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**Pacific Coast Air Museum**

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*To promote the acquisition, restoration, safe operation, and display of historical aircraft.*

*December 2005*

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## THE BIG MEETING

*Don't miss this year's HOLIDAY AND GRAND PARTY MEETING. Not only is this the PCAM Holiday Party but it is also the Annual Membership Meeting as required by our By-Laws. This meeting is where you (the membership) elect our new Board Members.*

**WHERE:** The Sonoma County Office of Education  
 5340 Skylane Blvd., Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**WHEN:** December 21st , 7:00-9:00 PM

### DETAILS:

1. Since it is the Holiday meeting, members are asked to bring potluck dishes, hors d'oeuvres and holiday snacks to share.
2. We will announce the Volunteer of the Year, plus other awards.
3. This is the chance to meet and greet members you have never met and to enjoy the company of the greatest group of people anywhere.

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

I have received some advance warning as to why NORAD will be on a Special Alert from December 17th through the 24th. They have been told to expect a very special flying craft from the far North headed toward the Sonoma County Airport.

The craft will be open cockpit and powered by 8 or possibly 9 separate power units shaped like Reindeer. NORAD Interceptor Pilots have been advised to give this craft a priority escort throughout this area. I also found out that a local Helicopter unit will be providing a special service for the operator of that craft and that it is scheduled to make a stop very near PCAM on the 17th. This information is VERY reliable and has been approved for public dissemination.

Be sure to visit our website for the latest information!  
[www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org](http://www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org)

## The Pacific Coast Air Museum

Located on the corner of North Laughlin and Becker Blvd. on Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport. Just North of Santa Rosa, Ca.

### Museum Hours:

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday;  
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

A selected aircraft is available to **"Climb Aboard"** on the third weekend of each month. (weather permitting) Call 707-575-7900 for details and information, or Fax 707-545-2813.

### Member Meetings

Meetings are typically held at Sonoma County Office of Education located near the airport on Skylane Blvd., 5340 Skylane Blvd., Santa Rosa, CA 95403 on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

**"Straight Scoop"**, the museum's newsletter is published monthly. Members are encouraged to submit articles for possible publication-due by the 20th of the month prior to publication. All articles in this newsletter are copy written. If you wish to use any of the contents, please contact:

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Address corrections and membership renewal (\$30.00 per year/\$45.00 for a family) should be sent to: Pacific Coast Air Museum, 2230 Becker Blvd., Santa Rosa, Ca 95403

## PCAM Participates in Homeless Shelter Dedication

On the day before Veteran's Day, the City of Santa Rosa dedicated **Lt. Samuel L. Jones** hall as it's new homeless shelter. The significance of the event for the Pacific Coast Air Museum (PCAM) is that the building is on the old Santa Rosa Naval Air Center and PCAM was asked to participate in the Grand Opening.

Ray Anderson, PCAM Historian and Bill Carpentier, Past President of the Redwood Empire Aviation Historical Society (REAHS) put together a wonderful display that showed both the old Naval Air Center and the location of the new homes and other construction. They showed such folks as State Legislators, City Council Members, Santa Rosa Police and Fire Chiefs and many others, overhead photos of the Old Naval Air Center. Accompanied by Executive Director Dave Pinsky and past Executive Director Duane Coppock, our "hearty band" spread the word about PCAM to lots of people, many of whom had no idea that we even had an Air Museum here in Santa Rosa. Dave even got one fellow to join PCAM on the spot.



PCAM Staff at Homeless Shelter Dedication

### CREW DAWG UPDATE

Our restoration crews have not slowed down at all. The T-28 crew works every Thursday night in our hangar. The engine is now out of the aircraft to be worked on. The DC-6 Nose section is being cared for by BB & B (Bill, Bill And Barney). The rear of it is now enclosed with plywood and aluminum, and soon will be on a hard stand to ease the remainder of the project. The A-26 group is meeting Saturday mornings and the BD-5 crew does it's magic on Tuesday/Thursdays in the Hangar. Our RF-8 cockpit is getting some major attention and the H-34 now has an engine thanks to Lynn Hunt. We are expecting the AV-8C Harrier and the S-2 Tanker soon. If you would like to help, let us know and we will put you in touch with the Crew Chiefs.

Our Hangar **DAWGS** keep aviation history alive.

Dedicated Able Worthy Guardians



## Pacific Coast Air Museum Well Represented at Lunch Honoring Vets

Our Pacific Coast Air Museum was well represented by 12 of our members at a November 3rd luncheon put on by the Santa Rosa Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs to honor Veterans. Each of our members proudly wore their PCAM logo polo shirts and were able to sit as a group at the same table.

The Veteran's Hall decorations and the program were very patriotic and the vets in attendance were touched. From the United States Marine Corps Color Guard to the Santa Rosa High School Band, to the Retired Marine Corps two star General who was guest speaker, it was an event that touched the heart of every vet in attendance.

We will try to get tickets again next year and have them available at the Air Museum for all who might want to attend this great event. IT'S NOT JUST FOR VETS.

## PCAM Loses Robert Clancy

We are sad to report that long time PCAM member **Robert Clancy**, passed away on September 6, 2005. His Daughter told us that Robert very much enjoyed his long association with PCAM and was especially good buddies with his neighbor (and fellow PCAM member) John Parmer. Together they provided a lot of service in support of the annual Air Show. PCAM will miss Bob. The Board and membership sends sincere condolences to his family and friends.

## Joe Rogers Laid To Rest At Arlington

On October 27, 2005, Joe Rogers was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery near Washington D.C. Joe was accorded full Military Honors which included a caisson drawn by 6 mounted troopers, a 21 gun salute, the U.S. Air Force Band, Honor Guard and Bugler playing Taps. A Military Chaplain and civilian clergy took part in the service. During the ceremony, Joe's many accomplishments in the Air Force were recounted including his many combat missions in Korea and Viet Nam. (**Joe still holds the world speed record for the fastest single engine jet at 1,525 mph in a F-106.**)

The previous evening, the Rogers family led by Joe Rogers Jr. hosted a dinner for those gathered from around the country. Many of Joe's squadron mates were there to recount their experiences while serving with him. There was obvious affection expressed in their words and their respect for Joe and his leadership ability .

It was an honor to take part in this farewell to a friend and a warrior. PCAM was well represented by Larry Rengstorf, Jim Cook and Mark Harlan.

This article provided by Bill Canavan



**Dave Pinsky in his F-106**

## Letter From Your New Executive Director

By Dave Pinsky

I want to tell every Pacific Coast Air Museum member how happy I am to be your new Executive Director. The weeks that I've been in the job have been the happiest weeks I've spent in years. To be with such a tremendous group of volunteers cooperating in our mission of restoring and displaying aircraft and aviation history, as well as educating young people about aviation, is motivating and uplifting for me.

That brings me to something I personally consider very important for all of us -- what we do at and for the Air Museum should be fun. I want to help make our fine museum continue to be successful, but I want to make sure that everyone involved is enjoying themselves while we are all doing it.

Most of you know my background so I won't repeat it here. At the museum I've been involved with the Air Show, am on the T-28 restoration crew, spend time with the fine volunteers each week and get to interact with Board members and attend Board meetings. And I really am flying regularly again!

The Board of Directors is the policy setting body for our non-profit organization. I can tell you all, from personal experience, that you have a fine, hardworking set of Officers and Board. They really care about our Pacific Coast Air Museum and each of you. I know sometimes the Board and what they do seem "mysterious", and my plan is to do a little write-up for each newsletter about the important stuff the Board discussed at its last meeting (if there is no write-up, they either didn't discuss anything worth mentioning or the snow was flying and I was up skiing or patrolling!). And remember, every Board meeting is open for any member who wants to attend. Board meetings are always held the first Wednesday of every month at 8:30 a.m. at the museum. We'll post each month's Board meeting date on our web site from now on.

We're trying to do some things to keep you better informed, and in a more timely manner. One such effort is sending you the "Straight Scoop" newsletter electronically each month. As of the November issue you can download it from our PCAM website the day it is posted. Soon you will also get an e-mail with the newsletter attached. Anyone who wants a paper copy can either print it (which is what I do by the way), or let us know and we'll gladly keep mailing you a copy.

We're updating the Pacific Coast Air Museum web pages and intend to keep them as up to date as possible at all times. You can help us here -- if you see something on the site that is out of date or needs updating, give me a call at (707) 575-7900 or shoot me an e-mail at either [director@pacificcoastairmuseum.org](mailto:director@pacificcoastairmuseum.org) or [davepskier@yahoo.com](mailto:davepskier@yahoo.com).



### Letter From Your New Executive Director (cont'd)

In the near future look for an announcement about a tour to Beale Air Force Base in the spring, and our museum participating in the Beale Air Force Base Air Show and Open House June 3-4, 2006 (the Air Force Thunderbirds and Army Golden Knights will both be there!). Finally, Jim Cook, Norma Nation, Bob Conz and I are working on a Pacific Coast Air Museum "challenge coin". If all goes well, you'll be able to buy your very own PCAM challenge coin in the gift shop in a few months and then you won't have to buy the beer when you are "challenged".

I'd like to pay tribute to Duane Coppock, your Executive Director for the past three years. Duane has contributed to PCAM in ways that many of you know about, and in dozens of ways that people never hear of. He has been the man behind the scenes who has made countless events successful. Duane took on every task, no matter how small, to make sure things were right and everything got done. The entire Pacific Coast Air Museum membership owes a debt of gratitude to Duane for his hard work and many contributions over the past three years. And I want to personally thank Duane for all he has done to make our transition a smooth and easy one. I am grateful that Duane is still going to be around the museum several days each week. And I am glad to see Duane smiling so much these days -- he truly deserves it!

Finally, I need all the help I can get and encourage ideas, big and small. The Pacific Coast Air Museum is on the move and our name is really getting out there -- let's do all we can do to keep the momentum going!!

And let's have fun and enjoy ourselves along the way!!

Smooth landings,

Dave

## PCAM RECEIVES LARGEST DONATION IN ITS HISTORY

Most of you know of Hattie Stone. Hattie, who is now 87 years young, was a U.S. Navy Petty Officer First Class during WWII 1943-1945. She is a frequent visitor to PCAM, often in uniform. She is a very active the local American Legion Post. was offering free memberships filled out an application as a and Board by including a check amount of \$25,000. Hattie from every and the entire Board.



veteran and is past president of When Hattie learned that PCAM to WWII Veterans, she not only WWII Vet, she WOWED the staff for our Building Fund in the A huge **THANK YOU** to one of our 575 members

## December Member of The Month

By: Linda Wright

If you hung around the airport back in the early days when the air show was in it's infant stages, you would remember our 1st Air Show up on Knob Hill some 8 years ago, as it was a bit of an informal gathering of air-plane enthusiasts. The December member of the Month, **Glyn Rowley** was there and recalls today that even as things got bigger and better some things didn't change. "Somebody's got to tow planes, rub and scrub till they shine, put everything back and cleanup when it's over. You can never find enough worker bees".

Last month's Member of the Month, Bryan Lee chose **Glyn** as the next to be honored because he exemplifies the worker bee. He has been in the middle of jobs that nobody wants, always with a smile and an extra pair of gloves. In fact, that's how Bryan got started. He hung around just long enough to get that extra pair of gloves tossed at him by **Glyn** and a little nudge from Glyn saying. "c'mon boy let's get started". I met with **Glyn** out at the airport and the first thing that struck me was his great smile. We laughed and he reminisced about when the meetings were really small and everyone had a dream that someday we would have a real big Air Show and maybe a lot of beautiful old birds to show off. Back then **Glyn** was working for United Air Lines doing all the things that not too many guys wanted to do even then. He was a plumber by trade but found that it can cover a lot of territory. After 34 years he retired with around 150 of his comrades at the height of the United Air Lines demise. When I asked him what was one of the high lights of his time at United, he mentioned that it was an exciting time when the B-17 would come in for a 100 hour check.

**Glyn** has been married to his lovely wife Janet for 35 years and claims his only kids are the 2 Pontiacs in his garage. A '57 Starchief and a Starchief Convertible. When **Glyn** is not working on a PCAM project, he can be found in that garage giving great care to his Pontiacs. Thank you **Glyn** for giving us 8 great years of hard work and for keeping that extra pair of gloves handy.

## 'PROP WASH'

By: Tom Whitson (Roving Reporter Extraordinaire)

**The Harrier is coming! The Harrier is coming!**

Master Crew Chief Jim Cook told this reporter that our newly acquired AV-8C is the last one in the Navy inventory. It is coming from the Tucson "Bone yard". Jim says that transportation arrangements are being made very soon. This reporter last saw that amazing aircraft at one of the last Moffit NAS Air Shows. It flew sideways about 60 feet off the deck, stopped, turned 90 degrees to face the crowd and then "curtseyed" dipping it's nose up and down. Mark Fajardin will be the Harrier's Crew Chief.

Don't call our new E.D. "PCAM Pinsky anymore, although it has a nice ring to it. Among the many new ideas Dave has brought to the job is that he would like the membership to refer to our organization as "The Museum" or "The Pacific Coast Air Museum" especially when referring to the museum in public. Most people don't know what PCAM is (some say it is some kind of nut). SO look for some future changes in the cap, jacket and badge lanyard design.

If you missed November's meeting, you really missed a great presentation by Colonel Bill Adams, USMC Retired. Col. Adams referred to his presentation as "**Around the World in 180 Days; A report on the war on Terror**". It was a run-down on the world situation with terrorists and Iraq, and was an overview of terrorists, their differences and mind set. Col. Adams was in the thick of it, running a Far East department with various government "Spooks". The Colonel was asked by a PCAM member "when can you come back?" I am sure we all hope it will be very soon. A big thanks to Chuck Root for arranging the Colonel's visit to PCAM.



#1

Can you name these aircraft?

#2

Answer—bottom of page #7



### BUILDING FUND DONATIONS

We've had another good year planning for our new Museum Facility. Our list of donors is growing and we would like to once again thank everyone who has donated towards making our dream of a new museum a reality. If you have not yet gotten on board with a donation, we invite you to join those who have. We look forward to adding your name to the growing list of people who have contributed.

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**Answers:** #1 is the F-15 Eagle  
#2 is the F/A22 Raptor

**HERE ARE THE PRESENTATIONS BY THE CANDIDATES WHO WISH TO  
BE ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

**MIKE VOORHEES**

"My name is Mike Voorhees and I'm seeking election to help maintain the financial responsibility of our organization while pursuing its long term goals of aircraft acquisition, restoration and display in a permanent facility. A private pilot since 1972, I served as a director and president of REAHS (Redwood Empire Aviation Historical Society) and was a director of PCAM when those organizations merged. In addition to practicing law, I have volunteered for many years as a reserve peace officer and as a judge pro tem and settlement conference panelist. I pledge to devote my experience and skills to supporting and improving our museum."

**PAUL HECK**

"I became a licensed pilot at Sonoma County Airport at age 16 after taking flight lessons after school. In 1973, I graduated from Santa Clara University with a B.S. in Business Administration/Marketing. I have a Comanche 250 which is at home in Hangar #19. For the past 28 years, I have been fortunate to mix business with pleasure by showing real estate clients their properties from the air. If I'm elected to the PCAM Board, I will bring my unique blend of marketing and sales to promote the air show and the museum. I'm excited about joining a winning team and look forward to having some fun doing it."

**BOB ARCHIBALD**

"I have been a member of the PCAM Board of Directors on an interim appointment for several months. It is an honor and a responsibility. I see the need to continue on our path toward a permanent home for the museum, to maintain fiscal responsibility and historical integrity.

My background in aviation started with my first flight in a J-3 Cub in 1941 and led to 22 years of service in the U.S. Air Force. During that time I flew many of the fast fighter planes of the cold war era and I see our museum as an outstanding example of a Cold War Collection.

I have been a member of the museum for many years, own the flight school next door, and am willing to make the commitment in time and effort to continue and improve the excellence our predecessors have made".

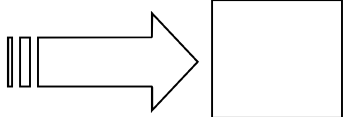
## OFFICIAL BALLOT—PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM

The purpose of this ballot is to elect three members to the Board of Directors to a term of three years, ending December 31, 2008.

Please review the rules stated below before casting your ballot.

1. Only the original of this ballot, bearing your mailing address label on the reverse will be accepted. Photocopies or facsimiles will not be accepted as valid ballots.
2. We must receive ballots from at least 10% of the members of record. On Nov 17th we count the number of members at 5:00 p.m. and on Dec 21 we must have at least 10% of that number. Winners are determined by those receiving the most votes.
3. You may mail this ballot to PCAM at 2330 Airport Blvd. Santa Rosa, CA 95403, or you may hand deliver your ballot to the Secretary or nominating committee member at the General Meeting on December 21.

**Mike Voorhees** 

**Paul Heck** 

**Bob Archibald** 

**Ballots must be received by PCAM no later than 7:30 PM on December 21, 2005**

4. Vote for **three** candidates only.
5. Please indicate your choice by placing an "X" to the right of the candidates name in the box provided.

Please return your original paper ballot by December 21st.



Climb Aboard Weekend  
December 17th & 18th  
Featured Aircraft: UH-1H (Huey)  
*Santa's Annual Visit to PCAM*  
*Dec 17th only*

### REMEMBER THESE DATES

December 17, @ 11:00 AM— New Member Orientation  
Learn the ins and outs of your air museum's operations and programs

December 21st @7:00 PM— Member Meeting  
Sonoma County Office Of Education (SCOE)  
5340 Skylane Blvd., Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Third Tuesday of each month @12:00 Noon  
Executive Director's Staff Meeting @ the Museum

A pink line on your address label on the last page of your paper newsletter indicates your annual membership renewal for 2006 is due.

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