



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

“Heads Up”

***The July Membership Meeting will be held at the Sonoma County Sheriff’s Office
located at 2796 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa
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The July Guest Speakers are Deputies from the Sonoma County Sheriff’s Department who will present a Power Point program on their operations and equipment.

[Paul Bradley](#) is a pilot in the Air Unit and [Fletcher Skerrett](#) is one of the Tactical Flight Officers assigned to the Unit. These two fine officers will present the program.



The Cathcart and Somers’ Families
invite you to share in the celebration of the life of
Al Cathcart,
at the Pacific Coast Air Museum on Saturday July 12th at 4:00 PM

In honor of our father, friend, mentor and beloved grandpa, we hope you will join us as we celebrate the life of [Al \(Barney\) Cathcart](#). Since dad so loved the Islands, we’ve chosen a Hawaiian theme to celebrate with, so please wear your favorite Hawaiian attire! (Grass skirts optional, of course...) Since we have no way of knowing how many of you will be attending, we’ve decided to make this a pot luck, so if you feel so inclined, please bring a dish to share and we will provide water and sodas.

Bless you all for your love and support over these past weeks...your kind thoughts and memories of dad have given my family such great comfort and happiness. We look forward to seeing all of you there on the 12th! (and please feel free to pass this invitation on to those you know might want to attend...dad wanted a big celebration and we want to honor that wish!)

The Cathcart and Somers Families

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 26th 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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TICKETS AT KAISER AIR & PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM

AUGUST 14, '08 5 PM - 7:30 PM



PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM
AIR SHOW 08

A **\$25** ticket gets you:

Reserved Parking • See, touch & feel a P-38

See the inside of the cockpit • A talk with the pilot

Bring your camera & get a photo of you alongside an aircraft

Wine, champagne toast, light snacks



The "Richard Stout" Memorial Bench was delivered on June 26th, taking its place beside the Harrison Rued Memorial Bench.

The Pacific Coast Air Museum welcomes the following new members.

- George Gathman - Santa Rosa
- Darren Carver Family - Windsor
- Keith Pratt Family - Sebastopol
- Stuart Sudduth Family - Santa Rosa
- Michael Lim Family - Santa Rosa
- Bernie McCabe Family - Santa Rosa
- Rick LaPolla Family - Rohnert Park
- Todd Sheppard Family - Santa Rosa
- Max McDonald Family - Santa Rosa
- Frederick Hoyes - Windsor
- Daniele Citti - Santa Rosa
- Thomas Acuna Family - Forestville
- Herbert D. Swasey - Larkspur

Help Wanted – Assistant Air Show Operations Director

We very much need a volunteer to assist us for the next two months as we prepare for this year's "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show.

- It would be good if you had some aviation or aviation related experience. You'll be working with our Air Show Operations Director, [Barney Hagen](#), assisting him and understudying with Barney.
- We'll need you approximately two days per week for the next three months. You'll be working closely with [Barney Hagen](#), [Steve Hoxie](#) and me (don't let that scare you off :-). You'll also get an inside look at how our Air Show works.
- If you are interested in this part-time volunteer position to help Barney and learn about Air Show Ops, call [Dave Pinsky](#) or [Barney Hagen](#) at 575-7900.

June "Climb Aboard" Weekend a Huge Success

On June 21st, the Pacific Coast Air Museum hosted Craig Schulz's beautifully restored P-40 aircraft, on static display at the museum for the very first time. This aircraft, authentically restored over a two year period in New Zealand, is one of the finest examples of a WWII P-40 in the U.S.

We also hosted our local EAA Chapter's "Young Eagles" flight program. It was a huge success, with our EAA friends giving free flights to over 50 children between the ages of 8-17. EAA officials have asked if we will host future "Young Eagles" programs and of course we said yes, as dozens of people came through the museum who have never been there before.

On both Saturday and Sunday, the IL-14 "Crate" crew, headed by [Rose Pattenau](#), opened their aircraft to "climb aboard". They also held a fundraising raffle both days and a BBQ on Sunday. This is one very impressive group of young people working hard to both raise funds and restore this Russian transport aircraft.



Executive Director's Update

Sadly, we lost [Al Cathcart](#), a dedicated museum member, great volunteer, terrific person and the only crew chief our T-37 "Tweet" ever had, several weeks ago. The Pacific Coast Air Museum and Al's family are hosting a celebration of Al's life on Saturday, July 12th, 4:00pm, at the Pacific Coast Air Museum, on the patio - the patio that Al wanted so badly to see built, and was so delighted to see completed. The family has asked that it be pot luck, each person bring a dish to share, and that everyone wear a Hawaiian shirt (Al loved Hawaii!). Soft drinks and water will be provided. Come on out and share your fondest memories of [Al Cathcart](#) with Al's museum friends and family.

The Lockheed P-38 "Lightning" is returning to its Santa Rosa WWII home. On Thursday, August 14th, from 5:00-7:30pm, at Kaiser Air (formerly Apex), we will have a private reception and celebration of this famous aircraft's return to the base where so many WWII pilots trained in P-38s from 1942-1946. In return for your purchase of a \$25 per person ticket (proceeds going to help fund the P-38's visit here), you'll get reserved parking, get to see/touch/feel one of only three flying P-38s in the U.S. and talk to the pilot. Bring your camera and you can get photos of you, the P-38 and the pilot. The ticket price includes wine, light food and participation in a champagne toast welcoming the P-38 back to our airport. Tickets are actually going pretty fast, so see me or Duane in the admin office, or stop by the Gift Shop, to get your tickets while they last. We are limiting the number of tickets sold to 200 and it is advance ticket sales only. I'm working on getting one or two more special WWII aircraft there as well, but if I told you now I might spoil the surprise.

Have you been out to the museum lately and seen all the modifications and improvements that have been made to the main museum building? If not, you ought to come take a look - - new carpeting, insulation and air conditioning, new dual pane windows, roll up door gone, much more display space, and a whole lot more. You'll be amazed at the new exhibits and wonderful displays [Mary Jane Brown](#) is setting up.

On July 11th the National Museum of the United States Air Force (the big one in Dayton) is coming to inspect us and hopefully award us operational certification. After almost two years of trying, we've been administratively certified (our legal and financial paperwork is in order) and now we are trying for full certification (operational certification). What does this mean to us? In addition to the prestige associated with being certified with the U.S. Air Force Museum, we will be eligible for loans of aircraft and artifacts (we have aircraft on loan from the U.S. Navy Museum because we are certified with them). For example, there is an SR-71 engine and D-21 drone available to us if we gain operational certification from the U.S. Air Force Museum. So wish Duane, Mary Jane, Mike George and me luck when we show them how we operate in a few short weeks.

Our 3rd Annual Shrimp Feed fundraiser was a huge success. Despite very slow ticket sales right up until the last moment, with the help of people like [Jimmy Long](#) who sold 61 tickets, we sold over 200 tickets, the food was delicious, the raffle the best one we've ever had and we made a nice profit for the Pacific Coast Air Museum. Many thanks to [Kathy Kumpula](#) who spearheaded the event, and her hard working committee and volunteers who made it happen. Other success stories are our "Hot Dog Thursdays", put on by [Paul Heck](#), [Ed Nelson](#), [Bill Greene](#), [Jon Henry](#) and their great volunteer crew. We are seeing hundreds of people the first Thursday of every month. Not only are we making a little money from these events, but people are coming to the museum who have never been there before, and we are gaining some new members.

And our first "Summer Aviation Camp", organized and put on by [Allan Morgan](#), was also a huge success. It's described wonderfully in the article in this newsletter, but special thanks to [Allan Morgan](#) for leading the effort, [Paul Heck](#) for providing graduation flights for our students, and to [Dr. Carl Wong](#), Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools for his strong backing and his financial support for this program. We will definitely be doing it again next summer.

The "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show is less than 60 days away, can you believe it? Much of the planning is done, but much remains to be done. We still have a need for volunteers (e-mail [Bobbi Lewis](mailto:BobbiLewis@sbcglobal.net) at rlewis6543@sbcglobal.net). With our costs to put on the show rising at a shocking rate, we're looking for every way possible way to cut costs and shave pennies, as well as increase our revenue. Please help us do this. For example, we could use more good raffle prizes. Contact [Bobbi Lewis](mailto:BobbiLewis@sbcglobal.net) at (rlewis6543@sbcglobal.net) or [Kathy Kumpula](mailto:kckump@att.net) at kckump@att.net if you can come up with some good ones.

Finally, here's a snapshot of this year's "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show:

We'll have a P-38, P-40, lots of P-51s and other war birds. [Jacquie B](#) will be here in her Red Pitts, [Kent Pietsch](#) will be back with his comedy act, dead stick act and takeoff/landing on the top of a truck. Local pilot [Dan Vance](#) will be doing an aerobatic routine in his P-51 "Speedball Alice". We will also have the [Misty Blues](#), an all female parachute jump team. [Paul Lopez](#) in his MX-2 will be doing amazing aerobatic routines. The C-17 will be back for static display and will show off its great aerial performance, which always steals the show. The Navy's F-18 Super Hornets will put on a stunning (and loud) performance and will do the nostalgic and patriotic "Heritage Flight" with the Commemorative Air Force's FM-2 Wildcat. You don't get to see the U.S. Air Force U-2 in flight very often but we'll have a U-2 flyby on Saturday, as well as a flight of black T-38's doing a flyby on Sunday. The Air Force Jet Car is returning to our show this year. It's shaping up to be one fantastic Air Show. Spread the word and don't miss it!

Smooth landings,
Dave



Spitfire and P-40 at the Palm Springs Air Museum

“The Wall That Heals,” Sonoma County United Veterans Council Committee

Dear PCAM Members,

The Wall That Heals” committee thanks each fine veterans’ organization that donated funds for this moving half-scale replica of the Viet Nam Memorial Wall, which is a tribute to those of our fellow military personnel who lost their lives in Viet Nam. Our united effort in bringing this “wall” here deepens respect for those who served our great country during those trying times. The support of fellow veterans and community-minded organizations reflects our common bond-interest in both the support of our fellow veterans and the well being of our community.

The initial deposit for the “Wall” to come to Santa Rosa was made; outside donations will cover the balance of expenses. Santa Rosa Memorial Park laid plans for the site location, and is ready to display this historic exhibit. We are on schedule and now must alert our community as a whole to the event.

Nation-wide, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Charitable Trust, Federal Express, Fujitsu Transaction Solutions Inc., Harley-Davidson Foundation and Target Corporation are sponsors for the “Wall”. We are currently continuing to obtain local sponsors.

The Motor Escort Team of The American Legion, Sotoyome Post 111, Healdsburg, with local law enforcement agencies, will escort the “Wall That Heals” to the exhibit site at Santa Rosa Memorial Park. Please feel free to copy the attached volunteer form and return filled forms, preferable by July 15, 2008, to any listed committee member. We will resolve any duplication of volunteer times in an orderly way; better to begin with too many than not enough. Additional committee members are welcome to assist in oversight of daily activities with the “Wall”.

The Memorial Fund furnishes all tools and other equipment that may be necessary; they suggest that there be five volunteers for every shift during peak hours and four during late evening or earlier morning. Likely, we will need more during opening ceremony and weekend. Most importantly we will need 15-20 able bodied volunteers for set up and breakdown-able to lift 40 pounds, climb ladders and do overhead lifting.

Respectfully,

Sonoma County Committee for “The Wall That Heals”

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See next page for Volunteer form

Volunteer information Sheet

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with *The Wall That Heals* exhibit. Please complete the following information to help us utilize your time and talents wisely. If you have any questions, contact any of the volunteer coordinators per the Coordinator Listing. Completed forms can be returned to any of the coordinators.

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Employer/School (If applicable): _____

I am interested in helping with the following (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Committees | <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit Escort | <input type="checkbox"/> Setup/Breakdown |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor Assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Group/School Tours | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality Tent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ceremony Assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Overnight Security | <input type="checkbox"/> Parking/Traffic |

Are you a Vietnam Veteran? Yes No

Do you have a personal connection with someone whose name is inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial? If yes, please provide their name and your relationship to them:

Have you a close family member served in the military? If yes, please explain:

If you are volunteering a representative of a service organization or group, please list all here:

Are you comfortable searching names on the computer database (18 and up) yes No

Circle any times you may be available to volunteer, shifts can vary from 2-5 hours:

- | | | | | |
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| Thursday: | Morning | Afternoon | Evening | Overnight Security |
| Friday: | Morning | Afternoon | Evening | Overnight Security |
| Saturday: | Morning | Afternoon | Evening | Overnight Security |
| Sunday: | Morning | Afternoon | Evening | Overnight Security |

I wish to work this many shifts (circle one): 1 2 3 4 More

First "Aviation Summer School"

June 2 marked the start of the Pacific Coast Air Museum's first two week "Summer Aviation Program". Ten middle school & high school students were introduced to the basics of aviation including the principals and history of flight, aviation safety, aircraft weight & balance and other elements of flight.

Numerous guest speakers representing many facets of aviation were featured throughout the course. The students also had a trip to the FAA tower where they observed flight operations including several take offs & landings by the CDF bombers.

One popular activity was having several open cockpit opportunities. The F-14, the Huey, Tweet & Albatross, to name a few, were among the PCAM aircraft that the students were allowed to climb aboard.

The two week course ended with a graduation flight for all of the students provided by [Paul Heck](#).

Several very positive observations are to be noted. There was great parental support and interest. Most parents visited the classes & accompanied the group on field trips. Also, many parents showed up Friday morning to watch the students take their graduation flight. This flight was a very memorable finish for the course.

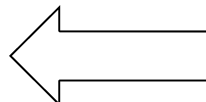
The Museum also received recognition and financial support from [Dr. Carl Wong](#), the Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools. [Dr. Wong](#) came to the last day of classes, said a few encouraging words to the parents and students and spent the remainder of the time watching the graduation flights and visiting with the group. As an added bonus for the museum, several museum memberships were bought by the class parents.

This first effort went pretty well, but next year will be even better as we learned much from this experience.

[Allan Morgan](#), Education Program Coordinator and Instructor



Summer Program, graduation flight with Board Member Pilot Paul Heck. Also in the picture are several parents, Allan Morgan and Dr. Carl Wong, Sonoma County Schools Superintendent.



Map of 2796 Ventura Ave Santa Rosa, CA by MapQuest



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Visit the Pacific Coast Air Museum
July 19th & 20th
Climb Aboard weekend
Featuring The
F-106
"Delta Dart"

REMEMBER THESE DATES

July 8th @ 12:00pm Executive Director's Staff Meeting

July 9th @ 8:30am—Board of Directors Meeting at the Airport Manager's Office

July 16th @ 6:00pm—Air Show Planning Meeting at Sonoma County Sheriff's

**July 16th @ 7:00pm Monthly Membership Meeting at Sonoma County Sheriff's
Office—2796 Ventura; Santa Rosa (see page 11 for map)**

July 19th @ 11:00 AM New Member Orientation.

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