



Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day Live Attracts  
New Visitors

On Saturday September 23 the Pacific Coast Air Museum participated in Smithsonian magazine’s Museum Day Live. All across the country on that day, participating museums granted free admission to people who downloaded tickets in advance from the Smithsonian website.

We had 28 adults and 7 kids that day, only 2 of which had been to the museum before. Most heard about Museum Day Live from the PCAM Facebook page or the website. In addition, we had 12 paid visitors.

The A-26 was towed over to the gate behind the first responder, and Bruce Tinkham shuttled visitors back and forth through the AOA gate on the golf cart. The REACH helicopter and a few other airplanes were open, each with two docents to answer questions.

The gift shop made sure that each and every visitor was enthusiastically greeted and treated like a treasured guest, as did everyone else who came into contact with the public that day.

Every visitor expressed great thanks for participating in the free event, and all were overwhelmed by the experience they received as guests.

We would like to give a huge round of applause to the following volunteers who showed up on their Saturday to make this a success:

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| • Andy Werback  | • Chris Theodorou | • Greg Ervice      |
| • Barney Hagen  | • C J Stephens    | • Jim Mattison     |
| • Bob Stratos   | • Dane Whitmire   | • Larry Rengstorff |
| • Mary Stratos  | • Don Thoman      | • LeeAnn Sacchi    |
| • Bruce Tinkham | • Dr. Mike        |                    |
| • Caitlin Jurin | • Fred Hosterman  |                    |

Please forgive us if we left anyone out!

We plan to participate in Museum Day Live again next year, and hope to get 100 visitors. It’s a great opportunity to spread awareness about the Museum and to bring in visitors who might otherwise never come out to see us. ★



A future pilot gains experience at the controls of our REACH helicopter during Smithsonian magazine’s Museum Day Live.

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The PCAM Mission

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

## President's Message

Since the early morning of Monday October 9 our world has turned upside down. Many of our members and friends and families have lost greatly because of the fires that have plagued Sonoma, Napa, and Mendocino Counties. All of us extend our deepest condolences to those affected.

The Pacific Coast Air Museum survived intact, and was never directly threatened by the flames. All aircraft are fine, and we have returned to our usual business hours, Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The chaos caused by evacuations and in some cases the loss of homes led to the delay of publication of this issue. We present it to you now much as it was originally intended to be published two weeks ago.

## A Look Back at the Summer

Autumn is upon us now with its changeable days. We have had a busy and successful summer with lots of displays, parades and event days. This museum is all about our volunteer involvement. I thank each of you who took part and helped our summer to be so successful.

As you may have read on the front page, the Museum participated in Smithsonian Magazine's Museum Day Live event on September 23, and got a bunch of new visitors because of it. Thanks to all the volunteers who made this possible.

We are now also working with Children's Museum of Sonoma County to widen our reach within the community. By working together we will be able to combine the results, giving us wider contact with our client base and raising awareness.



Above: The A-26 being prepared for display the morning of September 23, for Museum Day Live!

Popularity is growing within our Boy Scout Merit Badge program. Art Hayssen has regular classes getting our young people a good start with aviation education.

## Events Still to Come This Year

- October 5: last Hot Dog Thursday of the year – Last chance for great hot dogs in 2017.
- October 28: North Bay Science Fair. Our Blue Angels F-4N Phantom II Cockpit Simulator goes on display at Sonoma County Fair Grounds for cockpit training and demonstration. We expect hundreds of kids to come see it.
- November 11: Veterans Day. Remember our veterans.
- November 15: Nominations of Board members.
- December 16: Santa Fly-in. We are expecting huge turnout again.
- December 20: Membership meeting night, Pot luck dinner, installation of new board members, socialize.

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## 2018 Air Show

Looking 12 months further into the future? Now that seems like a long time but it really is not. We ARE planning on holding the PCAM 2018 air show. Requests and documents are being submitted at this time. Please note, an air show is a BIG event and takes a lot of volunteer help. Please make a commitment now to help. We (a small group) cannot do it alone. **September 22nd, 2018**. Save that date!

## Progress on the PCAM Move

As these photos show, good progress is being made toward the PCAM move.

## October Meeting Change of Venue

Our October membership meeting (Oct 18) will be held at the SCOE building (Sonoma County Office of Education) at our regular time. SCOE is located at 5340 Skylane Blvd, Santa Rosa, CA, 95403, a couple of blocks north of our regular meeting place.

## Volunteers Needed

As always, we need as much volunteer help as we can get. If you want to help out, see Jim Mattison who can coordinate you into an important and rewarding task. Jim can be reached at 707-291-4719 or [jmatti@sonic.net](mailto:jmatti@sonic.net).

-- C J Stephens  
President,  
Pacific Coast Air Museum



The temporary construction fencing on site now ready for installation.



Dave Sandine at work, helping demolish the old security building.



## Upcoming Election Process

Each year three of the nine Directors of the Pacific Coast Air Museum Board are elected to serve a three year term. Two Directors are elected at the General Membership meeting in December 2017 and one Director will be appointed by election by the Directors at the January 2018 meeting of the Board of Directors. The Directors' terms held by Fereday, Marinelli, and Stephens terminate at the end of 2017. Per our Bylaws, a Nominating Committee has been assembled to manage the election process. The Nominating Committee consists of David Ford, Julia Hochberg, and Jim Sartain. Following is the timeline for these elections.

**November 1, 2017:** By this date, all potential nominees should provide a resume and a 100 word campaign statement to the Nominating Committee at: [jsartain@keegancoppin.com](mailto:jsartain@keegancoppin.com), [juliahochberg@hotmail.com](mailto:juliahochberg@hotmail.com), [av8r@sonic.net](mailto:av8r@sonic.net)

**November 5, 2017:** The Nominating Committee will review potential nominees and determine eligibility of candidates. The Committee will present a confirmed slate of nominees to the Board of Directors (Per the Bylaws: 45 days prior to the December 20, 2017 election)

**November 15, 2017:** At the General Membership meeting, nominees will have an opportunity to make a 2-3 minute verbal presentation.

**End of November, 2017:** Ballots for the Director elections will be mailed to the General Membership.

**December 20, 2017:** Completed ballots to be returned to PCAM by December 20, 2017 or brought to the General Membership meeting. For General Members who have not sent in their ballots, blank ballots will be provided at the General Membership meeting for completion. All ballots will be counted at the General Membership meeting.

**January, 2018:** A third Director will be elected at the Board of Directors meeting in January 2018. If you have any questions, please call David Ford at 707-544-4437. ★

## EAA Young Eagles Rally October 14 - Kids Fly Free!

On Saturday October 14, EAA Chapter 124 is holding an EAA Young Eagles Rally at their hangar at the Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport. On this day, kids and young adults ages 8-17 can get their first ride in a small aircraft with a licensed pilot. For FREE!

Find out more: <https://www.facebook.com/eaal24>

Founded in 1992, the Young Eagles program has dedicated nearly 25 years to giving youth ages 8-17 their first free ride in an airplane, the only program of its kind, with the sole mission to introduce kids in the world of aviation.

EAA is the Experimental Aircraft Association. ★



### CANCELLED

This event was cancelled because of the Sonoma County fires. EAA holds several of these rallies every year, so watch this newsletter and the EAA 124 website for announcements of future EAA Young Eagles rallies. You'll get your chance to fly!

## Hot Dog Thursday October 5

### The Season Closes with Great Weather and a Fine Crowd

The last Hot Dog Thursday of the year took place on October 5. The weather was spectacular - warm but not hot, clear skies, and wonderful sweet-smelling early autumn air. A great day to spend on the field among our aircraft with a bunch of like-minded aviation buffs!

Sadly, you'll have to wait until April 2018 for the next one. We'll start them up again on Thursday April 5, 2018. You can join us then on the Museum grounds between 11:30 and 1:30. \$5.00 covers your admission, a large hot dog, chips, and soda or water (\$4.00 for Museum members). Garnish your hot dog with a scoop of chili for free. Ice cream bars and bowls of chili are available at an additional charge.

We thank [Silveira Buick GMC](#), [Healdsburg Lumber](#), and the Powell Family Trust for making the October 2017 Hot Dog Thursday possible.

### Become a Sponsor

To sponsor a Hot Dog Thursday in 2018, contact Doug Clay at 925-997-2774 or [dougclay@gmail.com](mailto:dougclay@gmail.com).

We thank John Nelson for these photos of the October 2017 Hot Dog Thursday. ✪



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## Getting to Know You: Anthony Marinelli

By Barbara Beedon

“He’s been doing a lot of good things lately.”

“He’s just SO nice!”

“It’s time people learned more about Anthony...”

I have yet to hear anyone say anything BAD about Anthony! I had not ever actually MET Anthony, but called to see when we could meet for me to get more information about him, just in case there are others of you who don’t know him well.

So, going by the photo of him in the Board Member Roster, I waited for a few minutes at my Starbucks table, watching the door. Suddenly, this guy with a BEARD comes in. He looked like he recognized ME, so I asked if he was Anthony. I told him it was definitely time to update his Board photo!

Anthony became involved with us because he met Paul Heck. Paul’s in Real Estate, and Anthony owns a mortgage business. And Paul Heck, as shy and retiring as he is, decided this was a nice guy (again with the nice guy thing!), and maybe he’d like to bring a different perspective to the Museum... as well as some sponsorship dollars for the Air Show.

Anthony is a “local,” growing up in Healdsburg. He went to college at Chico State, then moved to Central California. He went to school to learn about stock trading, and HATED it! After graduation, he went to work for Norwest Bank, which later became Wells Fargo. Seeing how many people were getting into higher rate loans, he decided it was time to open his own business and get clients into better loans with lower rates and long-term solutions. So, in 2000, he and wife Tisha started TASK Mortgage, in Windsor. He now has 13 employees. He takes care of his clients, he has a good reputation, and is known for “doing the right thing.”

Anthony began his involvement with PCAM by sponsoring the Air Show, starting 10-12 years ago. Then, when his buddy Paul Heck rotated off the Board, Anthony came on to it. As a local business owner, An-

thony felt good to be supporting such a great, venerable organization... despite the fact that he is neither a pilot nor an airplane owner.

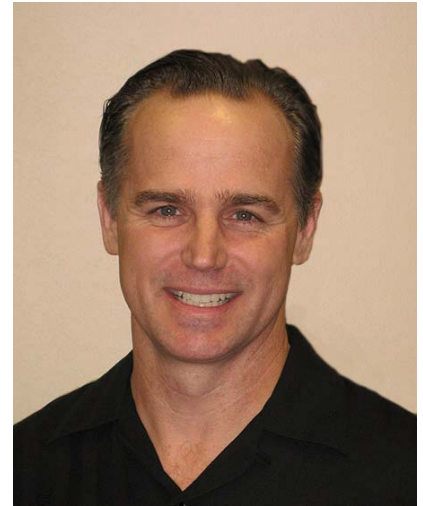
Anthony was surprised at how huge the learning curve was to understand all the workings of the Museum, all the personalities, and different perspectives. What he DID understand right away was the value of the Air Show to the bottom line, and he continues to support it. He also supports the rationale for skipping a year before having the next show... because THIS year is “THE MOVE!”

Anthony admits that there is some anxiety about the move... about all the coordination and planning and building, mostly because there is also a determination to have many of our ongoing programs continuing despite it. As he says, we will need every person, every “weapon” in our arsenal to make this move happen.

And at the same time, we need to start ramping up, start raising money for Santa’s arrival at the Museum on December 16, to continue or expand some of our programs, and to “save” the Butler Hangar. The Education Committee is activating, and will reach out to schools and individuals, and partners like the EAA. The Board is looking at how to appeal to a younger demographic, how to reach out to the Latino population... and more.

As Anthony says, we are at the cusp of big changes, a new future for the Museum. He’s excited about the direction, and about the strong, cohesive Board we have. Change brings in new energy, new partners, and he is confident that we can – and will – help the Museum to continue to thrive into the future. And, to hold a GREAT Air Show in 2018!

What a nice thought... what a nice guy! ★



## October 18 Guest Speaker: Postponed

### Bret Davenport: The Right Place at the Right Time - The Experiences of a Lucky Flight Test Engineer / Test Pilot

October's guest speaker has been postponed until early in the new year.



It was felt that the upheaval in Sonoma County due to the fires would make it too difficult to give this very interesting speaker his just due. Watch for future announcements about Bret Davenport and his presentation date. Additionally, watch for the November issue of the Straight Scoop to find out about November's speaker, whom we expect to see as planned on November 15.

When Bret presents next year, he will talk about what he calls his "short 13 year career in flight test." He will cover his passion for flying, how he got into flight testing and some of the "fun" projects he worked on at Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) including the MV-22 Osprey, MH-60 Seahawk, CH-53E Sea Stallion, and AH-1Z Viper. He'll share stories about his experiences studying and flying while completing the US Navy Test Pilot School. He will also discuss building and testing his own experimental Pitts S-1S as well as the ICON A5 amphibious light-sport aircraft built in nearby Vacaville, CA.

### About Bret Davenport

Bret received his BS in Aerospace Engineering from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and graduated as test pilot from US Navy Test Pilot School. He has been flying for sixteen years - this includes the last two years with ICON Aircraft and eleven years with Naval Air Systems Command. He is an International Aerobatic Club Competitor. Read more: <http://pacificcoastairmuseum.org/events/member-meeting-october-2017/> ☆

## October in Aviation History

**1 October 1942:** At Muroc Dry Lake, in the high desert north of Los Angeles, California, Bell Aircraft Company Chief Test Pilot Robert M. Stanley made the first flight of the top secret prototype turbojet-powered fighter, the Bell XP-59A Airacomet, serial number 42-108784. The Airacomet was the United States' first jet fighter.

(<https://www.thisdayinaviation.com/page/6/>)



One of the three XP-59 prototypes in flight over the California Desert in 1942.

**4 October 1957:** At 19:28:34 UTC, the world's first artificial satellite, *Простейший Спутник-1* (Sputnik 1, or Elementary Satellite 1) was launched from Tyuratam, Kazakh S.S.R. (now, the Baikonur Cosmodrome) aboard a two-stage Sputnik 8K71PS rocket, a variant of the R-7 Semyorka intercontinental ballistic missile. This was the true beginning of the Space Race, because it awoke the United States to the fact that if an enemy nation could launch something into orbit, it could launch bombs into orbit and bring them down wherever they chose.

(<https://www.thisdayinaviation.com/page/4/>)

**7 October 1963:** The first of two Learjet 23 prototypes, N801L, made its first flight at Wichita, Kansas, with test pilots Henry G. Beaird and Robert S. Hagan. A light twin-engine business jet, the Learjet 23 is considered a "first" because it was designed from the start as a civil aircraft. Since then, many thousands of business jets have been built and can be seen at airports around the world.

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## Air Show Flashback

We're reaching back a bit far this time. This is from Wings Over Wine Country 2007, ten years ago. This F8F Bearcat flew in and participated in our warbird flybys. The carrier-based Grumman Bearcat was designed in the latter half of World War II. It was very fast, very maneuverable, and would have dominated the skies had it reached combat zones during that conflict. The Bearcat first saw combat during the Korean war when jets were making their earliest combat appearances, and it was used primarily for ground attack. Several have been very successful as Unlimited Class air racers. ★



## Gift Shop October News

### Holiday Merchandise on its Way!

The holidays are coming. In three weeks, the Gift Shop will have special Christmas merchandise for the Christmas Season. This is the first time in several years that this has been done. Mark Your Calendars! And remember, PCAM members get a 10% discount on non-sale merchandise. ★



## The Pacific Coast Air Museum's Platinum Sponsors

The Pacific Coast Air Museum thanks its Platinum Level Sponsors, whose contributions help make our museum the thriving community resource it is! If you would like to find out about sponsorship opportunities with the Pacific Coast Air Museum, contact Doug Clay, PCAM Development Chair, 925-997-2774 or [dougclay@gmail.com](mailto:dougclay@gmail.com). ★





## The Pacific Coast Air Museum

### Location

One Air Museum Way, Santa Rosa, CA, 95403  
[www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org](http://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

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.  
 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Closed on major holidays.

### Open Cockpit Weekends

One or more aircraft are open for close examination the third weekend of each month (weather permitting) and you can even climb aboard some of them! For more info phone 707-575-7900 or visit [www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org](http://www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org).

### Member Meetings

Normally held on the third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at Columbia Distributing, 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@pcam-news@loughlinmarketing.com), Editor: [pcam-news@loughlinmarketing.com](mailto:pcam-news@loughlinmarketing.com), 707-575-7900.

### Membership Renewals

\$50 per year individual; \$100 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](http://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:  
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## **STRAIGHT SCOOP**

**October 2017**

*Open Cockpit  
October 21-22, 2017  
Russians Vs. US Coast Guard  
IL-14 "Crate" and  
HU-16E Albatross*

### **REMEMBER THESE DATES**

October 28, 2017	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	North Bay Science Discovery Day - Check PCAM website!
November 15, 2017	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	PCAM Member Meeting at Columbia Distributing
November 18-19, 2017	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Open Cockpit Weekend
December 16, 2017	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Santa Fly-In - Free Event!
December 20, 2017	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Member Meeting & Holiday Party at Columbia Distributing

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