



STRAIGHT SCOOP

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

President's Message

by Mike Voorhees

Support Your Museum!

You can support your Museum in a variety of ways:

Join as a member and urge your friends to do so

Attend the general meetings

Attend one of the Hot Dog Thursdays

Volunteer to be part of a crew, committee or run for the Board

Volunteer to work at the Wings Over Wine Country Air Show

Become a Donor and give regularly or be an Air Show Sponsor

Attend the Performer and P-38 Reception on August 14th

Purchase upgraded grandstand or shaded seating at the Air Show

Purchase a chalet with some friends to watch the Air Show

Purchase a pass to the new President's Club Flightline Tent

New for this year

We combined the P-38 Reception and the Performer's Reception, each held separately last year, into one spectacular catered event. It will be held Friday evening, August 14 in the new, large Kaiser Hangar. Tickets are \$40 for individual admission or you can pay \$60 and attend as well as sponsor a performer! Either ticket can be purchased on the Air Show page of our website by clicking on BUY TICKETS.

New for this year is the **President's Club Flight line Tent**. For several years many people have asked how they could get into the Performer/Sponsor Tent (sometimes called the VIP Tent) without being a sponsor or a performer. The answer has been, "you can't."

Well, now you can get into the President's Club Flight line Tent, located next to the Performer/Sponsor Tent and get the same, great flight line view, in the shade or not, unlimited access on a daily basis, plus a continental breakfast, lunch catered by Café Europe, beverages and snacks. The price is \$150 per day; you can purchase a table for ten people for \$1,100 (\$110 per person for 10 people). Admission is strictly limited to 100 people per day. President's Club Passes are available online from Click 'n Print.

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 the Sonoma County Office of Education, near the airport at the intersection of Airport and Skylane Boulevards. Interesting speakers are featured at each meeting.

“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:

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Membership Renewals:

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

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AIR SHOW



PERFORMER & P-38 FUNDRAISER RECEPTION



at the new

KAISERAIR
SANTA ROSA JET CENTER

at the Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County Airport

\$40 per Person

Tickets available at
Kaiser Air Santa Rosa Jet Center
Sam's For Play Cafe
Pacific Coast Air Museum

- ★ Meet and mingle with the Air Show Performers
- ★ See up-close, the P-38 and the Performer's plane
- ★ Beverages & Hors D'Oeuvres
- ★ Aviation Art Silent Auction
- ★ Free Parking
- ★ Sponsor our Performers for \$20

www.PacificCoastAirMuseum.org or call 707-575-7900

FRIDAY AUGUST 14, 2009

6:00PM - 8:30PM



KAISERAIR
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PRESIDENT'S CLUB



AUGUST 15 & 16

The President's Club is an exclusive tent located along the Air Show flight line. You are able to enter the tent as often as you wish. The President's Club offers both shade and sunny seating areas and the following:

- Free Parking
- Admission to the Air Show
- Continental Breakfast
- Catered Lunch
- Assorted Desserts and Snacks
- Coffee, Tea, Water, Soft Drinks, Beer and Wine
(Proof of age required for alcoholic beverages)

One-day membership is \$125 if purchased by July 31, 2009. After that date daily membership is \$150

Access to the President's Club is limited to 100 people per day so purchase your pass early. Look for us on the web at www.WingsOverWineCountry.org.

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AUGUST 15 & 16



HOT DOG THURSDAY - BEST EVER!

The Crew Was Surprised To Say The Least

While preparing for Hot Dog Thursday, Ed Nelson and I were saying that with the July 4th holiday coming up there should be fewer people for the July 2nd Hot Dog Thursday. So we decided to reduce the food order a little. NOOOOO..... That's not what happened! People started coming in at 11:30 and they just kept coming. At around 1:00, Ed had to rush into the Gift Shop and tell [Bob Conz and Robin Dotti](#), "Don't sell any more tickets, we are out of buns and running low on hot dogs!"

Even though we had a big crowd the Tuesday-Thursday crew kept things moving and the line was never longer than 10 or 12 people. Ed, of course, was cooking hot dogs, [John Henry](#) was serving the dogs, [Bill Greene](#) was resupplying condiments and sodas, [Paul Heck](#) was serving [Bob Archibalds'](#) wonderful *Dragonfuel* chili, and [Nick VanKruining](#) was filling in as needed. And [Bill Carpentier](#) was up front taking the money. This crew is really efficient in their service and that includes set up and tear down. They all know what is needed.

[Paul Heck](#) came up with a great addition to Hot Dog Thursday, sell ice cream. We assembled one of [Rose Pattenaude's](#) ice cream carts and set it up with an umbrella, of course. Rose was the ice cream vendor and she offered bars, cones and ice cream sandwiches. A nice finishing touch really appreciated by our customers and with excellent sales.

As the title says, Hot dog Thursday - Best Ever. Our revenue for the day was \$1,120.00, best ever!

Our customers are diverse. We have the usual customers from the airport and surrounding businesses but I was surprised to see a number of mothers with young children. Apparently, because the facilities and event are so pleasant we are able to attract this clientele. Having the new bridge and the gravel path just added to the attractiveness.

The Tuesday-Thursday Crew rate huge kudos for this wonderful event. The Museum is lucky to have this crew.

[Duane Coppock](#)

AIR SHOW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION & SAFETY BRIEFING

On Wednesday, August 12th at 6:00 pm there is a volunteer safety and orientation briefing for all air Show Volunteers. This is a required meeting for ALL Air Show Volunteers and Staff

THE LAST NEWLETTER ASKED ABOUT AVIATION HISTORY "BUFFS"

Did you get interested in the question - and would you like to pursue it further? More information still coming in the next "Straight Scoop" issue. There will be more nuts and bolts next time. Watch for Jumpstart-H

SNIPPETS OF WWI I

By CR Mudge

Anyone who is interested in any slice of aviation history knows that the I.D. of "Air Force One" is the name of the U.S. President's official aircraft, and has been for decades. Strangely enough, what would have ended up as the very first one was build during WWI I but never used by the then president, FDR.

The one that was actually constructed for him had serial number 41-2419 and was a converted B-24 designated C87-A and named "Guess Where I I. The gun turrets were removed, the bomb bay became a fore and aft deck, a cargo door was installed on the port side, and the bombardier's nose blister was replaced by a special hinged door and ramp to accommodate his wheel chair. It could carry a total of 16 passengers.

The Secret Service however was very unimpressed with the safety record of the converted plane and adamantly refused clearance for what would have become the very first "Air Force One". FDR never even sat in it. Mrs. Roosevelt was not refused clearance however, and used it extensively for good will trips during the war, including one to South America in 1944. FDR himself ended up with a C-54 Skymaster named "Sacred Cow" for the remaining years of his office until he died in 1945 (the aircraft however was never named "Air Force One").

Check out the museum staff hard at work on the “Path Project” Volunteers are always needed at the Pacific Coast Air Museum. Even if you think that you do not have any skills to contribute, we need your help.



C-118 Restoration Begins

On Saturday, June 27th, the hottest day of the year so far, the C-118 got a thorough washing to clean it up for our Air Show and to prepare it for restoration.

The hard working crew of [Larry Rengstof](#), [Jim Cook](#), [Robin Dotti](#), [Nick Strawn](#), [Mark Fajardin](#), [Don Walden](#), [Bob & Mary Status](#) and [Tony Sarganis](#).

The C-118 is one big aircraft - - they started at 8:00am, worked all day and finishing around 5:00pm, in over 100 degree heat. Getting sprayed accidentally was a good thing this day as it was about the only cooling available that day.

Larry wants to start serious restoration of the interior if he can form a crew interested in the C-118 and helping him restore it. If you are interested, contact Larry at swiftair@sonic.net





The Redwood Empire Chapter of “Clipped Wings” United Airlines Stewardess Alumnae & Flight Attendants Inc. met at the Sky Lounge Restaurant of the Charles M. Schulz/Sonoma County Airport. Clipped Wings National President [Pam Ziebarth](#) from the Omaha Chapter was visiting and local members presented her with “Snoopy in his Flying Ace helmet, goggles and scarf. Pictured are L-R, RDW members [Bronwyn Galloway](#), PCAM Member [Marilyn Reynolds](#), National President Ziebarth, RDW Co-Presidents [Georgie Kepner](#) & [Ginny Sheahan](#), [Dona Moberly](#), [Chris Eberle](#), [Pat Waldow](#) and [Bev Vandehei](#) who was visiting from the Phoenix Chapter. President on a tour of Pacific Coast Air Museum where they showed her the newly displayed Stewardess/Flight Attendant Showcase and then guided her through the outside exhibit of the restored aircraft.



Clipped Wings & PCAM Member [Marilyn Reynolds](#) shows her daughter Bronwyn the display that Marilyn and [Mary Jane Brown](#), the PCAM Exhibit Coordinator put together. The display exhibits a United Air Lines 1973 Flight Attendant Uniform; a 1957 Stewardess Class Graduation photograph; a photo of the “Original Eight”- United’s first stewardesses in 1930; and other historical memorabilia such as the sheet music from “Come Fly With Me” from the 1943 movie of the same name.

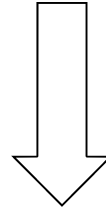
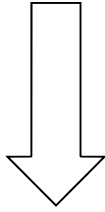
THE AIR SHOW HIGHWAY SIGNS ARE IN PLACE

Placing the highway signs for the Wings Over Wine Country Air Show started on July 11th and the crew finished the following Saturday. What a great crew! [Steve Hoxie](#), [Rich Lewis](#), [Kevin Matreci](#), [Bob Matreci](#) and [Duane Coppock](#) were the first crew going all the way to Marin County . [Ben Martin](#) and [Rose Pattenau](#) joined the crew later for a trip all the way to Vallejo and Highway 37. For the other days we mixed and matched crews including [Rick Shea](#), to get the job done. And on the last day we had help from [Robin Dotti's son Justin](#).

All the signs were designed by [Ray Smith](#). Of course, each year the signs must be cleaned and correct dates applied. [Dennis Flynn](#) was great help with that.

Yes, the Air Show is coming, August 15th and 16th. It says so on the signs.

Below are just a few of the exciting attractions at the 2009 “Wings Over wine Country” Air Show. You should not miss this one. It will be the best ever. Get your tickets now.



A Message from a Board Member

(Recently the Pacific Coast Air Museum received an unusual request— could we provide a passenger-type aircraft for the Sonoma County SWAT Team for training in the types of emergency situations the SWAT Team might be called to respond to? Board Member Glenn Barrett, Dave Pinsky and Duane Coppock put their heads together, and with the help of our great IL-14 Crew Chief Rose Pattenaude and Ron Stout, it all came together on Sunday, August 2. Below is a message we received from Glenn Barrett.)

Hello All,

I would like to personally express my gratitude to Ron, Rose, Duane, and Ben for their efforts in supporting this exercise.

This was a very important exercise for Sonoma County Law Enforcement as various participants had never dealt directly with an aircraft before.

Participants today included Sonoma County SWAT, Bomb Squad, HNT, Mobile Command, Federal Air Marshal, and a host of others.

The move from PCAM and back went absolutely flawlessly.

Rose participated in the move as well as taking an active role (as a role player) during the exercise.

What a remarkable young lady. Her efforts on the aircraft as well as her general ability, intelligence, personality, and commitment were well noticed and appreciated.

Thanks to everyone,

Glenn Barrett

Board Member



August 15th & 16th
Wings Over Wine Country
Air Show

REMEMBER THESE DATES

August 5th @ 8:30am Board of Director's Meeting at the Museum

No Executive Director's Staff Meeting this month—Next meeting on September 8th

August 14 @ 6:00pm—Performer & P-38 Reception—Advance ticket sales only

August 15-16—"Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show

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