



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



Horizon Air Q-400

For more information about the exciting new air service at the Sonoma County Airport,
See pages 6 and 7

Do you love airplanes and / or anything having to do with aviation?

If you do, have I got a deal for you. The Pacific Coast Air Museum needs volunteers who have the love of anything to do with aviation. We have lots of things you can do to be a big part of a great museum, and at the same time, you can enhance your love of all things in the aerospace world. We have a great inventory of aircraft on display. You can be a large part of this wonderful museum.

How do you volunteer? Just drop a line or an email (email address located at bottom of this page) to the Pacific Coast Air Museum at 2230 Becker Avenue, Santa Rosa, Ca 95403 or drop by the museum and walk in to the Gift Shop and say "I want to help the museum". That is all it takes.

How about 2 hours of your time each week or even each month, what ever time you can spare. You will be rewarded with experiences and friendships that will last a lifetime and beyond.

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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Board Has Very Successful Annual Retreat

On Wednesday, February 21st, the Board of Directors had it's annual all-day Strategic Planning Retreat, held at the Airport Manager's Office and Conference Room. The Board reviewed the goals it set for 2006 and the progress made toward achieving them. Most of the goals were achieved or the Board is making good progress on those that were not fully achieved.

The noon-time guest speaker was the President of the Board of the brand new Aerospace Museum of California, formerly known as the McClellan Museum, [Major General \(USAF Retired\) Jim Hopp](#). General Hopp briefed the Board in detail about their new museum, their Capitol Fundraising Campaign, and how they designed, funded and built their new building. It was very informative and provided lots of suggestions for our Board as we begin to plan to raise funds for our new museum.

The Board established seven goals for 2007:

1. Improve member communications and work on common goals.
2. Improve our existing museum buildings and facilities.
3. Work on additional revenue sources.
4. Try to grow our membership.
5. Get a land lease for our current location.
6. Better define the Flight Foundation, clarify it's purpose and relationship to the museum.
7. Plan the Capitol Fundraising campaign for our new museum.

Below are pictures of the Retreat



This Year's Pacific Coast Air Museum Tour - Friday, May 4, 2007

Many of you will remember that last year we took a Spring tour to Beale Air Force Base. Everyone who went seemed to have a good time and the feedback was "let's do a tour every year". So we're doing another one this year. This year's tour should be a good one. It's on Friday, May 4th. We'll jump on a chartered bus and cruise on over to Sacramento to see the brand new Aerospace Museum of California and "The Da Vinci Experience" exhibit. Then we will stop by Travis Air Force Base on our way home to visit their Air Museum and hear a little about the base and its history.

The Aerospace Museum of California (AMC) is brand, spanking new, having opened its doors to the public on February 2nd of this year. Their new building is beautiful and they have a new, hard surface, display area outside for their aircraft. While there we will have the opportunity to see "The Da Vinci Experience". This exhibit features 60 working models based on Da Vinci's drawings.

Fascinated by the prospect of flight and other scientific feats, Leonardo's notebooks contained over 13,000 pages of notes and drawings. A group known as The Artisans of Florence has taken Da Vinci's ideas and built working replicas of his concepts. This is the exhibit's first and only visit to northern California. Models that will be on display include hang gliders, a bicycle, a double-hull boat, an air-screw (precursor to the helicopter), a fly wheel, an early tank, a robot, a chamber of mirrors, a movable bridge, and others. The exhibit also includes reproductions of Leonardo's paintings of "Mona Lisa", "The Virgin of the Rocks" and "The Last Supper".

On the way home from Sacramento we will visit Travis Air Force Base, get a windshield tour of the base, hear a little about the history and mission of Travis, and visit the Travis Air Museum.

We leave the Pacific Coast Air Museum at 7:30am *sharp* on Friday, May 4th, and should return not later than 6:00pm. The cost is \$50, which includes bus, admission to all exhibits and a box lunch. The trip is limited to the first 50 members who give [Dave Pinsky](#) a check for \$50 (made out to the museum), their name, social security number and date of birth. The trip is limited to the first 50 members (members only please) who give [Dave Pinsky](#) a check for \$50 (made out to the museum). Put your lunch choice number in the memo section of your check.

The lunch choices are (no substitutions please - - you can swap on the bus!):

1. Roast beef on light rye, potato salad, cookie, diet soft drink
2. Ham & cheese on soft roll, macaroni salad, brownie, soft drink
3. Smoke turkey on wheat, fruit salad, cookie, water

As of Tuesday, February 27th, only 14 spaces remain on this trip!

On Saturday Feb 10th, [Billy Collins, Al & Roger Olson](#) manned a booth at the Scale Model Expo 2007 at the Petaluma Community Center in Petaluma. We had an outstanding location....right at the front door...you had to go past the Museum booth to enter the event. It was well attended with over 1250 visitors and vendors. Our exposure was fantastic, and people were more than impressed with Billy's models on display. This was a scale model contest and exposition featuring displays and demos by over a dozen hobby clubs, including railroad, RC planes, ships and cars.

A few days later [Al and Roger Olson](#) manned a Pacific Coast Air Museum booth at the Windsor Chamber Business Expo in Windsor. Estimated visitors to that event was over 2500. We had a lot of fun.....give Roger a call if you are interested in attending or helping with some of the upcoming events the Museum will be evolved in. On March 7th the Museum will have a display booth at the Healdsburg Chamber Expo. If you would like to help...give me a call or e-mail rogerolson427@comcast.net.

Below are pictures from the event



This article and pictures provided by: Melinda Gay

Charles M. Schulz –Sonoma County Airport

Open House—The Horizon Plane!!

Thursday, March 15, 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Come out to the Airport
and see what's new!

**Climb Aboard a
Horizon Air Q400**

Horizon Air Service to Los Angeles and Seattle begins March 20, 2007!

Airport Open House – The plane! The plane!

Thursday, March 15, 1 – 5 p.m.

Come on out to the Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County Airport on Thursday, March 15 between 1 and 5 pm and take an up-close look at Horizon Air's Bombardier Q400, the 76-seat aircraft that will begin service to Los Angeles and Seattle on March 20. The Q400 will be on display and open for inspection. Visitors can climb aboard and walk through the Q400 and chat with Horizon and Airport staff. Go ahead and try out one of the aisle or window seats! All seats are a passenger-friendly two across. No getting stuck in the middle on a Q400! Environmentally conscious travelers will appreciate that the Q400 is a quiet and efficient green machine. The Q400 sets new standards for environmental protection for an aircraft of its class.

Compared to comparable aircraft performing the same mission, the Q400 offers:

- Community noise levels well below standard requirements.

- Reduced nose exposure for ramp personnel

- Reduced engine emissions

- The Q400 represents the latest in aircraft technology. The "Q" stands for quiet!

To get to the Q400, visitors will pass through the freshly painted terminal with its new easy-access ADA/Family restroom, redesigned men and women's restrooms, and other upgrades. The new security building, just steps between the terminal and plane, is a reminder of the timesaving convenience of STS. Visitors to STS can park free for the first two hours (\$1 dollar an hour or \$9 a day max!) in the convenient short-term parking area right in front of the terminal. Visitors are also invited to take a look at the affordable and convenient long-term parking a short walk north of the terminal (just \$6 a day or \$36 a week!).

Travelers will save time and money flying from our own local airport. Come out and see just how close, convenient, and friendly we are.

Charles M. Schulz—Sonoma County Airport
2200 Airport Blvd., Santa Rosa
565-7243 www.sonomacountyairport.org

Horizon Named Regional Airline of the Year

The Q400 was introduced into the US market by Horizon Air, which was named Regional Airline of the Year by the editors of Air Transport World (ATW) magazine. Horizon was chosen from among all regional airlines worldwide. Horizon received the award at ATW's ceremony in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 21, 2007.

"Reflecting its founders' philosophy, Horizon remains committed to its local communities and to delivering a safe, reliable and friendly product," notes ATW in its February 2007 issue. "Eschewing the no-frills model, it offers complimentary regional wines and microbrews to the more than 6.5 million passengers carried last year and provides free Starbucks coffee and copies of the Wall Street Journal in its boarding areas."

ATW also recognized Horizon's technical leadership in developing and implementing state-of-the-art onboard navigational equipment to help increase reliability in poor weather, as well as its introduction of the Q400 and CRJ-700 aircraft to U.S. markets. In addition, the editors noted Horizon's sustained profitability during some of the most challenging times for the airline industry.

Take advantage of introductory fares, tickets and reservations which are available now by calling 1-800-547-9308 or visiting www.horizonair.com.



Horizon Air Q400 Exterior and Interior

This article provided by
LTJG Robert J Dickinson NSCC
Public Affairs Officer U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps
PCAM Member

As a new member and a Navy Vet I'm probably "preaching to the choir" but I thought the membership might be interested in Masters of the Air, ... "a deeply personal story of the American bomber boys (B-17's) in World War II who brought the war to Hitler's doorstep. With the narrative power of fiction, Donald Miller takes the reader on a harrowing ride ... ", as it reads in the dust jacket overleaf. I recommend it to the membership.

The story doesn't end there. I recently changed employers. The woman who would become my boss wanted to know about my military service (Navy vet) and shared with me the fact that her father flew 31 missions over occupied Europe as a B-17's co-pilot. Having ordered "Masters" several weeks earlier that evening was the first I had chance to read (I'm an avid reader of military history) and, as the saying goes, I nearly dropped my teeth when, just a few pages into the book her father was quoted (and thrice more further into the book)!!!

Of course I had him dedicate my copy. This is what he wrote in my book, "Robert, Thank you for letting me reminisce about this part of my life. It truly was the best and the worst of times."

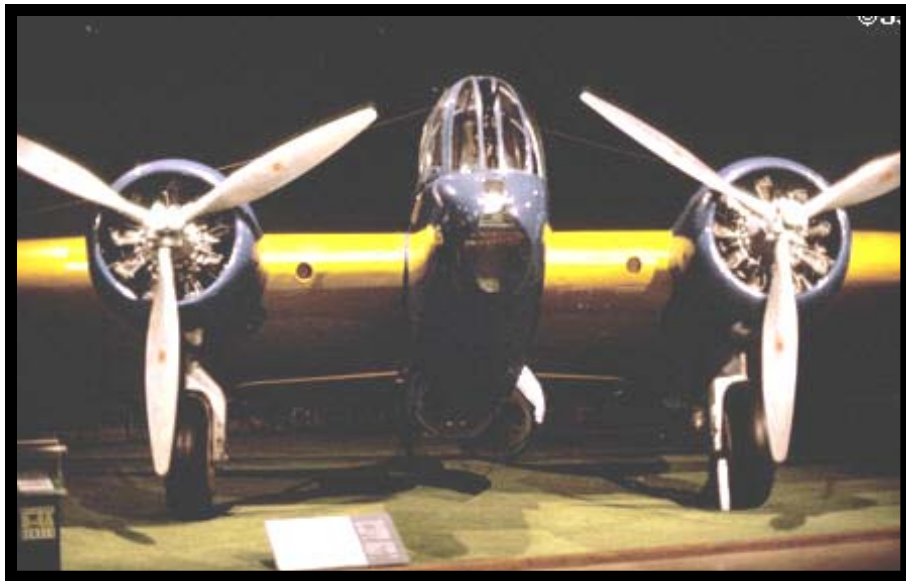
707/763-6018 Re: Masters of the Air, Donald L. Miller "Masters of the Air is a fresh new account of the incredible rise of the American air force from young men learning their trade on the job in combat to an irresistible force that swept the vaunted Luftwaffe from the skies. Donald L. Miller knits together the big events of the bombing campaign with illuminating individual human stories of the heroes who lived and died over [Nazi] Germany". Walter J. Boyne, former director, National Air and Space Museum.

While a masterful narrative history, vivid and meticulous in terms of the extent to which facts and events are interwoven with the raw emotion of the event, Donald L. Miller chronicles the air war over Europe in all its heroism and horror. As a result, it can be a "hard" read. The 525 page book is heavily referenced with 116 pages of notes and bibliography. The author conducted over 250 oral history interviews conducted in England, The Netherlands, France, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Belgium, Germany and the United States, and lists applicable websites.

Miller is the author of *D-Days in the Pacific*, and *The Story of World War II*, and has hosted the series *A Biography of America* on PBS and has appeared in numerous other PBS programs in the *American Experience* Series. Simon & Schuster, 2006, \$26?



Can you name these aircraft?
Answer on bottom of page # 11



March 21st Member Meeting Guest Speaker**Carol Nickisher****Biography**

Carol is a native of Oakland, California. She grew up as an “Army Brat”, daughter of a career Army officer. She has lived, worked and traveled in Europe, the South Pacific, and Central and South America. She has “mushed” with sled dogs in Alaska, and danced the tango in Argentina. In Panama, she was a commercial pilot. In Brazil, she wrote travel articles for the Brazil Herald. In San Francisco, she sold real estate and was Operations Manager for an international container leasing company.

She graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Washington, with a Masters in Teaching English as a Second Language, after which she taught Business English at the University for several years - until she chose to devote her time to travel and writing. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, World Affairs Council, the Audubon Society, and Rotary.

Riding the Reef , A Pan American Adventure – with Love is her first book.

- Wrote travel articles for *The Brazil Herald*. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- Organized scuba diving tours and acted as guide and pilot to destinations. Panama
- Commercial pilot for *Compania Aviacion de Panama*. Panama.
- Sold real estate, managed office, and wrote copy for brochures for an international real estate development firm, San Francisco, CA
- Operations Manager and Assistant to the President of an international container leasing company.
- Responsibilities included investor and client correspondence, hiring and supervision, coordinating with military contract personnel, monitoring equipment on a world-wide basis and international travel,
- Lecturer in Business English for foreign students. *The University of Washington*.
- Lecturer in English as a Second Language. *South Seattle Community College, WA*.

Carol Nickisher’s Presentation—March 21st

The content of the presentation, is about the dangers and the thrills of bringing 6,000 tons of cargo across a treacherous reef in order to complete the air bases and hotels for Pan American Airways' first flights across the Pacific Ocean, in 1936.

What makes it a unique story is that while Pan Am had a great Public Relations Department, which cranked out films and articles for the NY Times, this story is told from the vantage point of one of the laborers who did the actual work; who brought barges loaded with 420# oil drums through twenty foot waves; who endured months of brutally hard work and long, lonely nights - in hot surplus Army tents - and who also had the thrill of seeing the *China Clipper* land in the lagoon, but actually flew in it! That laborer was Carol Nickisher’s father.

The Pacific Coast Air Museum is Proud to Welcome the Following New Members.

Michael Cobb Family—Healdsburg

Tim Corcoran family—Windsor

Marilyn Guinnane—Santa Rosa

Jan McConnell—Santa Rosa

Jim Pierce—Healdsburg

Jim Reed Family—Santa Rosa

Cheryl Schultz—Healdsburg

Larry Spencer—Sebastopol

Pamela & Jim Long—Santa Rosa (we now have 3 Jim Longs in our membership)



U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds

Answers from Page # 9
U.S. Navy FH-1 Phantom
USAAF Martin B10



**Visit PCAM
March 17-18
Climb Aboard
T-37 "Tweet"
10 am-4 pm**

REMEMBER THESE DATES

March 7th @ 8:30 AM—Board of Director's Meeting at the Air Museum.

March 17th @ 11:00 AM—New Member Orientation.

Learn the ins and outs of your air museum's operations and programs

March 20th @ 12:00 Noon—Executive Director's Staff Meeting at the Air Museum.

March 21st @ 6:00 PM—Air Show Planning Meeting at the S.C.O.E.

March 21st @ 7:00 PM—Member Meeting at the S.C.O.E.

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