



STRAIGHT SCOOP

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

New Monthly Air Show Planning & Member Meeting Location

Thanks to our new airport neighbor, [Mesa Beverage Company](#) we have a terrific new meeting space in the new Mesa building. The meeting room is large, has excellent audio and video equipment and best of all, Mesa is providing this excellent new meeting location to the Pacific Coast Air Museum at no cost to the museum. There is ample parking and it's very close to the museum. Look for a meeting notice on the door to the left of the main entrance, which will take you by stairs or elevator up to our 2nd floor meeting room.

New Location: Mesa Beverage Company, Inc.

3200 N. Laughlin Road. Santa Rosa, CA

Directions: From Santa Rosa, take Highway 101 North and exit at Airport Blvd. Turn left on Laughlin Road toward the museum. The Mesa building is located on the left side of the street just past the museum and Nob Hill south gate.

Ever Wanted to Fly in A P-40 or P-51?

Rides will be offered in either (or both) of these two aircraft (which many say won WWII), just before and during Air Show weekend. The generous donation you will make to fly in one of these aircraft, in either the Friday afternoon photo shoot or before or after the Air Show Saturday and Sunday, will help bring all these fine warbirds here and benefit your Pacific Coast Air Museum. Call [Dave Pinsky](#) at the Pacific Coast Air Museum, 707-575-7900, to sign up.

Frank Albert Kappeler

Passed away June 23, 2010. Loving husband for 53 years of Betty Kappeler; loving father of Francia Kappeler; beloved grandfather of Maura Kappeler, Ben Phillips and Raina Phillips, all of Santa Rosa; also survived by his brother Jack Kappeler of Bakersfield and three nieces and one nephew. A native of San Francisco, age 96 years. Frank served in the Army Air Corp in World War II and was a member of General Jimmy Doolittle's Raiders. He is a member of the Military Officers Association of America, Redwood Chapter, American Legion, Theodore Roosevelt Post #21, V.F. W., Doolittle Raiders and an Auxiliary member of the "Hornet" Association in Alameda. A Liturgy Service was held on Thursday July 1, 2010 at the Chapel at Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Santa Rosa. Private interment was at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Santa Rosa, CA. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the Sutter VNA & Hospice, 1110 N. Dutton Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95401.



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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Pacific Coast Air Museum Now Has Two Paid Life Members

The Board of Directors, Officer and Members of the Pacific Coast Air Museum are proud to announce that we now have two paid in full Life Members - - Executive Director [Dave Pinsky, Colonel, USAF \(Ret.\)](#) and [Robert M. Wicklund, Captain, USN \(Ret.\)](#). They are both recognized on the new Life Member plaque hung in the museum and received their distinctive Life Member cards from President [Mike Voorhees](#) at the June Member Meeting. Both join the select group of Honorary Life Members of the Pacific Coast Air Museum - - [Butch Causey, Carl Thompson, Jim Cook, John Parmer and Hattie Stone](#). They also received distinctive Honorary Life Member cards, Hattie receiving hers from President Mike Voorhees at the June Member Meeting.

Thanks to all our Honorary and Paid Life Members for their significant contribution and wonderful support of the Pacific Coast Air Museum.

Executive Director [Dave Pinsky](#) has offered the following challenge - - for anyone who becomes a paid in full Life Member between now and our 2010 Air Show, they will receive, in addition to having their name on the perpetual plaque and receiving a distinctive bronze Life Member card, a Pacific Coast Air Museum challenge coin, the distinctive Executive Director challenge coin and a one hour flight with Dave in a Cessna 172 over Sonoma County. The museum Gift Shop can take your credit card for your Life Membership (of course we will take a check too)! So take up Dave's challenge and be recognized as a key and loyal supporter of the Pacific Coast Air Museum.

Crew Dawg News

Welcome to my third Crew Dawg News:

I'd like to start up the regular Crew/Crew Chief meetings again and it has been suggested that we have them on a Saturday with a workday and a potluck BBQ in the afternoon. This will give us a chance to help others on their planes, get help from the other folks on your plane and sit around and tell lies. I have good memories of these in the past and it should be fun. Let's schedule it for the second Saturday of the month for the next couple of months, That's July 10 and Aug. 14. The July date will just miss the 4th and Aug. will be just before the Air Show.

I'm getting some really good feedback from my first CDN, but keep the ideas coming. I'm really looking for ideas to make our lives easier, how to attract new Crews and Crew Chiefs and how to have more fun.

Something that is new is that we have 5 or 6 young folks that have started to volunteer. They came out of Allan Morgan's Aviation Summer Camp and they are willing to work! They sanded the D-21 Drone trailer in 2 days! If you have some work on your plane that they can do (under supervision of course) please let me know.

Thanks,
MCC Ron

Loaned - Not Returned, by Larry Rengstorf

I Loaned out my 3/4 inch Drive Socket set some months ago to someone, - they did not return them as promised. Please, please bring them back - I need them.

They are in a green metal box. Look around your garage & please return them. Thanks.

Pacific Coast Air Museum Education Programs Thriving

Aviation Summer School, Boy Scout Aviation Merit Badge Programs, Aviation History and Principles of Flight Classes, "Story Time", The History, Anatomy and Personality of the North American B-25 Mitchell and more. The Pacific Coast Air Museum (PCAM) education programs have taken off and soared under the leadership and guidance of Education Director [Allan Morgan](#).

The first week of the Pacific Coast Air Museum's Aviation Summer School concluded successfully in mid-June with all sixteen students successfully guiding the simulator's Cessna 172 from the Healdsburg airport to STS and landing, then taking a graduation flight with one of the PCAM's FAA licensed pilots around Sonoma County.

One of the highlights of the Aviation Summer School 15 hour course was an up close and personal contact with Lynn Hunt's B-25 and learning how it was built and why it was such a favorite air craft with its crew.

The second course of Aviation Summer School with seventeen students started June 14 and emphasized navigation, aircraft performance, weight & balance with several guest speakers addressing the many career opportunities in aviation.

Anyone interested in attending or helping with the Pacific Coast Air Museum's education classes and program is encourage to contact Allan Morgan at 707-431-2856 or by e-mail at amrgn@comcast.net

Hi, Allen , I wanted to extend a big thank you, your Summer School Staff, and pilots for their time and effort to put on such a great program for our kids. They are truly fortunate to have the opportunity to learn from such a vast group of the most experienced airmen & women around.

Thanks again,

Paul Derkos



Air Force and Navy Fighters, WWII Warbirds & Aerobatic Racing Challenge Headline “Wings Over Wine Country” Air Show

The Pacific Coast Air Museum (PCAM) proudly welcomes the U.S. Air Force F-15E and Navy F/A-18 fighter demonstration teams to an already exciting air show schedule. The F-15E “Strike Eagle” Demonstration Team from Seymour Johnson AFB will put the Strike Eagle through its paces to show the crowd just how it became the most dominant air superiority and strike aircraft in the world. The F/A-18 Super Hornet Demonstration Team from Lemoore NAS will match the Strike Eagle in intensity, speed and noise while they show the fans why the Super Hornet is the world’s finest naval combat aircraft. Additional military participation in the Wings Over Wine Country Air Show includes the C-17 “Globemaster III” demonstration, U-2 “Dragon Lady” overflights and T-38 “Talon” flybys. Our outstanding civilian air show line up includes:

- Aerobatic Racing Challenge featuring [Bill Cornick and Spencer Suderman](#).
- Bill Cornick and Spencer Suderman each performing solo aerobatics in their Pitts Special aircraft.
- [Kent Pietsch](#) and his hilarious airborne comedy act, RV landing and & dead stick routine
- [Vicky Benzing](#) performing world class aerobatics in her Extra 300S,
- [Doug Jardine](#) high intensity aerobatics in his radial engine Sukhoi,
- [Greg Colyer](#) in his fabulous “Ace Maker” T-33 Shooting Star,
- Five P-40 “Warhawks”, lots of P-51 “Mustangs” and lots more WWII Warbirds.
- Famed Air Show Announcer [Danny Clisham](#), plus many fantastic static display aircraft, and a fabulous Classic Car Show.
- Wonderful “Kids World” with great activities for families and children, and much, much more.

For more information and to buy/print Air Show, President’s Club and Friday night Performer Reception tickets, please go to www.wingsoverwinecountry.org

Second Annual Sonoma County Chamberee

This year's Chamberee, held at on the Pacific Coast Air Museum's (PCAM) aircraft grounds near the Sonoma County Charles M. Schulz Airport on June 3, 2010, was a complete success -- despite the threat of rain and occasional gusts of wind across the tarmac that almost lifted some exhibitor canopies into the sky! The event attracted more than 350 Members and Guests.

Nine Chambers of Commerce in Sonoma County were represented at booths on the field decorated with the banners, logos, photographs and symbols of local communities. Each booth offered visitors special hot and cold appetizers and wine tasting options along with a variety of information about Chamber activities and events. Guests were given a flight line card showing the location of each Chamber.

By visiting all Chamber sites and obtaining a signature or punch on flight line cards as proof that they toured each booth, the guest became eligible for prize drawings - baskets of food, wine, gift certificates and other goodies provided by all nine Chambers. [Craig Schmidt](#), President of the Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce, served as the master of ceremonies during the Chamberee that ran from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

"What better way to showcase the work and achievements of the various Chambers in our county than to get them all together in one place. This is a great networking event that everyone enjoys and we look forward to hosting the third annual Chamberee next June. This joint gathering is an excellent way to acquaint Chamber members and visitors alike with the work of these organizations and gives everyone an opportunity to be personally introduced to the leaders, ambassadors, volunteers and supporters. From all indications, this expanded social mixer is a model that I believe should be replicated by other service clubs and community organizations interested in building awareness and recognition of their fine work",

Craig added: "I would personally like to thank all the Pacific Coast Air Museum volunteers, that with out their dedication , this event would not be possible! THANK YOU, PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM"



PCAM Volunteers Welcome
Chamberee Attendees



PCAM Controller Tim Delaney visits the
Healdsburg Chamber booth



Chamberee Visitors with Mike
McGuire, who was elected our next
County Supervisor the following week.

July 21st Membership Meeting

Join us at our July 21st Membership Meeting at 7:00pm as a team from REACH Air Medical Services presents their aero medical services and REACH for Life program. REACH has pioneered the latest in GPS and night vision goggles technologies in carrying out their mission of providing 911 services here in Northern California as well as other areas and states. You can check out more details by going to the REACH web site at <http://www.reachair.com>.

REACH pilots have an average of 5,000 hours' experience as pilot in command. All REACH pilots are instrument rated and remain current under a rigid training and check-ride program closely controlled by the FAA. REACH was the first air ambulance company in the United States to receive approval by the FAA to operate off published instrument airways using its own proprietary GPS routes to specific hospitals.

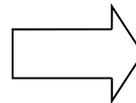
The REACH rotor-wing fleet includes twin-engine IFR-capable Agusta A109 aircraft as well as twin-engine IFR-capable Eurocopter EC135 aircraft. These aircraft have a cruise speed of approximately 140 to 160 mph. Their fleet also includes single-engine, VFR-only Bell 407 aircraft.

The company operates Cessna 421C and King Air B200 twin-engine IFR-capable pressurized fixed-wing aircraft. The cruising speed of these fixed-wing aircraft varies between approximately 200 and 300 mph.



Our Huey Gets a "Lift"

Thanks to our friends at Precision Crane, our Huey traveled to the Rose Parade as the Pacific Coast Air Museum float and to the Classic Car Race at Infineon Raceway to promote and advertise our Air Show. The Huey was decorated with "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show banners and drew a lot of attention at both events. Thanks to Precision Crane and all our hardworking volunteers for helping make this happen.



[John Hazlett](#) was our speaker at the Pacific Coast Air Museum Member Meeting in December. He spoke about our **D-21 Drone**, and the "Tagboard" program at Beale AFB. After the Gary Powers U-2 shoot down in 1960, the SR-71 was developed. Reconnaissance programs were carried out by SR-71s, U-2s and unmanned vehicles such as the D-21, which were carried aloft by the SR-71 and B-52.

On March 21st, [Colonel Arden Curfman, USAF \(Ret.\)](#) and his family made a visit to PCAM for the purpose of seeing the D-21. "Curf", as we now affectionately call him, was the Commander of the 4200 Support Squadron at Beale AFB from the inception of the Tagboard program until September, 1970. During his visit he provided facts about the project that I had forgotten. He told [Jim Cook](#) and me about the recovery process, which was very complicated, and very secret. Many members of the squadron were sent to recovery locations on ships and military bases.

At the time of a planned launch, members were positioned on Navy surface ships and submarines to be in position for the anticipated recovery of the hatch which contained the cameras and film. Only a few Navy personnel on the ships were briefed on the mission in order to affect a successful hatch recovery.

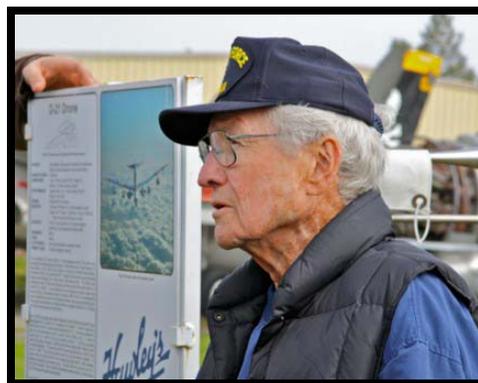
Once the B-52 "mother" aircraft landed at a recovery base, it was isolated from the rest of the aircraft to maintain secrecy of its mission and equipment. Until Curf's visit, I did not know that there had been film recovered from a mission. He said that he saw the photos while on a visit to Washington DC. Curf was once called to DC to brief Henry Kissinger on the mission. While very nervous at first, Dr. Kissinger made him feel at ease and was very interested in what he had to say. Curf has many more stories to tell and would be happy to talk more with us at PCAM sometime. Curf now lives in Nebraska in the town where he grew up, and is married to his high school sweetheart.



John Hazlett, Dorothy & Colonel Arden Curfman



Colonel Curfman in front of the D-21 Drone



Colonel Curfman with D-21 story board

Christmas in July

Christmas in July.....we've all heard that saying....but what does it mean?

For the longest time, I thought it meant trying to beat my step-mother in getting all of our Christmas shopping done by August 1st. But when I realized that sometimes a gift bought in the summer wouldn't fit someone come December, I stopped competing! My step-mother continued to get it all done by August every year, and would announce it – loudly – at every opportunity.

In the charitable community, Christmas in July sometimes refers to a summer fundraising drive, as opposed to a year-end campaign, like the well-known “Christmas Seals” used to fight lung disease.

But I would like to suggest another meaning for it. I'd like to suggest that July is a good time to start planning for significant gifts you might wish to make at the end of the year to your favorite charitable organizations. Gift planning is a long-term process, and because there are often tax advantages or impacts to be considered, the process should be started early enough to comfortably finish before year-end.

If you have been thinking about making a deferred gift to the Pacific Coast Air Museum, but are not sure how to set it up, we can help guide you through the process while maintaining your confidentiality. There are many ways to make a future gift, and finding the right vehicle for your situation is important. And, if you don't have a financial or legal advisor, we can help by providing you with a list of advisors who are familiar with the museum.

If you are familiar with the museum, you probably know we are bursting at the seams, and will be embarking on a capital campaign in the future to help create and build new, larger facilities for the museum exhibits and aircraft. It will also be necessary to fund an endowment that will help sustain the operations of a more permanent home. For that, we need the help of everyone who loves and supports the museum.

If that is you, please make it “Christmas in July” for the museum by making a current or deferred gift to the museum today. If you are uncertain about how, or would like to discuss your intentions, please call [Barbara Beedon](#), Director of Development, to discuss. Thanks.....and have a Merry Christmas!

Fifth Annual Shrimp Feed Fundraiser a Huge Success!

The Shrimp Feed was held on Saturday, June 5th, once again at the fabulous Finley Center. Everyone said that the food was absolutely delicious, the Silent Auction, live auction and raffle prizes were the best ever. And best of all we raised a nice sum of money for the Pacific Coast Air Museum operating budget which includes aircraft restoration and maintenance, preserving aviation history and offering outstanding aviation education programs for the community.

Many thanks to [Kathy Kumpula](#), [Allan Morgan](#), [Duane Coppock](#) and the many other hardworking volunteers who made this year's Fifth Annual Shrimp Feed Fundraiser the huge success that it was.

And mark down Saturday, June 4, 2011, on your calendar for the Sixth Annual Shrimp Feed Fundraiser!



New Pacific Coast Air Museum Members

Charles Brown—Healdsburg	Julie Nation—Santa Rosa
Peter & Marianne Estournes—Santa Rosa	Linda Ahmadi & Family—Windsor
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Paul Knapp—Healdsburg	Jane & Dave Trebilcock Family—Healdsburg
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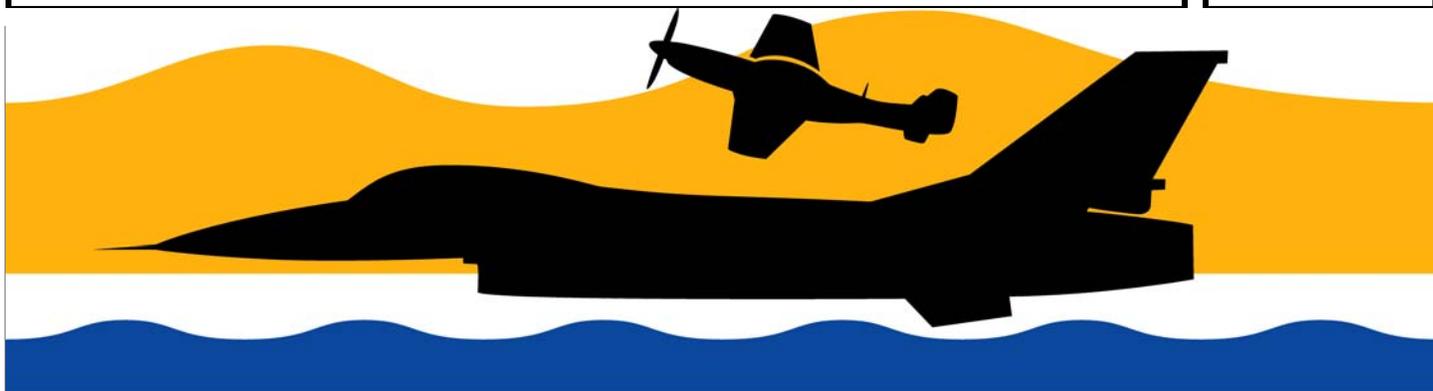
The following is a list of recent donors to The Pacific Coast Air Museum

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Family Entertainment At This Year's Air Show - - "Kid's World"

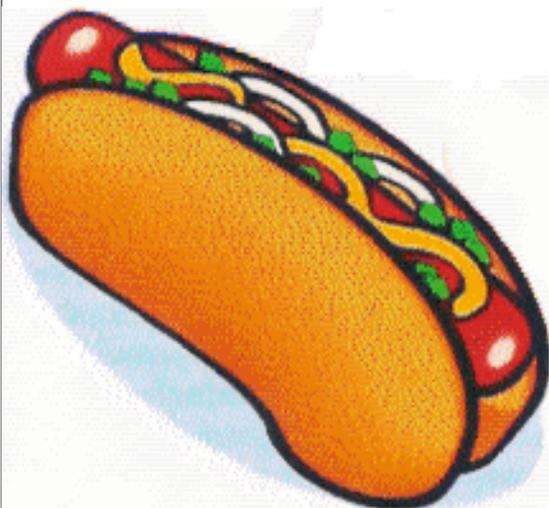
This year's "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show will have lots of things to do for families and kids. In addition to the best air show line up we've ever had, a Classic Car Show, terrific food and great novelty vendors, we'll have a HUGE "Kid's World" with rides to excite kids of all ages. The photos depict just some of the wide array of rides that will be available for everyone's enjoyment at very affordable prices. "Kid's World" will be just inside the main gate, in an area of it's own. So go to www.wingsoverwinecountry.org, check things out, then click on "Buy Tickets" and buy and print your "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show tickets now.





PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM
Presents

Hot Dog Thursday!



*\$5.00 donation includes
Admission, Large Hot Dog,
Chips and Soda!*

**Don't miss our Special
Chili Dogs with Tom's
Fire Engine Chili!**



*July 1st — August 5th — September 2nd
October 7*

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**“Climb Aboard”
July 17th & 18th
F-106
“Delta Dart”**

REMEMBER THESE DATES

- July 7th @ 8:30 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting at the Museum
- July 13th @12:00 p.m. Executive Director’s Staff Meeting at the Museum
- July 21st @6:00 p.m. Air Show Planning Meeting
- July 21st @7:00 p.m. Monthly Membership Meeting at Mesa Beverage Co. Inc.
- August 21st & 22nd “Wings Over Wine Country” Air Show

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