



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**

20 August 2007

Dear Dave,

Each Year I think that year's Air Show couldn't be beat. This year you proved me wrong again!

The Pacific Coast Air Museum Air Show excelled in every aspect; the performances, the timing, static displays, announcements, traffic control and parking, the Pilot's Tent and so many others. I can only imagine how hard you and your folks work in planning for and implementing this very significant contribution to aviation and Sonoma County. I am very impressed with the spirit of every one of the PCAM members and the host of volunteers.

A big thanks to you and those who helped plan and carry out this memorable event.

Sincerely,

Jim Eade, General, United States Air Force (Retired)

Air Show Survivor's BBQ

We had one terrific Air Show. By every measure, it was the best ever. Now, for those members who helped put on 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 22nd

PLACE: East Patio, Pacific Coast Air Museum

TIME: 3:00 PM until ??? (we have lights now!!).

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'ouerve

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 our lighted patio, with all those terrific airplanes, crew chiefs, crews, and our members who worked so hard on the Air Show —should be one great time. Who knows, maybe we can even talk some of our wonderful crew chiefs into opening their cockpits for us.

Air show pictures-Page 4, 5, 6, and 11

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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Executive Director's Update

Congratulations to everyone involved for a fantastic 2007 "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show. By every measure and by the rave reviews we continue to receive, this was absolutely the best air show we have ever put on.

There were a lot of air show highlights—the C-17 static display and demo flights, the U-2 and T-38 flybys, the F-16 and F-18 demos and their Heritage Flights with the Mustang and the Bearcat, the P-38, P-40, the B-25 and all those P-51s, [Eddie Andreini's](#) Yak-9, [Spencer Suderman](#) and [Tim Decker](#) in their Pitts Specials, [Gene Soucy](#), the three time National Aerobatic Champion who did an amazing show in his Ag Cat. Other acts that wowed the crowd were [Team Rocket](#), with their Harmon Rocket formation show, [Doug Jardine](#) in his Sukoi MX and [Dan Buchanan](#) in his hang glider, all amazing and awe inspiring to watch.

The arrival and assembling of [Craig Schulz's](#) P-40 in front of the Sonoma Jet Center hangar was an historic moment for Craig, our airport and the air show. What a beautiful aircraft and historic aviation artifact.

The C-17 crew said they are treated better here than at any other air show and they called me Tuesday and asked if they could come back next year. They will be back.

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 have earned our sincere congratulations and thanks. So please note the September 22nd "Survivor's BBQ" described on the front page of this newsletter for our museum members who worked so hard on this year's air show and please try to attend.

I do want to thank [Jon Stout](#), Airport Manager, his assistant [Steve Lange](#), and the airport crew for all they did to help make this year's show such a success, especially their help with the arriving and departing Horizon flights, passengers and buses. I'd also like to thank [Jim Markel](#) and [Jeremy Epperson](#) and everyone at Apex, as well as [Steve Penning](#) and the Sonoma Jet Center folks—we impact their businesses mightily for three days, yet they go way out of their way to help us put on our terrific air show.

At the risk of not mentioning many deserving folks, I want to mention three people who performed some amazing feats in preparing for and bringing off this year's show. —[Bobbie Lewis](#) for her hundreds of hours of work in creating the best volunteer program we have ever had for our air show.; [Kathy Kumpula](#) who took on the Performer's Reception, the Volunteer Pasta Feed, the painting raffle and so much more and did a great job with all of them; and, to [Jim Cook](#) for so much more than many of you know—thanks Bobbie, Kathy and Jim.

The good feelings about this year's Air Show will stay with me for a long time. So thanks to all of you who worked so very hard to make it happen. We are already working on next year's show; August 16 and 17, 2008. The C-17 is booked, so is one P-38, and if we can raise the funds, we will try to bring in a second P-38. Imagine a flight of two P-38s over our "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show!

Thanks again and smooth landings,
Dave





The young lady pictured above is Allie VonRaesfeld. Her father graciously gave permission to photograph and publish his daughter's picture as a way to illustrate the wide appeal that our museum has. The picture was taken at the Main Gate of "Wings Over Wine Country" on Sunday, August 19, 2007





Newest Members of The Pacific Coast Air Museum

Garth Kline & Family—Forestville
Jan Zlotnick / Jeanette Lebell & Family—Sebastopol
Brian Sackett—Healdsburg
Mark Oswell & family—Ukiah
Rafael Cardenas—Santa Rosa
Barbara Carpenter—Geyserville
Jim Sexton & Family—Santa Rosa
Jennifer Duckhorn—Forestville
Haywood Vaughan—Santa Rosa
Karen Eakle & Family—Santa Rosa
Stan Ottolini & Family—Rohnert Park
George Clair / Kathy Gilmore & Family—Cotati
Robert Evangelisti / Theresa Micallef—Forestville
Alvin Hasin—Forestville
Jack Scauzzo—Martinez
Lucky Lloyd & Family—Santa Rosa
Rob Ghilarducci—Fowler
Omar Mendoza & Family—Windsor
Winton Churchill / Dr. Debi Yohn—Los Angeles
John Freeman—Santa Rosa
Richard Jones Family—Santa Rosa
Gary Feldsher & Family—Windsor

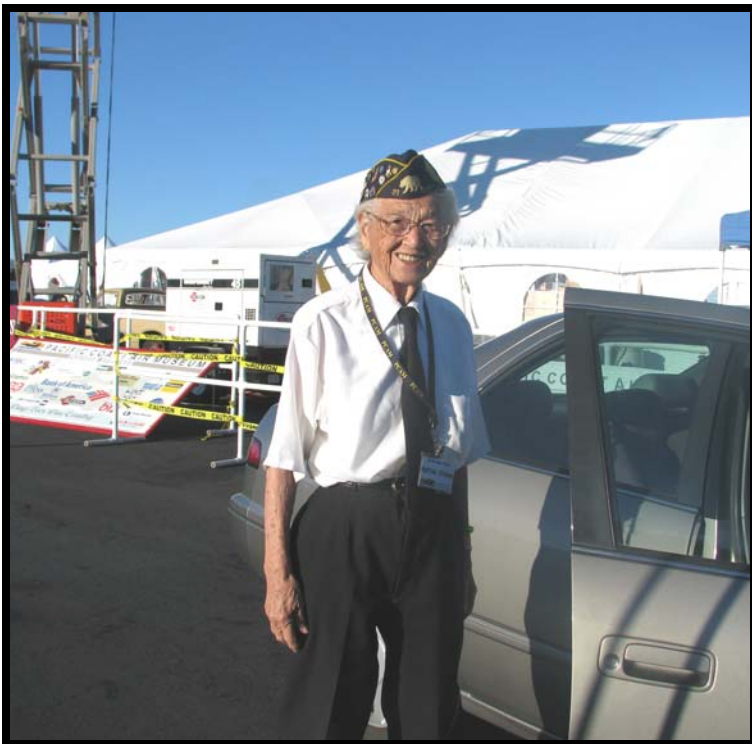
FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES ENCOURAGE CONTRIBUTIONS TO LEROY MEMORIAL FUND

Friends and colleagues of ICAS member and air show performer [Jim LeRoy](#) are encouraging air show event organizers, performers and fans to make a contribution of any size to the scholarship fund recently established to benefit Jim's four-year old son, Tommy. Many of you will remember Jim from his performances at our "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show. He was a great performer and a fine person, who died in his Bulldog Pitts aircraft while performing at the Dayton Air Show this summer.

Air Show Hall of Famer [Wayne Handley](#) went through a similar tragedy in 1994 when his son was killed in an aviation accident. A college fund in the name of Handley's grandson was established. Although most of the contributions were in the \$50-\$100 range, the fund received donations of more than \$30,000. That fund has grown to more than \$70,000 in the 13 years since the accident and will soon reach its goal of \$90,000 before [Brennen Handley](#) starts college in a couple of years.

"Jim devoted his life to air shows and air show entertainment," said ICAS President [John Cudahy](#). "It would be a wonderful tribute to all that he did for our industry if every one of his air show performer colleagues and every show at which Jim performed would make a small contribution and help fund his son's college education."

ICAS members are urged to send their contributions to: Jim LeRoy, Jr. Memorial Fund, c/o Harris Bank, 110 East Irving Park Road, Roselle, Illinois 60172, phone 630-980-2700.



The one and only [Hattie Stone](#) at this year's "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show

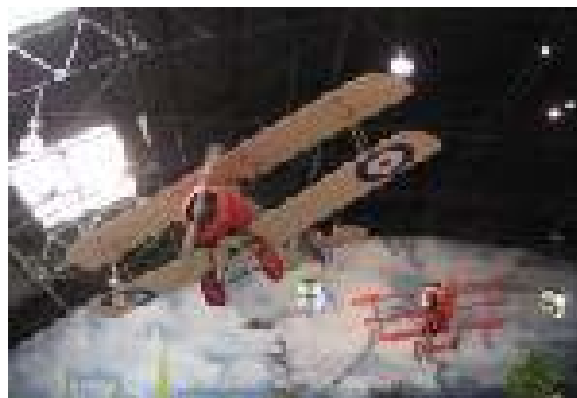
This is a photo of the B.D 5 J in the Santa Rosa Plaza, advertising our air show. In the short time I was there it was attracting a lot of attention so it was obviously doing its job. Ed Nelson.



Fokker Tri-Plane & Sopwith Camel Coming to the Pacific Coast Air Museum

If you visited the Hall of Flowers at this year's Sonoma County Fair, you probably noticed the Fokker Tri-Plane and Sopwith Camel flying overhead inside the Hall of Flowers. Thanks to the generosity of [Greg Duncan](#), Hall of Flowers designer, and the Sonoma County Fair, the Fokker Tri-Plane and Sopwith Camel are now on their way to their new permanent home, the Pacific Coast Air Museum. We re-assembled both aircraft for display at this year's "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show, August 18-19. Since they were built as indoor display replicas, their permanent new home will be as hanging exhibits in the main hall of the future new Pacific Coast Air Museum.

Our Sopwith Camel & Fokker Tri-Plane



P-38 Coming to Our 2008 Air Show!

We have secured a commitment from the Planes of Fame in Chino to bring their P-38 to our 2008 "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show. Since we've rarely had a P-38 at our show, and Sonoma County Airport was a P-38 Army Air Force training base in WWII, this will bring back a lot of memories for many local families. Hopefully it will increase Air Show attendance as well. Plans right now call for both a static display and aerial performances by the P-38. Bringing the P-38 here will be very expensive and will require significant fundraising. We have begun a campaign to secure a minimum of \$15,000 by a series of \$1,000 donations. In the first two days since word of the fundraising campaign circulated around the museum, two of our members have already stepped up and made donations of \$1,000 each. If you would like to contribute or sponsor the P-38 in any way, please call me at the museum - - 575-7900, or contact Marketing Director [Roger Olson](#) (396-3425) or Board Member [Mike Voorhees](#) (888-2900).

Guest Speaker for September's PCAM Member Meeting

Gerald Finton

Gerald Finton graduated from the Vance AFB Undergraduate Pilot Training course with the Class of 66F in early 1966. Thereafter, he proceeded to Survival Training at Stead AFB, Nevada, Radar school at Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona, and finally to F-4 school at George AFB, California. After a short stint in Jungle Survival School in the Philippine jungle, he finally reached his destination assignment with the 433rd "Satan's Angles" TAC Fighter Squadron at Ubon Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand.

His first mission was on New Year's Eve 1966 against Tchepone, Laos, a crossroad on the Ho Chi Minh Trail.

During his tour of duty, he completed 126 combat missions in the F-4C, F-4D, T-28 and the Helio Courier. The squadron pilots "cycled" through all of the squadron's aircraft, and Gerald has no doubt flown the Museums' F-4 on many missions.

Gerald will tell us about some of his experiences flying in combat and what it was like flying under the command of Robin Olds!



Editor's Note:

Having met with and discussed the 2007 Air Show with numerous people young and old during the past 10 days, I can only relay the comments of each and every one of them. They unanimously agreed that this years Air Show of "Wings Over Wine Country" was the very best they have seen in this area. They all said they would return again next year especially after they learned that next year's show would be even better; (if that is possible).



This MI-5 Helicopter was recently & reportedly photographed in Afghanistan and was being flown by Hungarian Air Force units. What a neat paint job.





Visit PCAM
September 15th & 16th
Climb Aboard Weekend
Featuring the A-4 SkyHawk

REMEMBER THESE DATES

September 4th @ 8:30 AM—Board of Director's Meeting at the Air Museum.

September 18th @ 12:00 Noon—Executive Director's Staff Meeting at the Air Museum.

September 19th @ 6:00 PM—Air Show Debriefing

September 19th @ 7:00 PM—Monthly Membership Meeting at SCOE

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