



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 welcomes it's newest Board Member Steven D. Herrington, Ph.D., Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools

Steve Herrington took office as the elected Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools on January 3, 2011. He is a native Californian who began his career in education as a history teacher. Over the last 25 years, he has served as superintendent for three Northern California school districts, overseeing educational services for students from pre-kindergarten through high school. Prior to his election, he was superintendent of Windsor Unified School District. Schools and districts under his direction have earned awards for creating neighborhood family literacy centers, educating students to be environmental stewards, and making a difference in the lives of children and their families. Dr. Herrington is a Vietnam Era veteran who served in the United States Army and National Guard. He and his wife live in Windsor.



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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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Long time Pacific Coast Air Museum member [Tom Whitson](#) passed away peacefully, at the age of 81, on December 27, 2011. Tom lent his many talents to the museum, co-authoring the Business Plan and drawing the plans for the Gift Shop and gallery renovation of several years ago.

Dave

Museum Aircraft Get New Engines

Checkout the new "engines" on the 9/11 First Responder F-15 Eagle at the Pacific Coast Air Museum.

[Dave Sandine and Jim Mattison](#) have installed "engines" on this and some other fighters lacking engines. Thanks Dave and Jim, and a special thanks to [Peter at All*Signs](#). Peter has donated all of the "engines". Dave takes digital photos of the F-14 engines and Peter blows them up to fit whatever engine size Dave wants. They look great but don't try to fly with them.



Volunteers in Action

[Stan King, Bill Greene and Barney Hagen](#) (who took the picture) installed a small protection "roof" over the Members Entrance to the museum. Now, while entering the combination or unlocking the door, our valued volunteers will be protected from the elements. Thanks guys!



Dear Fellow Pacific Coast Air Museum Members,

I would like to apologize for not letting you know that [Lynn Hunt](#) will be providing the raffle prizes for next month's meeting and there is rumor that that there MAY be an opportunity for a ride in a P-51!!!!
Let your friends know what's in store and bring your spending money - Wednesday evening February 15th.
Charley Taylor

NEW MEMBERS

Richard Kauffman Family – Oakland
David & Susan Tiedemann – St. Helena
James Bridges Family – East Palo Alto
Andy Rounds Family – Petaluma
Michael Jensen – Santa Rosa
Laurie Andrew – Santa Rosa
Declan Murphy – San Rafael
Edna Ambrosio Family – Windsor
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Donations Since The Previous Newsletter

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Jerry Stallings
Kim & John Lloyd

Wednesday, February 15th Guest Speaker

Our February 15th guest speaker is [Colonel Pete Peterka](#) - U.S. Army (Ret.) who will join us to talk about his career jumping out of perfectly good aircraft. He has parachuted hundreds of times from over 17 different models including the Army's work horse C-47 Dakota, Cessna 120, L-20 Beaver, C-82 and C-119 Boxcar, C-130 Hercules, C-141 Loadstar and the C-5 Galaxy. Pete's 32 year military career includes serving in the U.S. Marine Corps (1941-1949) in the South Pacific during WWII (1942-1946) and the U.S. Army from 1950 through 1974. He served various Army Research and Engineering programs that included the first high altitude low opening (HALO) testing, making him the one of, if not the first, uniformed sky diver.

Pete started the Sports Parachuting Club in the First Cavalry Division in Korea. He later became the head of the European U.S. Army Sports Parachute Association in Heidelberg, Germany and was Chief Judge at the British National Sports Parachuting Competition in the early '60's, as well as sports parachuting clubs with the Thai's and Laotians in the 1970's.

Pete and his wife Alice recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary here in Santa Rosa. His post military career included service with Sonoma County as the Volunteer Search and Rescue Coordinator for 7 years, as well as an Emergency Services Director for 10 years. Their two children live here locally, as does their grandson who recently returned from his second tour in IRAQ.



More of the Awards from the December Holiday Party



Duane Coppock thanked for his many years of service to the Pacific Coast Air Museum and made an honorary Life Member



Past President Jim Cook thanks Executive Director Dave Pinsky for a great 2011.



Mike Voorhees thanked for more than seven years service on the museum's Board of Directors



Paul Heck thanked for his six years of service on the Board of Directors and for founding the popular Hot Dog Thursday program.



Mary Jo Johnston - - Thanked for her Story Time Program



Steve Hoxie thanked for his years of volunteerism for the museum & the air show and made an life member of the museum.

Museum Board of Director Meetings (from President Allan Morgan)

Board meetings are now the 2nd Wed. of each month. Next meeting March 14, 8:30 in the board room. The general membership meeting remains the 3rd Wed. of each month at Mesa.

AOA Badge Audit

The airport, at the direction of TSA, is currently conducting a required AOA badge audit. If you have an AOA badge sponsored by the museum, you must come to the museum Admin Office on Tues or Thurs, between 11:00-1:00. We must make a copy of your badge and you will be asked to read and sign an update AOA badge agreement. And please don't forget to bring \$25 cash or check for the refundable badge security deposit. The museum gets fined \$150 for each AOA badge we cannot physically audit, and your museum just can't afford that. So please come see Duane, Dave, Mike or Phyllis and let's get all our 70 AOA badges audited.

First Pacific Coast Air Museum Education Scholarship Announced



Emily Dryer, who is studying aeronautical engineering at the Embry/Riddle University, Daytona, FL., was the first recipient of PCAM's educational scholarship. Scholarships can be given each year to a student who is working toward a vocation in aviation, be it in avionics, A&E/A&P, being a pilot or air traffic control, etc. It is funded from monies earned by the Education Dept. and generous financial support from board members and the membership. Applications are available from the education department.



PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM

**Climb Aboard
The DC-6
Cockpit
February 18th & 19th**

REMEMBER THESE DATES

Wednesday, February 8th @ 8:30 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting at the Museum

Tuesday, February 14th @ 12:00 p.m. Executive Director's Staff Meeting at the Museum

Wednesday, February 15th @ 7:00 p.m. Membership Meeting

Saturday, February 18th @ 11:00 a.m. New Member Orientation

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