



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

A Scary Event at the IL-14

The IL-14 crew was in rare form as usual. Rose and her crew dressed up for Halloween and decorated the cabin area also. Nice job! The parents and kids that visited the aircraft really seemed to enjoy it all.



The Skeleton on the left is [Rose Panaude](#)

The scary guy on the right is [Ben Martin](#)



Here is Our flight attendant; [Marlena Holway](#)



A Ghoulish Crew greets the pub-

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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**“Tribute to our Veterans” - - Thursday, November 6th, 11:30-1:30pm,
Santa Rosa Vet's Building**

Each year the Rotary & Kiwanis Clubs of Santa Rosa honor veteran's at their "Tribute to our Veterans" luncheon at the Santa Rosa Vet's Building.

This year's luncheon is on Thursday, November 6th, from 11:30-1:30. One of our museum members will arrive early and save us a table. Pacific Coast Air Museum members are encouraged to wear their museum shirts and name tags and sit as a group with other museum members.

Tickets are just about sold out, but check with Duane or Roger Olson if you want to go and haven't yet bought your ticket

Smooth landings,
Dave



One of these aircraft is the F-102 “Delta Dagger” and the other is the F-106 “Delta Dart”.
Which is which?

Guest Speaker for November is
Will Whiteside

Local Reno National Championship Unlimited Air Racer [Will Whiteside](#) is scheduled to be our guest speaker on at our monthly Member Meeting on November 19th at SCOE.

A Santa Rosa native and Pacific Coast Air Museum member, Will has been a commercial fisherman ,motorcycle racer, airline pilot and is now a corporate pilot for two well-known Santa Rosa's families.

In his 4th year of Reno air racing, Will raced his own modified Russian Yakovlev 3, "SteadFast", to a 3rd place finish in the Unlimited Silver and won first place in the Unlimited Bronze with one of the worlds fastest highly modified P51 Mustangs, "Voodoo".

He will be speaking about his 2008 racing experiences which included an engine failure at 460 mph and 100 feet above the ground!

There will also be a video and photo presentation that shouldn't be missed.

Again, it's Wednesday, November 19th, 7:00pm, at SCOE.

Pedestrian Gate Code

We have received a letter from the Airport Manager's Office which states:

"Pedestrian gate codes will be changed monthly starting November 1, 2008. Codes will not be given to the public either by phone or mail. Anyone exiting through a pedestrian gate must either write down or remember the code to re-enter. Do not e-mail or provide these codes over the phone to your membership or employees."

For the museum gate, the code for the current month can be obtained in person from any of the museum administrative staff— [Duane](#), [Mike George](#) or [Phyllis Morton](#) or [me](#).

Dave



"Climb Aboard" this
A-6 "Intruder"
On November 15th and 16th

In Memoriam of Ray Anderson

As many of you know, we lost [Ray Anderson](#) in early October of this year. Ray passed on after dealing with complications from a stroke he suffered almost three years ago. Ray's contributions to the Pacific Coast Air Museum are too numerous to list - - he was a master historian. His smile and his knowledge will be sorely missed.

Ray's first association with the Pacific Coast Air Museum was as a member of the Redwood Empire Aviation Historical Society (REAHS). REAHS was incorporated in 1988 and was virtually homeless without any real hope of a permanent home.

Ray Anderson became a member of REAHS in that time frame. With his home base in Healdsburg, plus the fact that at one time he actually owned part of the Healdsburg airport, Ray helped REAHS begin to work on a more permanent place for their museum at Healdsburg.

Without Ray's help with the City of Healdsburg, REAHS never would have been able to move their entire museum to the Healdsburg Airport where Ray was able to negotiate the rental on one room for REAHS to use as a museum.

It took a couple of months to move in and set up. Exhibit donations began to come in and [Stan Strout](#), [Barbara Barnes](#), [Ray Anderson](#) and the late [Harrison Rued](#) installed all of the exhibits. REAHS opened in May of 1996 following a fantastic article in the Press Democrat in the Empire section accompanied by a marvelous color photo of the museum taken by [Jeff Lee](#). Over 450 people attended!

Ray began working back then on historical projects and after about a year the City decided we were good tenants and leased us a second room in which we built the Naval Base Diorama with some great suggestions from Ray, a former Navy pilot.

REAHS merged with the Pacific Coast Air Museum in 1999 and Ray started - on his own - a history group, again helped by [Stan Strout](#) and [Harrison Rued](#). They developed a formal, functioning mini organization and took over the second room of the still remaining REAHS museum, installing computers and a fully organized research facility which existed up there until the quarters were closed down permanently, with one room kept for storage only.

Ray became the Pacific Coast Air Museum resident historian and did much to preserve Sonoma County aviation history until his untimely stroke in late 2005. At that time Ray was working with [Duane Coppock](#) on a plaque for the old Santa Rosa Naval Air Center.

A memorial service celebrating Ray's life was held at his Healdsburg Airport hangar on Saturday, October 25th and was attended by many museum members, as well as friends of Ray.

I will remember Ray most as he walked into my office with his great smile, asked me if I "had a minute", then regaled me for 30-40 minutes with stories I only wish we had had time to capture.

Ray - - thanks for all you did for REAHS, the Pacific Coast Air Museum and the preservation of Sonoma County aviation history for all the generations to come.

[Dave Pinsky](#) and [Bill Carpentier](#)

Executive Director's Update

With all the good things that have been happening at the Pacific Coast Air Museum lately, it is with heavy heart that I reflect on the passing of [Ray Anderson](#), long time museum member and historian. Ray had been hospitalized for almost three years suffering the effects of a stroke. We will miss Ray, his smile and his wry wit. We all wish Ray's wife Nadine and their family the very best.

By the time you read this, the SR-71 Mach 4 D-21 Drone will be only a few weeks away from its new home at the Pacific Coast Air Museum. It is coming to us on loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force and we will be one of only eight museums in the world with a D-21 Drone. Few knew that after the SR-71/D-21 test program ended, a highly classified program that mated the D-21 under the wing of two specially modified B-52s was successfully conducted. We are especially fortunate that [John Hazlett](#), a relatively new member of the Pacific Coast Air Museum was one of the team that worked on the B-52/D-21 program ("Tagboard"). John has volunteered to be the Crew Chief of this very special artifact that will soon augment our SR-71 displays. We are fortunate to have John and his expertise for our newest addition.

If you haven't checked out our new A-7 Corsair lately, cruise on by and take a look. [Mark Fajardin](#) is working his magic on this terrific fighter aircraft.

[Jim Cook](#) tells me that he is looking for a crew of volunteers to assist C-118 Crew Chief [Larry Rengstorf](#) on the C-118. Larry's plan is to remove the outer wing panels, then tow the C-118 to the museum where we have air and power and begin the restoration process. Jim also mentioned that if we cannot find a crew to work on the move and restoration of this venerable aircraft, we may have to consider selling it, parting it out or selling it for scrap. Let's hope we have a ton of volunteers to help Larry move and fully restore this great aircraft. We'd like to get it moved before the heavy rains come. Please contact [Jim Cook](#) if you are interested.

By now most of you have heard that TSA and Airport Management have changed the policy regarding the gate codes on the airport "man" gates (the ones with five buttons, like the one next to our porta potties). The code will change each month. Although most gates will have the code posted on the inside of the gate, we will not do this on the museum gate due to the very large number of visitors we have who have no need to know the code. We are prohibited (in writing) from passing the gate codes by e-mail or telephone (good old TSA!). But all you need do is drop by and see [Duane Coppock](#), [Mike George](#), [Phyllis Morton](#) (for those who don't get by the office, these are our terrific volunteer admin staff members) or me and we'll be happy to provide you with this month's code (and a secret watch and handshake too).

Board elections are right around the corner. There is a good article about Board service in this newsletter. Please consider helping your Air Museum by volunteering to run for a Board seat or letting the nominating committee ([Jimmy Long](#), [Don Doherty](#), [Larry Rengstorf](#), [Bill Greene](#)) know of people you think might make good Board members. The next few years are very important ones regarding the planning and fund raising for our new museum.

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On December 17th we will have our annual Holiday Party, Elections and Awards Night. Everyone is asked to bring a “pot luck” dish, so the food will be yummy. It’s the night where we give out annual awards and honor a bunch of deserving people. It’s always a great time, so mark it down on your calendar now.

Finally, plan now for our best “Santa Fly In” ever. It’s Saturday, Dec 20th. We’ll have more things for kids to do than ever before. We’re planning “jumpies”, trying to get a petting zoo, a clown and possibly a face painter.

Please accept my wishes for a very Happy Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones.

Smooth landings,

Dave



Can you identify this PCAM Member? The photos were taken in “Nam”

Answer on Page #11

To all Pacific Coast Air Museum members who are military veterans.— please send me (Newsletter Editor Chris Tart— sctartusaf@yahoo.com) a photo of you when you were on active duty for publication in the “Straight Scoop”. Please include a short bio. of yourself for use in the newsletter so we may honor all who served.

The Pacific Coast Air Museum Welcomes these new Members

Julie Ricci - Santa Rosa

Jak Wonderly – Petaluma

Deborah Waller/Cruz Family

Kristin Bastoni-Frazee-Santa Rosa

Veterans and Active-Duty Military Not in Uniform Can Now Render the Military-Style Hand Salute during the Playing of the National Anthem and the Raising, Lowering or Passing of the Flag

WASHINGTON (AFRNS) -- Veterans and active-duty military not in uniform can now render the military-style hand salute during the playing of the national anthem, thanks to changes in federal law that took effect this month.

"The military salute is a unique gesture of respect that marks those who have served in our nation's armed forces," said [Dr. James B. Peake](#), secretary of Veterans Affairs". This provision allows the application of that honor in all events involving our nation's flag.

The new provision improves upon a little known change in federal law last year that authorized veterans to render the military-style hand salute during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag, but it did not address salutes during the national anthem. Last year's provision also applied to service members while not in uniform.

Traditionally, members of the nation's veterans service organizations have rendered the hand-salute during the national anthem and at events involving the national flag while wearing their organization's official head-gear.

The most recent change, authorizing hand-salutes during the national anthem by veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel, was sponsored by Sen. Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma, an Army veteran. It was included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009, which President Bush signed Oct. 14.

The earlier provision authorizing hand-salutes for veterans and out-of-uniform service members during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag, was contained in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008, which took effect Jan. 28, 2008.? (Courtesy of VA News)



For those of you who do not get out to our museum often, this picture is of our great new sign



The Boeing [NYSE: BA] B-52H bomber went on display recently at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., during the “Defenders of Freedom” Air Show. One of the most versatile platforms in the U.S. inventory, a B-52H took off from Barksdale in April to participate in the U.S. Air Force-led Joint Expeditionary Force Experiment 2008, where it demonstrated the ability to deliver live video obtained from its targeting pod to multiple land- and air-based assets. The demonstration proved the B-52’s ability to operate in a network-centric battlefield. Source: Boeing

2008 Board Elections (by President Mike Voorhees)

Do you have the time and talent to help govern the Pacific Coast Air Museum? Do you know someone who does? The opportunity for you or someone you respect to seek election to the board is here now.

The election process is underway with nomination forms available at the museum office. Nominations in writing must be received no later than 8:00 P.M., November 19, 2008, our monthly general meeting. Nominations may also be made verbally, during that same meeting. All candidates will be given an opportunity to make a brief verbal campaign statement during the November meeting.

Candidates for the board of directors must be general members at the time of nomination. Our Bylaws require that, after nomination, the Nomination Committee will determine whether candidates are qualified to serve. (Incumbent directors are presumed to be qualified and their candidacy is not evaluated by the Nomination Committee.) Those candidates who are deemed qualified will be so notified and included on the ballot. Ballots will be mailed in late November and will contain instructions for their return.

All statements must be submitted electronically, via email, to the following address: nationpromo@netzero.com; Statements may not exceed 100 words, including your name. For any statement exceeding 100 words, only the first 100 words will be printed. You may use any legible style of font, not greater than size 12. Other than adjustment for font size and the 100-word restriction, your statement will be printed as submitted.

In deciding whether to run or nominate someone whose abilities you respect, consider these questions :

1. Is the candidate a General Member?
2. How long have they been a member?
3. Why do they want to serve as a director?
4. How do they see the position of director?
5. Have they ever served as an officer or director of any non-profit organization?
6. Are they presently serving as an officer or director of any non-profit organization?
7. If so, how long have they served and what office do they hold?
8. What is their present or former employment?
9. Will they be able to regularly attend board meetings?
10. Will they be able to regularly attend member meetings?
11. Will they be able to commit at least a few hours per month to Museum business outside of the meetings?
12. Will they be able to assist at the air show?
13. Do they have ready access to email?
14. What qualities do they possess that will make them an asset as a director?
15. Does the candidate appear to be someone who will be able to get along in a group of 8 other strong personalities?
16. Is the candidate willing to assume responsibility for a major project or division of the Museum?

If you have any questions concerning the nomination or election process please call executive director Dave Pinsky or administrative assistant Duane Coppock at 707-575-7900.

Election Reminder & Important Dates

As stated in the preceding article by President Mike Voorhees, the elections of three directors for the Pacific Coast Air Museum will be held during the Annual General Meeting, December 17th. If you are considering running for a directorship, or know of someone who may want to be nominated, here are dates to remember:

Nominations are closed at the end of the November 19th general meeting and all candidates will be given an opportunity to make a brief verbal campaign statement during this November meeting.

Written statements for the ballots, 100 words or fewer, must be submitted to nationpromo@netzero.com no later than Monday, November 24th.

Ballots, along with written candidate statements, will be mailed with the December “Straight Scoop”.

Completed ballots must be mailed or hand-delivered to arrive at the museum by December 17th. Ballots may also be delivered to the election committee at the Annual General Meeting, December 17th.



U.S. Navy “Blue Angels”

Answer to picture on Page #7 is
Straight Scoop Editor Chris Tart



**Visit Pacific Coast Air Museum
November 15th & 16th
Top Gun Weekend
“Climb Aboard” the
A-6 “Intruder”**

REMEMBER THESE DATES

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

November 11th @ 12:00 PM Executive Director’s Meeting.

November 15th @ 11:00 AM New Member Orientation

November 19th @ 6:00 PM Planning Meeting for next year’s Air Show @ SCOE

November 19th @ 7:00 PM Member Meeting @ SCOE

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