



PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM

STRAIGHT SCOOP

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



Our AV-8C Harrier— An Air Show Favorite

Air Show Survivor's BBQ

We had one terrific Air Show. By every measure, it was the best ever. Now, for those who helped with our Air Show, the Survivor's BBQ is a chance to relax, pat ourselves on the back, tell "war stories", and have a good time without all the stress of Air Show prep, or Air Show day, or Air Show take down, or Air Show put away.

DATE: Saturday, September 23rd

PLACE: East Patio, Pacific Coast Air Museum

TIME: 2:00 PM until dusk

We will supply the meat, bread, salad, wine, beer, and soft drinks and water. We need each of you to bring something to share; as follows:

LAST NAME STARTS WITH A-H—Bring an hors d'oeuvre

LAST NAME STARTS WITH I-P—Bring a side dish (potato salad, cole slaw, veggies etc)

LAST NAME STARTS WITH Q-Z—Bring a dessert

A fall afternoon and early evening on the new patio, with all those terrific airplanes, crew chiefs, crews, Air Show Volunteers—should be one great time. Who knows, maybe we can even talk some of our wonderful crew chiefs into opening their cockpits for us.

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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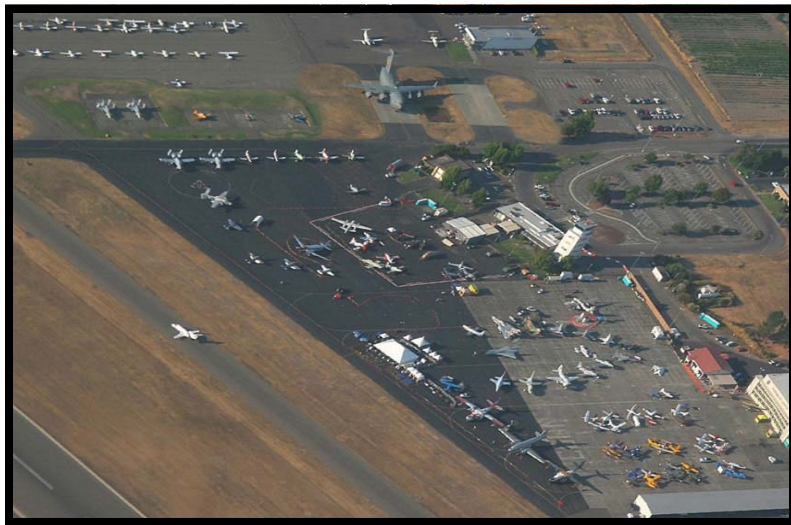
NASA Astronaut [Dr. Steve Robinson](#) was at our Air Show both days, met lots of folks, signed autographs and loved [Lynn Hunt's B-25, "Sunday Punch"](#). A very nice guy, he was a big hit, especially with the children. He wants to come back and fly our T-28 when we are finished with its restoration.



Astronaut Dr. Steve Robinson

Official Picture

Air Show photo with Lynn Hunt's B-25



More Air Show Photos on pages 9, 10 and 11

A beautiful Friday evening aerial overhead shot of our Air Show, ready for the public the next morning. Note the C-17 near the top of the photo, in the center. It was actually parked a bit north, on the CDF ramp, but by the magic of Photo Shop, we moved it so everyone could see it and remember it was really at our Air Show.

September is “Clean Up Our Pacific Coast Air Museum” Month

After saying we were going to do it...and getting some gentle (and not so gentle) nudges from a few folks, including the Airport Manager...we 're going to clean up our museum. And the fact is that we've never had a major cleanup before, at least none that most of us can remember.

[Jim Cook](#), [Dave Pinsky](#) and [Duane Coppock](#) are co-chairing the project, but need help from lots and lots of you out there.

We're going to clean up the area by the Executive Hangar, then put up a cyclone fence around it; clean up the area around the workshop; clean out and reorganize both half hangars and the big hangar; and, in and around any Crew Chief's aircraft who would like to participate.

We'll have a large scrap metal container and a trash container (only metal items in the scrap metal container, please!! No rubber, wood, garbage, trash, etc.).

We have one guy with a cutting torch, we could use more. We need help hauling, lugging, etc.

We've selected four Saturdays in September for our clean up parties. They are:

Saturday, September 9

Saturday, September 16

Saturday, September 23

Saturday, September 30

Start time is 10:00 am — no experience needed for helpers. Rumor has it that the Master Crew Chief and Executive Director may have cold brews on the East Patio for those who help, at the end of each clean up work party.

The folks in charge of each area are:

Executive Hanger storage area and our workshop area: [Jim Cook](#) and [Dave Pinsky](#)

Half Hangar Aircraft Parts: [Ron Stout](#) and [Don Davis](#)

Half Hangar Air Show and VIP tent equipment: [Duane Coppock](#)

Big Hangar: [Bryan Lee](#) and T-28 crew

Please come out and give us a hand. Give a call to the person heading up the area you are interested in. again, no experience needed.

We really need to get this done to make our museum look nicer and to provide needed work space and storage space for our crews and volunteers.

Snoopy Challenge Coin Is In !!

Just in time for the Air Show, our brand new Snoopy Novelty Logo Challenge Coin is in. On one side it features our new Pacific Coast Air Museum Snoopy Novelty logo. On the other side it features the Charles M. Schulz -Sonoma County Airport Snoopy logo. Selling for only \$10.00, including tax, this specialty coin sold like wild fire at the Air Show Volunteer Orientation and at the Air Show. The picture we have doesn't do this Challenge Coin justice ...it is much nicer when you see and hold it. It will make great Christmas gifts for friends and family. We'll have a supply at the September 20th member meeting, \$10, cash or check only. This is one Challenge Coin you won't want to be without!!



Free San Francisco Giants Tickets

The Coca-Cola company has offered free tickets to the Giants-Rockies baseball game on September 12th for Pacific Coast Air Museum Members— two (2) tickets per membership. The game time is 7:15 PM and it's a first come-first served deal. Call Roger Olson at 396-3425 if you are interested.



Pacific Coast Air Museum member Gary Greenough rides the flight line with the American flag during the opening of our "Wings Over Wine County" Air Show

Executive Director's Update

Congratulations to everyone involved for a fantastic 2006 "Wings over Wine Country" Air Show. Saturday's attendance was the largest one day crowd we've ever had. We're still counting numbers and revenues, but by every measure, we had the biggest crowd and largest gross revenue of any Air Show in our history.

There were a lot of Air Show highlights — the C-17 static and demo flights, U-2 and T-38 flybys, F-18, A-10 and T-6 demos, [Eddie Andreini's](#) Super Stearman and Wing walker, [Craig Teft](#) in his Pitts. [Kent Pietsch's](#) Interstate Cub comedy act was hilarious. He had some people believing it was for real. On Sunday when Kent hooked up with the new Sonoma County fire truck, it looked even more real and was even funnier. One act that wowed the crowd was [Bill Stein](#) and his amazing aerobatics in the Edge540. I heard a lot of pilots saying "how does he make the airplane do that?" Having [Wayne Handley](#) narrate Bill's performance on Sunday really helped explain "how he makes the airplane do that".

The war birds flyby and the [Dan Vance](#) tribute to his father, [Art Vance](#), were stirring and touching to all watching.

The C-17 crew said they were treated better here than at any Air Show they have ever attended, including Oshkosh last month. They called me Tuesday and asked if they could come back next year. I said "well, maybe" (just kidding).

A funny story...the C-17 narrator wondered how slow the C-17 really goes during its slow flight pass. So we got a Santa Rosa motorcycle officer to bring out the radar gun. When he practiced on an [Eddie Andreini's](#) Stearman pass and the radar gun read "160 mph", the officer turned to me and said "that's the highest reading I've ever seen on the radar gun". Later he clocked the huge C-17 at an amazing 83mph at air show center during the slow flight pass. After the show another Santa Rosa police officer came up to the C-17 crew, sirens and lights flashing, and told him he was citing him for doing 83 mph in a 35 mph zone (pictures elsewhere in the newsletter). It was a hilarious moment to behold.

There are so many people to thank for the success of this year's Air Show that to try and name them all would be impossible. Every single one of you who contributed to the Air Show deserve our sincere congratulations and thanks. So please note the September 23rd "Survivor's BBQ" described on the front page of this newsletter and try to attend.

I'm going to take a chance and mention two people who performed some amazing feats in preparing for this year's show — to [Mark Fajardin](#) for his hundreds of hours of work in restoring our beautiful AV-8C Harrier to like new condition, and to [Jim Cook](#) for more than many of you know—thanks Mark and Jim.

There is a rumor that this was our last Air Show due to Horizon Air coming in. **NOT TRUE!!** The Airport Manager and I have already discussed how to have a great Air Show with Horizon here, and **we will have an Air Show on the third weekend of August, 2007!**

As you will read elsewhere, [Jim Cook](#), [Duane Coppock](#) and I are heading up "Clean Up Our Museum Month" in September. Dates and what we are trying to do are all in the article. We can use all the help we can get on the work party dates listed.

Executive Director's Update continued.....

The new aircraft layout at the museum is receiving rave reviews. I think it is beautiful and really adds to the "look" of the museum. Note the two corner aircraft at the intersection of Laughlin and Becker—what an entry statement. Since the long awaited CDF S-2 may arrive in the near future, a space has already been planned and provided for it. Many thanks to [Larry Rengstorf](#) and [Jim Cook](#) for the layout design and to [Larry](#), [Jim Cook](#), [Jim Long](#) and the others who towed all the aircraft to their new locations. Finally, as you will see elsewhere in this newsletter, we have a magnificent new entry display under the lanai just outside the Gift Shop—our new Pitts S-2 and the beautifully restored BD-5. What an entry display as you walk into our museum! Thanks to [Guy Smith](#), [Jim Cook](#), [Larry Rengstorf](#) and [Ed Nelson](#) and crew for making this beautiful new display possible. What a terrific addition to our wonderful Pacific Coast Air Museum. Thanks again for a great "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show, and for what you all do for the Pacific Coast Air Museum, day in and day out. It's an honor to know you and to work alongside you.

Smooth Landings

Dave

President's Message

A short message to all the Pacific Coast Air Museum volunteers

What a show! Thank you, each and every one of you that participated in producing the best of shows.

I continue to get e-mail messages raving about the "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show, and they all say they will be back next year. Some traveled quite a ways to see our show. Because I can't find the words to reinforce my thanks to you as I would like, I've copied just a few of the messages I've received below for all of you to read. And, check out the great pictures of the show that Tim Brennan posted on his web site!

"Hi Jim,

I enjoyed the Air Show this year and you should consider it another great success! Although I've seen the C-17 at many air shows before, I really enjoyed it more at your show. I don't know if anyone has offered up pictures but I posted many of this year's show to my site.

http://www.timshangar.com/html/santa_rosa_2006_page1.htm.

Thanks and I can't wait until next year."

"I wanted you guys to know that you are putting on a great air show. I flew up from Los Angeles and wasn't disappointed. Where else—not even at Oshkosh—can people walk up, touch and climb aboard such an array of aircraft. You have a good thing going. See you again next year."

"Thanks for a great show. Loved it all."

This kind of public response says it all—and all the thanks go to the hard working, dedicated volunteers of the Air Show.

Sincerely,
Jim Long, President

New Display at Pacific Coast Air Museum

Thanks to the hard work of [Ed Nelson](#) and his BD-5 crew, [Guy Smith](#) on the Pitts Special, and [Jim Cook](#) and [Larry Rengstorf](#) for some expert carpentry work, we now have a brand new display at the Air Museum. Just as you exit the Gift Shop door, this beautiful entry display now greets our visitors. If you have not seen it, stop out and take a gander. It is a spectacular entry exhibit for our great Pacific Coast Air Museum.



CHARTER MEMBER OF PCAM LEAVES US

By: Bill Carpentier

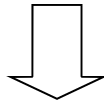
I am very sad to report to you that one of our Charter Members, [Earl Ball](#), has passed away. Earl was a veteran of WW II having served four years with the U.S. Navy and was a member of the American Legion. Following his discharge from the Navy, Earl went to work for Douglas Aircraft Company and spent 30 years in their Aerospace Division. He was one of the original stalwarts who were on hand during the burgeoning days of our museum, and when he came on board, he brought the “gold mine” of his knowledge from Douglas under our roof. He was vitally instrumental in providing technical advice on restorations and professional opinions as to the feasibility of acquisitions as they became available, and helped in a major way with the acquisition of our IL-14. On many occasions he corresponded with the board offering his valued opinions about our aircraft specifically and our operations in general. Those of us who had the pleasure of meeting him during his later years were always impressed with the courteous and gentlemanly manner in which he spoke to us and of our current activities and goals in relation to his own past experiences.

HAPPY LANDINGS, EARL



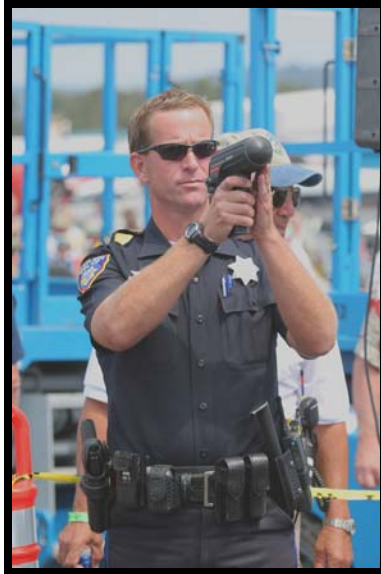
The U-2 "Dragon-Lady"
Soars over our "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show

[Eddie Andreini's](#) aerobatics and his wing walker were a huge hit on both days of our Air Show.



C-17 Cited for Speeding at Air Show

The Santa Rosa Police Department Traffic unit Radar clocked the C-17 during “slow flight” during its demonstration at 83 MPH. After the show, the SRPD “cited” the pilot for speeding, 83 in a 35 MPH zone. Our Executive Director can be seen calmly and quietly trying to convince the officer to not cite [Lt Col Tim Harris](#), the C-17 pilot, but to no avail. Rumor has it that after some C-17 shoulder patches were swapped for SRPD Patches that somehow the citation magically disappeared.



The Pacific Coast Air Museum

Welcomes the following new members.

- Vince Delgadillo—San Rafael
- Larry Dunn—Santa Rosa
- Ken Elwood—Albany, Oregon
- John Fluno Family—Healdsburg
- Jay Goldin Family—Sebastopol
- Wayne & Martha Heyerly—Sonoma
- A.J. Hunt—San Jose
- Robert “Spike” Jones Family—Cloverdale
- Mike Koonce—Rio Nido
- Gary Johnson & Domenic Mitchell—Santa Rosa
- Don Ketelsen—Santa Rosa
- Larry Marcom Family—Santa Rosa
- Kurt Matson Family—Windsor
- MaryBeth Neill Family—Forestville
- Wm. A. Price, MD—Palm Springs
- Joseph & Suzanne Railla—Sebastopol
- Peggy Ransford & Jeremy Dixon—Santa Rosa
- Rick Shea—Petaluma
- Randy Sides & Mary Ann McCartney—Healdsburg
- Bud Simmons Family—Santa Rosa
- Tom Spitz Family—Moraga
- James Theiss Family—Windsor
- Harry Verwer—Santa Rosa
- Kimberly Walton Family—Windsor
- Joel & Harlene Wright—Healdsburg





**Visit Pacific Coast Air Museum's
Open Cockpit Weekend
September 16-17
The AV-8C Harrier
Open for the
First Time**

REMEMBER THESE DATES

September 6th @ 8:30 AM—Board of Director's Meeting at the Air Museum.

**September 16th @ 11:00 AM— New Member Orientation.
Learn the ins and outs of your air museum's operations and programs.**

September 19th @ 12:00 Noon—Executive Director's Staff Meeting at the Air Museum.

**September 20th @ 6:00 PM—Air Show Debriefing at the S.C.O.E.
September 20th @ 7:00 PM— Member Meeting at the S.C.O.E.**

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