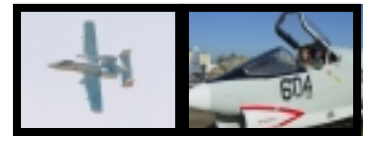




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**Pacific Coast Air Museum**

**Volume XII Number 1**

*To promote the acquisition, restoration, safe operation, and display of historical aircraft.*

*January 2006*

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## “This Is Your Last Paper Straight Scoop”

Your Pacific Coast Air Museum is going Space Age, or at least technology age. As we mentioned a while back, in order to get you the newsletter in a timely fashion and save us a load of dough each year, we’re going to electronic newsletters after this issue.

What does this mean to you?? Make sure we have your correct e-mail address. We will use the E-SCOOP e-mail list. If you are getting E-SCOOPs, you’ll get the electronic newsletter. If you are not getting E-SCOOPs, call us or e-mail us with your up-to-date e-mail address.

If you still want a paper copy, you have several options:

1. Print it from the Pacific Coast Air Museum (PCAM) web site (that’s what I do, by the way).
2. Let us know you still want a paper copy mailed to you and we’ll do it.

So what to expect? Easy --

- Starting with the February issue of “Straight Scoop” you’ll get an e-mail from us telling you that the latest “Straight Scoop” is on the PCAM Website and how to access and download it. Our web address is [www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org](http://www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org)
- If we can do it, we’ll try to attach the newsletter to the e-mail as well.

If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to call us at the Air Museum Office (707) 575-7900, or better yet, drop in and see us.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Dave**

### **The Pacific Coast Air Museum**

Located on the corner of North Laughlin and Becker Blvd. on Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport. Just North of Santa Rosa, Ca.

#### **Museum Hours:**

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday;  
10:00AM to 4:00 PM

A selected aircraft is available to **"Climb Aboard"** on the third weekend of each month. (weather permitting)

Call 707-575-7900 for details and information, or Fax 707-545-2813.

**Member Meetings** are typically held at Sonoma County Office of Education located near the airport on Skylane Blvd., on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

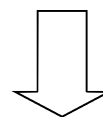
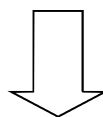
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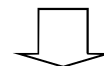
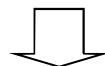
Address corrections and membership renewal (\$30.00 per year /\$45.00 for a family) should be sent to PCAM 2230 Becker Blvd., Santa Rosa, Ca 95403

### **Air Museum President Throws Xmas Party for "Crew Dawgs"!**

In early December, Pacific Coast Air Museum Board President Jimmy Long threw a party in his "Play House" for the aircraft crews. Dave Pinsky even phoned in from the ICAS Conference in Florida so he could participate from afar. From the picture, it looks like a good time was had by all.



### **U.S. Navy Sea Scouts Receive Award and Donation For their assistance at Air Show 2005**



## A Letter from your New Executive Director

(Since this article only made it to the Website updated version, we are publishing it again this month)

I want to tell every Pacific Coast Air Museum Member how happy I am to be your new Executive Director. The weeks that I've been in the job have been the happiest weeks I've spent in years. To be with such a tremendous group of volunteers cooperating in our mission of restoring and displaying aircraft and aviation history, as well as educating young people about aviation, is motivating and uplifting for me.

That brings me to something I personally consider very important for all of us— what we do at, and for, the Air Museum should be fun. I want to help make our fine museum continue to be successful, but I want to make sure that everyone involved is enjoying themselves while we are all doing it.

Most of you know my background so I won't repeat it here. So far at the museum I've been involved with the Air Show, am on the T-28 restoration crew, spend time with the fine volunteers each week and of course get to interact with Board Members and attend Board meetings. And I really am flying regularly again.

The Board of Directors is the policy setting body for our non-profit organization. My job is to carry out the guidance and directives of the Board. I can tell you all, from personal experience that you have a really care about our Pacific Coast Board and what they do seem "mysterious", and my plan is to do a little write up for each newsletter about the important stuff the Board discussed at it's last meeting (if there is no write up, they either didn't discuss anything worth mentioning or the snow was flying and I was up skiing or patrolling). And remember, every Board meeting is open for any member who wants to attend. Board meetings are normally held the first Wednesday of every month at 8:30 a.m. at the Museum.



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We are trying to do some things to keep you better informed and in a more timely manner. One such effort is sending you the "Straight Scoop" newsletter electronically each month. As of the November issue, you can download it from our PCAM web site the day it is posted. Soon you will also get an e-mail with the newsletter attached. Anyone who wants a paper copy can either print it (which is what I do by the way), or let us know and we will gladly keep mailing you a copy.

We are updating the Pacific Coast Air Museum web pages and intend to keep them as up to date as possible at all times. You can help us here—if you see something on the site that is out of date or needs updating, give me a call at 575-7900 or shoot me an e-mail at either [director@pacificcoastairmuseum.org](mailto:director@pacificcoastairmuseum.org) or [davepskier@yahoo.com](mailto:davepskier@yahoo.com).

In the near future look for an announcement about a tour to Beale Air Force Base in the spring, and our museum participating in the Beale AFB Air Show and Open House June 3-4 2006. **The Thunderbirds will be there.**

Jim Cook, Norma Nation, Bob Conz and I are working on a Pacific Coast Air Museum "Challenge Coin". If all goes well, you will be able to buy your very own PCAM challenge coin in the gift shop in a few months and then you won't have to buy the beer when you are "challenged".

I'd like to pay tribute to Duane Coppock, your Executive Director for the past three years. Duane has contributed to PCAM in ways that many of you know about and in dozens of ways that people never hear of. He has been the man behind the scenes who has made countless events successful. Duane took on every task, no matter how small to make sure things were right and everything got done. The entire Pacific Coast Air Museum membership owes a debt of gratitude to Duane for his hard work and many contributions over the past three years. I want to personally thank Duane for all he has done to make our transition a smooth and easy one. I am grateful that Duane is still going to be around the museum several days each week, and I am glad to see Duane smiling so much these days—He truly deserved it.

Finally, I need all the help I can get and I encourage ideas, big and small. PCAM is on the move and our name is really getting out there. Lets do all we can do to keep the momentum going. Smooth landings,

Dave

## JANUARY MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

By: Linda Dellarocca

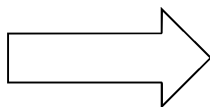
We begin the New Year with our first ever couple selected as members of the month. Billy and Laura Collins were surprised and delighted when last month's member of the month, Glyn Rowly chose them. Glyn said he thought it was only right to pick these two as they've been involved with the Pacific Coast Air Museum as long as he could remember.

As the rain poured, I sat down and had coffee with this dynamic duo to find out what makes them so dedicated to our Pacific Coast Air Museum. I found out immediately that Billy and Laura are the definition of the "right stuff" ... They have been members some nine years and spoke of seeing an air show sign along the side of the freeway and decided to check it out. They immediately started volunteering in the gift shop. When the opportunity became available to run the coffee and snack table at the members meetings, they jumped right in as they saw this to be something they could do together. Laura gave kudos to their predecessor, Marshall, "He had everything so well documented and he trained us well" she said. Billy wanted to make sure that Albertsons was acknowledged for donating to the cause monthly and to make sure that the members were thanked for their donations at the coffee and snack table. Because of our member's generosity, the Collins were able to not only cover expenses for the members but make a \$100.00 donation to the Building Fund.

Watching these two adoring people I had to ask how they met. Billy laughed and Laura grinned. Thirty years ago this June, Laura was waiting for a family member outside the .88 cent store while reading the bulletin board. Here, she found a notice...Divorced man w/ new house and kids wanting to find a special lady. She read it three times and that Saturday night got all dolled up to go out only to be stood up. So, Laura remembered the bulletin and called Billy... As they say, the rest is history. Together, they raised six children; four of his and two of hers and still giggle at each other when you're not looking.

Billy was in the Air Force and Laura was an Army brat. They share their love of the armed forces by supporting PCAM. I was fortunate to be invited to their home and I got to see Billy's Mini Museum as he called it. WOW!! I was in awe as I gazed at 18 pristine hand built models of old war birds hanging throughout their home. On his work bench there were two others being built. These large detailed models were simply amazing and Billy's attention to detail was fascinating. I so enjoyed these two and their giddiness, I look forward to seeing them at the coffee stand at our next meeting. Take a moment to thank this duo for their support and let them know that we really appreciate them!

Billy & Laura Collins



*The Harrier is Here, The Harrier is Here  
(at least the fuselage is)*

*AV-8C "Harrier"*

The Harrier evolved from the famous British Harrier Jump Jet, so called because it can take off directly upward from a runway or a carrier deck, using lift from a system that rotates the engine exhaust downward for vertical or short take off and landing (V/STOL). It was designed and built by Hawker Siddeley (now British Aerospace), with the first flight in 1961. In 1972 under a license agreement, McDonnell Douglas began development of an improved edition for the U.S. Marine Corps.

Using the U.S. Navy (therefore Marine) aircraft designation AV-8A, the first flight was in 1978, obtaining operational capability in 1982, roughly the same time as the Falklands War between Britain and Argentina.

The name "Harrier" is derived from the fairly large raptor of the same name which has the ability to hover. The Naval designation AV stands for "Attack" and "Vertical Take Off", and this is the eighth model of that particular type of aircraft. The last letter denotes which "edition" it is of that type. Our newly acquired aircraft is the third version noted as "C".

The power plant is the Pratt & Whitney F402 turbojet Originally a Rolls Royce Pegasus 103.



### NEW MEMBERS OF PCAM

Ruben Abundis-Santa Rosa

Gary & Karen McDonald-Santa Rosa

The Mendoza Family: Daniel, Teresa, Eduardo, Carlos Berrera & Maria Rosales-Santa Rosa

Morella Staggs-Santa Rosa

Rand & Susie Dericco-Healdsburg

Robert Maurice-Petaluma

Arvin & June Heil-Windsor

Mike Callen -Santa Rosa (Junior Member)

Herbert Sering-Santa Rosa

Ysidor Sanchez-Santa Rosa

Howard Manning-Petaluma

Grant Bird-Novato

Vrain Conley-Windsor



**CAN YOU NAME THESE AIRCRAFT?**

Answer on bottom of page # 11



### REACH Delivers Santa on Schedule

Santa arrived at PCAM on Saturday morning, December 17th, just as planned with a giant assist from REACH. The weather did not want to cooperate but it should be noted that the moment Santa stepped off the helicopter, the rain stopped. Santa greeted many youngsters and oldsters on board our UH-1 Huey and gifts were presented to all the young people who attended.



***Your 2006 Membership dues are due and payable  
on January 1, 2006.***

***If you haven't already done so, please send your check to  
Pacific Coast Air Museum today***

### HONORS FOR THE HONORED

Special members were honored at PCAM's annual members' meeting on December 21, 2005:

#### Special Award For Volunteer Of The Year

**Al Cathcart**

#### President's Award For Outstanding Volunteerism

**Bryan Lee**

#### Award For Excellence In Air Shows

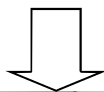
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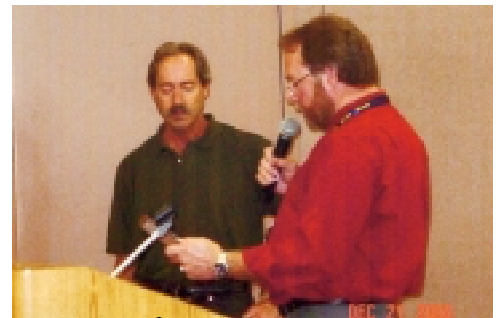
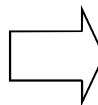
Received A Very Special Award For His Service As Executive Director



Al Cathcart  
Volunteer of the  
Year Award



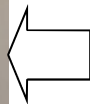
Bryan Lee  
Outstanding  
Volunteer  
Award



Steve Hoxie  
Award for Excellence  
In Air Shows



Duane Coppock  
Special Award as  
Executive Director  
Of PCAM







### PCAM's Newest Acquisitions



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**JANUARY 2006 GUEST SPEAKER****“All Ahead Full Into Deepwater”****A sneak peek at the future of The United States Coast Guard****Presented By: Lieutenant Commander Wayne Seamans , USCG**

As an agency under the Department of Homeland Security, the Coast Guard has added to its traditional duties the task of protecting the sea ports and coastline of America from terrorist activity. To accomplish this extension of the traditional national defense role, and continue to provide the best service in its other mission areas, the Coast Guard has embarked in a 25 year effort to incorporate the latest technology that will allow it to operate more safely, more efficiently, and most important more effectively. This presentation will provide a peek into the ships, aircraft and systems that will enable the Coast Guard to sail successfully through the 21st century.

**Lieutenant Commander Wayne Seamans**

Wayne graduated from Coast Guard recruit training at Training Center Alameda, California in 1980 and was assigned to the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter RESOLUTE home ported in Astoria, Oregon. His tour in RESOLUTE included fisheries law enforcement, drug interdiction operations and search and rescue along the West Coast.

Wayne then attended Yeoman School at Training Center Petaluma and was assigned to the U.S.C.G. Cutter DALLAS home ported in New York City. His tour in DALLAS included drug enforcement operations in the Caribbean, fisheries enforcement off the Northeast coast and NATO operations in the Atlantic Ocean and the North Sea. Wayne then returned to Petaluma to teach at Yeoman School and was subsequently assigned to the icebreaker CGC POLAR STAR. In “The STAR”, operations included Arctic environmental research and supporting the Antarctic Research Program.

Wayne once again returned to Petaluma where he was advanced to Chief Petty Officer (E-7) and managed the conversion of the base computer system to Coast Guard Standard Workstation II, the first computers the service acquired with color and graphics capability. In 1992, Wayne was appointed to Chief Warrant Officer and transferred to the 5th Coast Guard District in Portsmouth, Virginia where he managed the training support of over 5000 men and women at units from North Carolina to New Jersey.

After completing yet a 3rd tour at Petaluma, Wayne was assigned as Chief of Personnel at the Integrated Support Command on Coast Guard Island in Alameda. In 1999, he became a true “Mustang” when he was appointed to the rank of Lieutenant. While serving as the Island Command Security Officer, Wayne’s job became much more complicated on September 11, 2001 after which he was tasked with providing the “Post—9/11” Protection of Coast Guard assets on and around an island situated between two densely populated Bay Area Cities.

Wayne is currently serving as the Commanding Officer of Military Personnel at Training Center Petaluma where he is responsible for administration, discipline and security.

## 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 its own members. Why is that so? When it is time for the museum 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 hours volunteered. Some of these groups, especially foundations, have formulas (or rules of thumb) to convert to a dollar figure. That figure is \$25.00 per hour. Well folks, so far this year, 2005, there are 11,077 hours logged, for a total of \$276,925, the value of the hours you have donated. Now you can see the importance of hours logged and we know many of you have been remiss in not staying current. This is especially true for the Air Show. It is easy to log your hours. A hard copy logbook can be found in the museum or you can record your hours on line. For recording on line, go to the Pacific Coast Air Museum home page, scroll to the bottom, and click on "Volunteer Log" and log in. User name is **pcam2002**, and the password is **volunteer2002**. Just follow the directions. The **Volunteer Badge** is available to anyone who donates any of their time. **Volunteer Hour Pins** are awarded for 100, 300, 500, 1000 and increments of 1000 hours to 5000 hours.

## Prop Wash Around The Museum

By: Tom Witson

You can't call Dave "PCAM Pinsky" anymore, although it does have a nice ring. Among the many great new ideas and perspective he brings to the job, he would like the membership to refer to our organization as "THE MUSEUM" or "The PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM", especially when referring to the museum in public. People don't know what a "PCAM" is! (Some say it's some kind of nut!). So, look for future changes in cap, jacket and badge lanyard design!

There is a new time and day for PCAM's (uh, pardon) The Museum's Staff Meetings. Saturday wasn't working too well, so Dave changed it to noon on the third Tuesday of the month, held in the office meeting room. One hour long only. Promised! A whopping fourteen turned out for the November meeting! That's great, 'cause these people are the glue that holds the organization together! And it places everyone on the same page for planning and coordination.

Does anyone know the history of the newly acquired turbojet engine, located on a stand in the covered patio with the other engine displays? It was donated by Trentadue Winery, and was used or was intended to be used in a boat. It has ALCOA#EQ2W CAG F11 cast in the casing. It must have been intended for a turboprop aircraft!?

Steve Hoxie, Dave Pinsky, Barney Hagen and Linda Wright attended the ICAS trade show in November in Orlando. (Yeah, I had to ask too. It stands for "International Council of Air Shows".) Steve, the mastermind of our truly *Great* air shows, and company are of course planning our air show for next August and the ICAS conference offered them a plethora of performers, ideas and support. They should have brought back some really good ideas.

'CHALLENGE' Coins will be making the "rounds" at the Museum. Dave Pinsky has found that they are a big selling item at other museums and would like to have some made with our logos to sell in the gift shop and web site. Maybe even e-bay! Never heard of them? Air Force pilots have used them for years in the "Club" as a method to see who will pay for a round of drinks. They are cast metal discs, about two inches in diameter, with the officer's unit logo embossed thereon. Jim Cook had some made for last July's F-106 dedication with the PCAM logo on the face and the event noted on the obverse (beautiful side view of the 106 in the middle ring). SO.....if you can pull your coin out BEFORE the other guy and tap the bar or table, HE has to pay for the drinks.

Sikorsky HH-3E, Chance/Vaught F4U



Visit PCAM January 21st & 22nd  
Climb Aboard Weekend  
featuring  
T-38 "Talon"  
(Our Version-is the "Viper")

### REMEMBER THESE DATES

January 4th @ 8:30 a.m. — Board of Director's Meeting at the Air Museum.

January 21st @ 11:00 a.m. — New Member Orientation.  
Learn the ins and outs of your air museum's operations and programs.

January 17th, 12:00 Noon — Executive Director's Staff Meeting at the Air Museum.

January 18th @7:00 p.m. — Member Meeting at Sonoma County Office of Education (SCOE), 5340 Skylane Blvd., Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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