



# STRAIGHT SCOOP

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

## NORAD Tracks Santa

On Dec. 24, 1955, a call was made to the Continental Air Defense Command (CONAD) Operations Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. However, this call was not from the President or a General. It was from a girl in Colorado Springs who was following the directions in an advertisement printed in the local paper – she wanted to know the whereabouts of Santa Claus.

The ad said “Hey, Kiddies! Call me direct and be sure and dial the correct number.” However, the number was printed incorrectly in the advertisement and rang into the CONAD operations center.

On duty that night was [Colonel Harry Shoup](#), who has come to be known as the “Santa Colonel.” Colonel Shoup received numerous calls that night and rather than hanging up, he had his operators find the location of Santa Claus and reported it to every child who phoned in that night.

Thus began a tradition carried on by the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) when it was formed in 1958. Today, through satellite systems, high-powered radars and jet fighters, NORAD tracks Santa Claus as he makes his Yuletide journey around the world.

Every Christmas Eve, thousands of volunteers staff telephones and computers to answer calls and e-mails from children (and adults) from around the world. Live updates are provided through the NORAD Tracks Santa Web site (in seven languages), over telephone lines, and by e-mail to keep curious children and their families informed about Santa’s whereabouts and if it’s time to get to bed.

Each year, the NORAD Tracks Santa Web Site receives nearly nine million unique visitors from more than 200 countries and territories around the world. Volunteers receive more than 12,000 e-mails and more than 70,000 calls to the NORAD Tracks Santa hotline from children around the globe.

This year, children and the young-at-heart are able to track Santa through Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Flickr, and TroopTube.tv. To follow us on any of these Web sites, type in [@noradsanta](#) into the search engine and start tracking.

NORAD Tracks Santa has become a magical and global phenomenon, delighting generations of families everywhere.

[www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org](http://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](http://www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org) or call 707-575-7900 for details or further information.

**Member Meetings:** Normally held on the third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm at Mesa Beverage Company, Inc. 3200 N. Laughlin Road, Santa Rosa, CA

### “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:

**Chris Tart**, Editor, 1064 Maple Drive, Windsor, Ca 95492, 707-836-9226  
[sctartusaf@yahoo.com](mailto:sctartusaf@yahoo.com)

### Membership Renewals:

\$30 per year individual; \$45 per year for families.

Send renewals to the museum, address below.

**Address Corrections:** Please send to: Pacific Coast Air Museum, 2230 Becker Blvd., Santa Rosa, Ca 95403

Please visit our web site at

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## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mark your calendars for the Christmas party on [Wednesday, December 21](#) at 7:00 pm. This will take place in our usual meeting place – Mesa Beverage. Beverages, paper goods and cutlery will be provided. We are asking you to bring a dish according to the first letter of your last name;

A—F	Appetizers
G—L	Salads
M—R	Main Dishes
S = Z	Desserts

I know that we all have special dishes we enjoy sharing and you are encouraged to bring them

if you like. However, please bring them in addition to the category that falls under your last name. **\*\*\*PLEASE BRING A SERVING PIECE FOR YOUR DISH\*\*\***

## SUNSHINE & SYMPATHY

[Diana Watson](#) is taking over sending cards to our Pacific Coast Air Museum members when they or a member of their immediate family passes away. She is also going to send get well cards to those members who are ill or have had surgery. She needs your help by notifying her of someone you know who falls under these categories. You may contact her at 707/578-6883 or [tobyslmom@gmail.com](mailto:tobyslmom@gmail.com).

Our thanks and gratitude go to [Bill Carpentier](#) who sent sympathy cards to museum members and their families for all these many years.

Now thru the end of the 2011...

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Smithsonian replicas Reg. \$33.99, now \$27.00  
Prestige Model Airplanes Reg. \$25.59, now \$20.50  
Large Helicopter models Reg. \$22.99, now \$18.50  
**ASSORTED MODELS AVAILABLE**





# **Teenagers \***

**Join Our**



At the Pacific Coast Air Museum  
at the Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport

***To learn more about:***

- Basic Airmanship
- Aircraft Maintenance
- Air Traffic Control
- Private and Commercial Aviation
- The Vocabulary and Terminology of Aviation

***INTERESTED?*** Contact ***Robin Dotti*** Membership Chair

Leave Message (707) 703-0696 Fax: (707) 545-2813

E-mail [blue\\_eyeddotti@yahoo.com](mailto:blue_eyeddotti@yahoo.com)

For more information and FAQ please see [learningforlife.org](http://learningforlife.org)

\* Teenagers 14 - 17 and Young Adults 18 - 20

## Area 51 (Groom Lake) DVD

Produced by and from the archives of the Roadrunners Internationale of Las Vegas <http://roadrunnersinternationale.com> for the 2011 reunion of the CIA Office of Communications Retiree Assoc. Consists of photos and film never seen before about area 51, U-2, A-12, CIA, and the USAF. The story of spy planes after WWII during the cold war. I was in the CIA 1955-67 with all the spies in the air projects 1960-65. State Dept. 81-86. Send check for \$6 (my cost) to;

Charles Christian,  
5120 Oak Park Way  
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

### NEW MEMBERS

Homer & Barbara Walker – Healdsburg

Robin & Joe Adam – Sebastopol

Bob Singleton – Santa Rosa

### Donations Since The Previous Newsletter

Mike & Genelle Voorhees

### Santa's Reindeer

The most well-known names for the reindeer pulling Santa Claus' sleigh come from two sources. The names are: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, & Rudolf

All but the last name come from the poem: *'Twas the Night before Christmas*, commonly credited to [Clement Clarke Moore](#) (1779-1863). It was actually written in 1807 by [Major Henry Livingston, Jr.](#) (1748-1828) with the title *Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas*. The names "Donner" and "Blitzen" were changed by Moore from "Dunder" and "Blixem."

The last name, Rudolph, comes from a story and coloring book *Rudolf the Red-nosed Reindeer* that [Robert L. May](#) created in 1939 for his employer, the Montgomery Ward department store. The copyright for the story was later turned over to May, and his brother-in-law, [Johnny Marks](#), wrote the well-known song that further popularized the character.

Two of the reindeer names, Donner/Donder and Blitzen, are often the source of confusion, misspelling, and misinformation. The short facts are these: Donner/Donder and Blitzen were named "Dunder" and "Blixem" (the Dutch words for "thunder" and "lightning") in the original printing of "A Visit From St. Nicholas." In reprints of the poem, the names became "Donder" and "Blixen," then "Donder" and "Blitzen" (the latter being German for "lightning"). By the time [Johnny Marks](#) wrote "Rudolph," it was "Donner" and "Blitzen" (possibly because "Donder" was musically awkward). See [Snopes.com](#) for a thorough discussion.

### **Museum Group Attends Luncheon Honoring Veterans**

On Tuesday, November 8th, as we have done for many years, the Pacific Coast Air Museum attended the Rotary/Kiwanis luncheon honoring our veterans. It was a wonderful, patriotic and stirring event, with the Santa Rosa High School band appearing and museum member and Former Secretary of the Air Force [Tom Reed](#) giving a wonderful presentation. The museum crowd attracted a lot of favorable attention for the museum with their table up front and center, all wearing museum logo attire. Don't miss this event next year!



### **Hot Dog Thursday Crew Earns, and Gets, a Storage Shed**

With proceeds from the over \$6,000 in profits the Hot Dog Thursday crew made for the museum in 2011, the crew purchased and constructed a storage shed for their BBQs, tools and supplies. Good work, gang



## **WANTED!**

Are you a social person? Do you enjoy: Travel? Bringing a smile to a child's face? Learning about history first hand? Being a part of history in the making?

If you answered yes to at least two of the questions, this is for you! The Gift Shop is at it again...we're looking for volunteers that would like to help out.

We recently lost several of our dedicated, long-time weekend Gift Shop docents, and are looking for "new blood" to replace them.

A lot of you have the idea that helping in the "Gift Shop" is not as exciting and fun as helping out in other areas of the museum...i.e. aircraft crew (not picking on you Ron), however it can be just as exciting and fun, if not more at times.

The docents in the Gift Shop are the first and the last people our visitors see when visiting our museum. When a visitor comes in the door, a lot of them are there for personal reasons...i.e., dad or grandfather flew or worked on one of the planes, or better yet, they flew one of the planes themselves! They usually have a story to tell...just ask.

You would be amazed at some of the stories they have to tell. I, myself, met a gentleman that served on 6 aircraft carriers, 4 which sunk, and was involved in the search for Amelia Earhart!!! I will NEVER forget that one. I still get goose bumps when I think about it. Imagine, to be talking with a man that was actually out flying, looking for Amelia!!!

Don't worry if you have no retail experience. Tom or I will train you. It's really pretty easy. J

If you can give one or two weekend days a month, please contact me, Robin @ 707-703-0696, or Tom Chauncy @ 707-542-3529.

Please, if we cannot fill the open slots, we will have to close the museum on weekends...my body can't handle working Tuesdays, Thursdays, AND weekends.

Thank you,  
Robin

## **More Want Ads**

While I'm not quite as eloquent as Robin, we have a DIRE need for some volunteer help in the museum admin office. Not only has the workload increased, but Duane has let us know that he's leaving us at the end of Feb after many, many long years of dedicated service.

The duties include things like answering the phones, listening to and responding to voice mail, opening and routing letters, helping keep track of office supplies, filling out reports, etc, etc. It's not hard, it's enjoyable, and we will happily teach and show you what we do. You are in the "heart" of museum and Air Show activity, see the many members who stop by the admin office, and get to "hang out" with the infamous Tuesday/Thursday Gang.



## **And More Want Ads Wanted— Air Show Director**

The Air Show Director is responsible for:

- Leading the Air Show Executive Committee
- Oversees and ensures the proper function of the Air Show departments
- Maintains current job descriptions for each department head
- Communicates Executive Committee objectives to departments
- Schedules committee meetings and prepares agendas
- Provides necessary resources as needed for department heads
- Delegates tasks to appropriate department heads
- Identifies potential problem areas for Exec Committee and Dept Heads
- Has excellent organizational and leadership skills
- Has experience working well with a diverse group of people
- Is committed to working with a team to continue producing an outstanding air show

For more information or if you are interested in applying for this key volunteer position, please contact Lynn Hunt at 707-235-2552 or Dave Pinsky at 707-575-7900

## **Look for the Election & Membership Renewal Pamphlet in the Mail**

### **Elections**

Each year the terms of three of the nine members of the Board of Directors expire and three Directors are elected to serve three year terms. The terms of Directors Barrett, Heck and Voorhees will expire December 31, 2011. Directors Heck and Voorhees are “termed out” and may not seek re-election. Director Barrett is eligible to seek re-election. Two of the Directors will be elected by the membership and one will be elected by the Board of Directors. The election process began with nominations made before or during the November monthly member meeting. The process concludes with the submission of written ballots prior to or during the December annual member meeting. General members who have been nominated and who meet the qualifications prescribed by our By Laws and who are eligible for this year’s election are Glenn Barrett, Barbara Beedon and Tom Chauncy. All candidates were offered the opportunity to submit a written statement. The statements of those who submitted statements by the established deadline are printed on page two of the mailer. Please vote for no more than two (2) candidates. Ballots marked with votes for more than two candidates will not be counted. Please enclose your ballot in an envelope and mark it “Ballot Enclosed” on the front and mail it to the Pacific Coast Air Museum, 2230 Becker Boulevard, Santa Rosa, CA 95403. You may use the enclosed membership renewal envelope and send your ballot and membership renewal form and check in the same time (this is what we recommend).

**Your ballot must reach the Pacific Coast Air Museum by December 21, 2011.** As an alternative, you can hand deliver the ballot at the Annual Member Meeting on December 21, 2011, in the Conference Room at Mesa Beverage, 3200 N. Laughlin Road. All ballots must be handed in by that night at 7:30pm.

### **Membership Renewals**

If your mailer contains a Membership Application, it means that our records show that your membership expires on December 31, 2011 (if the application has a sticker, your membership does not expire this year). Please renew now to continue your membership, support your museum and to avoid a lapse in your membership. If you have an AOA badge sponsored by the museum, you must be a current member of the museum or the museum can no longer sponsor you for an AOA badge. If you are a WWII veteran you do not have to pay dues, but we ask that you fill out and return the renewal form so we can keep your information up to date in our files.



**December 17th  
Santa Claus Arrives  
At the Pacific Coast  
Air Museum  
Come one, come all to this  
wonderful, free event**

**REMEMBER THESE DATES**

Wednesday,	December 7th	@ 8:30 a.m.	Board of Directors Meeting at the Museum
Tuesday	December 13th	@ 12:00 p.m.	Executive Director's Staff Meeting at the Museum
Saturday	December 17th	@ 11:00 a.m.	Santa Fly In at the Museum
Wednesday	December 21st	@ 7:00 p.m.	Christmas Party / Membership Meeting

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