

PCAM Education Committee report

By Dave Ford, Ed
Committee Chair / VP
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PCAM was at the **North Bay Science Discovery Day October 28.** The Blue Angels F-4N Phantom II Cockpit Simulator was on display and during the time we were there, we handed out literature to encourage people to become involved with the museum.



From left to right—Dave Ford, Cathy Hatcher-England—EXCEL Program Manager, Charley Taylor, Art Hayssen

At the October PCAM Education committee meeting and at the upcoming November 4th meeting, the **Merit Badge** class was discussed. As of the October meeting, eight scouts had registered and Art Hayssen indicated that several more were possible.

Explorer Post 707, sponsored by PCAM, will hold its first meeting at PCAM on Saturday, November 11 from 9-11 AM. Please pass the word to young people (boys and girls) ages 14-20 that are interested in aviation and/or community service opportunities to come find out more about us.

Thanks to Education Committee member Julie Barnes and to Cathy Hatcher-England, **Sonoma State EXCEL** Program Manager, we are moving forward with our proposal to participate in the EXCEL FOR YOUTH Summer University for kids in **Summer 2018**. EXCEL is an award winning summer academic enrichment program at Sonoma State that has served over 23,000 students since 1982. EXCEL offers students entering grades 4-9 accelerated classes to foster and develop skills useful in STEAM fields of study (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics). PCAM Aviation Education programs will be a wonderful addition to the EXCEL curriculum and PCAM will benefit by reaching more students and their parents, expanding our outreach to the local school aged community. More information to follow as we progress. ✪

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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

By C J Stephens

Talk about times changing, this last month has been one for the record books. PCAM had a number of events scheduled but mother nature threw a wrench in our plans. The devastating fires that swept through our beautiful area caused immense damage and suffering for many of our museum members. Beginning on October 9th everyone's full focus was just on survival and salvaging as much of our lives and possessions as possible.

On October 5th we had just completed a very successful Hot Dog Thursday that was put on by our top notch team. This was the 7th HDT and the last one of the year. The income and sponsorship from this event help with our annual income requirements. This year we did very well thanks to some great volunteers and sponsors.

In October we had a couple of Marine Osprey aircraft scheduled but had to be cancelled due to unexpected military requirement.

On October 28th, the North Bay Science Fair was held. The Blue Angels F-4N Phantom II Cockpit Simulator went on display at the Sonoma County Fair Grounds. This was a most amazing show of many science events that had children excitedly running from display to display. It was great to see the interest these young people had in all that was offered. Our Blue Angels F-4N Phantom II Cockpit Simulator was very popular. The non-stop line was out the door most of the day to see our exhibit. Each child got to climb in and experience the hands-on feel of a real fighter cockpit. This is always a very popular part of the fair.

Coming up is soon is November 11th...Veterans Day. Please remember our veterans.

At our meeting on November 15th nominations for proposed Board members with will be presented. We currently have five pending nominations. Come out for the meeting and be a part of this democratic process.

On December 16th we will have the Santa Fly-in at our PCAM sleigh landing site. As we saw last year, there will be no doubt be many excited young faces as Santa arrives in a bright red helicopter carrying his huge sack of gifts. This is always a popular and fun event. With all the activity surrounding this event, we can use some volunteers to help.

On December 20th it will be membership meeting night. The meeting will be a Pot luck dinner, installation of new board members, socializing with a look back at a very progressive and successful year. Please be sure to join us for this festive night.

Our move to the new property has been pretty static for quite a few years but it is starting to make great progress. As soon as one more document gets to the County office I will sign the construction agreement with the County. Then we are cleared to start re-roofing. That will make a dry working environment to finish the work.

—C J Stephens
President, Pacific Coast Air Museum



PCAM Undamaged by Recent Fires

October 20, 2017



Despite terrible damage elsewhere, the fires in Sonoma County never threatened the Pacific Coast Air Museum.

All of us at the Pacific Coast Air Museum express our deepest condolences to the families who lost loved ones and property during the recent catastrophic fires here in Sonoma County. Many of our members were affected, with many becoming evacuees during the early morning hours of October 9 and on following days. Fortunately, most have returned home by now but several lost their homes and other property.

As for the Museum itself, it survived just fine. We are situated at the Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport. The nearest fire — the Tubbs Fire — was several miles away and across the wind at the closest point. There has been no damage at the Museum and we are open for business as usual.

Our members have been very busy taking care of friends and family, and seeing to their own urgent needs so it has taken us several days to post this update. We apologize if our silence has caused any concern.

If any of our fans or site visitors desire to make a donation to help fire victims, a good place to start is the Sonoma County website at <http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/EOC-and-PIO/Fires-October-2017/How-you-can-help/>. You'll find information about making donations there.

Thank you for your concern and support during this very difficult time. We will continue to keep you posted on Museum status through our website, our newsletter, and our email system. ★



DON'T TELL ME! PROGRESS!

By Dave Ford

After sitting dormant for several years and physical depreciation slowly taking its toll on the Dragonfly building, the Pacific Coast Air Museum has come to its rescue. We heard the "MAYDAY" and stepped up. The process of remodeling will soon begin. In the meantime, the roof leaks and with the onset of rain, the roof needed some much needed tender loving care. As an emergency measure, it is temporarily getting patched by ARS Roofing. Within the next month or two ARS Roofing will install the permanent roof.

Chris Brown met the ARS crew at the building the morning of October 19 to oversee the work...along with his AOA Badge. However, access to the STS grounds was not necessary.

The chain link security fence has been on site since September 12th and has been waiting for the crew to install it. On the morning of October 24th the crew did in fact show up and in 2.5 hours the fence was erected. Access to the Dragonfly building will be from Laughlin Road only since there will not be a gate in the security fence separating the Dragonfly work area from the airport TSA area. ✪



PCAM at North Bay Science Discovery Day

Saturday, October 28 was an eventful day for some of our PCAM members. The North Bay Science Discovery Day (NBSDD) began at 10:00 AM and lasted until 4:00 PM. During that time 226 children and one adult climbed aboard the Blue Angels F-4N Phantom II Cockpit Simulator.

An interesting observation was the fact that more girls were interested in checking out the F-4 than the boys. The age range of the children was 2 years of age to approximately 12 years of age. Teenagers didn't seem to be that interested. Although adults weren't interested in getting into the cockpit, many had some interesting questions that were answered by our members who were on deck to greet the public. Those members in attendance were: C. J. Stephens, Dave Ford, Charley Taylor, Bob Matreci, Don Callan, Danelle Jacobs and Evan Jacobs, Lee Ann Sacchi. Two of our interns were present, Jack Scott and Huck Morrone.

Bob Matreci did an excellent job of cleaning and preparing the SR-71 Astro-Inertial Guidance System... affectionately known as "R2D2"...for display—it drew considerable interest.

Kudos to Charley Taylor and his crew for organizing the event. Andy Werback, Tony Bassignani and Don Callan were the members who took on the task of getting the simulator to the event. Tony played fork lift operator and Don and his trusty Ford truck towed the unit to and from the event.

Thanks to all of those who worked and participated to make this another successful year at the NBSDD. ★



Lee Ann Sacchi manning the table.



Charlie Taylor, Don Callan, Jack Scott help out at the F-4 Blue Angel cockpit simulator—Note Bren Ferris.



Bob Matreci (right) and "R2D2"

November 15, 2017 Guest Speaker: Information Coming Soon:



Our monthly Member Meetings typically include updates on important Museum news, a raffle, video presentations, a chance to visit with other Museum members, snacks, and a presentation by a featured speaker. Speakers may include military Veterans, historians, civic leaders, and other people with interesting stories to tell of their historical research or their aviation or military experiences.

Time and Location:

Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
Columbia Distributing.
3200 N. Laughlin Road. Santa Rosa, CA
Cost: Free for Members and Guests. ✪

Help Us Spice Up Facebook and Instagram

Do you love PCAM? Do you have interesting ideas for things we could share online?

Anyone who has photos or ideas for Facebook and Instagram posts should email them to LeeAnn at pcamevents@gmail.com. ✪

What is ahead?

Santa Fly-In December 16: Free for Everyone

Every year, the Pacific Coast Air Museum welcomes jolly old St. Nicholas to the Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport, and this year is no different. On Saturday December 16, the Man in Red, along with Mrs. Claus, will be flying in to the grounds adjacent to the Museum in a red helicopter provided by Helico Sonoma. Gates open at 10:00 a.m. and Santa & Mrs. Claus come in on short final at about 11:00 a.m. to join their Elves awaiting them at the North Pole satellite location at PCAM. The Hot Dog Thursday crew will be serving, there will be open-cockpit aircraft and the gift shop will be open with wonderful gift ideas. This is an outdoor event, so watch the weather reports and dress appropriately. Bring an unwrapped toy/gift for children aged 0-17 to be donated for distribution to local needy families.

Visit the PCAM website for more details: <http://pacificcoastairmuseum.org/events/SantaFlyIn/> ✪

Bring the kids! Tell your friends! Have some fun!



The Aviation Explorer Post 707 Relaunches at PCAM!

By Julie Conklin and Danelle Jacobs

PCAM has reactivated the Aviation Explorer Post 707 Charter. The first meeting is Saturday, November 11 at PCAM from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Aviation Explorer Post 707 supports aviation education of youth (boys and girls) ages 14-20 years as part of Boy Scouts of America Exploring program (<http://www.exploring.org/aviation/>). The leaders of this effort are Aviation Explorer Scout Post PCAM Representative Danelle Jacobs, Aviation Explorer Post Committee Chair Art Hayssen, and PCAM Education Committee Chair Dave Ford (VP, Board of Directors), PCAM and Education Committee members Charley Taylor, Jim Mattison (PCAM Volunteer Coordinator), Julie Barnes and Julie Conklin (member, PCAM Board of Directors).

Post Associate Advisor and Post Committee Member Needed!

In order to complete the activation of the Aviation Explorer Post, two more spots must be filled on the Aviation Explorer Scout Post Committee, the Post Associate Advisor and a general Post Committee member. John Ferreira has agreed to fulfill the Post Advisor position (similar to a Scout Master) and due to his work schedule as a pilot, he will share the position with an Associate Post Advisor. If you are interested in volunteering for either spot, please contact Danelle Jacobs at 707-696-8482 or 707-829-1161 or email dkjscouts@gmail.com or Dave Ford at 707-486-8509 or 707-544-4437 or email av8r@sonic.net.

There is an annual participation fee of \$24 per Explorer Scout due from the local Post to the national organization. The PCAM Aviation Explorer Scout Post Committee is reviewing program costs and possible sponsors. Please contact the committee (listed below), if you would like to be a Post sponsor. Scholarships will be developed and made available for any student that cannot afford any fees—no student will be turned away due to financial hardship.

If you have a suggestion, aviation contact, skill or interest that you would like to share with Aviation Explorers, please contact us! See contact information, below.

More information or to sponsor Post/student:

Danelle Jacobs, Aviation Explorer Post PCAM Rep, 707-696-8482 or 707-829-1161 or email

dkjscouts@gmail.com

Dave Ford, PCAM VP, Board of Directors 707-486-8509 or 707-544-4437 or email av8r@sonic.net

Art Hayssen, Aviation Explorer Post Committee Chair, at 707-321-2040 or email him

art@hayseenaviation.com ✪



A Reminder from Jim Mattison—Volunteer Coordinator:

Please be sure to send in your volunteer hours as we are nearing the end of the year. Final volunteer hours should be submitted no later than December 1st.

There are three ways you can record your hours:

1. Enter your hours in the log books at the Museum. One log book is in the kitchen and the other is in the tool conex.
2. E-mail Jim at jmatti@sonic.net—volunteers can submit all of their hours to date or month by month.
3. Hours can be entered on-line using the on-line reporting system at <http://jmatti.wixsite.com/pcam-volunteers> ✪

Air Show Flashback

At the opening of our 2016 air show, we were honored to have the United States Air Force Parachute Team “Wings of Blue” display the stars and stripes during the National Anthem. ✪



Gift Shop November News

Holiday Merchandise on its Way!

The holidays are coming. Don't miss your opportunity to purchase those museum related gifts before it's too late! Keep in mind, all Museum members get 10% off regularly priced merchandise year 'round! ✪



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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. ✪





The Pacific Coast Air Museum

Location

One Air Museum Way, Santa Rosa, CA, 95403
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.

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, Editor: 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 or call 707-575-7900 for more information.

Read the “Red Baron Flyer,” the quarterly newsletter of the Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport: <http://www.sonomacountyairport.org/red-baron-flyer>

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STRAIGHT SCOOP

November 2017

REMEMBER THESE DATES

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

The Pacific Coast Air Museum hosts many family-friendly and child-friendly events all year 'round. We host an annual Santa Fly-In around Christmastime, monthly Member Meetings, monthly Hot Dog Thursday lunches from April through October, our annual Wings Over Wine Country Air Show in late summer, and special events like car shows and guest lecturers, and more!

Most events focus upon aviation and our collection of over 35 historic aircraft including military jets, helicopters, and other classic airplanes. 🌟

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