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

Richard Stout

As most of you know by now, we lost a long-time museum member, hard-working volunteer, crew chief and friend to many on Monday, March 24th.

Richard's fingerprints are literally all over our museum. It will be hard to look at the F-16, F-4 Blue Angels Sim, the big hangar and many other things and not think of Richard.

Jim Cook, our Master Crew Chief and life long friend of Richard's put it well: "We lost a great friend and Crew Chief. He died peacefully with Ron and his wife Julie and my wife Audrey and myself by his side".

Richard was someone who would come running if you called for help. His tough exterior hid his soft heart. For us, its like losing a family member. Someone you knew through the good and bad times, he was there. He was an honorary Uncle to many, many kids and would attend their games or school functions.

For the Museum, he has served first as crew member and for the last six years, Crew Chief on our F-16N. Over the years, he helped paint most of our aircraft, worked in the gift shop, led school tours, gone on recovery trips, handled the F-4 Blue Angels Cockpit, T-28 Crew and so much more. He will be missed.

Our hearts go out to his brother Ron and his wife Julie, and to close friends Jim, Audrey and Jamie Cook.

Richard—thanks for all you did for so many, many people and for the Pacific Coast Air Museum. You will be missed.





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STRAIGHT SCOOP

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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\$30 per year individual; \$45 per year for families. end renewals to the museum at the address below.

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ILYUSHIN IL-14 FUND RAISER

The young men and women on the crew of the Ilyushin IL-14 have been cleaning and attempting to stop water leaks and have been inspecting. They have found that their airplane needs some serious TLC and they need money for some of the projects. The airplane needs to have the material covering the walls and ceiling in the cabin replaced. The material there now is actually crumbling. Cabin windows need to be replaced and insulated coverings in the cockpit are falling apart. The exterior needs to be cleaned and some Painting done. And the tires go flat. There are more problems. So, they decided to conduct four fund raisers this Spring.

Their plan is to solicit prizes for raffles from businesses in Windsor and to sell home made bakery goods. Crew Chief Rose Pattenaude's mother, Mrs. Pattenaude, is the master chef for the baked goods and they are good! The crew held their first fund raiser on Saturday, March 22nd, and brought in \$329.00. That is how I know Mrs. Pattenaude is a wonderful chef. I sampled some of the goods. Future fund raiser dates are April 27th, May 17th and June 21st and 22nd when the IL-14 is the featured "Climb Aboard" airplane.



Our visitors to the museum really appreciated having one of the airplanes open when none was scheduled. We provide a real service to the community by allowing people to get up close and personal with our aircraft and to actually climb inside. We are unique among air museums.

The crew did fantastic with this. Along with Rose was Ben Martin, Co-Crew Chief; Briceida Guerra; and DJ Malley and, of course, Mrs. Pattenaude. They developed the idea, worked out the details and made it happen. WELL DONE!

Duane Coppock

Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Monument

by Ross Liscum, USMC (Ret)

On Tuesday, March 4th the official ground breaking of the Veteran's Memorial at Santa Rosa City Hall took place. The granite columns are being polished in Italy and soon to be shipped to the US, and on to Sonoma County (hopefully end of March/early April), we are making our final plans for this to become a reality for our community.

We would like to give you an update on our progress since the original concept was redesigned. As you will remember, originally we proposed a bronze statue that included a sailor, a soldier, a boy and a girl, dressed in WWII uniforms and attire. Our feeling was we wanted to acknowledge that generation as representative of all veterans. Around the base would be engraved the 443 men's names of Sonoma County Veterans who died in battle.

The final design will include 5 granite columns that are 24" in diameter placed in a concave circle, starting at a height of 10' (10 o'clock position), then 9', then 8', then 7' and finally at 6' (around 2 o'clock position) with a 3 foot pedestal in the center of the columns. The 443 Sonoma County Veteran names will be engraved on the 5 granite columns.

For your info, to date we have raised approx. \$265,000, with an original projected cost hovering around \$350,000.

With the re-design, we anticipate that our fund raising efforts will require us to raise an additional \$60-75,000 in order to fully complete the installation of the Memorial and have adequate reserves held at Community Foundation Sonoma County for any maintenance and upkeep costs into the future. Our agreement with the City is that we will need to maintain the Memorial with no city funds being available. The committee is pleased with the final design, the arrangements for prominent placement on City property, and look forward to the granite columns and the center pedestal being complete and arriving in Santa Rosa early this Spring. The project is almost complete, however we still need your financial assistance to finish the job.

Thank you for your support and if you would consider a contribution to the Memorial, funds may be sent to SR Veterans Memorial, c/o Community Foundation Sonoma County, 250 D St. Suite 205, SR 95404. Since your email will not take large attachments, if you would like to see pictures of the columns being worked on by the Italian stone craftsmen, including a power point with a few sketches of the Memorial design, let us know and we will try and drop them in the mail to you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ross Liscum, Committee Chair, or one of our committee members listed below. Thanks as we look forward to this becoming a reality!!

Bob Blanchard Dick Carlile Keith Christopherson Barrie Graham Ross Liscum Mike Parman (1945-2006) Herk Swaney Mike Thompson VicTrione

Help Wanted - Capital Fund Raising Campaign

We very much need a volunteer to assist us for the next 3-4 months as we do the Feasibility Study for the Capital Fund Raising Campaign for our new museum.

We need someone comfortable with working with folks on the phone, scheduling appointments for interviews, and sending thank you letters.

We'll need you 2-3 days per week for the next 3-4 months. You'll be working closely with Vera Berg, our Capital Campaign consultant, Duane Coppock and me (don't let that scare you off :-). And the schedule is flexible.

If you are interested in this part-time volunteer position to help get our new Air Museum started, give Dave Pinsky or Duane Coppock a call at 575-7900.

Help!! - - We're Being Tossed Out!

Just when we thought we had the storage space for artifacts resolved with the discounted rental of a small storage locker, we were notified that Healdsburg Airport is giving us 30 days notice to vacate our storage room at the Healdsburg Airport.

So we need storage space, and need it very soon!

While it would be preferable to have climate controlled storage space, we are desperate and will consider any reasonable idea.

If you have a contact for a large storage locker, know of storage space somewhere, or would like to help financially with our leasing a suitable storage locker or warehouse, please contact Dave Pinsky, Duane Coppock or Mary Jane Brown.

If this message sounds a bit frantic, you're picking up on the correct signals. We are desperate. Help, please!!!

President's Message

by Mike Voorhees

Your museum is on the move! We have contracted with an experienced consultant, familiar with Sonoma County fundraising, to conduct a feasibility study which will help us to determine what size permanent facility we can afford. This study will take about three months. In the meantime, we are about to begin negotiations with the County of Sonoma for a long-term lease of the present Sheriff's Garden site. Those negotiations will also take several months.

Planning and raising the money for and construction of a permanent facility will take considerable time. Since we can't rest on our laurels during that process, we're in the midst of planning for some interior face-lifting of the museum building. Removal of the shop equipment and parts to the new shop building has liberated space which will significantly increase our display area. Look for those changes to begin in about six weeks.

Your museum has several sources of income including membership dues, donations, merchandise sales, fundraisers (such as our annual Shrimp Feed) and, of course, the Wings Over Wine Country Air Show. We intend to encourage donations in many ways: At the time of membership renewals, we will offer designated categories for donation such as the Building Fund, Aircraft Restoration Fund, General Operating Fund, etc. You will be able to designate which fund you wish to contribute to.

We will also encourage our members to think of us when planning their estates, either through major gifts during their lifetime or later through provision in their wills or trusts. An experienced local attorney and Pacific Coast Air Museum member has offered professional assistance for those wishing to contribute through their estate planning. Please contact our executive director, Dave Pinsky, for further information.

To: All Members of The Pacific Coast Air Museum

From: Editor-Straight Scoop

What kind of articles / photos etc would you like to see in your newsletter?

Any and all suggestions are welcome.

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The April guest speaker at the Pacific Coast Air Museum is James C. Goodwin.

See proclamation below:

Proclamation

Whereas, the Tuskegee Airmen, America's first Black Military Airmen, gained legendary fame for their heroism in Europe, Italy, and North Africa during World War II. During 1941-1949, there were 16,000-19,000 personnel who served during the "Tuskegee Experience"; and

Whereas, on March 29, 2007, the Tuskegee Airmen, both living and deceased, were collectively recognized for their distinguished service and dedication to the military history of the United States of America in a ceremony in the United States Capitol Rotunda in Washington, D.C. They received the

Congressional Gold Medal, the Nation's highest and most distinguished civilian award. On Sunday, November 11, 2007, the William "Bill" Campbell Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. honored all chapter members, and paid tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen (1941-1949) with presentation of Congressional Gold Medal Bronze replicas by Representative Lynn Woolsey; and

Whereas, James C. Goodwin, an honoree of the Tuskegee Airmen, is a resident of Santa Rosa, California, with a long and distinguished career. To name only a few accomplishments, he was Law Clerk to Justice Raymond Peters, California District Court of Appeal, Federal Field Representative for the Office of Economic Opportunity (OBO), consultant to the Peace Corps, Executive Director of Bay Area Neighborhood Development (BAND), Commissioner, California Public Broadcasting Commission, Assistant to the President of the University of California (system wide). He also designed and developed professional educational programs for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's); and

Whereas, James C. Goodwin has also had an admirable community service career, including in 1976, quarterly Chairman, Commonwealth Club of California; 1976-1983, Member, Board of Directors, ACLU Northern California; in 1977-1981 Trustee, Wright Institute, a nontraditional accredited educational facility, having raised over \$100,000 for minority graduate students, 1983-1984, Chair, Personnel Board, City of Berkeley; 1985-1986, Member, Board of Adjustments, City of Berkeley, 1992-1993, Member, Board of Directors, Berkeley Arts Center Association; 1991-1994, Member, Board of Directors, Co-operative Center Federal Credit Union; 1994-1997, Member of the California Telecommunications Policy Forum; 1998-2000, Member, Board of Directors, Philharmonic Baroque Orchestra.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Bob Blanchard, mayor of the City

of Santa Rosa, wish to honor and thank

JAMES C. GOODWIN

for his esteemed career as a Tuskegee Airman, and for his many contributions to our community.

SEAL Mayor: Bob Blanchard

Date: November 13, 2007

Executive Director's Update

As you can see from reading the President's column, these are some pretty exciting times - - approval to negotiate a lease for the "Garden Area" on Airport Boulevard; and, the hiring of a Capital Fund raising consultant to do a feasibility study concerning our ability to raise the necessary funds. After years of planning, talking, wishing and hoping, we are now taking huge steps toward making a long held dream come true. The Board is solidly behind the effort, and Past President Jimmy Long has accepted the volunteer position of Project Manager.

The Powers U-2 exhibit leaves us on April 15th. The repairs and upgrades to the old shop and display area will commence the next day. It is our hope to have the renovations done by the end of May. We will gain needed display space and the front (west) side of the museum will sport a much nicer and friendlier look.

The new shop is just about finished and used almost every day by our crew chiefs. Be prepared for big smiles when you wander out that way.

I am working with some folks representing the Tuskegee Airmen on developing a display chronicling the story of the Tuskegee Airmen as our first exhibit in the re-modeled display area. I'll keep you posted on developments.

Our 4th Annual Bus Tour is Friday, May 2nd. We're traveling to the Hiller Aviation Museum in San Carlos and then the USS Hornet Museum in Alameda. It's \$60 for museum members, \$75 for guests, and that includes both museums, bus transportation and a box lunch. Only 15 spots remain, so get your check made out to the Pacific Coast Air Museum in to Dave or Duane ASAP to ensure you have a spot on this great tour.

Our Third Annual Shrimp Feed Fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, June 7th, at the City of Santa Rosa Finley Center on W. College Avenue. We have a new, highly regarded, caterer this year who does many events around our area and comes with rave reviews. Tickets will be available for sale at the museum starting April 15th. We've held the line and the tickets are the same price as last year, \$45 per person. The food will be better and the raffle prizes astounding. You can get a reserved table for 8 for \$450.

Our "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show will take place August 16-17 this year. The line up looks outstanding -- the C-17 returns; we just heard that we'll have an F-18 Super Hornet. The Air Force Jet Car will be here, as will the Misty Blues, an all-female parachute team. Speaking of woman performers, Jacquie B and her Pitts Special will be making a return appearance after a three year absence. Another very popular young aerobatic performer, Paul Lopez, will be here with an amazing aerobatic routine in his green and white MX-2. Remember Kent Pietsch in his yellow Cub-like aircraft and a hilarious comedy act? Well, he'll be back with the comedy act, his dead-stick routine and a take-off and landing from the top of a truck (he does this at the Reno Air Races every year and the crowd loves it! I'm still working on a U-2, so stay tuned for the latest there.

As always, we need a lot of volunteers - - send Bobbi Lewis an e-mail (<u>rlewis6543@sbcglobal.net</u>), let her know you are Interested, and tell her where you might like to work.

Finally, I just confirmed that we **WILL** have a P-38 again this year, on static display and flying. If we can raise the money to do it, we have a very good chance to have two P-38s flying formation at our show - - how about that!! Contact me if you would like to help financially in bringing two of the three flying P-38s in the U.S. to our Air Show.

My Help Wanted ad tells it all - - we desperately need storage space. We are losing the Healdsburg Airport storage room. Please see what you can do to help us!

Finally, I can't close this month's column without paying respects to Richard Stout, who passed away at far too young an age, and will be sorely missed at the Pacific Coast Air Museum. Thank you for ALL you did for the Pacific Coast Air Museum, Richard!

Smooth landings, Dave



U.S. Coast Guard's HC-144A

The Coast Guard will use the HC-144As to perform homeland security and search and rescue missions, enforce laws and treaties including illegal drug interdiction, marine environmental protection, military readiness, and international ice patrol missions, as well as cargo and personnel transport. The size, range and reconfiguration capabilities will fully enable the execution of the multiple missions performed by the Coast Guard.

Number Planned: 36

Airframe Manufacturer: EADS/CASA, Spain

Wing Area: 636sq.ft. Length: 70ft. 3in.

Empty Weight: 21,605lbs

Speed: 236kts

Minimum Crew: Two

Wing Span: 84ft. 8in. Height: 26ft. 10in.

Max Gross Weight: 36,380lbs

Propulsion: Two General Electric CT7-93C Turboprop

Range: 1,565nm Endurance: 8.7h

In Memory of Richard Stout



Monday, March 24, 2008 8:27:51 AM Subject: Loss of a Friend

To the Board and all the Crew Chiefs,

We lost a great friend and Crew Chief early this morning.

Richard Stout has passed away. He died peacefully at 1:15 am this morning with Ron and his wife Julie and my wife Audrey and myself by his side. He had a massive hemorrhage in the brain sometime after he was at a Fire Dept retirement party for a friend on Friday night. He was fine then. Sunday afternoon, after not getting a hold of Richard by phone, I went over to his house and found him unresponsive in bed. Ron Stout, his brother came to the house as the Fire/Med people worked on him. He was taken to Sutter where a CAT scan confirmed the stroke. He was then transferred to Memorial to the Neurosurgeon for further evaluation. His prognosis wasn't good and the decision was made to take Richard off life support. He passed an hour later.

Richard was someone who would come running if you called for help. His tough exterior hid his soft heart. For us, its like losing a family member. Someone you knew through the good and bad times, he was there. He was an honorary Uncle to many, many kids and would attend their games or school functions. For the Museum, he has served first as crew member and for the last six years, Crew Chief on our F-16N. Over the years, he helped paint most of our aircraft, worked in the gift shop, led school tours, gone on recovery trips, handled the F-4 Blue Angels Cockpit, T-28 Crew and so much more. He will be missed. Our hearts go out to Ron and Julie. A memorial was held for Richard on Saturday, March 29th, at the Air Museum. Over 175 people attended and paid tribute to Richard. Donations can be made to the Pacific Coast Air Museum in Richard's name.

Jim Cook (MCC) and best friend.

H-34 Progress

As you can see from these pictures, the H-34 Choctaw renovation is progressing quite nicely . The H-34 Crew Chief lan Roth and his crew have installed the tail assembly and are making great progress. Well Done!!











Visit Pacific Coast Air
Museum
April 19th & 20th
Climb Aboard
Featuring the
A-4 Skyhawk &
RF-8 Crusader

REMEMBER THESE DATES

April 8th @ 12:00 PM Executive Director's Meeting

April 9th @ 8:30 AM Board of Director's Meeting at the Air Museum.

April 16th @ 6:00pm Air Show Planning Meeting at SCOE.

April 16th @ 7:00 PM Monthly Membership Meeting at SCOE.

April 19th @10:00 AM New Member Orientation.

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