



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



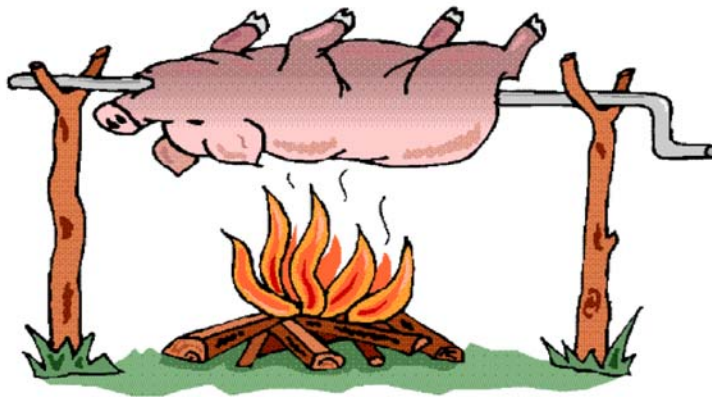
PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM'S

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IN APPRECIATION TO OUR MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY



AT THE MUSEUM 5:00 TILL 8:00 PM

NO HOST BAR OPENS AT 5 PM

WINE / BEER \$2 SOFT DRINKS \$1

SATURDAY JUNE 23RD, 2012

\$15.00

UNDER 6, WITH PARENTS, FREE

www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org

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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GARY THOMPSON
Guest Speaker, April 18, 2012
Pacific Coast Air Museum Member Meeting

Join us at our April 18th monthly membership meeting to spend a few minutes with [Gary Thompson](#) and catch his passion for building things that fly. His enthusiasm for his projects is immediately contagious. And the Member Meeting format has been totally re-vamped, so come and enjoy.

A pilot since his teens and builder and restorer of antique aircraft for himself, museums and investors. Thompson is also familiar with the care and feeding of rare aircraft in a museum setting having served as Executive Director and Curator of the Pearson Air Museum in Vancouver, Washington and Executive Director and Curator for the Howard Hughes HK-1 "Flying Boat" museum in McMinnville, Oregon. He was part of the team that moved the "Spruce Goose" from Long Beach California to McMinnville, Oregon to the Evergreen International Headquarters to build a two hundred million dollar, world class Air Museum. His association with the Hughes project and Jack Real, (personal assistant to Howard Hughes for twenty seven years), has given him a wealth of bizarre stories that will never be in print.

His passion is evident when he speaks of an eight and a half year odyssey, barnstorming the entire United States four times around, landing in farmer's fields and selling biplane rides at 20 bucks a pop, sleeping under the wing and living from ride to ride. The lives he got involved in, the emergencies experienced, and the adventure of living on the edge was addictive.

Today, Gary has a shop at Rancho Airport in Chico California, where he and his brother Rick have built, restored and fly some twenty six antique aircraft. And he makes regular appearances with his Stearman at our "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show.



All New Museum Volunteer Program

Changes are coming to the Volunteer Dept. of the Pacific Coast Air Museum. Phyllis Morton has been named Volunteer Coordinator and will be actively seeking and recruiting new volunteers as well as working with current volunteers. The museum needs help with retail sales in our exciting Gift Shop; Education Dept staffing; office help in our challenging Administrative Office; people to restore and maintain our beautiful fleet of airplanes; docents to show off our exhibits and planes; helpers with special events like Hot Dog Thursday, Open Cockpit Days, birthday parties, etc. as well as many other areas of interest.

In return, we will show you our appreciation in some new ways and make your time here happy and rewarding. We will try to create shift times and dates that work for your schedule. Look for a monthly volunteer newsletter filled with chat about what we are doing and a monthly contest with a prize. We are hoping to create an annual event (party) just to honor our volunteers with prizes, awards and our praise and gratitude.

To volunteer or to offer any comments or questions, contact Phyllis Morton at the museum on Thursday or at home, 538-5303 or by e-mail at nannyphyl@comcast.net. "My door is open, my phone line is waiting and I check e-mail very, very frequently."

Another call for Iowa Volunteers

Sorry to have to ask again but we only have folks signed up for the next two Sundays to staff our F-4 simulator at the Battleship Iowa in Vallejo, so we need to ask for some more help. If you haven't done this before, it's a lot of fun and you get to meet a lot of really nice folks. You don't need to know anything about the F-4 or the Simulator— just tell folks about the Museum and what a great place it is to visit and to come to the Air Show.

We are getting a very good public response to this and have had people come back telling us how good the Museum is and that they would have never known about it if we hadn't been at the Iowa. We have found that only two folks are needed to staff the Simulator so if you have some time, please sign up in the break room in the Museum or let me know and I will add your name.

Thanks
Ron

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND DEPARTURE TIME

May 11th Bus Trip— Visit Beale Air Force Base

Wing Mission Briefing

Tour of munitions training squadron

See SR-71, D-21, U-2, T-38, Global Hawk and MC-12 up close and personal

Visit pressure suit facility and watch pilot suit up

Visit U-2 squadron and find museum member on U-2 solo board

Visit U-2 simulator

No-host lunch at Beale Recce Point Combined Officer/NCO Club.

Sign up with cash or check in museum admin office.

The Friday, May 11th bus trip to Beale Air Force Base departs from the museum at 7:00am, and returns at approx. 5:30pm. The cost for the trip is \$50 per person. Lunch is pay as you go.

Beale called to tell us that Hqs. has levied an exercise on them for Friday, May 4th, and that having aircraft on display for us as well as some of the planned tours, would not be available. They offered the following Friday, May 11th. Fortunately the bus company can accommodate us on May 11th.

The other change is that with the very full itinerary, Beale is offering us, we'll need to leave the museum at 7:00 am sharp.

We hope everyone who has signed up can make the new date and time of May 11th, departing at 7:00 am, and sincerely apologize to those who may not. To make this change as easy as possible, we request you do the following:

If you have paid and can make the new date and time, just send an e-mail to director@pacificcoastairmuseum.org and tell us, listing the names you are responding for. No need to call.

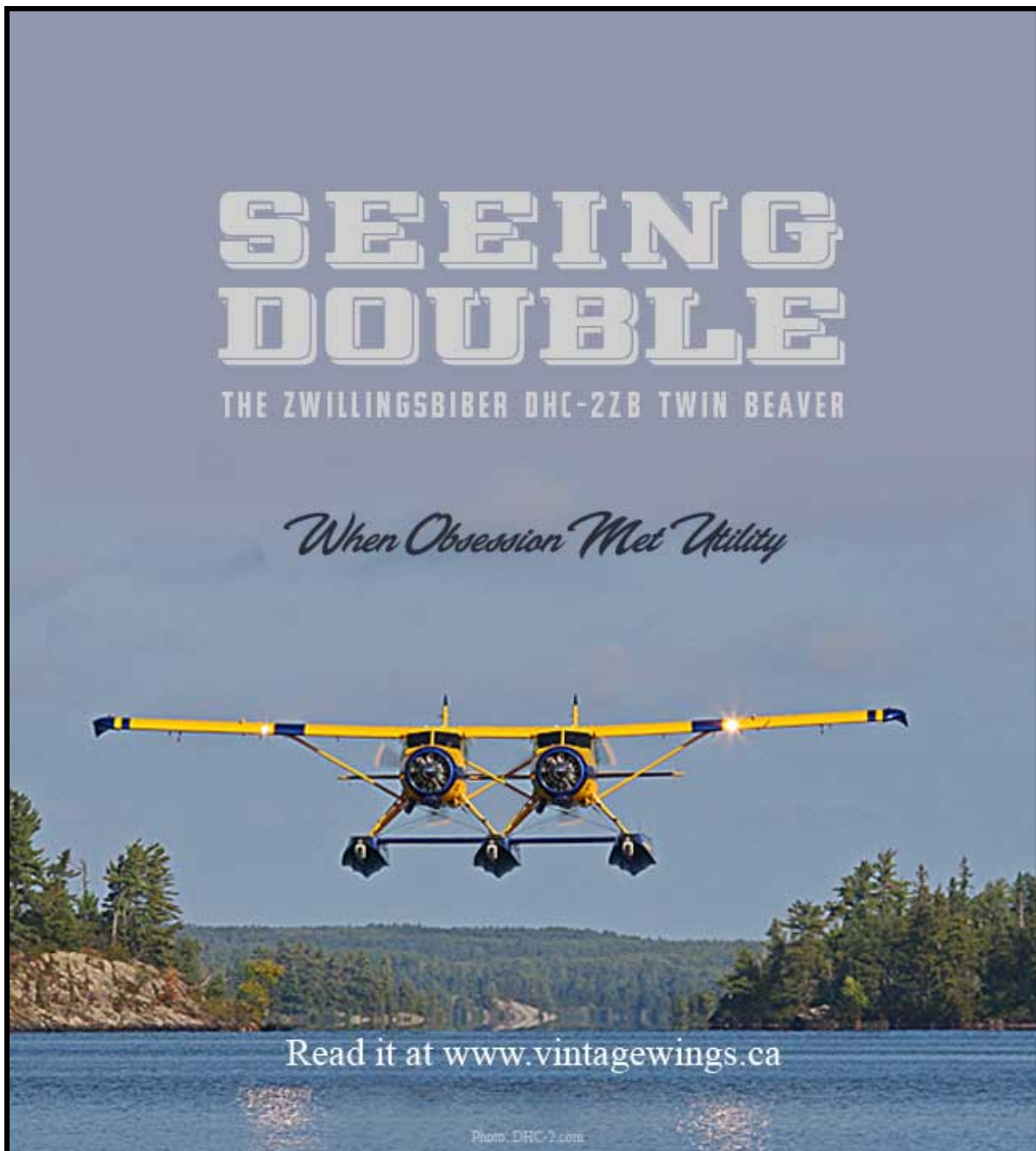
If you have paid and cannot make the new date, please call the museum between 10-4, let us know and give us a name and a good mailing address to refund what you have paid (unless you want to donate it to the museum). We still have a few seats available, and if some have to cancel, we may have a few more. To sign up please come to the museum Admin. Office any Tuesday or Thursday between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm with \$50 cash or check for each person you want to sign up (sorry, no credit cards for this trip).

Again, we apologize for this fairly short notice change .

Night at the Air Museum— Saturday, June 16th, 6:00pm-9:00pm

- Specific aircraft will be open to “Climb Aboard”
- Pilots and ground crew who flew/worked on each aircraft will be present to share their stories and experiences
- Special “guest” aircraft are the P-40 Warhawk and PT-17 Stearman

Save the date!!



NEW MEMBERS

Robert DeBaisio – Novato
Grace Gideon Family – Santa Rosa
Lorelei Ribeiro Family – Santa Rosa
Phil Collins – San Francisco
Robert Lanyon IV – Santa Rosa
Michael Lewis – Graton
Terry Zeithamel – Vallejo
James Henderson – Santa Rosa
Owen & Angelina Fredericks - Petaluma
Tim Slater – Santa Rosa
Michael Tomasek Family – Windsor
Dave Smilie Family – Santa Rosa
Lars F. Williamson – Forestville
Earl Mortenson – Concord
Richard Zwinger – Windsor
Alan Probert - Sonoma
Alys Hay – Windsor
Randall & Julie Neff – Windsor
Alvin Bondi Family – Guerneville

WANTED: CHEST FREEZER

The Museum needs a replacement freezer for the old and rusted out freezer the Hot Dog Thursday crew is now using. This freezer should be medium size, about 13 cubic feet, , large enough to hold three bags of ice and several cases and tubs of ice cream. If you no longer need your freezer this donation would be a great help for the HDT crew.

Wings of History Air Museum

12th Annual Open House and Fly-in Saturday,
May 19, 2012 7:00am to 4:00pm

Wings of History Air Museum and San Martin Airport
Highway 101 and San Martin Ave.

Free Admission

**Free Young Eagles Airplane Rides Provided by EAA (kids 8 to 17) from 10:00
to 2:00 Register at <http://www.eaa62.org/ye-signup.php>**

Free tethered hot air balloon rides (7am, weather permitting)

Food available all day starting with a pancake breakfast at 8am

Free air museum tours

Radio-controlled model aircraft demonstrations

On display: aircraft, antique cars

And much, much more!

For more info: www.wingsofhistory.org

Thank you to our event partners . . .

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NEWS RELEASE FROM SONOMA COUNTY AIRPORT (STS)

Contact: Jon Stout, Airport Manager, (707) 565-7243

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE March 19, 2012

Marking five years of Alaska Airlines service at STS

SANTA ROSA – On March 20, 2007, after almost six years without scheduled air service in Sonoma County, Alaska Airlines began flying nonstop to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and Seattle/Tacoma International Airport (SEA) from Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County Airport (STS). On Tuesday, March 20, 2012, the Airport and Alaska Airlines mark the fifth anniversary of a successful partnership that returned scheduled air service to the North Bay.

Shortly after Alaska launched service to Los Angeles and Seattle, flights to Portland began in late 2007 and to Las Vegas in spring 2008. Nonstop service to San Diego was announced recently and will begin on June 4, 2012. Flights to Las Vegas will cease on June 3.

In the years immediately following, passenger numbers began to climb and in September 2010 a terminal remodel was completed. Travelers continued to fly from STS during the toughest years in a tough economy, showing just how much local travelers appreciate the ability to fly locally and avoid the long unpredictable drive to Bay Area airports.

After a high in 2008 of 204,734 total passengers, the effects of the down economy were reflected in 2009 with 188,755 passengers for the year. In 2010 numbers started climbing again and the Airport achieved a new passenger record of 207,188 in 2011. In 2012 passenger numbers are up 3.8% for the same time period in 2011, with 29,580 total passengers through February.

“The five-year partnership with Horizon Air and Alaska Airlines has been amazing,” said Jon Stout, Airport Manager. “Their service connects our community to international hubs on the west coast and the community has responded with enthusiasm. We look forward to this relationship and its growth for many more years to come.”

Besides the continued success of air service from STS, the Airport completed a 20-year Master Plan Update when the Board of Supervisors approved the plan on January 24, 2012. Short term projects include bringing runways into conformance with FAA standards for Runway Safety Areas and extending the main runway from 5,115 to 6,000 feet, along with other runway and taxiway improvements. It is anticipated that the improved runways will make it more likely that STS may offer service to an eastern hub like Denver or Salt Lake City on regional jet aircraft that seat up to 99 passengers. Long term projects (within 20 years) call for construction of a replacement terminal that will better accommodate a flight schedule of up to 21 departures a day to a variety of cities that will serve to transport people to and from points of interest around the world.

In October 2011 it was announced that STS was awarded a U. S. Department of Transportation Small Community Air Service Development Program grant in the amount of \$650,000, to be used to support nonstop service to an eastern hub like Denver. With the first phase of runway enhancements scheduled to begin in late summer 2012 and to be completed in 2013, travelers can be optimistic they may soon fly east and beyond from STS.

In spring 2011, Alaska Airlines announced a consolidation of departments with Horizon Air, and rebranded Horizon Air as Alaska Airlines. Horizon remains a sister carrier within the Alaska Air group with its own staff, and continues to operate the Q400 aircraft that fly in and out of STS. Alaska Airlines and Horizon Air, subsidiaries of Alaska Air Group (NYSE: ALK), together serve more than 90 cities through an expansive network in Alaska, the Lower 48, Hawaii, Canada and Mexico. Alaska Airlines ranked "Highest in Customer Satisfaction Among Traditional Network Carriers" in the J.D. Power and Associates 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 North America Airline Satisfaction StudiesSM.

For more news and information, visit the Alaska Airlines/Horizon Air Newsroom at www.alaskaair.com/newsroom.



PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM

**“Top Gun” Weekend
Climb Aboard
F-14 “Tom Cat”, F-5 “Tiger”
F-16 “Viper”
April 21st and 22nd**

REMEMBER THESE DATES

Wednesday April 11th	@ 8:30 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting at the Museum
Tuesday, April 17th	@ 12:00 p.m. Executive Director’s Staff Meeting at the Museum
Wednesday, April 18th	@ 7:00 p.m. Membership Meeting
Saturday April 21st	@ 11:00 a.m. New Member Orientation

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