



# STRAIGHT SCOOP

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PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM

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



[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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### Guest Speaker for October

[Rollie Barton](#) joins us at the Pacific Coast Air Museum October 19<sup>th</sup> 2011 Member Meeting (7-9pm) to talk about his experiences flying the P-51 from bases out of Italy in the latter days of WWII. The 309<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron scored 173 victories throughout WWII including 18 ME-109s on March 31, 1945. Lt Barton shot down two of the 109s on that day including one that was at his 6 O'clock.

Rollie is a Santa Rosa resident who just returned to Italy with his family after having left there over 65 years ago.



## 31st Fighter Group

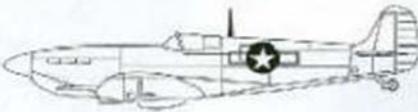
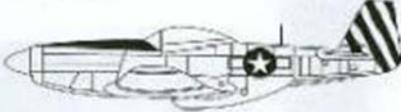
### World War II

307th 308th 309th  
Fighter Squadrons

Eighth, Twelfth, Fifteenth Air Forces

### Top Scoring Fighter Group in the Mediterranean Theater

570.5 victories in aerial combat in skies over Europe and North Africa flying Spitfires and P-51 Mustangs from bases in England, Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Malta, Sicily, Italy and Ukraine.

#### Campaigns

<p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">Air Offensive, Europe Algeria-French Morocco with Arrowhead Tunisia Sicily with Arrowhead</p>	<p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">Naples-Foggia Anzio Rome-Arno Normandy Northern France Southern France</p>	<p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">Northern Apennines Rhineland Central Europe Po Valley Air Combat, EAME Theater</p>
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#### Distinguished Unit Citations

Rumania 21 April 1944    Poland 25 July 1944

### Returned With Honor

9/11/2011 at the Pacific Coast Air Museum





### 9/11/2011 at the Pacific Coast Air Museum

It's hard to adequately thank everyone who helps make a successful event possible and one always risks leaving someone out. But I'm going to try and catch everyone involved in our hugely successful 9/11 ceremonies to say a great "THANK YOU" for all so many did to make it such a success. People are calling and writing to rave about how wonderful our event was (see one such letter below).

But here we go - - a huge thank you to: [Bob Matreci](#), [Dave & Diana Watson](#), [Dave Reber \(CAP\)](#), [Greg Tracy & Robert Mota \(CHP\)](#), [Reach, Rob Bisordi \(Rincon Valley Fire\)](#) [Robin Dotti](#), [Tom Chauncey](#), [Gary Greenough](#), [Maggie Heck](#), [Barbara Beedon](#), [Phyllis Morton](#), [Charley Taylor](#), [Greg Thomas](#), [Mike Hart](#), [Jim Mattison](#), [Gary Cassasa](#), [Ed Nelson](#), [Bill Greene](#), [Doug Clay](#) and the entire crew that came out on the Thursday before the event and did such a great job cleaning up and making the museum look as great as it did on Sunday. And to my partner and co-chair on this project from Day One - - [Jim Cook!](#)

For some great photos and a video of our 9/11 ceremonies, go to [www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org](http://www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org)

Thanks again to all of you who helped make all of this possible - - it's a day that I shall "Never Forget"!  
Dave

Dear Mr. Pinsky,

I just wanted to email you, and share how very moving today's ceremony was for me. I had decided, just on the spur-of-the-moment, to attend the ceremony & opening exhibit of the F-15 at the Pacific Coast Air Museum today. I came away with a profound life experience. To see so many representatives of the armed forces, local authorities, firemen and medical teams, as well as the numerous veterans, who came to pay tribute to those who gave everything they had to give on September 11, 2001. It was both an emotional remembrance & a wonderful promotion for a true feeling of pride in our nation. Again, a very moving experience for me today. Thank you and your staff for ALL of their hard work in making this ceremony happen. Again, I was so honored to be able to attend. I wish much success to your museum's future!

Best Regards,  
Mrs. Nora John

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**Announcement Concerning the 2011 Board Election**

Each year 3 directors are elected to serve 3-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. Elections will be completed during the next few months. Two of the directors will be elected by the membership and one will be elected by the Board of Directors.

Our Bylaws require that candidates for the board of directors be **General Members at the time of nomination**. Before or 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.)

In making its determination the committee considers at least the following:

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?
17. Does the candidate understand the board’s policy concerning conflicting interests?

To be elected, a candidate for director must be nominated. This includes incumbent directors. Nominations may be made in one of three ways:

1. You may nominate yourself.
2. You may nominate another.
3. The nomination committee may nominate one or more candidates.

The nominations may be in the form of a written nomination, on a form provided by the Museum, or verbally, no later than at the November 16<sup>th</sup> general meeting.

If you intend to run for election or intend to nominate someone else, please be sure to do so no later than the end of the time provided at the November meeting. If you intend to nominate someone else please discuss it with them first as they must be willing to explicitly accept the nomination, either in writing or verbally at the November meeting.

All candidates will be given an opportunity to make a brief verbal campaign statement during the November meeting.

After the time provided for nominations has passed, the Nomination Committee will complete its evaluation of all candidates who have accepted nomination. Those candidates who are deemed qualified will be so notified and included on the ballot.

Each candidate appearing on the ballot will be given the opportunity to submit a written statement to be included with the ballot. Submission of the statement must conform to these rules:

1. You must submit your statement no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, November 21, 2011.
2. All statements must be submitted electronically, via email, to the following address:  
admin@pacificcoastairmuseum.org.
3. 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 12. (If you are using Microsoft Word, you may use the “word count” feature by clicking on Tools” and Word Count.”)
4. Other than adjustment for font size and the 100-word restriction, your statement will be printed as submitted.

If you are considering being a candidate, you are urged to prepare this statement now as it will be of help in making your verbal statement at the November meeting.

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, or President [Jim Cook](#) at 707-483-8811.

*Jim Cook*

President



Can you identify the object on the trailer next to the Volkswagen in the picture above? To make it easier for you, the object is located in the A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft pictured below.

It is the GAU-8 Avenger Cannon.

Thanks to Charlotte Shannon for these pictures.



**NEW MEMBERS**

The Gregory Jones Family – Santa Rosa

Herbert & Jean Okubo – Santa Rosa

Michael & Valerie Bocklund – Santa Rosa

Print Cates Family – Windsor

Brian Clements Family – Windsor

Lou De Propris – Windsor

Mark & Terri Ehinger Family – Windsor

W. David Ford Family – Santa Rosa

Ed Heistand – Suisun City

Andrew King – Rohnert Park

David Kinzie – Healdsburg

Lars & Sharleen Mcintire – Rohnert Park

Hugh Mitchell – Santa Rosa

Raghda Zacharia Family – Rohnert Park

Judie Murphy – San Rafael

John Reyes Family – Santa Rosa

Sonja & Raymond Rodriquez Family – Santa Rosa

Justin Rosenthal Family – Santa Rosa

Jerry Shimmel – Santa Rosa

Heidi Telesforo Family – Rohnert Park

Peter Hackett Family – Forestville

Marian Renwick – Santa Rosa

Ted & Kerry Robb – Santa Rosa

Monica Cavagnetto – Petaluma

The Jaime Ballard Family – Santa Rosa

The Jane Bailey Family – Cotati

Douglass Krause - Oroville

**Donations Since The Previous Newsletter**

Mike & Genelle Voorhees



**Climb Aboard  
IL-14 "Crate"  
Halloween Trick  
Or Treat  
October 15-16**

**REMEMBER THESE DATES**

Wednesday,	October 5th	@ 8:30 a.m.	Board of Directors Meeting at the Museum
Saturday	October 15th	@ 11:00 a.m.	New Member Orientation at the Museum
Tuesday	October 18th	@ 12:00 p.m.	Executive Director's Staff Meeting at the Museum
Wednesday	October 19th	@ 7:00 p.m.	Member Meeting

**Member Meeting Location**  
**Mesa Beverage Company, Inc.**

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