



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 2008

No words are necessary



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

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The Redwood Empire Chapter of “Clipped Wings” (United Airlines Stewardess Alumnae & Flight Attendants, Inc.) recently toured the Pacific Coast Air Museum, along with their National President from the DCA Chapter. They only had one question that day; “Where is the rest of the DC-6?”

The photo and article provided by [Marilyn K. Reynolds](#)

Perhaps this is the DC-6 that “Clipped Wings” was referring to.





The Hot Dog Thursday Crew in their spiffy blue "Hot Dog Thursday" aprons. From left to right, Ed Nelson, Maggie Nelson, Bill Greene, John Henry, Paul Heck and some Curmudgeon named Bill who snuck into the picture.



Jim Cook looking good prepping the F-105 for the air show.



“Hattie flies the Air Cam”
Hattie Stone received a belated 90th birthday present from Joe Perez.

HELP WANTED

If you have some writing skills, your Museum needs some of your time. We need to generate an Air Show Manual. We need each of the Air Show tasks to be documented so that a novice volunteer can understand the scope of the task he or she is volunteering for. This is not a one or two person task. It will take a significant committee of individuals to accomplish this in a timely manner. If you can help, we need you.

Initially, we will take on the simplest of the Air Show tasks and after we get a feel for the writing process, advance to the more complex management tasks. In regard to the complex tasks, we will probably require two or more individuals to research, collect and write them.

We will be using the WORD software to so that it will be easier for all involved to exchange copies of each item and/or chapter. In that manner, we should quickly define and develop a consistent format for the complete Air Show Manual. We will write a Table of Contents and an Index. If you are not familiar with that, we will show you all the steps needed to perform that part of the writing process.

It will require an interview of the person or persons who performed the task this year and take that information and put in the format we have established. The following will be considered;

1. Description of the task.
2. Names or titles of other Museum Members that must be contacted or worked with to complete the task.
3. A schedule of when each step of the task needs to be completed prior to, during and after the Air Show. Some portions of the task may be required to be completed months prior to the Air Show dates to insure that all is ready when the Show starts.
4. The location of all museum assets, materials, etc. For example: The ticket booth is located in the North half hangar.
5. Names addresses and telephone numbers of stores and businesses that have provided materials and/or services to perform the specific task.
6. A description of duties and responsibilities for Air Show volunteers. Attempt to anticipate all questions, procedures and decisions that they may have to consider. For example: Correct money handling protocols, who is admitted free, where and how to ask for assistance.
7. All information will be indexed in the completed manual so that anyone can find specific information in a timely manner.
8. Think " Check list with a schedule". Think of all things that must be done, considered or managed.

Contact [Ray Smith](#) or museum admin if you are interested. If you want some sample task descriptions, send an e-mail to [Ray Smith](mailto:rj@comcast.net) at rj@comcast.net and he will e-mail you a copy of task descriptions already written so that you can get some idea of the writing detail needed.

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

Irene Griffin & Family- Santa Rosa	Craig Schulz-Santa Rosa	Phil Trowbridge-Windsor
Kevin Quirk-Santa Rosa	Leonard Wills Family-Santa Rosa	Stan Nelson-Santa Rosa
J. Beck Family-Santa Rosa	Herb Perasso Family-Santa Rosa	Douglas Deskin-Cloverdale
Zeb Howell-Santa Rosa	Donnie Raymer-Middletown	Don & Leslie Goodrich-Petaluma
K. Reichard Family-Sacramento	Bill Marcoux Family-Petaluma	Frank Dominquez Family-Sonoma
Steve & Debbie Klett-Petaluma	Jack Bethards-Benecia	Louis O'Brien-Novato
Steve Johnson-Murrieta	Emma Migliacci-Santa Rosa	James Ward Family-Rohnert Park
Brett Petro Family-Rohnert Park	John Pancoast Family-Santa Rosa	Doug Swam Family-Santa Rosa
J.Clark Family-Rohnert Park	Dennis/Isabella Rutkowski-Windsor	Brad Nelson-Santa Rosa
Michael Novak Family-St. Helena	Patrick Brockway Family-Windsor	Cliff Bright family-Sebastopol
Charles Martin Family-Cotati	Daniel Garibaldi Family-Antioch	Donna Voorhees-Santa Rosa
Joe Breckler-Santa Rosa	Peter Menth-Santa Rosa	Steve Zwick-Santa Rosa
Frank Gorman-Santa Rosa	Cindi Cassaday Family-Monte Rio	Smith Wilson-Forestville
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John Ridge—Santa Rosa	Mason Forkey Family-Santa Rosa	Catherine Bickel Family-Santa Rosa
Charles Weiscopf Family-Windsor	Joseph Anderson Family-Healdsburg	
Lisa Steinman & Ronald Dupreez-Cloverdale		

P-38 Returns to Santa Rosa

Two nights before this year's "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show, Kaiser Air and the Pacific Coast Air Museum co-sponsored a P-38 private reception and fundraiser to help offset the cost of bringing the P-38 to our show. In addition to the beautiful Lockheed P-38 Lightning and pristine P-51 Mustang, both owned by [Jack Croul](#) and flown here by [Jeff Harris](#) and [Johnny Maloney](#), [Craig Schulz](#) taxied over and displayed his beautifully restored Curtiss P-40 Warhawk. The event sold out as 250 people enjoyed seeing and touching three of the fighter aircraft that helped win WWII. The highlight of the evening for P-38 pilot [Jeff Harris](#) and me was meeting two WWII P-38 pilots (one of whom flew P-38s right here at Santa Rosa Army Airfield), talking with them, then helping each of them climb into the cockpit of the P-38. The look on both of their faces was something to behold, as both were taken back to their days flying the P-38. Thanks are also owed to several donors (who asked to remain anonymous) who made sizeable cash donations to bring the P-38 back to its Santa Rosa WWII training base. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

[Dave Pinsky](#)

The following letter was received by [Dave Pinsky](#), Executive Director of The Pacific Coast Air Museum. The letter was written by [General George \(Jim\) Eade U.S.A.F. \(Retired\)](#).

19 Aug '08

Dear Dave,

Thank you and all the Pacific Coast Air Museum people who put on another fabulous Air Show.

Each year, I think it impossible you could outdo the last!

But, you did it again this year.

Thank you,

Signed,

Jim Eade

P.S. I look forward to Wings Over the Wine Country 2009!

AIR SHOW SURVIVOR'S BBQ

The Air Show Survivor's BBQ will be at PCAM on Sat. 9/27 from 12:00 to 4:00pm. This year we are planning to expand the event to include a chili cook off. All aircraft crews are invited to form teams and cook their favorite chili for all to sample. Other air show staff are invited to do the same. Those who do not wish to participate in the chili cook off are requested, as in past years, to bring a pot luck dish to share (last name begins with A-H—Bring an hors d'oeuvre; I-P—Bring a side dish (potato salad, cole slaw, veggies etc); Q-Z- -Bring a dessert. PCAM will supply BBQ meats, water, sodas and wine to round out the menu. Eagle Distributing will supply the beer. We also are planning to have prizes for the chilies voted to be the best. There will be a band for entertainment.

Executive Director's Update

By every measure, our 2008 "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show was a huge success. Attendance was up, the weather was great (can I take credit for that?), the performers were super and the comments from the public are overwhelmingly positive. The Thursday night P-38 Fundraiser Reception was a sell-out and folks were thrilled to see and touch three of the aircraft that helped win WWII : the P-38, P-40 and P-51. And it was extremely rewarding to see two WWII P-38 pilots sit in the cockpit and watch their faces light up as the memories flowed back.

The major reason our Air Show was such a huge success was due to the efforts of our over 400 volunteers. Simply put, we could not have an Air Show without you - - you were magnificent. We all owe Bobbi Lewis a huge hug and thank you - - she chaired and worked on the Volunteer Program for the Air Show for almost a year and the results showed - - the best Air Show volunteer results and work I have ever seen!

You always risk leaving out someone deserving, and I sure hope I don't do that, but I'd like to mention just a few of the folks who deserve special recognition for their efforts in planning and bringing off this year's show:

- [Steve Hoxie](#) for once again leading the entire effort
- [Barney Hagen](#) for a wonderful job, all year long & on Air Show weekend as Air Show Operations Director
- [Buck Darbley](#) for a great job over six days setting up, taking down, cleaning up, and doing so much more that very few know about
- [Jim Abell and Garry Greenhough](#) for terrific jobs as Ramp Boss and Assistant Ramp Boss
- [Duane Coppock](#) for his leadership and hard work in putting up and taking down **nineteen** highway signs
- [Bob Conz](#) for his leadership and hard work in taking apart our Gift Shop, setting it up in the vendor area, then taking it down and putting it all back together again
- [Bill Canavan](#) for once again doing a great job with hotel rooms and rental cars
- [Bob Matreci](#) for his leadership, hard work and skill as Communications and Radio Chief
- [Doug Clay](#) for the best job of advertising the Air Show and public relations I've seen
- [Roger Olson and Tom Nelson](#) for a great Air Show marketing and publicity job
- [Judy Knaute](#) for all her hard work on the financial end of things and keeping us out of trouble!
- [Ray Smith](#), an "unsung hero", for all those signs, tickets, posters, etc, etc, etc - - great job!
- [Jim Long's entire family](#) who worked in many places over many days - - you all set a fine example!
- [Larry Rengstorf](#) for all that aircraft towing.
- [Paul Heck](#) for his herculean efforts in setting up, supplying and staffing the volunteer break and food area.
- [Kathy Kumpula](#) for the Performer's Reception, Pasta Feed, museum membership both and more.
- [Jim Cook](#) for his great job leading our aircraft crews and heading up the main gate (best main gate ever!)
- And of course [Bobbi Lewis](#) for her magnificent job as Volunteer Chair for the entire event!

- And last but not least to our [Crew Chiefs and their crews](#) who did the following and more:
- H-34 - - Blades, rotor head, tail pylon
- F-4 - - Dark green repainted
- IL-14 - - Interior cleaned and new paint on props
- A-6 - - New decals, new paint on nose and gear doors
- F-84 - - Miss Maria touched up (Don Ricci - thank you!)
- T-37 - - New crew chief, new "Tweety Bird" nose art dedicated to Al Cathcart (thanks again Don!)
- Huey - - New tires for skid wheels
- F-86H - - New nose tire
- A-26 - - New engine and prop
- F-14 - - New paint scheme "Jolly Roger" (thanks again to Don Ricci!)
- F-105 - - New paint, New Crew Chief, Buffed canopies (magnificent job Tony and Jim!)
- RF-86 - - New stripes on wings and new USAF markings
- F-16 - - New crew chief
- RF-8 - - New markings and repainted areas
- F-111 - - New "used" canopy glass and cleaned up
- Tugs - - New tires and brakes

And to the many others who contributed so much to this year's very successful "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show - - **thank you!!** If I left anyone out, please be assured that it was not intentional, as everyone who volunteered helped make this year's Air Show a terrific event.

The Air Show Planning Task Force had their initial debrief a few days after the show. But we also want input from everyone who worked on this year's show, so please come to the **Air Show Debriefings** on Member Meeting nights (3rd Weds of each month), 6:00pm, at SCOE. You can stay for the Member Meeting too! We've got a lot of ideas to make next year's Air Show even better - - so come share your ideas with us too! And for those Pacific Coast Air Museum members who worked on this year's "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show, don't forget the **"Survivor's BBQ"** on Saturday, September 27th, on the patio at the museum. Air Show Director [Steve Hoxie](#) has built in something special this year, so don't miss it. Steve has outlined the details and what to bring on page 7 of this newsletter. **"Hot Dog Thursdays"** are back - - two more this summer. Come on out on **September 4th and October 2nd** for a great hot dog, chips and drink, and wonderful socializing with lots of museum members and airport folks.

Several have asked if I have heard anything from the National Museum of the United States Air Force after their operational certification inspection visit in mid-July. The short answer is "no", nothing yet. But when we do and the results are good, rest assured that you'll get an E-SCOOP within minutes of my getting the word. Finally, if you haven't heard, an **A-7 aircraft has been donated to our museum**. The fuselage arrived on August 28 (see page 11). It's coming in pieces, but "master magician" [Mark Fajardin](#) has volunteered to put it back together and [Jim Cook](#) to protect it in Navy colors (I tried to get it done in Air Force colors, but to no avail!) We're soon going to be restoring the "19th Avenue" F-8, so if you want to help on a project, contact Master Crew Chief [Jim Cook](#) at hawleyp@aol.com. We also need Crew Chiefs for the F-8, F-86H and T-38. Contact [Jim Cook](#) or me if you are interested.

Once again, thanks for a great Air Show and all you do for the Pacific Coast Air Museum throughout the year. Smooth landings, Dave

The Museum received this wonderful thank you letter from one of our performers, Jacquie Warda, a terrific performer and a most gracious lady:

Dear Steve,

I wanted to take a moment to say “Thank You” for inviting me to fly your air show last weekend! I hope you were not disappointed in my performance and that I may have helped in some small way to make your show a successful one. I really had a wonderful time at your show and was treated like the Princess I think I am!!! Your crew and volunteers were wonderful and I never wanted for anything. I felt very special all weekend. Your team did a great job!

Please extend my thanks to Dan Parker who helped me out tremendously when I lost my car keys. Thanks to Barney and to Roger and Joe Perez for a great job announcing. And also thanks to Dave Pinsky for always being around checking to see if I needed anything. Also, please tell Duane thank you for sponsoring me. I didn't get to see him much, but I do really appreciate his help.

I will look forward to seeing all of you at ICAS this December. Please make sure you visit me at my booth for a few minutes. I hope you will hire me back again to fly for you in a year or two!

Thank you!

Signed

Jacquie Warda
Jacquie B Airshows

Jackie Warda & Joe Perez



Help Wanted!!

Your Pacific Coast Air Museum needs someone to help with data input! We've recently purchased and installed "Past Perfect", a museum membership and inventory software system. [Mike George](#) has transferred and updated all the membership records.

Mike has also started building our first computerized museum collection inventory using this wonderful new software.

Now we could really use someone to help us by spending a few hours a week inputting the collection information into the computerized inventory.

Mike will show you how!

What are the rewards? Well, if you are here on Tuesdays or Thursdays you get to eat lunch with the wonderful Tuesday/Thursday gang, we'll extend your membership in the museum for three years past the current expiration date for free and you'll get a special Challenge Coin from the Executive Director.

If you want more information or are interested, give Duane or Dave a call at the museum, 575-7900, or contact Mike at mikegeo@sonic.net

The PCAM's A-7 Corsair II arrived at 12:25 PM August 28, 2008

The A-7 was lifted off Les Chapmans truck about 8:30 on August 28th. By 9:00, he was headed north to get the wing and the balance of the items. We will make this aircraft look great. Thanks again to Adam for the donation and to Mark Fajardin for heading up the restoration of this fine aircraft!





**Visit the Pacific Coast Air
Museum September 20-21
and "Climb Aboard" our
North American F-86H &
RF-86 Sabres**

REMEMBER THESE DATES

September 3rd @ 8:30 AM Board of Director's Meeting at the Air Museum.

September 9th @ 12:00 PM Executive Director's Staff Meeting.

September 17th @ 6:00 PM Air Show Debrief

September 17th @ 7:00 PM Member Meeting

September 20th @ 11:00 New Member Orientation

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