



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 New Pacific Coast Air Museum Web Site is Up and Running

After five months of hard work by [Kathleen Palmer](#) and [John Essman](#) of Sonoma Connection, and the Web Site Committee, our new web site is up and running.

Check it out at www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org

A few areas of the site are not yet fully built and some areas, such as our museum aircraft need new photos and information updates. That work is in progress and the site will be updated on a continuing basis. It is not a static site, but a dynamic one that will continue to change for the better. Please let us know what you think at director@pacificcoastairmuseum.org

“Dragon fuel Chili” is back for Hot Dog Thursday on May 6th.

Do not miss [Bob Archibald's](#) famous “Dragon Fuel Chili”, 11:30-13:30, Thursday, May 6th on the “Patio” of the Pacific Coast Air Museum

\$5.00 will get you a yummy hot dog, a bag of chips, a soft drink or water, and Bob's great chili plus a chance to enjoy the opportunity to picnic around our beautifully restored aircraft.

Further details and future dates are listed on the poster located on page #6 of this newsletter



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 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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The April “Top Gun” Weekend was Tops

By Duane Coppock

The April “Climb Aboard” proved to be the most popular of weekend activities at the Pacific Coast Air Museum. [Greg Thomas](#) had the F-5 “Tiger” open and [Joe Cholewa](#) had the F-16 “Viper” open as well. The [Kerkhof family, Sarah, Billy](#) along with Crew [Chief Carley and Carrie](#) plus [Garry Beverlin and Steve Aikens](#) all combined their time and efforts to open the F-14 “Tomcat”. All the crews had plenty of help from Ron Stout’s crew of [Quincy Zlotnick, Aaron Abend, Cody Harrington, Kyle Johnson and Jezreel Janairo](#).

The local community has always looked forward to our weekend “Climb Aboard” activities especially the Top Gun” weekend. [Roger Olson](#) placed extra ads with the media, sponsored by [Hawley’s Paints](#) and that certainly helped with the attendance. Believe it or not, we even had help from the volcano eruption in Iceland. Some of our visitors became stranded in San Francisco and extended their vacations and our museum was the beneficiary of that.

We had visitors from Moscow, Russia, Colombo, Sri Lanka, Israel, plus two from the United Kingdom and eight from Austria. Other visitors were from Massachusetts, Texas and from other parts of California.

Totals were 241 visitors to view our displays and especially our F-5, F-14 and F-16.

The Air Explorers were also there along with a touring Cub Scout Pack and two birthday parties.

On Saturday, [Jerry VanNorden](#) and [Hamlow](#) greeted the visitors in the Gift Shop and on Sunday, [Kathy Kumpula](#) and [Robin Dotti](#) were the greeters. The gift shop recorded over \$1,600 in sales. One other factor worth mentioning; the weather was perfect. A fabulous “Climb aboard” event. Many thanks to everyone who helped make that a great success.

Pacific Coast Air Museum Goes Modern

We have entered the daunting world of modern technology and reaching out via social networking. Yep, the Pacific Coast Air Museum and “Wings Over Wine Country” Air Show now each have “Twitter” and “Facebook” pages on the internet. We will update and post with the latest happenings at the museum and for the air show.

For the museum “Twitter” site go to <http://twitter.com/pcamairmuseum>

For the Air Show “Twitter” site go to <http://twitter.com/pcamairshow>

For the museum “facebook” page go to

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Santa-Rosa-CA/Pacific-Coast-Air-Museum/114452991898374>

For the Air Show “Facebook” page go to

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Santa-Rosa-CA/Wings-Over-Wine-Country/104640996239737>

Wanted

Gift Shop Volunteers

Come meet museum visitors from around the world. If you volunteer to work in our gift shop on weekends, just a couple of times each month, you would do just that. Although, it isn't restoring aircraft, it can really be fun. All it takes is just a little interacting with our visitors. You might be surprised at how knowledgeable some of them are. Once, I actually had the privilege to speak with a gentleman that was involved with the search for Amelia Earhart. That was a once in a lifetime experience that I will remember for the rest of my life.

For quite some time now, the museum has been having to primarily depend on the same member/volunteers to work the gift shop every weekend because no other volunteers have stepped up to help. Yes, we need and would greatly appreciate any and all help that you can provide.

It may have been some time since you volunteered or perhaps you are a new member wondering how to get started. Come out to the gift shop and give it a try. I feel certain that you will like it and get a great deal of satisfaction from your efforts.

See you at the museum.

The Pacific Coast Air Museum

Welcomes these newest members to our family

Dusty Oertel—Santa Rosa
John & Cathy Admire—Windsor
Dennis Bird Family—Santa Rosa
John & Adrienne Peschon—Santa Rosa
Dennis Kelly Family—Penngrove
Andy Curtin Family—Concord
Alex & Naomi Campbell—Santa Rosa
Lou Charlier—Santa Rosa
The Samira Petersen Family—Santa Rosa
The Will Wellisch Family—Santa Rosa
The Randy Woosley Family—Santa Rosa
Michael Mullen—Santa Rosa
Mark & Peggy Decker—Healdsburg
Dan Vassallo—Healdsburg

Crew Dawg News

By Jim Cook MCC

The museum is looking good with all the green grass. Great time to take some pictures of your aircraft. It is also a great time to work on your aircraft. The weather is not too cold and not too hot. Take some time to come out and check on all the winter wear that happened to your aircraft. Drain and release all the trapped birds. (the F-5 had five birds in it the other day.)

[Ron Stout](#) just got back from his one week trip to the “Land of Rising Airplanes”. He went to New Mexico and picked up a set of drop tanks for Tony’s F-4.(see picture on page #9). [Lynn Hunt](#) had found them for us. Ron then traveled to Tucson and went to anyone who had any aircraft parts. Between there and the California Mojave sites, he came home with a load of stuff for the F-4, A-26, H-34 and the F-105. Thanks Ron for that effort. He traveled over 2600 miles to get that done.

A big THANKS to [Walt Clark](#) at United Auto Center on Petaluma Hill Road for the use of his trailer. If you need tires or service, go see our friendly member of the museum.

A few words about security:

Make sure you are carrying your AOA Badge. Airport staff has checked many of us during the Winter and now with Spring, we might get careless and not have it. Please be certain that the gates to our fence remain closed. TSA will write us up if we leave the gate open. Please take the time to close it. The field is not yet hard enough to drive on so please do not drive on our “Ramp” grass field until I give you the all clear.

Safety: Please be sure that all air stairs are safe for visitor use. Always “man” the stairs when our guests are climbing in and out of our aircraft. Our IL-14 is doing a safety project\ right now with a yellow pain boarding platform.

The F-15 is almost out of AMARC. (See picture on Page #9)

The Huey is going to the Rose parade in May as a float is in need of a Crew Chief. The A-6 and the Harrier plus the F-15 will all need crew chiefs.

Our museum’s new website will be up and running in May and each aircraft will have it’s own page along with thumbnail pictures that can be clicked to be enlarged.

Regarding the Air Show programs. If you want your copy changed, please submit to me in the next week. New pictures of each will be with the new copy.



Pacific Coast Air Museum's 5th Annual Shrimp Feed Fundraiser

- Saturday, June 5th, 2010, Finley Center, W. College Ave, Santa Rosa
- **All the shrimp you can eat, includes salad, two pastas, garlic bread**
- Great Silent Auction with boat rides, weekends in SF and Tahoe and aviation art
- **Six airplanes rides are up as raffle prizes**
- Tickets are \$45, advance ticket sales only, no sales night of event
- **Call Pacific Coast Air Museum at 707-575-7900 for tickets or info**



“Time Warp”

Barbara Beedon

Word leaked out recently that a North Bay airport was transformed to look like a WWII encampment. A variety of calls went out for props, bit parts and behind the scenes technicians. And a firm in San Francisco put out a casting call for “physically fit young African American men – with hair.” (Remember, bald heads were not the norm in the mid-40’s.) Seems George Lucas is working on his next film, “Red Tails”, which tells the story of the Tuskegee Airmen.

The Tuskegee Airmen were recruited into an Army Air Corps program that trained young black men to fly and maintain combat aircraft. President Roosevelt had overruled his top generals and ordered that such a program be created. But even after they were admitted, many commanders continued to believe the Tuskegee Airmen didn’t have the smarts, courage and patriotism to do what was being asked of them.

Nearly 1,000 fighter pilots trained as a segregated unit at an air base in Tuskegee, Alabama. Not allowed to practice or fight with their white counterparts, the Tuskegee Airmen distinguished themselves from the other flyers by painting the tails of their airplanes red, which led to the nickname “Red Tails.” Hundreds saw combat throughout Europe, the Mediterranean and North Africa, escorting bomber aircraft on missions and protecting them from the enemy. Dozens died in the fighting; others were held as prisoners of war, but they were not acknowledged for their service until May 29, 2007, when President Bush and a grateful nation presented the surviving pilots and their families with a special Congressional Gold Medal.

George Lucas is currently filming fill-in scenes to wrap around primary footage filmed mostly in Prague, in the Czech Republic. Our [Paul Heck](#) answered one of the calls, spiffed up his WWII vintage Jeep and hung out while they filmed some scenes. Paul – museum member, board member, and Hot Dog Thursday promoter – spoke with some of the actors, and said several of them were interested to hear about the museum, and to learn more about historic planes. And I guess we might have a movie star Jeep in our midst soon!

Here are some of the photos Paul took while he was there.



May 19th Speaker - Charley Taylor

Linebacker Two Operations over N.Vietnam

Pacific Coast Air Museum member Charley Taylor will speak to us about "Linebacker Two - December 1972" A Naval Aviator's perspective of what occurred to get the North Vietnam to sign peace accords that resulted in the release of the American POWs held in North Vietnam and China.

Charley flew combat missions in the A-6 Intruder during that period and will talk about carrier operations and tactics and the Navy's role in support of the massive U.S. Air Force B-52 strikes on targets previously off limits during most of the air war over North Vietnam.

Charley retired after 25 years in the U.S. Navy having deployed on two combat cruises and two additional cruises all aboard the USS Enterprise (CVN-65). He made two additional deployments aboard the USS RANGER and USS KITTY HAWK as well as tours in San Diego and Washington D.C.

Charley currently works in County Government as a Labor Relation Negotiator with Contra Costa County. He and his wife Ann live in Cotati near their daughters and their families including three grand children in Petaluma.

The Museum Family is very grateful for the donations from the following :

Lynn Peterson

Frank Henry

Ron Jordan

Robert Spain

Paul & Toni Johnson

Lawrence Shapiro

Claud & Janett Graham

Carlo Piscitello



PCAM's F-15 at AMARC



F-4 Drop Tanks

Thanks for Stuffing! *(and it's not even Thanksgiving...)*

On Thursday, May 15th, we had an unprecedented response to our request for help with a large mailing.....and we'd like to thank everyone who showed up!

As with any large project, there was a certain amount of chaos, but spirits were high, and conversations were flowing. For some, it was their first time to help with such a project, and for others it was "long time no see" and "welcome back"!

The project started with a box of donuts and some blackberries, and finished with a pizza lunch on the patio, and more good conversation.



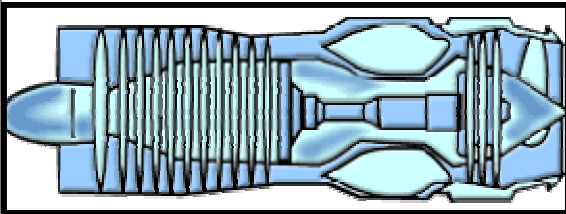
We especially want to thank everyone for helping with this project, because it is our very first "direct mail" type of letter, in which we are gently asking people to support the museum with a financial contribution. As our members know by now, we are building a base of support that will help us raise the funds needed to build our new museum facility sometime in the not-too-distant future.

While we know that some people can more easily give of their time, we also know that this is a project that cannot be completed like a traditional "barn-raising". Building a new home for the museum will take money, as well as volunteer time. We will have to enlist our entire membership, as well as members of the larger community to make it happen. So we hope everyone who wants to see us grow to be the world class museum we know we are, will help us get there with a contribution. We'll take any amount you can spare.....and with enough people giving, we WILL get there!

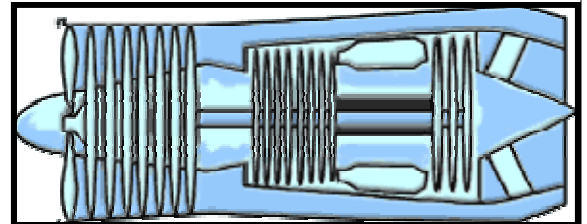
So thanks again for day of stuffing, licking, sticking and stamping..... we couldn't do it without you!

The following volunteers signed our stuffing party sign-in sheet, and I fear some of you didn't put your name down.....so if you are not listed, know that we are thanking you too!

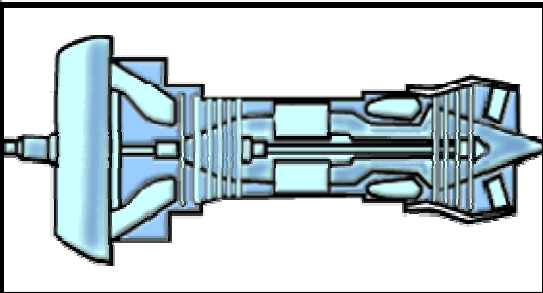
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Ben Snow	Charlie Dunnet	Belva Sager
Diana Watson	Bill Greene	Gail and Mike George
Ed Nelson	Barbara Beedon	Phyllis Morton
Dave Pinsky	and of course....Duane Coppock	



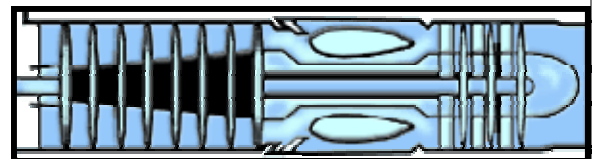
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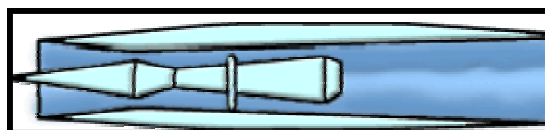
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“Climb Aboard”
May 15th-16th
Korean War Era Aircraft
A-26 “Invader”
F-86H “Sabre Jet”

REMEMBER THESE DATES

- May 5th @ 8:30 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting at the Museum
May 11th @ 12:00 p.m. Executive Director’s Staff Meeting at the Museum
May 19th @ 6:00 p.m. Monthly Air Show Planning Meeting at SCOE
May 19th @ 7:00 p.m. Monthly Membership Meeting at SCOE
June 5th @ 6:00pm—All You Can Eat Shrimp Feed Fundraiser @ Finley Center

August 21st & 22nd “Wings Over Wine Country” Air Show

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