

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



The Membership and Staff of The Pacific Coast Air Museum are greatly saddened by the passing of [Harrison Rued](#). Mr. Rued was one of the founders of what is now known as The Pacific Coast Air Museum. His loss is a great tragedy to the entire aviation community of Northern California.

Harrison Rued passed away on April 15, 2007. He is survived by his wife Margaret and his sons Warren and John, and a daughter Heidi.

Services were held on Monday, April 23, at Daniels Chapel of the Roses. Many Pacific Coast Air Museum members were in attendance to honor Mr. Rued.

Harrison was remembered as being partial to the P-38 Lightning, as pictured above, next to his favorite pastime of working on his ranch. Harrison will be sorely missed by all who knew him and those of us who now benefit from his just being there.

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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Harrison Rued Commemoration

By: Bill Carpentier

How is it possible to sit down and say goodbye to someone when you don't really believe that the person can truly be gone? I can no more come to grips with the fact that Harrison has left us than I can think the sun won't rise tomorrow.....When I was told about his passing my body shook and tears came to my eyes.

There was nothing calm and objective about it - the word "shock" became a literal reality.

I first met him back in '88 when we were in the embryo years of the Redwood Empire Aviation Historical Society (REAHS) which was an aviation historical group founded in part by Harrison and in almost a parallel time when the Pacific Coast Air Museum (PCAM) came into being.

He was a consummate aviation historian - and had a mind that continuously absorbed innumerable facts, figures and information about the Santa Rosa Army Air Field (SRAAF) specifically and aviation history generally. He was our SRAAF guru. In addition, his contributions to various other like organizations were well known and recognized.

He was unique in one golden way - he never begrudged sharing anything he had with anybody. Some people with avocations such as his jealously guard their material, clutching it close and being selfishly stingy with sharing it in any way.

Not so Harrison! Ask him about a photo and you might find a copy in your hand shortly; or information typed up on a subject you mentioned; or a name and address and date you inquired about in passing. His love of the history of aviation cried out in his mind and heart to be shared with everyone - generously, completely and without reservation.

His told gleeful tales about when, as a boy, he used to climb (under or over) the Army and Navy Field respective fences and he always said that when he got caught the Army guys were always nicer and more friendly when they booted him out than were the Navy guys.

The marvelous displays, exhibits and reams of historical material housed today in our museum are primarily the result of Harrison's generosity in supplying untold amounts of irreplaceable material and information. Some of his donations are of one-of-a-kind items that he cheerfully took from his own collection so that more people could see and appreciate them.

The two fantastic dioramas in our museum are as accurate as they are because of his undiluted donation over many years of blueprints, photos, interview info and personal recollections of where the various building, strips, farms, creeks and roads were as he saw them at the time. What a bonanza his information provided in preparing those two models!

More than the hard, factual artifacts that he left behind, however, is the memory of a truly fine human being. He was a man of completely unselfish warmth and a person so generous with his time that he never said "no" when asked to do something for the museum, or just as a personal favor.

I'm very grateful that I had the chance to share all of these years as one of his friends and "professional" (forgive me) associate history buff. I remember so vividly his pointing out miniscule road locations as we put them on the dioramas and telling us about the Lockheed P-38 control problems facing the new pilot trainees here during WW II.

And the great picture he took of Charles Lindbergh in - I think - the 60's as he visited the airport here as part of a tour to locate a possible site for the new Air Force Academy.

Nothing trite seems to fit as a farewell.

So - thanks for being here, Harrison.



www.B17.org

In case you haven't heard, **EAA's "Keep It Flying" B-17 Tour** will be coming to a town near us soon. The tour brings the beautifully restored B-17 Flying Fortress "**Aluminum Overcast**" to a local airport for flight experiences and walk-through tours. Out of over 12,000 that were built, this aircraft is one of a handful of airworthy B-17s still flying.. EAA invites you to reserve a seat for a flight aboard this rare WW II bomber and experience "The ride of a lifetime".

Here's what some other people have said about this truly special opportunity:

"To say it thrilled me beyond belief is an understatement. I, like the others, was allowed to unbuckle my seat-belt and move about the aircraft, but the waist-gun position was where I spent most of my time. Partly because the view from that position was so good, but mostly, I think, because I somehow identified with those young men who manned that position".

"Thanks for bringing unspeakable joy to a proud old man who, at 77, still remembers the thrill and the awesome responsibility of being at the controls of a "Flying Fortress." He told us today that the sound of the engines warming up was "sweeter than a Beethoven symphony".

"This was a thrill beyond compare and it brought a tear to my eye as my mind traveled back those many years. The smell of that exhaust and the deafening noise brought back the faces of my crew, and I was 22 years old again, and on my way to Bremen. My son was along for this flight. It has been a life-long dream of his to fly along side his Dad, on the "Flying Fortress" and we thoroughly enjoyed our 40 minutes in the air together!".

You can learn more about the flight experience, history and operation of our B-17 at www.b17.org

TOUR STOPS:

April 24-25
Watsonville Municipal Airport

April 27-29
Hayward, CA
Hayward Executive Airport

May 1-2
Concord, CA
Concord-Buchanan Field Airport

May 15-16
Redding, CA

May 4-6
Truckee, CA
Truckee-Tahoe Airport

May 8-9
Napa, CA
Napa County Airport

May 11-13
Sacramento, CA
Sacramento-Mather Airport

Pre-booked flights cost \$359 for EAA Members, and \$399 for non-members. Walk-up prices are \$385 for EAA Members and \$425 for non-members. Seats are filling up fast, so pre-book your flight today and save \$26 off the walk-up price. It's a great experience you won't want to miss, plus you will be helping to support the preservation of aviation history and supporting aviation in your local community.

Don't delay, call the B-17 hotline at **800-359-6217** or visit the website at www.b17.org to reserve your seat today



TROOP APPRECIATION DAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH

1100 HRS-1800 HRS

318 SOUTH A ST,

SANTA ROSA

(707) 235-0304

COME IN UNIFORM, OR BRING A "MEMENTO" OF YOUR SERVICE DAYS TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED WITH.

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REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

ALL SERVICES AND CONFLICTS WELCOME

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TROOP APPRECIATION DAY

OPEN STUDIO

COAST GUARD

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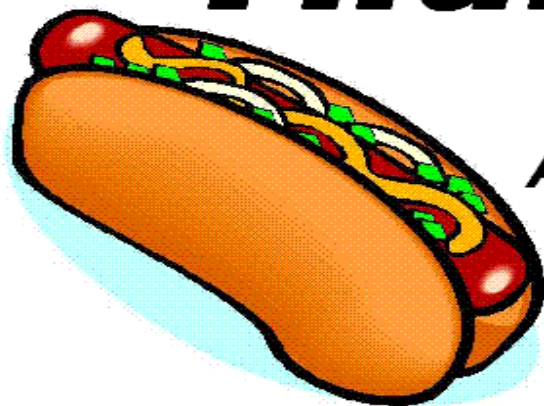
CD'S OF THE DAY'S SHOOT WILL BE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE TO YOU



PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM

Presents

Hot Dog Thursdays!



**\$5.00 donation includes
Admission, Large Hot Dog,
Chips and Soda!**

**Next Event May 10th
11:30 - 2:30**

Then the *First Thursday* of the Month,

June 7th - July 5th - August 2nd - September 6th - October 4th

Enjoy lunch on our new patio!

After, stroll around our historic aircraft or many exhibits!

For more information please contact Paul Heck 707 479-4479

Drop your Business Card for a drawing to win a free admission, two per month, to our

Wings Over Wine Country AIR SHOW Aug 18 & 19

Or, arrange for your own event, birthdays, reunions, or meetings

2230 Becker Blvd - Cross Laughlin Rd Santa Rosa, CA 95403 707 575 7900

Below are pictures of the First “Hot Dog Thursday” at the Pacific Coast Air Museum
Thanks to Board Member Paul Heck for organizing this and bringing it off so well!



Executive Director's Update

As many of you know, we lost a valued Pacific Coast Air Museum member and aviation historian on April 15th when [Harrison Rued](#) passed away. Harrison was a valued member of our museum, who contributed much to many individuals and projects. He could always be depended upon to provide help to anyone who was doing a project for us or just needed some help. What many may not know is that Harrison was one of the foremost aviation historians in Sonoma County, and was a co-founder of the Redwood Empire Aviation Historical Society (REAHS), which merged with the Pacific Coast Air Museum in 1999. Our April member meeting honored Harrison and his contributions. Over 30 Pacific Coast Air Museum members were in attendance at Harrison's Memorial Service on April 23rd. Harrison - - you will be missed and remembered! [Bill Carpentier](#) tells us a lot more about Harrison in his article on page 3 of this newsletter.

A reminder that our 2nd Annual Shrimp Feed is only a month away. It is a fundraiser for your Pacific Coast Air Museum. [Kathy Kumpula](#) and her committee are doing a great job of planning this event. It's going to take place at a terrific venue, the City of Santa Rosa's Finley Center at the corners of W. College Ave. and Stony Point Road. In addition to [Guy Fieri](#) catering this all-you-can-eat Shrimp Feed, your ticket this year includes a glass of wine or soda. We're going to have a great raffle, with at least five flights in the raffle. We'd sure like to see as many Pacific Coast Air Museum members as possible attend. Of course, if you can sell some tickets to your friends and neighbors, it will help fund the many fine things our museum accomplishes day in and day out. Tickets are available in the museum Gift Shop and I've got a nice supply right at my desk. Please come to our Shrimp Feed fundraiser and maybe bring some friends, neighbors and family (or at least sell them some tickets). We could really use your support for this event.

The 2nd Annual [Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport Open House](#) will take place on Saturday, June 16th, from 8:00 am-4:00pm, on the airport's main ramp between the terminal and the Sonoma Jet Center. The Pacific Coast Air Museum will have several aircraft on display, plus an information and membership booth. We will also be hosting a Climb Aboard featuring our A-6 Intruder that day, as well as on Father's Day at the museum.

Would you believe that 235 of our members did not renew their memberships for 2007? Rather than just drop them from the rolls, President [Guy Smith](#) and I sent each one a letter and the results have been rewarding and heartening. In just two short weeks, since our letter went out, over 40 of you have sent in your renewals. If you haven't yet renewed your membership for 2007, how about doing it today—while it's fresh in your minds. We need your support.

Drop by the museum and take a look in the conference room in the annex. The beautiful wood conference table and 17 matching chairs are really ours, not a mirage or a figment of your imagination. In fact, take a look under the old lanai at the six almost new folding tables. All of these were made possible by the efforts of [Bryan Lee](#) who discovered that they were available to us at no charge from the Federal Building in San Francisco. Many thanks to [Bryan](#), [Anthony lee](#), [Richard Stout](#), [Terry Lorenz](#) and [Rachel Lorenz](#) who spent a good part of a day and evening going to San Francisco, hauling the stuff down four flights of stairs and hauling it back to a waiting [Jim Cook](#) and [Dave Pinsky](#) for unloading and assembly at our museum. Well done, and thanks.

Executive Director's update continued:

Do you know who makes all those great signs and prints the tickets for the Shrimp Feed and many of our events? Well, if you don't, it's our very own [Ray Smith](#). Ray does a yeoman job in producing all the signs for so many of our special events and the Air Show. Ray would like to begin to let others in on the "secrets" of his trade. Seriously, Ray would like to find someone who might want to work with him in producing the high quality signs, tickets, etc, that he produces. If you have an interest in learning how this is done and helping Ray and our museum, send Ray an e-mail at smith-rj@comcast.net or let me know at the museum and I'll pass the info along to Ray. And, if you haven't been out to the museum in a while - - come out and take a look. It's spring, the grass is green, the museum is looking great, as are the aircraft. And [Mary Jane](#) has some new things for you to see in the main building and the annex. And last but not least, our "[Wings Over Wine Country](#)" [Air Show](#) is only a few months away - - August 18 and 19. The lineup is awesome:

- [Dan Buchanan](#) and his powered hang glider
- Three time U.S. National Aerobatic Champion and Aerobatic Hall of Famer [Gene Soucy](#)
- [Doug Jardine](#) in his radial engine Sukoi
- [Spencer Suderman](#) in a terrific all-black Pitts Special
- "Team Rocket" from Canada in their formation show
- [Eddie Andreini](#) in his red Yak, "Barbarosa".
- The Air Force [C-17](#) will be back
- A [U-2](#) will perform a fly-by on Saturday
- Beale's black [T-38s](#) will fly-by on Sunday
- It's looking like the [F-18](#) will be back
- We're working on an Air Force [F-16](#)
- And the war bird lineup looks to be one of the best yet (and we may just have a spectacular war bird surprise!)

Come to the Air Show Planning meetings the third Wednesday of each month, 6:00pm at SCOE. And if you want to volunteer to work at the show, better hurry and let [Bobbie Lewis](#) know (rlewis6543@sbcglobal.net), as many of the "good" jobs are going fast.

And finally, thanks to so many of you for all you do - - I look forward to coming to the Air Museum every day because of you and what you do, and I never fail to leave with a smile on my face - - because of you.

Smooth landings, Dave

The Pacific Coast Air Museum Presents**2nd Annual Shrimp Feed Fundraiser****Saturday, June 9, 2007****5:00—9:00 pm**

- All the shrimp, pasta, salad and bread you can eat.
- A complimentary glass of wine / soda included
- No-host bar opens at 5:00 pm
- Dinner from 6:00 pm—9:00 pm
- Catered by our very own celebrity chef— [Guy Fieri](#).
- At the modern, air-conditioned Finley Community Center on West College Avenue in Santa Rosa.
- You can reserve a table for a group if you let us know how many in advance.
- Lots of terrific raffle prizes, including airplane flights.
- Tickets are \$45 in advance — No door sales.
- Drop by the museum or see any Board member for your tickets.
- Call the museum at 707-575-7900 if you have any questions or need more information.

Help Wanted

For this year's Air Show, we need some motivated enthusiastic volunteers. Call [Bobbie Lewis](tel:837-0148) at 837-0148 or email her at rlewis6543@sbcglobal.net - We need help with Vendor Coordination this year. [Allan MacLean](#), who has done such a wonderful job as Vendor Coordinator in the past, cannot be at this year's Air Show. If you would like to help with this very important event, give [Steve Hoxie](tel:824-1122) a call at 824-1122 or email him at swhoxie@earthlink.net

For Sale: 8 Boxes of assorted electronic gear, including resistors, capacitors, etc. \$100 for the lot. Contact Dave or Duane at the museum.

Wanted: (1) Stereo amplifier, at least 100 watts, for our new patio speaker system.

(2) PC, fairly new and fast, for our administrative office and a flat screen monitor.

Contact Dave or Duane at the museum. 707-575-7900.

The Pacific Coast Air Museum

Welcomes the following new members:

Ryan Biland Family—Redwood City

Mark Davidson—Santa Rosa

William Heller—Rohnert Park

Wayne Lackey Family—Napa

Jeff Mallan family—Santa Rosa

Walter A. Smith—Santa Rosa

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Hart Bernadsky—Santa Rosa

Norman Graf & Carol Campbell—Belmont

Jan Cholko Family—Santa Rosa

Donald Houck Family—Petaluma

Scott Posner—Santa Rosa

Dave White—Sebastopol

Steve & Brenda Moore—Milpitas



**Visit Pacific Coast Air Museum's
"Climb Aboard"
May 19th-20th
F-4 Phantom II
10:00am-4:00pm**

REMEMBER THESE DATES

May 2nd @ 8:30 AM—Board of Director's Meeting at the Air Museum.

May 15th @ 12:00 Noon—Executive Director's Staff Meeting at the Air Museum.

May 16th @ 8:00 PM— Member Meeting at the S.C.O.E.

**May 19th @ 11:00 AM— New Member Orientation.
Learn the ins and outs of your air museum's operations and programs**

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