



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**

The BIG HOLIDAY AND GRAND PARTY MEETING

December 19, 2007

This is not only the Pacific Coast Air Museum Holiday Party, but it is also the Annual Membership Meeting as required by our by-laws. This meeting is where you (the membership) elect our three new Board Members to a three year term.

WHERE: The Sonoma County Office of Education (SCOE)

WHEN: December 19, 2007, 7:00—9:00 PM

DETAILS: Since it is the Holiday meeting, members are asked to bring potluck dishes, Hors d'Oeuvres and holiday snacks to share. We will announce the Volunteer of the Year, plus many other awards.

This is the chance to meet and greet members you may never have met or have not seen in a long time and to enjoy the fellowship.

Election for three new Board of Directors members

Don't forget to fill out your ballot and mail or bring it to the museum, not later than 7:30pm, Dec 19th. And don't forget to use the envelope included in your election information to renew your Pacific Coast Air Museum membership for 2008. Each member should have received their ballot by regular mail.

U-2 Shootdown Exhibit & Presentation

Francis Gary Powers, Jr., will make a presentation on his father's famous U-2 flight on the evening of Wednesday, January 16th. The "U-2 Shootdown" Exhibit will be on display at the Pacific Coast Air Museum from January 17 through April 15, 2008. It chronicles the story of Powers' 1960 over flight of the Soviet Union, the shoot down of Powers' U-2, his capture, trial, imprisonment, being swapped for a Soviet spy and his tragic death in a traffic helicopter in Los Angeles. (More information on pages 10 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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Membership Renewals: \$30 per year individual; \$45 per year for families. Send renewals to the museum at the address below.

Address Corrections: Please send to:
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Rotary and Kiwanis Honor Veterans

On Thursday, November 8th, the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs of Santa Rosa honored veterans with a luncheon and patriotic program at the Veteran's Building in Santa Rosa. For the third year in a row, the Pacific Coast Air Museum had a large group in attendance. Twenty-four museum members and guests attired in their museum logo polo shirts, gathered at a table reserved for Pacific Coast Air Museum members. They enjoyed a tremendous program and happily rose to their feet when their respective service song was played. This is always a memorable event. Make plans to attend with our Pacific Coast Air Museum group next November.



“Fat Albert” The Blue Angel’s C-130 at “Fleet Week” 2007
(editor’s favorite aircraft)



Executive Director's Update

I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Many of us have much to be thankful for, but the **Mark Fajardin** family had a special reason to be thankful this Thanksgiving - - their son Michael returned home safely from a 14 and 1/2 month tour in Iraq. Congratulations and thanks to Michael for his service to our country.

There's a lot going on at your Pacific Coast Air Museum these days. The co-crew chiefs of the SR-71 have got the exhibit looking pretty good. If you haven't had a chance to drop by and see it, you ought to. The rudder is adorned with a special tail number and wing patch. The SR-71 nose is water sealed and has plexiglas on the rear so folks can look inside. The spike is now complete and has a beautiful Mach 3+ patch adorning it. The ANS unit is under the lanai with a story board that explains this unique piece of equipment that kept the SR-71 on course at over 2,200 mph.

Speaking of the old lanai, the repairs are complete. It's got a new waterproof roof, new flashing over the doors and gutters all around. A long awaited set of improvements. We are now looking at putting a waterproof roof on the new lanai.

As of this writing, the new shop has been moved to it's new location, next to the Executive Hangar. Electricity will be soon be hooked up and the electrical modifications to the innards will then be completed. After that, the new shop will begin to be shelved and equipped for our crew chiefs and crews. Plans are under way for design approval of the modifications to the old shop to provide more Gift Shop and display space.

The U-2 Shootdown Exhibit is on its way to our museum. This graphic display of the May 1, 1960, shoot down of **Francis Gary Powers, Sr.**, in his U-2 over the Soviet Union, his capture, trial, etc, will be at our museum from January 17 through April 15. A special "private preview" of the exhibit and lunch for just 25 people with Powers will take place at noon on Weds, January 16th. The cost is \$100 - - see me for tickets. On the evening of Wednesday, January 16th, the night of our regular Member Meeting, at the Wells Fargo Center Merlo Theater, **Francis Gary Powers, Jr.**, will be introduced by former **Secretary of the Air Force Tom Reed** and give a presentation on his father's famous flight, shoot down, etc. Tickets are \$20, \$5 for museum members, and are available at the museum.

On Saturday, December 15th, at 11:00am, Santa will fly in to the Pacific Coast Air Museum in a helicopter. He will meet and greet children and have a gift for each one.

The December 19th meeting is going to be a good one. First, it's our annual Holiday Party and everyone brings a pot luck dish to share (so the food is yummy). Next, it is the meeting where we present awards and recognize the folks who have done so much for our museum during the year. It is also our election meeting where you can turn in your ballot and find out which of our five candidates won the three Board seats up for election. Look for election and membership renewal information in a flyer we recently mailed to all museum members.

Finally, thanks to all of you for all you have done to make 2006 the outstanding year it has been for the Pacific Coast Air Museum. Please accept Betty's and my wishes for a very happy holiday season and a healthy, happy New Year.

Happy holidays and smooth landings,
Dave

The Pacific Coast Air Museum
Welcomes These New Members

Yvonne Williams Family - Sonoma

Jazreel Janeiro - Windsor

Jon Huggins Family - Rocklin

Rob Weathers Family - Los Altos Hills

Niels Nielsen - Fremont

Arthur & Nancy Beeken - Healdsburg

Viken Nokhoudian - Santa Rosa

Steve Fachko Family - Novato

Nicole Daspit Family - Sebastapol

Delsuc Family - Windsor

Gustavo Robledo - Santa Rosa

Mike & Sandra Turner Family - Santa Rosa

Ted Shurtleff Family - Santa Rosa

The U.S. Navy Blue Angels at Fleet Week San Francisco 2007



Pacific Coast Air Museum Building Fund Donations

From the start of our new museum Building Fund drive through mid-November of this year, the folks on this list have made generous donations for our new museum. We need your donations, no matter how large or small, to support our building campaign. Many thanks to all on this list who made donations to the Building Fund. We are currently negotiating with the County for a wonderful new location on the airport. We are making progress! You can show your support by sending in a donation of any size. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

PLATINUM WINGS

(Donations of \$10,000 or more)

Hattie Stone

GOLD WINGS

(Donations of \$1,000 to \$9,999)

Apex Aviation – Jim Markel
Duane Coppock
George & Alicia Johns
Lindsay & Margaret Marcom
Joel & Harlene Wright

Daniel Cassidy Estate
Don & Jann Doherty
Judy Knaute
Larry Rengstorf

Bill & Julie Conklin
Ron Dreyer
Steve Kwok
John Rutigliano

Jim Cook
Howard Hall
Jim Long
Carl Thompson

SILVER WINGS

(Donations of \$100 to \$999)

Earl Aagard
Donn & Patricia Beardon
Robin Bloomquist
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Robert Fiora
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Doug Eastman
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Mike & Nancy Haiston
Nancy Horton
Carolyn R. Knight
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In Memory of Ernie Long

SILVER WINGS (Continued)

(Donations of \$100 to \$999)

Don Madson	Lawrence & Carol Manhart	Bob Moon
Mr. & Mrs. Sal Massaro	Mike & Sandy Morgan	Daniel Mosier
Terry & Sandy Nelson	Donald Olsen	Doug Olson
Roger Olson	Glenn W. O'Neil	Darwin Paulos
Dick Percival, Lt.Col. USMC (Ret)	Jodi Piscitello	Ed Pitt
David Reber Family	John & Rae Rehn	Joe Rogers
Chuck Root	Sherry Rossiter	Donald Rowell
Minter & Winnie Rudy	Harrison & Margaret Rued	John Russell
Mr. & Mrs. Richard salander	Mr. Say	Roger Sherron
Admiral Bennet Sparks	Bruce Stangland	Victor Suard
David & Joyce Sunderman,Sr.	John Thomson	Ken Thompson
Robert Trombetta	Phil Trowbridge	Jerry & Maxine Van Norden
Bob Vargas	Ian & Rachele Wayman	Phil Williams
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis K. Wilson	Wine Country Flyers	John & Patricia Withers
Jim & Karen Wofford	Jeff Wolford	William W. & Patricia L. Wright

DC-6 First Ever Climb Aboard

After over two years of hard restoration work, our DC-6 Nose and Cockpit Section were recently put on public display. This fine restoration had it's first ever "Climb Aboard" on the weekend of November 17 & 18. Crew Chief **Bill Greene** and his crew, **Barney Hagen**, **Bill Carpentier** and **Ed Nelson** worked extremely hard to have the DC-6 nose ready for this event.

Congratulations guys - - it's looking great!



BRONZE WINGS

(Donations up to \$99)

Craig Ahswede	Jon Ahnberg	Robert Anderson	Bob Andrews
Ed Bale	George Barr	Steve Benjamin	Andy Bouchard
Dale Brown	Andy & Susan Brian	John & Jean Bryant	Gabriel Cardenas
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William Wise	Kristan Zwerling		

Lanai Roofing Update

The re-roofing of the old lanai, which includes re-installing all the flashing along the building and installing gutters and downspouts along the entire roof edge, is complete. The roof consists of tan shade cloth underneath (like the new patio) and clear waterproof fiberglass as the top layer. **Jim Cook** painted the wooden support beams and posts while the roof was off. It looks great. **Don Luther**, the carpenter who did the work, will return during and after the first heavy rains to check for leaks, etc, and make any adjustments as necessary. Equally as good news (for me at least), is that the project came in \$632 under the budgeted amount of \$3611.00. Labor came in slightly under the estimate, and we saved 15% on the fiberglass rolls by utilizing a discount card at Friedman Bros. The weather cooperated and Don was able to finish the job for us earlier than anticipated. A project that comes in ahead of schedule and under budget is almost unheard of these days! Thanks to **Allan Morgan** for recommending Don Luther, to **Jimmy Long** for coming and lending an experienced eye to the bid and the project, and to **Duane Coppock** for all the hard work he put in on the project. At my request, Don is now preparing a plan and estimate for a similar rain-proof fiberglass cover for the new patio.

Hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving.

Dave

Santa Alert!

Word has been received from the Department of Homeland Security and NORAD that a special Aviation Waiver has been issued for the night of December 24th to allow a very special flight over the U.S. from the North Pole Area. We have been assured that this flight is not a threat and NORAD has offered to provide an escort for this flight anywhere in the U.S. It is expected that the pilot and this craft will not need an escort.

Below is a radar image of the craft that is expected to fly over the U.S. on 12/24/07.



The U-2 Shootdown: A Son's Perspective

A presentation by Francis Gary Powers, Jr.

January 16th 2008

7:00 pm

Merlo Theater at the
Wells Fargo Center for the Arts



-  Powers will be introduced by former Secretary of the Air Force, advisor to President Ronald Reagan and Pacific Coast Air Museum member, Tom Reed.
-  Tickets are on sale now and are going quickly!
You must have a ticket to attend. Limited seating available.
-  Tickets are \$20 (\$5 for Pacific Coast Air Museum members), advance ticket sales only.
-  Tickets can be purchased from Dave or Duane in the museum administrative office, or in the museum's Gift Shop.
-  After the presentation, Powers will be available to autograph his book, which will be available for sale
-  This is sure to sell out early, so come in to the museum admin office soon and see Duane or Dave for your ticket.



**Private Preview of the U-2 Shoot down
Exhibit at the Pacific Coast Air Museum**

January 16, 2008

11:30 am—2:30 pm

A private "sneak" preview of the U-2 Shoot down exhibit at the Pacific Coast Air Museum personally guided by Francis Gary Powers, Jr., followed by a private luncheon with Powers and **Dave Pinsky**, Executive Director of the Pacific Coast Air Museum and former U-2 pilot and U-2/SR-71 Wing Commander.

**The Executive Director of the Cold War Museum, Francis Gary Powers, Jr.,
and
The Executive Director of the Pacific Coast Air Museum,
Colonel Dave Pinsky (USAF, Ret.)**

Cordially invite you to a private preview of the U-2 Shootdown Exhibit at the Pacific Coast Air Museum, followed by a private luncheon with your hosts on Wednesday, January 16th, 2008.

The private tour of the U-2 exhibit will be guided and narrated by Francis Gary Powers, Jr, and will take place from 11:30am to 12:30pm at the Pacific Coast Air Museum. It will be followed by a private luncheon from 1:00 to 2:30pm with your hosts at Charlie's at the Windsor Golf Club.

Francis Gary Powers, Jr, the son of Francis Gary Powers, the pilot of the U-2 shot down over the Soviet Union in 1960, is the Executive Director of the Cold War Museum in Washington, DC.

Colonel Dave Pinsky, USAF (Ret), Executive Director of the Pacific Coast Air Museum, was Wing Commander of the SR-71 and U-2 Wing at Beale Air Force Base. He flew the U-2 for five years while at Beale.

This exclusive event, a fund raiser to help defray the costs of bringing the exhibit to the Pacific Coast Air Museum, is limited to 25 people. The cost is \$100 per person and includes both the tour and lunch. Tickets for this event may be purchased from Dave Pinsky or Duane Coppock at the Pacific Coast Air Museum. Cash or check only, with checks made out to the Pacific Coast Air Museum.



**Visit the Pacific Coast Air
Museum for Santa's Arrival
by Helicopter
December 15th, 11:00am**

REMEMBER THESE DATES

December 5th @ 8:30 AM Board of Director's Meeting at the Air Museum.

December 15th @ 11:00 AM Santa arrives at the Pacific Coast Air Museum

December 18th @ 12:00 PM Executive Director's Staff Meeting

December 19th @ 7:00 PM "Holiday" Membership Meeting at SCOE

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