



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

[Wings Over Wine Country Air Show 2007](#)

Join us August 18th and 19th from 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.



Many Outstanding Performers At This Year's Show Include:



[Gene Soucy in his "Showcat".](#)

Gene is a three-time U.S. National Aerobatic Champion and a member of the U.S. Aerobatic Hall of Fame



[U-2"Dragon Lady High Altitude Reconnaissance Aircraft.](#)

Fly over on Saturday (not on Sunday).



[Flight of Black T-38's from Beale AFB.](#)

Low passes on Sunday (not on Saturday).



[Lt. Col. Tim Decker—Pitts S-2B Opening the show!](#)

U. S. Air Force U-2 and T-38 pilot Lt. Col. Tim Decker will open the show each day in his red and white Pitts S-2B.

Other Aerial Performers Include:



[Doug Jardine in his Sukhoi 26MX nine cylinder piston radial engine.](#)



[Spencer Suderman in his fabulous black Pitts S-2B bi-plane.](#)



[The famous and popular Dan Buchanan with his amazing hang glider routine.](#)



[Eddie Anreini in his Yak3U R2000, "Barbarosa".](#)



["Team Rocket" from Canada.](#)

A aerobatic formation act in two Harmon Rocket aircraft.

This year we will feature the return of the popular [C-17 Globemaster III](#), the Air Force's newest and most capable airlifter. This amazing aircraft which "stole our show" last year, takes off and lands in very short distances, flies around the traffic pattern like a fighter, and can back up on the runway and into it's parking area. [View this cool video available from the U.S. Air Force website!](#)

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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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And jet fighter fans will really appreciate the power and precision of the [U.S. Air Force's F-16 West Coast Demonstration Team](#) as well as the [U.S Navy's very popular F-18 Aerial Tactical Demonstration](#).

Vietnam era aircraft fans will be amazed at the [A-1E Skyraider](#) that will be with us this year.

We'll have lots of "War birds" static displays to see and a tremendous "War bird" flyby. Two of the "War birds" will be Santa Rosa's own [P-51 Mustang](#), "[Lady Jo](#)" and "[Speedball Alice](#)".

We'll also have several [AT-6s](#), a [B-25 Mitchell](#), some [L-19s](#) and a whole lot more.

This year's "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show will truly be the biggest and best yet.

For more information, visit [Air Show Frequently Asked Questions](#) on our web site.

Antique aircraft, war birds, and modern day aircraft will perform flybys and be parked on the ramp for an up-close and personal look. One of the exciting features of the Pacific Coast Air Museum's (PCAM) "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show is the opportunity to touch and feel the awesome power and might of these historic machines which have meant so much to our great nation's history. **Military flybys** inspire you with their precision and power and some will be on static display when not in the air. Visitors will have a chance to **climb aboard** a jet fighter or walk through an open cargo/transport plane. **Vendors** will display models, T-shirts, caps, books, and crafts which will be available for purchase. And of course there will be a wide variety of food and beverages to satisfy your hunger and thirst.

The gates open at 9:00 a.m. for pre-show activities, including a pancake breakfast just outside the main entrance gate, static displays and radio-controlled model aircraft demonstrations.

The Main Air Show events kick off at 11:15 a.m. With the Opening Ceremonies, followed by a CDF Aerial Firefighting Demonstration.

A large number of aircraft will be open for all to see. Visitors are encouraged to walk through the Pacific Coast Air Museum's wonderful array of restored aircraft, such as the [UH-1 Huey](#), [HU-16 Albatross](#), a rare [Russian IL-14 Transport](#) and a whole lot more. Imagine yourself a Top Gun pilot while sitting in the cockpit of an [F-16N Viper](#), [F-14 Tomcat](#), or an [F-5E Tiger II](#), or checking out Viet Nam era birds such as the [F-4](#), [F-105](#) and [F-106](#).

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Purchase & Print Tickets Online!

Transfer one or more of your tickets to someone else reissue tickets that may have been lost, damaged or stolen, print purchased or transferred tickets that have not been printed. Visit www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org.

Purchase Advance Discount Tickets!

Visit the Air Museum Gift Shop or any Sonoma County Round Table Pizza store to purchase advance tickets at a discount price.

Air Show FAQs—Visit our web site

Air Show Hotline—(707-566-8380)

If you have questions about the Air Show that were not answered by the hotline recording, please call the museum at (707) 575-7900



U.S. Air Force T-38 "Talon"



U.S. Air Force A-1E "Skyraider"

Harrison Rued Memorial Bench Unveiled

On Sunday, July 1, 2007, the Pacific Coast Air Museum had the pleasure of hosting the family and friends of the late [Harrison Rued](#). The purpose of the gathering was to show the family and friends the very first Pacific Coast Air Museum Memorial Bench, in honor of Harrison Rued. It was a wonderful celebration of Harrison's contributions to the Pacific Coast Air Museum, the Redwood Empire Aviation Historical Society and the aviation history of Sonoma County. In the pictures below you see [Margo Rued](#) and her family gathered around the "Harrison Rued Memorial Bench", and [Bill Carpentier](#) giving a presentation on Harrison's contributions to the dioramas in our museum depicting the original Sonoma County Airport (WWII Army Air Force Field) and the Naval Training Center in what is now downtown Santa Rosa. It was a special and memorable day for the Pacific Coast Air Museum.



The Rued Family



Bill Carpentier talks about Harrison Rued



← The Sukhoi MX ; Similar to the aircraft that you will see flown by Doug Jardine at this years air show

Executive Director's Update

Things around the Pacific Coast Air Museum are really humming these days as we get ready for our 2007 "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show which is shaping up to be the best and biggest yet. Duane Coppock and his intrepid crew have put up 23 highway signs all over Sonoma County, crew chiefs are out days, nights and weekends spiffing up their aircraft, online ticket sales (a first for us) are coming in, advance discount tickets at Round Table Pizza are selling and the Performer Reception is just about sold out.

Take a look at the home page of our web site, www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org, at the wonderful job Cynthia Furst has done of making the home page an interactive page regarding our Air Show. Click on anything underlined and you'll be taken to that web site. Some of the performer's have sites on which you can view a video of their performance. And that is where your friends and relatives can go to purchase and print tickets on-line.

If you are an Air Show Volunteer, don't forget the required Air Show Volunteer Safety Orientation and Ramp Walk, Wednesday, August 15th, 6:00pm, starting at the museum patio. This is where you will get your volunteer wristband. Due to new TSA and airport security requirements, you must have your volunteer wristband to be admitted to the volunteer parking and to the airport grounds on Air Show days. We've got our new 2007 Air Show t-shirts in the Gift Shop, the best Air Show t-shirts we've ever had, with a terrific logo printed on it, and various sizes and styles, some specifically styled for women and kids. And museum members get 10% off everything in our gift shop, including the Air Show t-shirts.

My call for administrative help in the office was responded to in a way that I could not have imagined, and really made me feel good about our museum and it's terrific members. Many folks called, e-mailed and stopped by to offer help, both for Air Show week in the office and on a long term basis. I can't thank all of you enough. Right now, Mike George and Phyllis Morton are learning the "tricks of the trade" from Bob Eldredge, and others will be helping with phones and walk-ins during Air Show week, and filling in on a longer term basis as needed. Many, many thanks.

One area where we have not had the needed response is staffing the Gift Shop on weekends. Please, please give some thought to this idea—devote one Saturday or one Sunday each month to the Air Museum Gift Shop. That's all we need—if eight of you, your spouses, or grown children, could each give us one day, our need would be met. We are getting to the point where we have no one for some weekends in August, and if we can't staff the Gift Shop, we will be forced to close the museum to visitors on those days. That would be a shame. Right now, Kathy Kumpula and Duane Coppock cover every Saturday and Sunday when no one volunteers or folks fail to show up, and that is not fair to them. It's really a fun job—you get to meet people from all over the globe, get to tell them about our museum and help our museum by facilitating sales in the Gift Shop; plus, you are indoors, out of the sun all the time!! Please consider volunteering for one Saturday or Sunday a month, and giving Kathy a call or an e-mail at kckump@comcast.net and letting her know that you will help our museum.

Finally, please remember our "Hot Dog Thursdays", the first Thursday of every month on the museum patio. \$5.00 gets you a terrific hot dog, chips and a soft drink or water. For August and September, the Blood Bank of the Redwoods will be at the museum again for our joint blood drive—if you donate, they buy your hot dog, chips and drink. Let your friends, neighbors and co-workers know about our terrific Air Show, August 18 and 19. We've got some posters if you know of a business that might help by putting one up in their front window or by the door.

It's really exciting being around the museum these days with all that's going on. Thanks to those of you who do so much for the Pacific Coast Air Museum. Your efforts are making a huge difference.

Smooth landings, Dave

Wings Over Wine Country 2007 AIR SHOW

Get Your Performers Reception Tickets Today!

Please join the **Pacific Coast Air Museum** in a
Wine Country Experience Welcoming the

2007 Wings Over Wine Country

Air Show Performers

at the beautiful

Vintners Inn / John Ash & Co. Event Center

at 4300 Barnes Road, Santa Rosa

On Friday, August 17, 2007 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm

- Meet and Mingle with the Air Show Performers
- Enjoy Sonoma County Wines
- Hors D'Oeuvres by Vintners Inn/John Ash & Co.
- 2 Servings of Wine and Hors D'Oeuvres included
- Entertain a performer as your guest.
- Smart Casual suggested with Flightsuits OK for performers.

*To purchase a ticket for yourself and /or sponsor a performer, contact
Duane Coppock (707 575-7900) or*

Kathy Kumpula (707 544-4311), or come by the museum.

Tickets are \$35.00 for each person

Questions, call the Museum at 707-575-7900

**The Pacific Coast Air Museum
Welcomes the following new members**

Don Fraser—St Helena

Charles Christian—Santa Rosa

Mike & Michelle Southard—Windsor

Bob Johnson Family—Forestville

Dorothea Logan—Rohnert Park

Renee' Meyers & Leon Littler Family—Santa Rosa

John & Judy Crooker—Windsor

Jay Matthews—Santa Rosa

Ray Petty—Roseville

Craig Urasaki—Windsor

David Flanagan Family—Santa Rosa

Robert George—Windsor

George Potter—Santa Rosa



Gene Soucy's Showcat

The Showcat is a highly modified Grumman Ag Cat biplane powered by a Pratt & Whitney 985 engine. This former crop sprayer had its hopper removed, the top of the fuselage was redesigned, and it got a new rear cockpit, engine cowling, dorsal fin and turtle deck.

You can see Gene Soucy and this marvelous aircraft perform at the 2007 Pacific Coast Air Museum's "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show

The Awesome C-17 Globemaster III



Apex Aviation Comes Through For Pacific Coast Air Museum

Many thanks to [Jim Markel, President](#), and [Jeremy Epperson, General Manager](#), of Apex Aviation here on our own Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport. At the Airport Open House on June 16th, Apex sold hot dogs, hamburgers and soft drinks as a fundraiser, the proceeds going to the Pacific Coast Air Museum. Their hot dog & hamburger stand was a huge success. General Manager [Jeremy Epperson](#) came to the museum on a Hot Dog Thursday with \$476 cash in hand, and donated it to the Pacific Coast Air Museum. Many thanks to [Jim, Jeremy and the whole Apex Crew](#) for their hard work and their generosity. Apex Aviation is a strong supporter of the Pacific Coast Air Museum throughout the year and this is but one example of their on-going support and generosity.

July "Hot Dog Thursday" and First Air Museum Blood Drive Huge Success

On Thursday, July 5th, another "Hot Dog Thursday" drew over 80 paying visitors to the Pacific Coast Air Museum. It was another huge success in our new "Hot Dog Thursday" program, developed and chaired by Board member Paul Heck. Many thanks to our volunteers for all they do to help folks find out what a great museum we are. [The Blood Bank of the Redwoods](#) and the Pacific Coast Air Museum have begun a partnership, and the first museum blood drive was on "Hot Dog Thursday", July 5th. The turnout and number of blood donors was double what the Blood Bank expected, they declared it a rousing success, and **we have scheduled another Blood Drive on our August 2nd "Hot Dog Thursday". Come on out on August 2nd, donate blood, have the Blood Bank of the Redwoods pay for your hot dog, chips and soda and visit your Pacific Coast Air Museum.**

The Air Show Highway Signs Are Up

As of July 24th all 23 highway signs are installed, from Windsor to the Marin-Sonoma County line along Highway 101, from Sebastopol to Highway 29 in American Canyon and along Highways 12, 37, 121, and 116. When we survey our guests at the Air Show, they invariably say they saw highway signs "all over the county".

Many thanks to a great crew starting with [Ray Smith](#), [Michael Callen](#) and [Duncan Brown](#) who helped prepare the signs with dates 18th and 19th.

The installers were [John Henry](#), [Bob Matreci](#) and his son [Kevin Matreci](#) and a whole lot of help from [Rich Lewis](#). All were led by the Sign Guy; [Duane Coppock](#). All of this to remind you that this airplane takes off August 18th. Be ready.

The Pacific Coast Air Museum Volunteers are the real heroes of the Air Show. They make it go. When you meet one of our volunteers let them know how much they are appreciated.



Pitts Special

The first Pitts *Special* biplane was created in 1944 by Florida crop duster Curtis Pitts. He wanted to fly something more exciting and dynamic than the old Stearman he flew over cotton fields every day. Pitts' second *Special* became *Little Stinker*, flown by Betty Skelton. She and her Pitts won the U.S. Women's Aerobatics Championships four years in a row, from 1948 to 1951. By the 1960s, aerobatics flyers and their Pitts *Specials* were winning titles worldwide. The planes became known as one of the best stunt aircraft ever built. "The Pitts is ridiculously overpowered," explains one owner. It can spin like a dervish, roll like a log and turn on a dime. Sitting in the cockpit, the engine makes it sound and feel like you are in a drag racer. It's a small plane that acts like an F-16. It is eager, responsive and able to do violent maneuvers that only the most skilled pilots can handle. This Pitts *Special* was built in Afton, Wyoming in July of 1986. Purchased by Evergreen, it became a favorite of Captain Michael King Smith. An expert pilot, Smith often flew the speedy little aircraft in air show performances. It is very similar in color to the Pitts Special, flown by Air Force Lt Col Tim Decker, which will fly during our opening ceremonies both Saturday and Sunday for this year's Air Show.

You can see real Pitts Specials at the Air Show flown by Tim Decker and Spencer Suderman
Don't miss it



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Sonoma County Airport
August 18th & 19th for the
“Wings Over Wine Country”
Air Show

REMEMBER THESE DATES

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

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

August 15th @ 6:00 PM—Required Air Show Volunteer Safety Orientation/Ramp Walk starting at the Museum Patio

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