

STRAIGHT SCOOP

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PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM

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



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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@vahoo.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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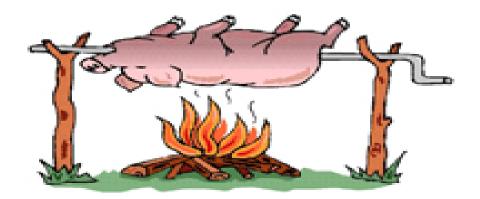
A Sad Farewell

On Saturday, April 28th, the Pacific Coast Air Museum lost a friend, the "mascot" of the Admin Office and beloved pet and companion of Phyllis Morton, Admin volunteer. "Tootsie" had been ailing for a while but valiantly hung in there until she could no longer. "Tootsie" will be missed in the office and around the museum. The Board and members offer their deepest sympathies to Phyllis on the loss of her beloved pet and companion.



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS INVITES YOU TO A



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ON THE MUSEUM'S PATIO 5:00 TILL 8:00 PM

THE NO HOST BAR
WILL START SERVING AT 5 PM

SATURDAY JUNE 23RD, 2012

\$15.00 Under 6, with parents, free Have you visited the museum's gift shop lately? If not, why not? There is a lot of neat stuff there. All kinds of aircraft models and patches, decals, photographs and books and lots and lots of things to reawaken your love of aviation. While you are there you can sign up to be a volunteer of the museum. More volunteers means more hours that the museum can be open to the public. If you can only volunteer a couple of hours at a time, every bit of that time is welcomed and appreciated by the entire museum staff.

When is the last time you came out and just walked around the museum? If you have not been there for a while, you will be greatly surprised at the changes that have taken place since your last visit. How about it? Have you been out to see our F-15 Eagle? How about the changes in the facility? Have you got a spare couple of hours on Saturday or Sunday? Come out to your museum and enjoy yourself.



Photo is of the Pacific Coast Air Museum Gift Shop



Book your flight

EAA's fully-restored **B-17** bomber is coming to a city near you!

Experience an importance piece of World War II and aviation history first-hand with a flight aboard EAA's B-17, Aluminum Overcast.

EAA member pricing

Pre-book: \$409 Walk-up: \$435

Non-member pricing

Pre-book: \$449 Walk-up: \$475

(includes complimentary \$40 EAA membership)

E-Z Pay pricing (pre-bookings only)

Fly the Fortress for as little as four easy payments of \$102.25 for EAA members or \$112.25 for non members when your pre-book your flight experience.

Ground tours begin daily after flights are completed at 2:00pm \$10 per person \$20 per family (adults and children up to age 17. Free for children under 8 when accompanied by a paying adult. FREE to all veterans and active military

Upcoming tour stops:

Tour Dates: April 20-22, 2012 Destination: Torrance, CA Airport: Zamperini Field

Tour Dates: April 27-29, 2012 **Destination:** Van Nuys, CA **Airport:** Van Nuys Airport

Tour Dates: May 4-6, 2012 **Destination:** Napa, CA

Airport: Napa County Airport

Tour Dates: May 11-13, 2012 **Destination:** Hayward, CA

Airport: Hayward Executive Airport



Stand in the footsteps of the Bombardier, the Navigator and the Waist Gunner. Watch the pilots in action as they command this 65,000 lb bomber. Experience how vulnerable and most importantly, how brave these young men were fighting for the freedom we have today.

Fasten your seat belt!

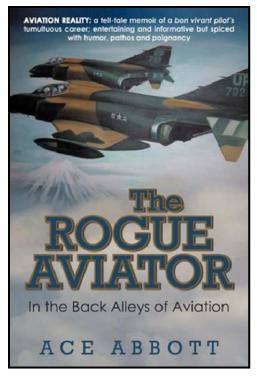
Come to the May 16th Member Meeting

Ace Abbott joins us on May 16th to discuss his book, the recently released 3rd edition of The Rogue Aviator. Ace will be tell us about his wide ranging aviation experiences as well as offer autographed book sales at our Wednesday evening meeting. His book will put you in the cockpit of the F-4 Phantom for exhilarating Mach 2 test flights and pulse-racing, treetop-level formation flights. Ace's Learjet charter stories will take you to five-star hotels and restaurants in Paris, jails in Venezuela, and greasy, noisy, air cargo ramps. The final journey encompasses a 22-year adventure as a Boeing 727 Captain with nearly a dozen different airlines during the unstable years of airline post-deregulation (1978 to present).

Ace retired in 2002 after visiting 44 countries with 14 different airlines. He currently lives in upstate New York with his wife.

For more information on Ace's book and his life visit his Web site: www.therogueaviator.com







Upcoming Events at your Pacific Coast Air Museum

- Thursday, May 3rd—Hot Dog Thursday
- Saturday, May 5th Boy Scout Aviation Merit Badge Program
- Friday, May 11th—Bus trip to Beale AFB (one seat left)
- Sat & Sun, May 19th & 20th—Climb Aboard—"Supersonic Weekend"
- June 4th thru June 8th—Aviation Summer Camp #1
- Thursday, June 7th—Hot Dog Thursday
- Thursday, June 7th Multi-Chamber Chamberee, 4:00-7:00pm, volunteers needed
- June I Ith thru June I 5th—Aviation Summer Camp #2
- Saturday, June 16th, "Night at the Air Museum" - new event, members 1/2 price
- Saturday, June 23rd, "Western Pig BBQ" put on by the Board and Officers for the members—- only \$15 each
- And on Friday, Aug 17th, the "Performer's Reception" to welcome our performers and military crews to our Aug 18th-19th "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show

As you can see, things are really hopping at the Pacific Coast Air Museum. If you'd like to help by volunteering at some of these events, just give a call or visit the museum Admin Office, or send an e-mail to director@pacificcoastairmuseum.org



"Top Gun" Weekend
Climb Aboard
Supersonic Weekend
May 19th and 20th
T-38Talon, F-106 Delta Dart,
F-4 Phantom, and the
F-4 Blue Angels Cockpit

REMEMBER THESE DATES

Wednesday May 9th

@ 8:30 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting at the Museum

Thursday, May 10th

@ 12:00 p.m. Executive Director's Staff Meeting at the Museum

Wednesday, May 16th

@ 7:00 p.m. Membership Meeting at Mesa Beverage

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