



# 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

T'was the 20th of December and the PCAM Elves were on hand,  
Santa was coming and they knew where he would land.  
The hot dog cookers were busy as bees and the popcorn maker was doing it's thing.  
The hot drinks were ready as well as the coolers, cause Santa would be there; not later but sooner  
All the PCAM volunteers were excited to see such a crowd, surely Dave Pinsky would be very proud.  
There suddenly appeared a Red dot in the sky; a bright Red REACH Helicopter came into sight;  
It made one pass so all could wave and then it landed and out stepped St. Nick and the day was saved .  
He waved as he walked towards the throng to shake hands and on such a great day at PCAM nothing went wrong .



## 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](http://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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Our "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show won the Third Place Award for Large Air Show TV Ads at the International Council on Air Shows Annual Conference in Las Vegas. Due to our attendance being over 20,000 people, we were up against the biggest Air Shows in the country, including those that have the Thunderbirds and Blue Angels. Winning this award is a truly significant event for our "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show.

We are already planning our 2009 show, scheduled for August 15th and 16th. Some of the performers we have signed up so far include:

- Air Force Reserve C-17
- Air Force U-2
- Gene Soucy in his Ag Cat, with Wing Walker Theresa Stokes
- Greg Poe in his MX-2
- Team Rocket from Canada
- Dan Buchanan in his towed Hang Glider
- Lockheed P-38 Lightning, P-40 and P-51s, plus other warbirds
- Julie Clark and her patriotic T-34 Act.
- Award winning announcer Rob Reider

Our TV ad which won the award at ICAS for Large Air Show TV ads is now being shown nationwide on YouTube, thanks to one of the Air Show news organizations that sends stuff like this to Air Show folks each day. Here it is for those who may have missed it first time around.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K0ww6dQtL8s>



**Can you name this aircraft?**

Answer on bottom of Page # 11

### Spirit of Sonoma County Award

As noted in an earlier newsletter, our Roger Olson was selected by the Windsor Chamber of Commerce as their "Man of the Year" and for their "Sonoma County Spirit Award". Roger and the other award winners were honored at a luncheon on December 5th at the Doubletree Hotel. Over 800 people attended, including a table of eight representing the Pacific Coast Air Museum. During the presentation of Roger's award, both the Pacific Coast Air Museum and "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show were mentioned numerous times. It was a good showing, both for Roger and the Pacific Coast Air Museum.



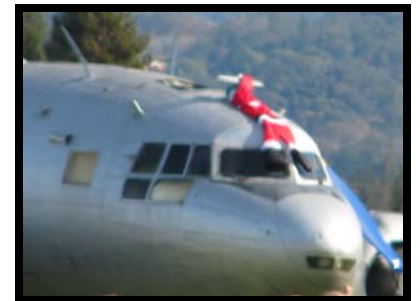

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### January Guest Speaker

One of our newer members, [Paul Schofield](#), will be speaking about his experiences as an A-6 Bombardier/Navigator. Paul has flown in our Pacific Coast Air Museum Intruder including 6 carrier arrested landings and 5 catapult shots.

Paul is a retired Naval Reservist and now semi-retired accountant, living in Novato. He has met then President Nixon and "helped" Dan Rather film news clip while aboard Paul's ship.

He will talk about experiences such as a low level approach to the West coast that ended up at SFO and a bombing run on the mothballed fleet at Susiun Bay.



A few more pictures of the joyous event of Santa's arrival on December 20th

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**Gala Holiday Party Standing Room Only**

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The Pacific Coast Air Museum's Annual Holiday, Awards and Election meeting, held on December 17th, was standing room only. Folks could not remember when so many attended a Member Meeting. The pot luck food was delicious. Thanks to everyone for bringing so much yummy food.

The raffle had lots of terrific prizes, and the challenge put out to raise more than \$250 was more than met. When the \$250 point was reached, the Executive Director put in an airplane ride and the total raised by the raffle was \$350. Thank you everyone who contributed!

One of the evening's highlights was [President Mike Voorhees](#) recap of the 2008 Pacific Coast Air Museum year. Hearing him recount all our successes reminded everyone what a great year we had and how well our museum has done.

Another highlight was [Pam Ignalls](#) presenting the Pacific Coast Air Museum with a check for \$25,000 from her family's [Delong-Sweet Family Foundation](#). The grant was made to assist the museum in the environmental studies needed for the new museum location on Airport Boulevard.

The big highlight of the evening was the annual awards. Following the handing out of the Volunteer Hour pins, President Mike Voorhees announced the following major awards:

[Volunteer of the Year - - Barney Hagen](#)

[President's Award - - Bill Greene](#)

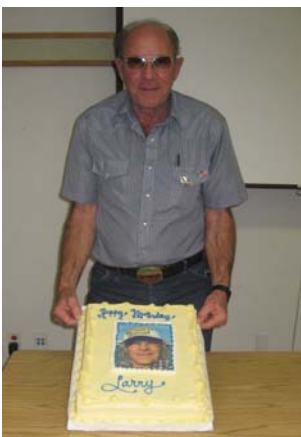
[President's Award - - Ed Nelson](#)

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In addition, [Larry Rengstorf](#) and [Rose Pattenau](#)'s birthdays were celebrated

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The culminating event of the evening was the Election Committee announcing the results of the election for three new Board members, replacing three members whose terms expired at the end of 2008. The newly elected (or re-elected) Directors are: [Glenn Barrett](#), [Paul Heck](#), [Mike Voorhees](#)



Happy Birthday Larry



Ed Nelson Receives  
President's Award



Mike, Dave & Barney



Mike, Bill & Dave

Santa Fly-In WOW

By: Duane Coppock

Only one word can describe the Museum's Santa Fly-In: WOW!! With 166 adults and 159 children we had a day that was awesome. The REACH helicopter, piloted by [Jerry Sinnaeve](#), delivered Santa Claus, [Tom Chauncy](#), at about 11 AM with the huge crowd to greet him. Everyone was thrilled to watch REACH land on Museum property and then take off again. All of this happened because we had absolutely gorgeous weather. The weather gods smiled on us because it rained the days before and the days after the Santa Fly-In.

Santa was escorted to his throne in the Huey UH-1H helicopter where he greeted all the children, was helped by his reindeer, [Jamie Cook](#) and [Elf, Robin Dotti](#), and handed out 152 gifts.

During the whole morning the Hot Dog Thursday crew was selling hot dogs, chili dogs, chips, snacks, drinks, popcorn and baked goods. That wonderful chili was made and supplied by [Bob Archibald](#). The crew doing the cooking was [Ed Nelson](#), [John Henry](#), [Bill Greene](#), [Billie Collins](#) and [Barney Hagen](#). The popcorn and baked good crew were [Kathy Kumpula](#) and [Maggie Heck](#). And the money changers were [Margaret Nelson](#) and [Ray Smith](#); By the way, [Ray Smith's](#) talents were used again as our premier sign maker. [Steve Hoxie](#) was the master of ceremonies and [Paul Heck](#) and [Duane Coppock](#) were there to help.

The Hot Dog Thursday crew sold \$790.55 of hot dogs and the other items while Maggie and Kathy sold \$164.00 of popcorn and baked goods.

Extra added attractions were a petting zoo and crafts table provided by members from Sonoma County 4-H and Jubilee Jumps provided an inflatable slide, a jumpy and mini train for the kids. We also had a Pacific Coast Air Museum new member table manned by Phyllis Morton and Laurel Warner.

The Gift Shop crew, [Bernie McCabe](#), [Rich Lewis](#), [Carol Lewis](#), [Cap Barthel](#) and [Bob Conz](#), sold almost \$700.00 of items. All from 10 AM to around 2:30 PM. Again, the weather was a great help for this event.

Earlier in the week [Lynn Hunt](#) offered rides in [Duane Doyle's](#) T-28B, so the leaders of the Santa Fly-In decided to use one of the flights as a door prize. Tickets were given to anyone who bought hot dogs or items from the Gift Shop. Believe me, this really helped the sales. And we had a winner, [Ken Marico](#). I'm not sure if I have the name right, but he was present, more than ready and more than willing to take the ride. Lynn gave him a 25 minute ride and Ken was absolutely thrilled.

The offer from Lynn was for two rides in the afternoon and he asked that a deserving volunteer be chosen for the second ride. [Ed Nelson](#) was chosen but, unfortunately, had to take a rain check because of a cold. Lynn said the second ride was still available and to find someone willing and ready. One of the leaders of the Santa Fly-In, who shall remain nameless, was willing and ready. What a thrill! It was fifty years ago since I last flew a T-28. It was awesome. Things are different for me now. When I was 23 I could scramble up and down in those airplanes much easier.

Again, two words describe this year's Santa Fly-In: AWESOME and WOW! With the help from REACH, the weather and our fabulous Santa Claus, [Tom Chauncy](#), this was the best Santa Fly-In ever. A great crew prepared the landing zone for the safety of the helicopter and the museum's guests. That crew was lead by [Jim Cook](#) with assistance from [Tony Sarganis](#), [Ron Stout](#), [Terry Lorence](#), [Bob Stratos](#), [Mary Lavezzoli](#) and [Mark Fajardin](#). The RF-86 Sabrejet was moved a few days prior to make sure the REACH helicopter had good clearance, then it was moved back the day after the event. Some small items were moved such as story board signs for extra safety. Barricade fencing was used to keep our guests well clear of the landing zone.

**Log Your Volunteer Hours**

It is important for all of us to log our Volunteer hours because they show the level of support the museum receives from it's own members. Why is that so? When it is time to apply for grants or request donations from donors of substantial means, they in many cases want to know the level of support from the members and they measure that by the hours volunteered. Some of these groups, especially foundations, have formulas (or rules of thumb) to convert hours to a dollar amount. That figure is \$25.00 per hour. Well, folks, for the year of 2008, there are 11,936.4 hours logged, for a total of \$298,410.00. That is the value of your volunteer hours. Now, you can see the importance of hours logged and we know many of you have been remiss in not staying current. That is especially true for the Air Show. It is easy to log your hours. A hard copy log book can be found in the museum.

A Volunteer Badge is available to anyone who donates any of their time. The Volunteer Hour Pins are awarded for 100, 300, 500, 1000 and increments of 1000 hours to 5000 hours.

**2008 Volunteer Hours**

<b>100 Hours</b>	<b>300 Hours</b>	<b>500 Hours</b>	<b>1000 Hours</b>
Chris Tart	Rose Pattenaude	Max Johnson	Terry Lorence
Carol Lewis	Billy Collins	Cap Barthel	Judy Knaute
Mary Lavezzoli	Marlena Holway	Phyllis Morton	Rachel Lorence
Jim Schettler	John Rutigliano	Mike George	Mark Fajardin
Frank Gulick	Laura Collins	Allan Morgan	
Bob Gutteridge	Gregory Thomas	Nick Van Kruning	
Dennis Rowen	Jerry J. Van Norden	John Henry	
Rich Lewis	Bob Stratos	Robin Dotti	
Hattie Stone	Joe Cholewa	Carol Monsour	
	Thomas Chauncy		
	Larry Houghton		
	Ellie Rutigliano		
	Marianne Delagnes		
	Ben Martin		
<b>2000 Hours</b>	<b>3000 Hours</b>	<b>4000 Hours</b>	<b>5000 Hours</b>
Rick Elwood	Duane Coppock	Bob Conz	Larry Rengstorf
Ed Nelson	Bill Carpentier	Barney Hagen	Ron Stout
Jimmy Long	Bill Greene	Bryan Lee	
	Al Cathcart	Jim Cook	
	Rich Stout		

### Executive Director's Update

Once again, at year's end, as I sit down to write this column, I think about the past year and I am almost overwhelmed with all that the Pacific Coast Air Museum and its wonderful cadre of volunteers have accomplished.

At year's end the Pacific Coast Air Museum received a \$25,000 grant from the DeLong-Sweet Family Foundation for the environmental studies and report for our new museum site. We have started that process and have taken the steps toward making our long desired new museum dream a reality.

A number of folks have contacted me indicating that they will be thinking about the Pacific Coast Air Museum in their estate planning and we thank every one of you. Please consider "Planned Giving" as a way of helping our wonderful Air Museum.

Another milestone for the Pacific Coast Air Museum in 2008 was full certification by the National Museum of the United States Air Force. They determined that we met all requirements for certification and were very impressed with us, especially our aircraft restoration and preservation efforts, during their inspection visit. One of the results of certification is the loan of a Mach 4 D-21 drone (originally from the SR-71 program). An SR-71 J-58 engine is earmarked for us and we are in the process of determining the costs of acquiring it. And we have submitted a list of the aircraft we'd like on loan as they become available.

This year's result of the educational partnership we developed with the Wells Fargo Center was another aviation program during which hundreds of school children were introduced to aviation and aviation history at both the Wells Fargo Center and at our Air Museum. Once again [Allan Morgan](#) did a terrific job of putting it together. Allan also did an outstanding job of developing and bringing off our first Aviation Summer Camp.

In May we went on another tour. Our hearty group climbed onto a bus and traveled to the Hiller Aviation Museum and the USS Hornet Museum in Alameda.

We had another highly successful Shrimp Feed fundraiser in June at the City of Santa Rosa's Finley Center. Mark your calendars now for June 6, 2009, for our next shrimp feed.

Sadly, we lost too many members in 2008 - - [Al Cathcart](#), [Richard Stout](#), [Ian Roth](#), [Stan Stroud](#), [Ray Anderson](#), [Carl Thompson](#) and the others we lost made lasting contributions that will be remembered for years. They are missed.

On the facility side of things, the museum had another banner year - - renovated Gift Shop, Volunteer Break Area and Exhibit Gallery, all new signs inside and out, a roof for the new patio and a brand new shop for our dedicated crew chiefs and crews.

Once again [Duane Coppock](#) built a terrific float that drew rave reviews at its appearances at the Santa Rosa Rose Parade, Windsor Day Parade and at our Shrimp Feed.

Our "Hot Dog" Thursdays were the summer's hit amongst the folks in the know around the airport business complex. Many folks who had never been to the Pacific Coast Air Museum came, had a hot dog, and now know about our museum. "Hot Dog Thursdays" resume in April.



August brought our annual "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show and folks are still telling us that it was among the best we have ever put on. The C-17, as usual, stole the day, as did the return appearance of the venerable P-38 Lightning. If we can raise enough money to do it, we're going to try bring the P-38 back for our 2009 Air Show. We have \$1445 pledged so far. It's going to take \$10,000 to bring the P-38 to our show next year, so please consider contributing to bring this wonderful WWII fighter back to it's Santa Rosa home for the show. If you contribute \$100 or more, you'll be my guest at the Friday Night Reception.

Once again, on the day after the show, the C-17 aircrew wrote and asked me if they could return next year! You know my answer, and they will be back. As will the U-2.

The December 17th Christmas and Holiday Member Meeting was a great one. Standing room only, terrific holiday cheer, some of the best pot luck food dishes I've ever tasted, a host of wonderful awards and thanks to deserving folks. Hearty congratulations to [Barney Hagen](#) who was named "Volunteer of the Year" and to [Ed Nelson and Bill Greene](#) who were presented with the President's Award for their many contributions to the museum.

Congratulations are also in order to [Glenn Barrett, Paul Heck and Mike Voorhees](#) who were elected to fill seats on our Board of Directors. We have a great Board that tends to the business and policy end of the museum. I'm looking forward to working closely with the Board in 2009. We have some great things on the horizon.

Our "Santa Fly In" on December 20th was the best attended ever. Over 300 people showed up. Santa landed in a red Reach Helicopter and sat inside our Huey talking to the children and giving each one a gift. Also hugely successful were the jumpee and slide for kids, as well as a petting zoo, other fun activities for kids and a bake sale.

So what's in the crystal ball for 2009?

You already know about the D-21 drone and the SR-71 J-58 engine. [Mark Fajardin](#) plans to complete the A-7 restoration and [Larry Rengstorf](#) is making plans to take the outer wings off the C-118, move it to the museum and at long last begin its restoration. Give Larry a call if you'd like to help him with this project.

We have the makings of an Air Show that might be our best yet. We have signed up a world class civilian performer line-up, the best we have ever had:

[Julie Clark \(T-34\)](#)

[Greg Poe \(MX-2\)](#)

[Gene Soucy \(Ag Cat\)](#)

[Theresa Stokes \(Wingwalker\)](#)

[Dan Buchanan \(Powered Hang Glider\)](#)

[Team Rocket \(formation team out of Canada\)](#)

[Rob Reider, \(Award winning announcer\)](#)

[Gene Soucy](#) just won the Art Scholl Showmanship Award from ICAS. [Rob Reider](#) is a winner of the ICAS Sword of Excellence. Gene, Theresa, Julie, Greg, Dan and Rob are nationally known performers who have all won many awards, and Air Shows a lot bigger than ours would love to have this line-up of Air Show stars!

The C-17 and U-2 are back for sure, as is the P-38 (if we can get enough donations). We've asked for the USN F-18, USMC Harrier and the USAF F-22, F-15, F-16 and A-10 (we can hope, right?) We may not get all of these aircraft, but we will have some wonderful fighter aircraft here at our August 15-16, 2009 "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show.

Finally, I would like to thank two groups of very special museum volunteers, our Crew Chiefs and the "Tuesday/Thursday Gang". The hours and labor of love that our Crew Chiefs and their crews put into our aircraft collection is phenomenal. [Jim Cook](#) and I know that the condition and appearance of our aircraft was a major factor in our receiving certification from the Air Force Museum.

The now famous "Tuesday/Thursday Gang" does more around our museum than you can ever imagine. Not only are they the crew chiefs for the BD-5, T-37 and DC-6 nose, but they do just about everything that needs doing - - they paint, they sweep, are the "Hot Dog Thursday" crew, clean up after the rest of us make a mess and don't clean it up, they re-finish park benches, they help host tours and birthday parties and they take out the trash. One thing we can do to help them is to pick up the trash and garbage we generate, especially on the weekends, and put away tools and equipment like air stairs and hoists that we take out and use. My hat's off to [Ed Nelson](#), [Bill Greene](#), [Barney Hagen](#), [John Henry](#), [Nick Van Kruining](#) and [Bill Carpentier](#) - - the wonderful "Tuesday/Thursday Gang". Thank you very, very much!

Finally, I once again want to thank everyone for the terrific support I continue to receive as your Executive Director. With your help and hard work we've accomplished a very great deal in 2008; and, because of you and our Pacific Coast Air Museum, it has been a most satisfying and rewarding year for me and many others. My deepest thanks and appreciation..

Happy New Year and here's to a great 2009 for our Pacific Coast Air Museum!

Smooth landings,  
Dave

**New Members**

Cynthia Bates	Richard Lawson Family	Paul Schofield	Peter Rossi Family
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Brusatori	Giovanni Pavone	Richard Green	Jim Whitten
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Michael & Karen Hancock	Brad Weaver Family	Dino Farnum Family	Glenn Barrett Family
Dino Farnum Family	Andrew Cushman & Family	Anthony Duckworth Family	Will barber
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Gary Collins Family			

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Larry Ford	Frederick Hoyes	Terry Nelson	Art & Lyn Magill
Steven Ruesel	Howard Hall		



**REMEMBER THESE DATES**

**January 7th @ 8:30 AM Board of Director's Meeting at the Air Museum.**

**January 13th @ 12:00 PM Executive Director's Staff Meeting.**

**January 17th @ 11:00AM New Member Orientation at the Air Museum**

**January 21st @ 6:00 PM Air Show Planning Meeting at SCOE**

**January 21st @ 7:00 PM Monthly Member Meeting at SCOE**

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