself. Delegation skills are a must. Engagement with the museum and its mission will be a critical factor in the success of the Director, so a love of history and aircraft will be a big benefit. Key areas of responsibility include:

Museum Operations: Buildings and grounds, adherence to airport and TSA rules and regulations, and management of paperwork for the leasehold, property tax, sales tax, and similar areas.

Collection and Visitors: Guiding, maintaining, preserving, and curating the museum's collection. Working to improve the overall visitor experience, and make them feel welcome and valued.

Volunteer Management: Work with the Volunteer Coordinator to recruit, maintain, utilize, and recognize the truly amazing PCAM volunteer corps.

Financial Management: Annual budgets, monthly reports for the Board of Directors, and pay the bills on time.

Membership Database: Maintain membership status, volunteer information, and donation information.

Development: Develop and manage new and existing fundraising activities, meeting annual goals.

Community Participation: Build community awareness, publicize the museum, attract potential donors.

Events: Execution of monthly membership meetings, fundraisers, music and food events, classes, group tours, parties on the museum grounds, and recognition events for museum volunteers. Assist our dedicated Air Show Director in the execution of our annual Wings Over Wine Country Air Show.

Marketing and Brand: Control and cultivate the museum's use of the PCAM brand in diverse marketing materials and at events, to maximize the effectiveness of marketing.

You'll have a small army of dedicated PCAM volunteers to help you, many of whom have been key players in these areas for many years. Learn from them and delegate work appropriately and they'll be your greatest asset.

Contact Jim Sartain, President, for a more detailed job description and to ask questions.

707-799-0912 or jsartain@keegancoppin.com. ✪

Acquisitions Report

By Mark Fajardin, Director of Acquisitions

AIM-9M Sidewinder

I am very happy to announce that after many years of work I have finally procured six AIM-9M (Mike) Sidewinder Missiles. The AIM-9 is the single most difficult item to acquire and is prized by any museum fortunate enough to get even one, let alone six! The AIM-9M is an upgraded -9L which is the first "all aspect" Sidewinder with the ability to attack from all directions, including head on. This missile became famous in 1981 with the downing of two Libyan SU-22 Fitters by US Navy F-14 Tomcats, by British Harriers in the Falklands war with 17 kills, and in the Bekaa Valley with Israeli F-15 Eagles. The "Mike" earned its fame during Desert Storm with 13 kills and is currently being replaced by the AIM-9X. Our -9M missiles are captive carry (blue tube) models with approximately 200 hours of flight time. CATM missiles are used for training purposes incorporating a live seeker and guidance system but no rocket motor. The AIM-9M is 9.3 feet long, weighs 191 lbs., and incorporates a 20.8 pound warhead.



An AIM-9M like the ones Mark has procured.

vidual that said, "Hey Mark, how would you like a MIG-29 30MM Cannon and an SH-60 Seahawk helicopter?" "Uh, yes!" The GSh-30I is a powerful and deadly accurate cannon that is used on the MIG-29, SU-27, 33, 34, 35, and 37. So I'll be adding Fallon to my upcoming list of acquisition trips for the cannon and we'll see how the SH-60 goes as Pensacola has final say in that. A good word was put in to Pensacola, so we'll see what happens.

EA-6B / T-34

I will be leaving for NAS Whidbey Island on October 24th to load the 7ft wide x 21.5ft long EA-6B Prowler Cockpit Trainer. The acquisitions trailer is currently in the fab shop being modified to handle this 6,000 pound monster. Then in November I'll be heading down to NAS

North Island San Diego to bring the T-34B Mentor home with a stop at San Diego Air & Space Museum for additional T-34 parts that they are donating.

AH-1J COBRA

NAVSUP at AMARG called me Monday after the air show to ask that we hold off submitting any funds for Cobra 159222 because our original 90 day quote had expired and they would be issuing a new quote since the labor rate increases about \$2.00 per hour effective October 1st. The success of the Cobra now rests solely with PCAM and our ability to fund this important acquisition.

Blue Skies Always! ✪

GSh-30I Cannon

During my annual trip to the US Navy Tailhook Convention I found myself having a nice conversation in the attack ready room with a high ranking (unnamed) indi-



Gift Shop October News

Save on these great Air Show items!

- Children's Canadian Snowbirds Jackets Regularly \$39.99-\$43.99 now **\$23.99-26.39**
- Canadian/American Friendship Pins regularly \$3.99 now **\$1.99**
- Canadian & American Flags regularly \$1.00 now **\$0.75**
- Air Show water bottles regularly \$3.99 now **\$1.99** ✪



October 21 Guest Speaker:



Bob Hoey: Expanding the X-15 Flight Envelope from Mach 2 to Mach 6

Bob was the primary Air Force Flight Test Engineer on the X-15, the famous rocket powered research aircraft designed to explore the boundary between atmosphere and space. Often referred to as the most successful of the “X-Planes”, the X-15

reached Mach 6 and 340,000 feet. Bob will describe essential and unique design features of the X-15, the test methods used to safely reach each of the design goals, incidents and accidents, and engineering test results and “fixes”.

About Bob Hoey

Bob graduated from the University of Washington in 1955 with a BS in Aeronautical Engineering. He earned an MS degree in Systems Management from USC in 1977. He served an Air Force officer and Government Civilian employee at the Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards AFB in California. He participated in flight test engineering for air vehicles and reentering space vehicles, spanning early stability and control testing of the Century Series fighters (F-100 through F-105), mission planning/data analysis for the AF/NASA X-15 flight to Mach 6 and 340,000 feet altitude, the first Air Force fly-by-wire flight test (F-4), the first AF digital fly-by-wire flight test (A-7 Digitac), the YF-16 prototype, and numerous “Lifting Body” vehicles. Following retirement, Bob has served as consultant on many flight test projects including the Scaled Composites Spaceship One. In 1979, he built a BD-4 (4-place homebuilt airplane) which he generously donated to PCAM in 2014.

Time and Location:

Wednesday, October 21, 7:00 p.m.
Mesa Beverage Company, Inc.
3200 N. Laughlin Road. Santa Rosa, CA 🌟

Next Hot Dog Thursday April 7, 2016

Alas, the fire has cooled, the shade canopies are folded and stowed, and the sun has set on another Hot Dog Thursday season. We’ll see you again next April.



We would like to thank [Accent Printing](#) and [Double Eagle Financial](#) for sponsoring the event on October 1.



We sent Hot Dog Thursday out in style: several members of the Early Ford V8 Club brought their vehicles for our visitors to admire!

If you would like to sponsor a Hot Dog Thursday next year, contact Roger Olson at 707-396-3425. 🌟





The Pacific Coast Air Museum

Location

One Air Museum Way, Santa Rosa, CA, 95403
www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org
707-575-7900

At the Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport, north of Santa Rosa. Hwy 101 north to Airport Blvd. and go west. Turn left on North Laughlin Rd, right on Becker Blvd. then right on Air Museum Way.



Hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.
10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

“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 more information.

Member Meetings

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

“Straight Scoop” Newsletter

The museum newsletter, “Straight Scoop” is published monthly and is available online on the museum’s web site. Members are encouraged to submit articles for possible publication. Deadline: 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](mailto:Peter.Loughlin), Editor: pcam-news@loughlinmarketing.com, 707-575-7900.

Membership Renewals

\$40 per year individual; \$60 per year for families. Send renewals to the museum, address below.

Address Corrections

Please send to Pacific Coast Air Museum, One Air Museum Way, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Visit our web site at www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org or call 707-575-7900 for more information.

Read the “Red Baron Flyer,” the quarterly newsletter of the Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport: <http://www.sonomacountyairport.org/red-baron-flyer>

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STRAIGHT SCOOP

October 2015

Climb Aboard
October 17-18, 2015
Transport & Utility Weekend:
IL-14 "Crate"
HU-16 Albatross

REMEMBER THESE DATES

October 21, 2015	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	PCAM Member Meeting at Mesa Beverage
November 18, 2015	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	PCAM Member Meeting at Mesa Beverage
December 16, 2015	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	PCAM Member Meeting & Holiday Party at Mesa Beverage
December 16, 2015	7:30 p.m.	PCAM Board Member election ballots due
December 19, 2015	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Santa Fly-In: FREE ADMISSION

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