



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



The A-6 “Intruder” is the highlight of November’s “Climb Aboard” activity at the Pacific Coast Air Museum. Come out and see this legendary Navy aircraft for yourself.



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, 7:00 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

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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New Board Member

Museum President Jim Cook and the Board of Directors are pleased to announce the appointment of new Board member [Jim Sartain](#). Jim is an Air Force and Vietnam war veteran with a distinguished career. He is currently with Keegan & Coppin Realty and has served on the Boards of numerous non-profits. Most recently he chaired a number of committees of the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce. He has been very active in the fund raising campaign for the museum's 9/11 "First Responder" F-15 exhibit. Welcome aboard Jim!

Sonoma Jet Center Open House



The Hot Dog Thursday crew, [Stan King](#), [Barney Hagen](#), [Bill Greene](#), [Ed & Maggie Nelson](#) sold hot dogs at the Sonoma Jet Center open house on Saturday 10.15.11. The food was donated by the SJC & the proceeds from the sales went to P.C.A.M. Thank you SJC for your generosity.

The Pacific Coast Air Museum Hot Dog Thursday crew making folks happy and earning money and PR for the museum at the Sonoma Jet Center Open House, Sat, Oct 15th.

Pacific Coast Air Museum Offers Educational Scholarship for Students Pursuing Higher Education in Aviation.

The candidate must be a member of the Pacific Coast Air Museum and enrolled in an institution of higher learning. Their major can be technical, vocational, or academic. They may apply in writing, describing their major and goals related to aviation, or have their application submitted by a museum member to one of the scholarship committee members, [Art Haysen](#), [Bill Greene](#) or [Allan Morgan](#). All applications must be received by Nov. 30, 2011.



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

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For more information and FAQ please see learningforlife.org

* Teenagers 14 - 17 and Young Adults 18 - 20

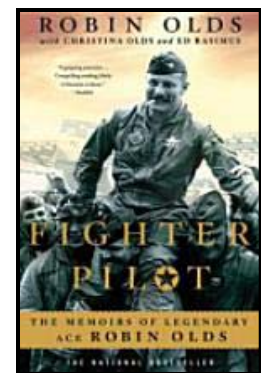
November 16, 2011 Guest Speaker

Join us Wednesday evening November 16th at our monthly membership meeting (7-9 p.m.) as one of our newer members, [Christina Olds](#) speaks about her dad's story, from West Point into WWII as a double-ace P-38 and P-51 pilot and on through his time as Wing Commander of the 8th TAC Fighter Wing in Ubon, Thailand in 1966-1967, as Commandant of the Air Force Academy 1967-1971 and his retirement years. Vietnam is what made him really famous in the Air Force and aviation world., including his four MIG shootdowns and leading Operation Bolo, downing more MIGs in one day than any other day in the war.

Christina will be selling autographed copies of her book at the membership meeting and donating a portion of the sales to the Pacific Coast Air Museum.

[Christina Olds](#) was born in Manhattan, NYC on January 5, 1952 and bounced around the world with her USAF fighter pilot father, Robin Olds, and Hollywood actress mother, [Ella Raines](#). Raised mostly in Washington D.C. , England and Colorado. She graduated from Vassar College with a BA in English/Creative Writing in 1974 and spent 25 years living in San Francisco where she raised her daughter [Jennifer Olds Newman](#). In 2003, Christina moved to Colorado to be near her father, who had retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Brigadier General in 1973. While caring for her father during his terminal illness, Christina promised to complete his unfinished memoirs from his gathered notes. Robin Olds passed away June 14, 2007.

FIGHTER PILOT: THE MEMOIRS OF LEGENDARY ACE ROBIN OLDS was published April 13, 2010 by St. Martin's Press. Christina recently has moved to Sonoma County and immediately became a member of the Pacific Coast Air Museum which includes an F-4 that her flew in her father's unit during Viet Nam operations.



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 of which sunk, and one was involved in the search for Amelia Earhart!!! I will NEVER forget that one. I still get goosebumps 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.

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





Comcast Does Photo Shoot at Museum

On Monday, Oct 24th, well known news anchor [Jack Hansen](#) and the TV crew from the Comcast Newsmakers Series, set up their mobile studio at the Pacific Coast Air Museum. The actual set was on the pad of the 9/11 First Responder F-15 exhibit. Comcast interviewed 24 people, some well known community leaders. In one of the photos the maze of equipment and just one of the four vans they brought in can be seen. The other shows the set and our very own [Duane Coppock](#) talking to Jack about the museum's education programs. The 24 five minutes segments taped at the museum will air on CNN Headline News at various times of the day during the month of November. We did get the December 17th Santa Fly In mentioned in one of the segments. This is great exposure and publicity for our museum.

DEFINITION OF A VETERAN

A veteran - whether active duty, retired, National Guard or Reserve - is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America" for an amount of "up to and including my life."

- It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.
- It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.
- It is the soldier, not the organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.
- It is the soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag and whose coffin is draped by the flag who allows the protestor to burn the flag.
- Father Dennis Edward O'Brian, USMC



The photo above shows our 9/11 First Responder F-15 exhibit. We need your help to complete the rest of the exhibit. Please consider a donation for this worthy and important exhibit. Our F-15 Eagle 9 /11 project honors those who lost their lives and those who responded on September 11, 2001 and tells the story of the heroism of Air Force pilots and Air Force & FAA ground personnel that fateful day. Your financial contribution to this very important museum project will be greatly appreciated.

Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum, McMinnville, Oregon—Home of the Spruce Goose



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NEW MEMBERS

Jim Sartain – Windsor

Raymond Garcia – Santa Rosa

Alan & Katri Hodge – Ukiah

Donations Since The Previous Newsletter

Mike & Genelle Voorhees

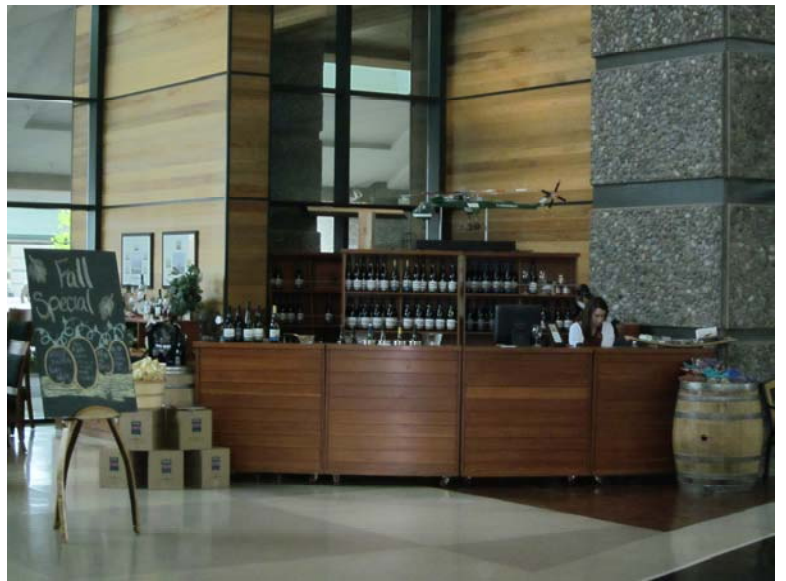


The MC-12W Liberty aircraft is the newest intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) aircraft of the United States Air Force (USAF) acquired for Project Liberty. Project Liberty includes Operations Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Enduring Iraqi Freedom (OIF). OEF is the official name designated by the US government for its war in Afghanistan, while OIF is the official name for its war in Iraq (our friend “Huggy” from Beale AFB is currently flying this aircraft out of Bagram AB, Afghanistan).

**Did Barney Really Land the 747 & Dave the SR-71 & F-106 at Evergreen (no, they didn't)
(By the way, they have a wine bar, no— two wine bars, inside the Evergreen Museum!)
More photos from the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum on the next two pages.**

**Pacific Coast Air Museum**

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A-6
“Intruder”
November 19th & 20th**

REMEMBER THESE DATES

Wednesday,	November 2nd	@ 8:30 a.m.	Board of Directors Meeting at the Museum
Tuesday	November 8th	@ 11:30 a.m.	Veteran’s Lunch at Vet’s Building
Tuesday	November 15th	@ 12:00 p.m.	Executive Director’s Staff Meeting at the Museum
Wednesday	November 16th	@ 7:00 p.m.	Membership Meeting
Saturday	November 19th	@ 11:00 a.m.	New Member Orientation at the Museum

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