



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

ANNUAL ELECTION ALERT

Each year Pacific Coast Air Museum members elect three of the nine directors for three-year terms to the Board of Directors. This occurs during the annual general meeting in December of each year. The terms of [Don Doherty](#), [Larry Rengstorf](#) and [Steve Kwok](#) expire at the end of 2006 and three directors must be elected to fill those vacancies.

A nominating committee consisting of [Bill Greene](#) and [Duane Coppock](#) encourages and welcomes any nominations from you, the members, including nominations from the incumbents. Please remember the one and only qualification for a board member - he or she must have been a member of the Pacific Coast Air Museum for at least one year. And of course, it's probably a good idea to check with the person you plan to nominate to ensure they agree to run and serve.

Anyone who wants to find out more about what Board members do can contact any current Board member, [Dave Pinsky](#) or [Duane Coppock](#), who will be happy to fill them in.

Candidates will make their official candidate statements at the member meeting on November 15th and the nominations will be closed at that meeting. Candidate profiles will be published in a special election pamphlet that will include the official ballots and mailed to each member by December 4th.

If you wish to be a candidate, or know someone who would, please contact any member of the nominating committee, the Executive Director, or any Director.

"Challenge" from the Executive Director

For anyone who renews their membership for a three year period, I'll give them a special museum Challenge Coin. Just send a check for three years of membership, noting in the check's memo section "Three Year Membership", and I'll contact you to arrange getting you your special coin. Look for membership renewal info along with your Board Elections flyer and ballot, which will be mailed to every member in early December. What a deal - - you don't have to worry about renewing for three years, and the Executive Director gives you a really special Challenge Coin!

Dave

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 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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Membership Renewals: \$30 per year individual; \$45 per year for families. Send renewals to the museum at the address below.

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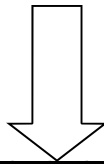
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November 15th Member Meeting

Our guest speaker is Gene Whitt. Gene is a retired Air Force radar expert and flight instructor. He will be speaking about flying in general and about his experience on Tinian Island working on the B-29s that bombed Japan and that dropped the atomic bombs on Japan that ended WWII. Should be a very interesting presentation by a very interesting person.

WOODSTOCK HAS ARRIVED AT THE**G**

North American RF-86F

In 1953, several F-86F-30s were fitted a suite of photo-reconnaissance cameras at the Tsuiki REMCO facility in Japan, in a project code-named *Haymaker*. All armament, radars, and gun sights were removed, and a camera suite identical to that of the earlier *Ashtray* RF-86As was fitted, but using K-14 cameras in place of the lower-speed K-9s. Again, the K-14s were mounted horizontally, shooting through a mirror complex with an aperture in the bottom of the fuselage. The K-14 "dicing" camera was mounted between the two vertical cameras. As with the RF-86A, the fuselage was bulged to cover the camera suite installation. The modified aircraft were redesignated RF-86F-30.

Haymaker RF-86F-30s were issued to the 15th TRS at Kimpo in 1953, flying alongside the *Ashtray* aircraft that remained in service. In an attempt to fool enemy MiGs, they had fake gun ports painted on the sides of their noses.

Factory-built RF-86Fs began to be delivered in June of 1953. They were equipped at the factory with two K-22 and one K-17 cameras in an under-fuselage installation. The cameras were mounted vertically, which took the main body of the camera and the film magazines outside the fuselage contours in a bulge on the gun bay doors. 750 pounds of ballast had to be added to the forward fuselage to realign the center of gravity. The cockpit had an elongated canopy to counter a buffet that had appeared caused by the bulged fuselage. The factory aircraft had the new "6-3" wing as standard equipment. A total of 8 were built (serial numbers 52-4337, 4379, 4492, 4800, 4808, 4822, 4823, and 4864), but they were too late for combat duty in Korea.

In spite of the success of the RF-86A and F in combat, the USAF opted for the Republic RF-84F Thunderflash as its next-generation tactical reconnaissance aircraft. However, the RF-86F continued to be involved in clandestine and standard reconnaissance missions after the Korean War ended. The Pacific Coast Air Museum received it's RF-86F on July 29, 1997.



RF-86F

At Pacific Coast Air Museum

Pacific Coast Air Museum Welcomes New Members

Terrance Bailey—Savannah, Georgia

William & Mary Bushey—Santa Rosa

James W. McCracken III—Santa Rosa

David Stubblebine Family—Rohnert Park

Tyler Wilson—Santa Rosa

Michael Wood Family—Santa Rosa

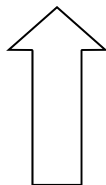
Rob Clark Family—Santa Rosa

James W. McCracken Jr.—Santa Rosa

Raul Ortega—Pacifica

Linda Tessier—Windsor

Kevin Crandall—Santa Rosa



The De Havilland Mosquito
The most Versatile and Successful Allied aircraft of World

“Planned Giving” to the Pacific Coast Air Museum

by Dave Pinsky

I don't know about you, but I always have good intentions about donating to worthwhile organizations. Often I follow through. But just as often I don't for a variety of reasons.

I recently learned that I can donate to the Pacific Coast Air Museum (PCAM) through a variety of ways, most of which don't involve tapping my scarce funds now.

Because PCAM is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, most gifts qualify for Federal and State income tax charitable contributions.

Some of the many ways we can donate to the Pacific Coast Air Museum are:

Outright Gifts - gifts of cash, securities or other property

Gift Pledges - a pledge is a formal statement of intention to make a gift to PCAM. It may be followed by an immediate gift, or it may simply confirm your intention to make a gift in the future. Many donors choose to complete their pledge by making regular payments over time. This method often allows donors to give more generously than they might have otherwise.

Gifts with Retained Interest - Your gift to PCAM can allow you to hold an interest in that gift for your lifetime or for a specified term of years. After that time, the funds or gift become available to the Museum. For example, you can set up a charitable trust which allows you to receive income from that trust for a specified period, or life. You can donate your home to PCAM while retaining the right to live in it for life.

Unrestricted Gifts - Unrestricted gifts can be used as determined by the Board of Directors to meet changing or urgent Museum needs. When you do not restrict the gift, the Museum gains flexibility not otherwise available.

Gifts of Endowment - A gift of endowment demonstrates your farsighted commitment to the Museum. An endowment is a fund that is maintained in perpetuity and only a portion of the annual investment return is used for the purposes specified by the donor. The rest of the investment yield is returned to principal. Thus, over the years, the fund can grow and hopefully keep pace with inflation.

Appreciated Securities - A gift of long-term appreciated marketable securities helps you save taxes twice. Such a gift will provide an income tax charitable deduction and capital gains tax savings.

Closely Held Securities - Securities in a company that is not publicly traded are known as closely held securities. When a donor makes a gift of these securities to PCAM, the donor may enjoy tax savings and can even increase his or her income from the donated stock.

Matching Gifts - Many corporations can demonstrate their support for PCAM by matching, or multiplying, their employee's gifts to PCAM, up to a set amount. Before you make a gift to PCAM, you may want to ask whether your employer participates in such a program.

Gifts of Real Estate - When you give a gift of your home or real property to PCAM, you may claim an income tax charitable deduction based on the full market value of the gift, avoid capital gains taxes and eliminate certain costs associated with the transfer of real property. Gifts of real estate can also provide income to you.

As with all financial considerations, we encourage you to discuss potential tax advantages and other aspects of charitable giving with your attorney, tax advisor or financial consultant.

Members of the Pacific Coast Air Museum are extremely fortunate to have [Deirdre Cruse](#), an outstanding Elder Law attorney and PCAM member, who has volunteered her services to PCAM members interested in any of the Planned Giving programs outlined above. Deirdre has offered to discuss these areas with you, and will provide help in setting up your will or trust should you desire to include PCAM. You may contact Deirdre by calling her office (546-4970) or e-mail her at dk@elderadvocate.net.

The above "Planned Giving" ideas may be an excellent way to support your Pacific Coast Air Museum. Give it some thought, and then contact Deirdre or [Dave Pinsky](#) at the Air Museum.

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Executive Director's Update

Wow—the beautiful landscaping job by [Tony Bassagnani](#) continues to amaze me, and others, every time we are out on the patio. The patio and the landscaping are a beautiful addition to our Air Museum. As is the “I Am Ready, Snoopy” Woodstock, at the annex entrance, donated by [Jim Cook](#). Every visitor to the museum sees this wonderful addition to our museum as they exit the Gift Shop and enter the outdoor display area. Speaking of looking good; take a walk around the museum grounds. We are really looking good! Thanks to everyone who helped during the September “Clean Up Our Museum” month. The enthusiasm was infectious and warmed my heart. We have a lot more room, are more organized, and our museum grounds and shops and hangars are really looking good and a lot more functional. Many thanks to [Don Davis](#) and [Jim Cook](#) for the “Tech Sessions” we put on in October. They were very informative and well attended. If anyone has any ideas for additional Tech Sessions, give me a jingle. Remember that November 2 is the “Tribute to Vets” luncheon at the Vets Building. See me for \$15.00 tickets. We plan to wear our Pacific Coast Air Museum polo shirts and sit as a group at a table which [Bill Carpentier](#) is going to reserve and save for us. If you would like to attend, give me a call or drop by with your \$15.00.

It's election time, not just nationally and state wide, but for our Pacific Coast Air Museum. Three Board seats are up for election. Give it some thought—what a great way to learn more about how your museum really works, and to get involved in helping run it. Let me, [Duane or Bill Greene](#) know if you are interested in running for the Board.

I recently had the opportunity to make my first ever visit to the National Museum of the United States Air Force in Dayton, Ohio. What a wonderful experience (I've included just three of the 300 pictures I took—see them on page 9). For an aviator, it is even better than the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. Over 300 aircraft, all but seven displayed indoors. Their motto: “We Are The Keepers Of Their Stories”. Sound familiar? If you ever have a chance to visit this fine museum, do not miss it.

Want to help raise some money for our Pacific Coast Air Museum? I'm looking for some folks who might want to help with fundraisers. Things like last year's Shrimp feed, or ...got some ideas? Want to help with a Shrimp or Pasta Feed? Give me a jingle.

If you are 70 or older and have funds in an IRA, you have between now and the end of 2007 to donate these funds to a qualified non-profit organization (like the Pacific Coast Air Museum) and avoid paying taxes on these funds. One can donate up to \$100,000 tax free to a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization for the next 14 months. Our Air Museum also has a program for “Planned Giving”. You can leave funds or assets to the Pacific Coast Air Museum in your will or trust.

We are fortunate to have [Diedre Kruse](#), elder law attorney and museum member, who will provide will, trust and IRA donation services at no cost to museum members who wish to give IRA funds, or donate funds or assets in their wills or estates, to the Pacific Coast Air Museum. Give me a call for more info.

Finally for this month, I'll repeat the challenge I made at the October member meeting. For anyone who renews their membership for a three year period, I'll give them a special museum Challenge Coin. Just send a check for three years of membership, noting in the check's memo section "Three Year Membership", and I'll contact you to arrange getting your special coin to you.

Indian Summer has been wonderful so far, great flying and great outdoor museum visiting weather!

On this first anniversary of my service to you and our Air Museum as your Executive Director, I'd like to tell everyone how proud I am of all the progress we have made over the past year on so many fronts. Mostly, I am proud of you, the members, who make this museum the great institution that it is. I am proud to serve with you.

Dave

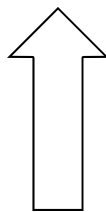


“Tech” Sessions

In a first for the Pacific Coast Air Museum, we ran three "Tech" sessions during the month of October. [Don Davis](#) ran sessions about sheet metal and fiberglass work, while [Jim Cook](#) did a session on prep, prime and paint work. Our local EAA Chapter 124 was invited to attend the Tech sessions. It is our hope that this is the start of more collaborative efforts between our Air Museum and our local EAA Chapter.

The two top pictures show [Don Davis](#) presenting the Fiberglass Tech Session. The two bottom pictures are of [Jim Cook's](#) Paint Sessions. Thanks to Don and Jim for all the work they put into these sessions. Hopefully we will have more.





Can you identify this aircraft?

Answer is on page # 7



**Visit PCAM
November 18th & 19th
Climb Aboard
RF-86F**

REMEMBER THESE DATES

November 1st @ 8:30 AM—Board of Director's Meeting at the Air Museum.

November 14th @ 12:00 Noon—Executive Director's Staff Meeting at the Air Museum.

November 15th @ 7:00 PM— Member Meeting at the S.C.O.E.

**November 18th @ 11:00 AM— New Member Orientation.
Learn the ins and outs of your air museum's operations and programs.**

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