



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



Museum Executive Director Receives Award

Pacific Coast Air Museum Executive Director [Dave Pinsky](#) is shown here receiving the Sonoma County Economic Development Board's "Spirit of Sonoma County" Award from Sonoma County Supervisors [Mike McGuire](#), [Shirley Zane](#) and [David Rabbitt](#). Museum Board members [Jim Sartain](#) and [Mike Voorhees](#) attended the Awards Luncheon with Dave and his wife Betty. Receipt of this prestigious award, with hundreds of community minded people from all over the County attending the awards luncheon and a feature in the Press Democrat, was excellent publicity for the Pacific Coast Air Museum.



2011 Volunteer of the Year - [Doug Clay](#)

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:

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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

Please visit our web site at

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**Battleship Expo at the Port of Richmond
USS IOWA BB 61
Pacific Battleship Center**

Goal – Limited open house on the USS IOWA to the general public through the end of March (change from end of January). Exterior work on the Iowa only takes place on the weekdays (pressure blasting and repainting). Visitors are allowed on the bow-section of the ship. A donation of \$10 for adults 18 and over, \$5 for children 12 to 17, and 11 and under free.

Parking provided on Terminal 3's wharf with a restriped parking lot. An eating area will be created with tables and chairs, with food trucks present. Porte-potties will also be provided. Fire extinguishers, first aid kits and an AED kit will be on site.

A “mini” military museum will be located in the adjoining warehouse, using 12,700 square feet of space. Planned displays include armored vehicles, ship models, vintage cars, battleship projectiles, large banners with cut away illustrations of the Iowa's interior and her history, and missile displays. IOWA merchandise and PBC “Plankowner” memberships will be on sale to the public. Other local museum groups may place their information on display as well.

The Pacific Coast Air Museum is displaying the Blue Angels F-4 Cockpit every weekend for the entire open house and staffing it with volunteers who are passing out information about our museum.

With the extension of the exhibit to the end of March, we sure could use more volunteers to staff our exhibit and represent the Pacific Coast Air Museum to staff our Blue Angels cockpit and tell folks about our museum and Air Show. All who have volunteered so far report meeting a lot of very nice people, most of who had never heard of the Pacific Coast Air Museum before. To volunteer, contact Bill Greene at 707-538-2843 or pilotgreene@sbcglobal.net



LOG YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS

It is important for all of us to log our volunteer hours because they show the level of support the museum receives from its own members. Why is that so? When it is time for the museum to apply for grants or request donations from donors of substantial means they in many cases want to know the level of support from the members and they measure that by hours volunteered. Some of these groups, especially foundations, have formulas (or rules of thumb) to convert hours to a dollar figure. That figure is \$25.00 per hour.

Well, folks, so far this year, 2011, there are 10,197.4 hours logged, for a total of \$254,935, the value of the hours you have donated.

Now you can see the importance of hours logged and we know many of you have been remiss in not staying current. This is especially true for the Air Show. It is easy to log your hours. A hard copy logbook can be found in the museum crew lounge and the new shop for you working on your airplanes.

A **Volunteer Badge** is available to anyone who donates any of his or her time.

Volunteer Hour Pins are awarded for 100, 300, 500 and increments of 1000 hours to 5000 hours.

Here are the awards for career volunteer hours

100 Hour Pins

Margaret Nelson
Don Thoman
Ben Snow
Don Callen
Cody Harrington
Lindsey Lutman

300 Hour Pins

Larry Houghton
Mary Jo Johnston
Stan King
Carol Lewis
John Andrews
Gil Delagnes

500 Hour Pins

Rich Lewis
Ben Martin
Nick Van Kruining
Jon Seeley
Marianne Delagnes
Billy Collins
Jerry VanNorden
Laura Collins

1000 Hour Pins

Allan Morgan
Mike George
Max Johnson
Tom Chauncy
Mark Farjardin
Rose Pattenaude
Joe Cholewa

2000 Hour Pins

Greg Thomas
Robin Dotti
Judy Knaute

4000 Hour Pins

Ed Nelson
Bill Carpentier

5000 Hour Pins

Ron Stout
Bob Conz
Duane Coppock
Barney Hagen
Bill Greene
Jim Cook

10000 Hours

Ron Stout
Larry Rengstorf

Ron Stout is now in the 10,000 hour league and with 10,250 hours, our number one donor is **Larry Rengstorf**. Watch out, Larry, Ron is catching up!

NEW MEMBERS

Frank G. Rhodes – Sebastopol
Jack L. Butler – Novato
Michael Hardin – Santa Rosa
Katie Smith – Santa Rosa

Donations

Mike & Genelle Voorhees
Jeffrey McDonald
Jim & Karen Wofford
Don Silverek
Mike Tovani
Kevin Butler
Bruce McAtthur
Charles Johnston
Andy Brian
Carol Lawson
Paul Critchett
Donald Olsen
Michael Hardin
Matt Altes
Dick & Sally Gearhart
Robert Swann

Jesse James
Bill Peila
Frederick Hoyes
Charles Brown
Donna Voorhees
Ron Kron
Harrison Comstock
Drury McCall
David Gregory
John & Rae Rehn
Bruce Stangland
Dick & Marillin Dennis
Paul & Toni Johnson
Richard Domenichelli
Barney & Clare Hagen
Frank Heilesen

SANTA FLY-IN “It was an OMG day!”

[Doug Clay's](#) advertising, the CNN Headline News [Jack Hansen](#) interview and the great weather gave us the best attendance ever! We heard estimates of 900, 1000, maybe 1100 people. The streets were filled and they just kept coming. The [REACH](#) helicopter crew had a short mission starting at 10:15 so Santa's arrival was late. That was just as well because at 11:00 people were still lined up at the gift shop door to come in. Santa finally arrived at 11:45 but everyone was patient, especially since announcements were made that [REACH](#) was on a mission.

Many people were there to see Santa arrive in the helicopter. Many people stayed so their children could talk to Santa. Santa must have talked to as many as 400 children. Santa ([Tom Chauncy](#)) was sitting on his cushioned settee for over two hours. The kids loved him and we provided great photo ops for the parents and grand parents. With the help of [Little Man](#), [Bruce Tinkham](#) and [Keenen A](#), the Head Elf ([Robin Dotti](#)) handed out gifts to all of them.

[Ron Stout](#) and his crew prepared the landing zone and the crowd control which worked beautifully. The [REACH](#) pilot was happy with the zone and our preparations.

[Ed Nelson](#), [Bill Greene](#) and [Barney Hagen](#) had hot dog service going. They ran out so [Paul Heck](#) had to make a quick run to a local store for more supplies. [Diana Watson](#) and [Barbara Hollingsworth](#) were selling pop corn, cookies and cupcakes.

We had a petting zoo put on by the Sebastopol 4H Club, [Bob Baker](#) doing balloon tying and his daughter doing face painting and sprinkles. And Jubilee Jumps for more fun. Our Air Explorer Post had a raffle and made about \$106.00 for their treasury. A huge thanks to the gift shop crew, [Bob Conz](#) and [Dave Watson](#), for pointing the way to everyone when they came in.

The Active 20 - 30 Club was represented and without their financial support we would not have been able to provide all the children's gifts and to have the advertising that was so effective.

It was an astounding day. We certainly did not expect a crowd of that size but we had many volunteers so everything seemed to go smoothly. There were many more volunteers than the people mentioned and we apologize for leaving out names but a huge thanks for helping. Everyone seemed excited and happy to see the [REACH](#) helicopter and to see Santa. It was a fabulous day for our Pacific Coast Air Museum

Election Results

Congratulations to [Glenn Barrett](#) on his re-election for a three year term on the Board of Directors and to [Tom Chauncy](#) on his election to a three year term. At their January 4th Board meeting the Board elected Dr. [Steve Herrington](#), Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools, to the Board. The list of current Board members can be seen on page 2 of this newsletter.

At the January 4th Board meeting the Board elected the following officers for 2012:

President—Allan Morgan

Vice President—Art Hayssen

Secretary—Art Hayssen (until he can find and train a replacement)

Executive Director—Dave Pinsky

Controller—Tim Delaney

Chief Financial Officer—Judy Knaute

Marketing Director—Doug Clay

Business Development Director—Roger Olson

Guest Speaker

January 18, 2012

Our Guest Speaker at the January 18th, 2012, membership meeting will be [Fire Captain Chris Jurasek](#) of the CAL Fire. Chris commands the Sonoma Air Attack Base here at the Charles M. Schulz- Sonoma County Airport. He has served with CAL Fire air programs for almost nine years and he has eighteen years all together working with CAL Fire. He has also flown in helicopters with the California National Guard.

Chris is the Air Tactical Group Supervisor operating aboard the OV-10 Bronco coordinating the aerial response at fires throughout the state. His role is much like a Forward Air Controller (FAC) operating with the Air Force, Navy or Marine Corps aviation units. Chris says while other Fire Captains operate on the ground, his fire truck has wings and flies. Many at this year's Wings of Wine Country Air Show saw him and his aircraft scramble in response to a real-time call out.

Bio:

Chris was born and raised in Sonoma County. He is from Glen Ellen and currently makes his home in Santa Rosa along with his wife and three children.

Congratulations to our 2011 Volunteer of the Year**Marketing Director [Doug Clay](#)**

The Clay Family (well, almost the whole family)

Local Groups Thanked & Rewarded for Air Show Help



Civil Air Patrol Thanked for Air Show Security



Boy Scout Troop 125 Thanked for Air Show Parking



Sheriff's Explorer's Thanked for Air Show Security



Photos courtesy of Ron Pearson



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Last Printed Issue of Newsletter

- Due to the increasing cost of printing and ever increasing cost of postage, and to help reduce the museum's costs—- This will be the LAST issue of the newsletter mailed to those currently receiving a paper copy by mail. If you do nothing, this is the last printed copy of the Pacific Coast Air Museum newsletter you will receive.
- As we do currently, each monthly newsletter will be send out electronically by E-SCOOP and posted on the Pacific Coast Air Museum's web site. One big advantage of these methods is not only cost savings, but everyone gets the newsletter in brilliant color.
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**January 21st
New Member
Orientation
11:00 am
At the Museum**

REMEMBER THESE DATES

Wednesday,	January 4th	@ 8:30 a.m.	Board of Directors Meeting at the Museum
Tuesday	January 10th	@ 12:00 p.m.	Executive Director's Staff Meeting at the Museum
Wednesday	January 18th	@ 7:00 p.m.	Membership Meeting
Saturday	January 21st	@ 11:00 a.m.	New Member Orientation

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