



STRAIGHT SCOOP

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PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM

To promote the acquisition, restoration, safe operation, and display of historical aircraft
and provide an educational venue for the community

May 2006 Guest Speaker

Tony Lazzarini

Toni Lassarini was born in San Francisco. He joined the Army in 1965, and during two tours of duty in Viet Nam, he received three decorations for Valor plus two Air Medals. His book, "Highest Traditions" is a memoir as a door gunner on a UH-1D "Huey" helicopter during that period. He was assigned to the 25th Aviation Company at Chu-Chi and often flew on missions in support of the Black Widows. His book has received awards for Best Memoir and Best Military non-fiction.

He worked as a field technician for IBM in San Mateo County for ten years and now resides with his wife , Arlene. His daughter, Danielle, attends school on the East coast.

When not writing, Tony can usually be found working on his latest hot rod project or riding his motorcycle. He has held competition auto racing licenses with SCCA and IMSA and occasionally competes in Vintage Auto races with his classic 1968 AMX racecar.

His other published works include a musical stage play titled "The Toy Soldier" and a book of short stories, "Never Trust a Man in Curlers". In 2005, he was one of the featured profiles in Peter Anderson's tabletop book, "100 faces of Marin".

Tony will bring audio-visual aids to add to his presentation on the 17th of May. It should be a terrific presentation. Do not miss it.



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The Pacific Coast Air Museum

Location: At the Charles M. Schultz-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 20th 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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This Member of the Month article was scheduled for the April Issue

It is presented here with the apology of the editor

A Quiet Hero

By: Linda Wright

I knew I would get my chance to sit with this strong and quiet master of repair to the old flying iron. This month's member of the month has dedicated countless hours over years just shy of 10. He is Jim Cook
The Master Crew Chief.

I met Jim at his family owned business, Hawley Paints down on Santa Rosa Ave. I was amazed to find out that this business is due to celebrate it's 100th year. Jim's dad took over in 1945, so I would guess that the Cook family has been a big part of our community's growth over the years. Think of all that paint. My visit with Jim made it even more obvious to me that this man is a real keeper. Keeper of the shed, hangar, tool box, paint shop, you name it. It only took one simple request by our Roger Olson all those years back, to get the man on board. Jim has been restoring and painting those old war birds ever since. Jim did time as a PCAM board member for 3 years and as board president for 1 year. He has spear headed the climb aboard weekend events because as he says "I want to pass this history on to kids. I love to see the look on their faces when they take that stick and see themselves flying."

When Jim was a kid, he and his mom would spend quality time together by having lunch in some strange airport around the country. Jim's step dad was the president of United in it's hayday and flying seemed to be what they did for fun. Although Jim never got his pilots license, he passed the ground school and met his wife Audrey in a summer school flight class. Their daughter Jamie is 11, and works with her dad in the business and on the airplanes. I asked Jim who his hero was and he said that it was most likely Jamie. "She's a kind, considerate and thoughtful person" he said smiling.

Jim spoke of the old timers and the hero's of our history out at the museum. He remembered his somewhat adopted dad Joe Rogers. Jim told me about the story of Joe scooting up and down the tarmac with a little boy on his lap named Johnny. Many years later Joe would retire as a war hero and little Johnny Jumper became the Chief of Staff. And the time when a man brought his son to a climb aboard weekend to show him what his daddy did for a living. He flew the F-18 and wasn't able to let his boy sit in his active duty jet. And a recent memory was when he and PCAM Pinsky our commander and chief, took Jim up and they played in a little Cessna 172 as if it were a Tonka toy. Hardly the SR-71, but we can dream.



I told Jim that he was one of my heroes. There are many around the old museum. Who's yours? Take the time to let them know the next time they are spending their hard earned money and their well deserved time off making our Pacific Coast Air Museum's future bigger and brighter.

GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE.....SOLD

The Pacific Coast Air Museum will be sponsoring a "Silent Auction and Raffle" during it's "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show on August 19th and 20th 2006. This event is a wonderful way to support the fund raising efforts of the Museum and the proceeds will be used to fund acquisitions, educational programs, and special events.

The Air Show is just over three months away, therefore, your participation is imperative. Members can help make our silent auction a tremendous success by assisting with the procurement of donations. The process is easy. If you know someone who could be a potential donor or you yourself are a donor, please fill out the referral form on Page 5 of this newsletter and call or send it to Theresa Matacia, Auction Coordinator. Theresa will follow up on every lead provided to secure a donation. To maximize the Pacific Coast Air Museum's exposure and the bidding process, please consider donations that not only have broad appeal but are also unique and unusual.

So please let's get those donations in the door as soon as possible.

New members in April 2006

James Lee—Novato
Milton Andrew—Santa Rosa
Frank Lloyd—Santa Rosa
Dick & Heidi Niemann—Santa Rosa
Gerry & Missy Dudzik—Windsor
Ben Smith & Alexis Ayers—Windsor

WELCOME ABOARD



PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM

**“Wings Over Wine Country” Air Show
REFERRAL FORM**

SILENT AUCTION & RAFFLE CONTRIBUTION

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| Hotel/B&B stays | Autographed Memorabilia | Collector’s items |
| Wine | Art | Handcrafted items |
| Sporting goods | Airplane Rides | Jewelry |
| Hardware store goods | Movie Tickets | Electronics (TVs, DVD players) |
| Toys | Travel Awards (tickets) | Antiques |
| Golf/Fishing Packages | Show Tickets | |
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TOP GUN CLIMB ABOARD– A “WOW” SATURDAY**SUNDAY A WASHOUT (PUN INTENDED)**

By: Duane Coppock

With 88 donating visitors and 45 future aviators, the Saturday Top Gun Climb Aboard was a “WOW” success! On Sunday there were 15 donating visitors and 15 future aviators. On Saturday, the visitors had to dodge rain showers but they came and climbed into the Top Gun Aircraft anyway. Sunday started out rainy but by noon it was cloudy and no rain.

Part of the Climb Aboard success was due to Doug Clay preparing a mega-size ad for two insertions in the Press Democrat. The mega-size ads were made possible with co-op support from Silveira Auto Group and Hawley’s Paint Store.

Our young visitors, the future aviators, had a surprise. Jim Cook of Hawley’s Paint Store, provided Children’s Challenge Coins and Junior Pilot’s Wings to the museum as shown in the picture below. The challenge coins were given to each future aviator at each of the three open aircraft, then with the three coins, the youngsters were presented with Junior Pilot’s Wings in the Gift Shop. They loved it.

We had Crew Chief Carley Kerkhoff with her dad Billy, showing the F-5. Of course at 16 months of age, she was more interested in playing in water puddles than talking about her F-5. Crew Chief Sarah Kerkhoff, Garry Beverlin, Steven Aiken and Kris Konhoff were with the F-14 Tomcat while Crew Chief Rich Stout and Jim Cook manned the F-16 Viper. Rachel Lorence, Terry Lorence and Tony Sarganis helped as needed. The docents in the Gift Shop on Saturday were Cap Barthel and Ace Eggleston. On Sunday the Gift Shop was ably manned by Rich Lewis and Duane Coppock. Many thanks to this fabulous crew for making the weekend a great success!

What a weekend! This is why we exist; to display our magnificent collection. Our visitors had a special treat, being allowed to sit in the cockpits of three aircraft used in the Top Gun Squadrons.



Who is visiting PCAM's Website?

By: Cynthia Fürst, PCAM Web Administrator

We have many visitors from around the world every day and here is a sample of the statistics collected from 03/01/2006 through 03/31/2006. Total visits were 26,890. Average visits per day were 867. The most active day of the week was Wednesday and the least active was Sunday.

Most active countries:

1. United States 24,873
2. Australia 453
3. Canada 181
4. Germany 161
5. Switzerland 153
6. Sweden 95
7. United Kingdom 94
8. Europe 82
9. France 71
10. Japan 70
11. China 62
12. South Africa 35
13. Netherlands 26
14. Uruguay 25
15. Brazil 24
16. Belgium 24
17. Mexico 18
18. Spain 18
19. Italy 18
20. Norway 17

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5. Massachusetts 139
6. New Jersey 128
7. Florida 100
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If you would like to view more stats, please visit <http://pacificcoastairmuseum.org/stats/>.



Can you name these two aircraft?
Answers are on bottom of page # 11



Chance Vaught F-8C Crusader

The F-8U-2 was the first true fleet Crusader fighter. The YF-8U-2 prototype flew for the first time on August 20, 1957. It was powered by a new and more powerful engine, a J-57-P-16 rated at 10,700 lbs. static thrust dry and 16,900 lbs static thrust with afterburner. The increased thrust offered by the P-16 made it necessary to provide additional cooling for the afterburner. This was provided by the addition of two air scoops mounted on the upper part of the tail cone just aft of the vertical tail. A pair of ventral strakes were added to the lower rear fuselage to improve directional stability at high altitudes, although the effect of these strakes was questionable, with several pilots reporting no change in handling with them fitted. A Y shaped missile rack was added to each side of the fuselage, making it possible for the Crusader to carry four Sidewinders rather than just two. However, the four-missile armament was only very rarely carried in combat, since the pilots felt that the extra weight and reduction in fuel load was not worth the two extra missiles.

A second prototype, more representative of the production model, flew in January of 1958. The first true production F8U-2 flew on August 20, 1958. A total of 187 F8U-2s were delivered to the Navy between January 1959 and September of 1960. The first unit to use the F8U-2 was VF-84, entering service in January of 1959. It later joined VF-24, VF-103, VF-194 and VF-211, and served with the Marine Corps squadrons VMF-212, VMF-232, VMF-235, and VMF-333.

The performance of the F8U-2 was impressive, having an initial climb rate of more than 25,000 feet per minute and a maximum speed of Mach 1.7. The F8U-2 was re-designated F-8C in September of 1962 in accordance with the new Tri-Service designation scheme.

The Pacific Coast Air Museum received the F-8C on June 21, 1994.



Executive Director's Update

There are so many exciting things going on at your Pacific Coast Air Museum that its hard to know where to begin. But an excellent way to outstanding volunteers for the wonderful you have responded to all the needs of we've planned.



begin is by thanking every one of our job you are all doing, and how magnificently the museum and to the many new initiatives

Our Open Cockpit Weekends are more popular than ever (**thank you Jim Cook, Crew Chiefs and Crews!**). The Beale Air Force Base tour has been fully subscribed for months with a waiting list. The Challenge Coins are in and everyone seems to love them, judging by our initial sales (**thank you Bob Conz, Norma Nation and Jim Cook!**). We are making excellent progress on a new Snoopy logo for the Pacific Coast Air Museum, working with Craig Schulz, and hope to have new logo apparel in time for the Beale AFB Open House and Air Show (**thank you Norma Nation and Jim Cook!**). We are making plans for a joint museum weekend with the Schulz and Sonoma County Museums (probably in the fall).

On June 3-4 our Pacific Coast Air Museum will have a presence at the Beale Air Force Base Open House and Air Show. We will have a booth to sell PCAM embroidered apparel, Challenge Coins, and to pass out information about our Air Museum and the "Wings Over Wing Country" Air Show (**thank you Norma Nation, Linda Wright, Duane Coppock, Bob Conz and everyone else who is helping with this event!**).

On June 17-18 we will not only have our Open Cockpit Weekend, but we will be participating in the first annual Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport Open House. The C-45 and our F-5 Tiger II will both be on display on the ramp in front of the terminal, as will our brand new Blue Angels Cockpit Simulator. And our Pacific Coast Air Museum will have a booth between the terminal and the security area (**thank you Duane Coppock, Rich Stout, PCAM Flight Foundation, Jim Cook and crew chiefs!**).

We are trying to find ways to increase fundraising and income for our museum. The first of what we hope will be many annual fundraisers will be held on the evening of Saturday, June 17th - - the first annual Pacific Coast Air Museum Shrimp Feed at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds. Mark the date down now, as this is one event you will not want to miss. Your friends and families are welcome. And we'd love for all of you to volunteer to sell some tickets for us. We will have aviation displays, music, aviation fellowship, as much shrimp as you eat, a great time, and most of all, we will be raising funds for the wonderful work we do at our Air Museum (**thank you, Linda Wright**).

Our Air Museum is getting lots of PR (that's public relations in Doug Clay talk) coverage. The Santa Rosa Community Media Center did an interview with Jim Long, Bill Carpentier and your Executive Director. We've had a hard time trying to find out when it will broadcast, but hopefully some of you saw the show. Comcast came out one rare sunny Friday in April and taped a show featuring Jim Cook, Bill Carpentier and your Executive Director, and took zillions of feet of video of our display aircraft. As soon as we find out when this will air on Comcast, we will send out an E-SCOOP to all on our E-SCOOP list. Right now it looks like some time in May (**thank you Bill Carpentier, Jim Cook, Jim Long!**).

On Tuesday, April 25th, our Air Museum hosted a "Chamber of Commerce Mixer" for the Windsor, Healdsburg and Larkfield Chambers of Commerce. Over 70 Chamber members were shown around our Air Museum, briefed on our mission, shown opportunities for Air Show sponsorship, and unabashedly sold a lot of our new Challenge Coins. County Supervisor Paul Kelly was there and shared the great news of air service to our airport in 2007. A terrific event for our Air Museum. **(thank you Roger Olson)**

And last, but certainly not least, planning goes on in earnest for our "Wings Over Wine County" Air Show, August 19-20. Steve Hoxie and his committee have got some awesome acts signed up - - Bill Stine in his Edge 540, Eddie Andreini in his Stearman (and we're hoping for a wing walker as well), Kent Pietsch in his Cub with his comedy routine, and recently retired F-15 pilot Craig "Brute" Teft in his Pitts S-2C. The military has committed to an F-18, A-10 and T-6 Texan. The A-10 and T-6 will also fly the popular Heritage Flights. Right now Beale AFB says they will launch a U-2 which will make a low pass flyby on the Saturday of our Air Show, and a Beale T-38 will make a pass on Sunday.

The committee is still negotiating with several performers, so stand by for further updates. Finally, Roger Olson is having tremendous success with this year's Air Show Sponsorship Program, and sponsorships could well set a new Air Show record **(thank you Steve Hoxie, Linda Wright, Barney Hagen, Bill Canavan, Roger Olson!)**.

But here's an area where we need more help - - volunteers to work Saturdays or Sundays in our Gift Shop. PLEASE . . . we really need help in this area. If you can help, either day, please call Norma Nation or Duane Coppock at 575-7900.

Again, thanks to all of you for all you do. It's amazing, just amazing. You all are the reason I leave the Pacific Coast Air Museum with a huge smile on my face, day after day!

Smooth Landings
Dave

Answer from Page # 4

Boeing B-47E

F-101B VooDoo



**Visit PCAM
May 20th & 21st
TOP GUN WEEKEND
Featuring the F-106
Delta Dart**

REMEMBER THESE DATES

May 3rd @ 8:30 AM—Board of Director's Meeting at the Air Museum.

**May 20th @ 11:00 AM— New Member Orientation.
Learn the ins and outs of your air museum's operations and programs.**

**May 16th @ 12:00 Noon—Executive Director's Staff Meeting at the
Air Museum.**

May 17th @ 6:00 PM—Air Show Planning Meeting at the S.C.O.E.

May 17th @ 7:00 PM— Member Meeting at the S.C.O.E.

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