



# STRAIGHT SCOOP

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

You are invited to a  
**WESTERN PIG BBQ**

Presented by the Pacific Coast Air Museum's Board of Directors and Officers

In appreciation to our members and community for their continued support. Thank you.

Mark this date on your calendar:

**July 9, 2011**

**Time: 5:00 till' 8:00**

**Tickets: \$15.00. Kids, under 12, with parents, free.**

**No host bar: Beer & wine, \$2.00 Soft drinks, \$1.00**

Join us at the Museum's patio for a fun afternoon BBQ, good food, drink and fellowship.

Tickets are available at the gift shop and online at our web site or from a board member.

**When: Saturday, July 9, 2011, 5:00pm till' 8:00pm**

**Where: Pacific Coast Air Museum**

**Cost: \$15.00, Kids under 12 with parents free**

**No host bar: Beer & wine \$2.00, Soft drinks \$1.00**

**Fabulous Silent Auction prizes**

- **Framed painting of 9/11 "First Responder" F-15 over NYC on 9/11**
- **Model of 9/11 "First Responder" F-15(signed by pilot!)**

[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

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## Clean-up Day at the Museum— June 11, 2011

A crew of about 20 came out on Saturday, June 11, for the annual clean-up of the Museum grounds. The call was put out and all of these people responded. [Larry Houghton](#), [Bill Greene](#), [Ron Stout](#), [Greg Thomas](#) and [Joe Cholewa](#) for starters. More of the crew were [Dave Sandine](#), [Gerald Finton](#), [Bob Andrews](#), [Angela Roze](#), and [Jon Seeley](#). Everyone was helping to prepare the Museum for the F-15 fund raising events, CNN interview with Tim Duffy, the F-15 pilot on 9/11/2001, and then the member event again with [Tim Duffy](#) on June 25<sup>th</sup>. More of the crew were [Martha Curoso](#), [Bob Conz](#), [Mike George](#), [Lynn Hunt](#), [Mike O'hara](#), [Jim Cook](#), [Cody Harrington](#) and [John Hazlett](#).

I suspect I missed one or two of you; I apologize. For their reward for a great job of clean up, the crew had pizza from Round Table Pizza. The grounds looked great for the F-15 events and many thanks to all of you for your great efforts.

Thanks, Duane Coppock

## Chamberee



On June 16th, the Pacific Coast Air Museum hosted 2011's Sonoma County Chamberee. Participants included 10 local Chambers of Commerce and special guest Supervisor Mike McGuire. 343 Chamber members and their guests were in attendance.

Each Chamber booth provided beverages and foods contributed by local merchants. Gift baskets valued between \$200 and \$1,100 were donated as raffle prizes by participating Chambers. The gift baskets were filled with items representative of each Chamber's unique area of Sonoma County. Chamber members and their guests followed a "Flight Plan" which led them to visit each participant's booth. A completed "Flight Plan" entered them into the raffle prize drawing.

The Chamberee raised over \$1,800 in donations for the 9/11 "First Responder" F-15A Eagle historic and educational exhibit at the Pacific Coast Air Museum. The Pacific Coast Air Museum has the honor of being the home of the first aircraft to respond to the World Trade Center attacks in New York City on September 11, 2001.

*The interpretive exhibit at the Pacific Coast Air Museum will honor those who perished and those who responded in a valiant effort to save lives, as well as tell the untold story of the heroism in the skies and on the ground that day by the U.S. Air Force and FAA. It will also tell the little-known story of heroism and crucial decisions made "on the fly" by pilots and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) controllers on that fateful day in our nation's history.*

The Pacific Coast Air Museum is honored and proud to be the first West Coast exhibit commemorating and honoring 9/11.

Executive Director Dave Pinsky conducted personalized tours of the planned exhibit and aircraft for Chamberee attendees who flocked to see the aircraft on the ground at the Museum. The museum's Gift Shop was open. Museum volunteers were on hand to explain the over 30 aircraft on display, and two aircraft were open for guests to "Climb Aboard". Roger Olson, Business Marketing Director, explained an ad sharing program that allows Chamber members to earn commissions on Air Show Marketing participation. The commissions are used support local educational programs. Museum volunteers and staff present at the event also included Ron Stout, Allan Morgan, Jim Cook, Ed Nelson, Garry Beverlin, Robin Dotti, Duane Coppock, Tom Chauncy, and Barbara Beedon.

Approximately 80 Chamber and PCAM volunteers and staff members helped at the event. The event was organized by Kathleen Palmer and John Essman of Sonoma Connection Internet Marketing and Website Design, who are members of the Pacific Coast Air Museum, the Mark West Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, and the Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau.

Join us, at the  
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RECEPTION**

*Wings Over  
Wine Country*



**PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM  
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SANTA ROSA JET CENTER

- ✦ Meet / Mingle with the Air Show Performers
- ✦ See up-close, the Performer's aircraft
- ✦ Hors D'Oeuvres
- ✦ No Host Bar
- ✦ Aviation Art Auction
- ✦ Free Parking
- ✦ Sponsor our Performers for \$20

**\$30 per person**  
Tickets available at:  
Kaiser Air Santa Rosa Jet Center  
Sam's For Play Café  
Pacific Coast Air Museum  
[www.wingsoverwinecountry.org](http://www.wingsoverwinecountry.org)  
call 707-575-7900

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UNDER IRS SECTION 501(c)(3) FED ID 58-8216262

CHARLES M. SCHULZ - SONOMA COUNTY AIRPORT  
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**FRIDAY AUG 19th, 2011**

**6:00PM - 8:00PM**

[www.WingsOverWineCountry.org](http://www.WingsOverWineCountry.org)



# Wings Over Wine Country

Presents "The President's Club", an exclusive tent located along the Air Show flight line. You are able to enter the tent as often as you wish. The President's Club offers both shaded and sunny seating areas and the following:

- Free Parking
- Admission to the Air Show
- Continental Breakfast
- Gourmet Catered Lunch
- Assorted Desserts and Snacks
- Coffee, Tea, Water, Soft Drinks, Beer and Wine  
(Proof of age required for alcoholic beverages)
- Private Rest Rooms

# PRESIDENT'S CLUB

August 20-21, 2011

Purchase a One-day membership by July 31 for \$100, \$125 after July 31. Limited Seating: A total of 125 people per day

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**9/11 “First Responder” F-15 Update**

It has been a while since I have posted a update on our F-15. Well here goes – first the sheet metal that fairs the wings to the fuselage has been installed. Several people are helping with the washing and removal of the oxidized paint off the airframe, Kyle, Shelby, Quincy, Carole and Don worked very hard. We have also been working on the repair of the Radar Warning Receiver (RWR) pod and the tail fairing on the right engine exhaust. The canopy has been raised and we are trying to fill in the missing cockpit components. The flaps and ailerons have been installed. We are in the process of manufacturing a simulated speed brake since our F-15 arrived without one. We have installed the pylons and the external fuel tanks. Don Davis really worked hard and did a repair that was phenomenal on the left vertical Stabilizer Pod. The RWR pod has been completed, I have been sealing and using spotting compound to fair in the dings and scratches from the damage and repairs. It was mounted, sealed and painted. I would like to thank all that have been helping restore this beautiful airplane to its rightful splendor.

Greg Thomas, F-15 Crew Chief



The “First Responder” as received



Our F-15 as of 6/21/2011, It is really looking like an airplane.



The “Damage” as of 12/13/2010



The Damage Repaired (6/21/2011)



### 9/11 "First Responder" F-15 Eagle on Display"

A large crew headed by MCC [Ron Stout](#) and Crew Chief [Greg Thomas](#) moved our wonderfully restored 9/11 "First Responder" F-15 Eagle to our display pad on Thursday, June 24th. The next day CNN arrived to film a documentary featuring the 9/11 "First Responder" F-15 Eagle and its pilot, [Lt Col Tim Duffy](#), who flew out for the filming and to help us with fund raising. On Saturday, June 25th, the museum held an open house with Duffy for museum members and the public. Duffy told folks what happened in the skies over New York City on 9/11. Executive Director [Dave Pinsky](#) presented Duffy a model of his 9/11 "First Responder" F-15 Eagle, and F-15 pin and posters of Don Ricci's painting to show the museum's appreciation for his performance that fateful day and for his support of the Pacific Coast Air Museum.

On Sunday Tim and his wife Kim attended a major exhibit for our 9/11 "First Responder" F-15 Eagle exhibit at former Secretary of the Air Force Tom Reed's ranch in Healdsburg. Design and construction of the exhibit continue with a goal of dedicating the exhibit on September 11th of this year, the 10th anniversary of 9/11.

While visiting us, Tim got to fulfill one his dreams— to fly a P-51 Mustang. Thanks to Daryl Bond and Rob Gordon, Tim got to do just that on Sat morning of his visit, followed on Sun morning by a flight in a Stearman, thanks to Craig Schulz. It was Tim's first open cockpit flight.; Kim's too! Tim also toured our museum and was very impressed., especially with our aircraft collection and the fantastic condition all of you keep them in.

Some of the photos from Duffy's visit are show on the next two pages.

Donations to support this worthy exhibit are badly needed and gladly accepted. If you want to know what you can do to help build this important historical exhibit, contact Executive Director [Dave Pinsky](#) at 707-575-7900 or [director@pacfiiccoastairmuseum.org](mailto:director@pacfiiccoastairmuseum.org).

Dave

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Tim Duffy climbs into his F-15 for the first time in years



Tim and his aircraft, proudly on display



Tim says he's always wanted to fly a P-51 Mustang



Thanks to Daryl Bond and Rob Gordon, Tim gets his wish



Tim meets some of the "Hot Dog Thursday" gang



Tim talks about 9/11 in front of his F-15





Duffy speaks to museum members and guests



Our Executive Director presents Tim an exact model of his F-15



Lt Col Tim Duffy signs the nose wheel door of our F-15



Tim thanks the Hot Dog Thursday crew and some museum staff



Tim even got to fly in a Stearman thanks to Craig Schulz



Former Secretary of the Air Force Tom Reed hosts a fund-raiser for the F-15 exhibit with Tim and the exhibit designer the featured speakers



The 4<sup>th</sup> annual PCAM two week's **Summer Aviation Program** was held in June for 16 students eager to learn about the principles of flight, aviation history & navigation among other interesting subjects. The course's final activity was flying the museum's simulator, a trip to the control tower & a flight around Sonoma County with several of our pilots. Numerous guest speakers and air port activities supplemented the course. Several of the students have volunteered as crew members as a result of Ron Stout opening cockpits for them during the class.

One parent commented:

*"A big hearty thank you for the wonderful class that you taught last week. My son has been talking since Friday about the flight and class. He really enjoyed the program. Thanks for taking the time to work with these boys this summer. With much appreciation,"* signed by a parent.

A student wrote on his evaluation sheet, *"This was a informative class that was fun with a flight and simulator and even current or retired pilots came an talked with us."* (A direct quote with his grammar. You may want to correct it.)

Allan Morgan

Education Director

Vice President, PCAM

**Christina Olds, daughter and author of her father's story "THE MEMOIRS OF LEGENDARY ACE ROBIN OLDS" will be our November 16th Member Meeting Guest Speaker.**

### The Pacific Coast Air Museum welcomes these new members

The Steve Michel Family—Santa Rosa

Gerald Finton—Petaluma

Theodore Kistner—San Jose

Eugene Korney—Los Angeles

Mark DeBel Family—Petaluma

John Stanke Family—Danville

David Sandine—Santa Rosa

William Adams—Windsor

Doreen Watson—Santa Rosa

Angela & Stever Mizera Family—Windsor

Sean Grinnel Family—Santa Rosa

Stan Miller—El Granada, Ca

Christina Olds-Steamboat Springs, Co.

Keenan Aristizabal—Santa Rosa

Tad & Sarah Kistner—Sonoma

Russ & Jeanne Aharonian—Santa Rosa

Scott DeBel Family—Petaluma

Tyler & Carolyn Jones—Windsor

Ed & Holly Matticola Family—Santa Rosa

Steven Huss Family—Santa Rosa

Kevan & Robin Jurin Family—Santa Rosa

Sherri & Josh Dillman Family—Santa Rosa

Robyn Moss—Rohnert Park

Paul Markoff Family—Santa Rosa

### “The” Way to See the “Wings Over Wine Country” Air Show—August 20 & 21

Do you want to watch the Air Show from the flight line but away from the crowds? Do you want to enjoy the choice of a large, comfortable, tent or open skies, with a continental breakfast, catered lunch and more?

If so, join us in the President’s Club tent located on the flight line. Enjoy patio umbrella tables or shaded tent seating, a continental breakfast, catered lunch by Café Europe, special desserts, beer, wine, sodas, coffee, hot tea, iced tea, etc.

Don’t forget the other benefits: VIP Parking and entry into the Air Show!

Treat your family and friends to a day of good old *plane* fun!

Tickets are on sale at the Museum and on the Wings Over Wine Country website for \$100.00 each until July 31<sup>st</sup>, \$125 thereafter.

Seating is limited to 125 per day, so purchase early so you don’t miss out.

Questions? Call [Genelle Voorhees](mailto:Genelle.Voorhees@pcamuseum.org), 707-888-9110.



**“Climb Aboard”**

**July 16-17**

**Korean Era aircraft**

**A-26, F-86H**

**RF-84F, F-84**

**REMEMBER THESE DATES**

- July 6th @ 8:30 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting at the Museum  
July 12th @ 12:00 p.m. Executive Director’s Staff Meeting at the Museum  
July 16th @ 11:00 a.m. New member orientation at the museum  
July 20th @ 7: 00 p.m. Member Meeting; Air Show Planning at 6:00pm— both at Mesa

**Meeting Location**  
**Mesa Beverage Company, Inc.**  
**3200 N. Laughlin Road. Santa Rosa, CA**

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