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The PCAM Mission

“To Educate and Inspire both young and old about our aviation heritage and space technology, to Preserve historic aircraft and artifacts, and to Honor veterans.”

President's Message: Expanding our Presence in More Ways Than One

The 2014 Wings Over Wine Country Air Show is now behind us and by all measures was a huge success. Thanks go out to a long list of hard-working volunteers led by Wayne Seamans and Nancy Heath. The efforts of our hard-working Executive Committee were evident throughout the weekend as our team of volunteers managed a safe and successful event. Congratulations to all.

Of lesser note but equally successful was our Mustang Roundup Gala Fundraiser event held at the Vine Jet hangar on Friday night. This was really a first for our museum to host such an event. Organized and led by Bill Conklin and a dedicated staff, this event was by all measures a great success. Although timed to coincide with the air show it was really unrelated. By and large it was not attended by museum members. There were not even that many pilots or aviators there. But that was really the whole point. We wanted to present our museum to segments of the community we have never reached but which could be very supportive of it. We did have some distinguished guests but for the most part the event was attended by business owners and members of the business world. County Supervisor Mike McGuire did a superb job as auctioneer for the fundraiser and his familiarity with the attendees allowed him to coax a few extra dollars from more than one of the auction items. Most notable for me was the spirit that was present in the room and the overwhelming feeling of support that this group demonstrated toward our museum. We have, for the past 25 years, been pretty much a blue-collar museum relying on our hard work to generate the money we needed to survive and grow. Yet here was a room full of mostly unfamiliar faces donating large sums of money in an effort to support us.

After these events it took a while for emotions to subside. All of us can rest comfortably knowing that the efforts we all make are being recognized and appreciated by our community. It makes for a bright and more promising future for PCAM. We also need to thank the gracious people at Vine Jet for the use of their magnificent facility. Thanks, Phil and Steve. You can read more about the Air Show and the Gala in other articles in this newsletter.

— Lynn Hunt

KJZY After Work Concert Attracts a Big Crowd



By Peter Loughlin

In October of last year PCAM hosted a KJZY After Work Concert. That event was so popular that KJZY and PCAM did it again this year. It took place Thursday October 2, and attracted a big crowd composed largely of KJZY regulars. Music was by Dean Grech and Graig

Vail, who are well known for their smooth jazz and straight-ahead jazz. Admission was free, and food was available from the Tri-Tip Trolley. Beer and wine were also for sale. It was a warm day, but after it cooled down a bit some folks enjoyed a little dancing. Our thanks to KJZY and everyone else who helped make this event a great success. Watch this newsletter and your email for announcements of similar events in the future. ★



Wings Over Wine Country 2014 Photo Journal

By Peter Loughlin

Wings Over Wine Country 2014 was a tremendous show, well-paced, and with great variety. As one who spent his time walking among the crowd I can say that the audience was enthusiastic and engaged, and seemed to not be able to get enough. And as always, the hundreds of volunteers and aircraft owner/operators who made the show possible were fantastic. Enjoy the pictures. They're good, but still only a dim representation of the color and vitality of the show. See you next year!



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The "Bent Wing Bird" shows off the feature that earned the F4U Corsair its nickname. It flew on both Saturday and Sunday, contributing the sound of its big radial engine to the afternoon.



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Yes, that's a helicopter and yes, pilot Chuck Aaron really looped it. And rolled it and tumbled it and did a bunch of things with it that helicopters are not supposed to do. He's one of three civilian pilots in the world qualified to do helicopter stunts like this. Our thanks to Red Bull for sponsoring his performance.



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We were honored to have a very special guest watch the show from our VIP tent. PCAM member Drury "Mac" McCall flew with VMF-214, "The Swashbucklers" during the early years of World War II. He flew F4F Wildcats out of Guadalcanal and F4U Corsairs elsewhere in the Pacific. This Corsair (from the Planes of Fame museum in Southern California) is one of the rare earlier versions with the three-bladed prop and small windows behind the pilot's seat. It is virtually the same model as the ones Mac flew with the Marines. We were extremely happy to have Mac join us on the ramp for a special photo session. In the picture on the right is John Hinton in the blue flight suit, pilot of the Corsair during the show. Mac, thank you for all you have done for our country, and for attending the Air Show.



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Wayne Cook, President of Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 124, shows off his Kitfox 3/4. The EAA displayed small and fun light sport aircraft (LSA) that make aircraft ownership and flying easier and remarkably affordable.



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You could get right up to the Mv-22 Osprey during the open ramp sessions. The crew is hard to see behind the crowd but they talked and answered questions for about an hour.



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The DC-3 was the first commercially successful airliner. This one has been converted into a luxury cruiser. It seemed to float rather than fly as it passed low and slow in front of the audience.



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PCAM President Lynn Hunt pilots P-51D Mustang "Red Dog" in the warbird flybys. The B-25 Mitchell "Old Glory" is in the background.



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Jacquie Warda in her Extra 300 (right) makes a fast pass past Dan Buchanan and his hang glider, who have "intruded" into Jacquie's portion of the show. Jacquie took up flying at age 50. Dan is paralyzed from the waist down and "has to fly because he can't walk."



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Many folks didn't want to leave. Even at the close of the show on Sunday plenty of people were still enjoying the climb-aboards.



The Planes of Fame P-38 Lightning was the star of the warbird portion of the show, along with their F4U Corsair. Both were accessible during the open ramp session, offering some incredible photo opportunities.



A sight once common, now extremely rare. A P-38 takes to the skies over Sonoma County. The Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport began its career back in World War II as a P-38 training base for the U.S. Army Air Corps.



The Air Show headliner, the U.S. Marine Corps MV-22 Osprey tilt-rotor, raises a cloud of dust as it hovers before the audience. Part helicopter and part airplane, these are amazing to watch in flight, particularly with their rotors tilted forward as below. The Osprey combines the speed and range of a fixed-wing aircraft with the hovering and short/no runway takeoff and landing capabilities of a chopper. Its sound is unique too: somewhere between a fixed-wing turboprop aircraft and a helicopter.





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Greg Colyer put on a spectacular jet show in his T-33. This knife-edge pass was one of his maneuvers, but the crowd favorite was his low-level high-speed pass.



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Want a good seat? The bleachers (at left) and boxes (foreground) provide flight line views and a place to sit. These folks got a great view of Greg Colyer as he shot past.



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Dan Buchanan flies a non-powered hang glider, and was towed into the air via a tether attached to a pickup truck. He carried the American flag aloft for the national anthem.



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It's good to know there are highly trained teams available when disaster strikes or criminals lash out. The Sonoma County Sheriff's Department demonstrated the helicopter rescue of a hapless hiker from a simulated cliff face (above) (actually, a trained firefighter at the top of the ladder of a ladder truck). The SWAT team (including a canine member, below) performed a helicopter insertion and a simulated rescue of hostages from a bus, with accompanying pyrotechnics.



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Above: Frank "Dr. D" Donnelly performed his "Old-Time Aerobatics" routine, which included a glide-to-a-landing finale. Below: There were several old-time airplanes on display as well (like this Stearman), several of which flew for photo ops.



The ladies from Classic Bombshell Beauties showed up and contributed their own unique glamour and style.



Above: People of all ages love the air show. The little guy on the right was pretty much entranced, and we think the P-47 in his fist is going to fly a lot of missions in the near future. Below: The "Open Ramp" session gave folks a chance to see their favorite aircraft up close, including the P-38, F4U, MV-22, and this P-51.



As always, it's our guests that "make" the show, and they are why we do it. See you next year!



SECOND ANNUAL MUSTANG ROUND-UP *Gala Fundraiser*

2014 PCAM Gala Raises Over \$74,000

We Rounded Up the Best!

By Julie Conklin

After the 2011 air show, three Pacific Coast Air Museum members and their wives discussed over dinner how they could best use their personal time, talents and contacts to benefit PCAM. This conversation was the genesis of this year's Mustang Roundup Gala Fundraiser. We had a similar event last year, but felt we could improve on it.

This event took place on Friday September 19, the night before the Air Show. The goal was to raise funds for a new PCAM museum by having an event that appeals to prospective donors beyond PCAM membership. We wanted to reach people in the community who would be interested in donating to our Museum, and who wanted to enjoy a dynamic and exciting evening while doing it. By all accounts, we succeeded.

Our guests began lining up at 5:00 that evening to enter the sold-out event which was not starting until 5:30. All 220 attendees had purchased tables or tickets in advance, but could hardly wait to see the inside of the Vine Jet hangar, the walls lined with gleaming warbirds and Craig Schulz's Stearman.

Guests were treated to appetizers of smoked salmon and crostini with fresh diced tomatoes and a no-host bar followed by a dinner of paella, green salad, wine and assorted Costeaux French Bakery desserts.



220 guests were accommodated in the Vine Jet hangar for the 2014 Mustang Roundup Gala Fundraiser. The event raised money for the building fund.

Let the Bidding Begin!

Over fifty silent auction items ranging in value from fifty to thousands of dollars each were waiting for bidders. This included everything from gift baskets to wine to original artwork.

Rodney Strong Vineyards donated a huge six-liter bottle of their 2010 Alexander Valley Cabernet. This went to the lucky winner of the Heads or Tails game, led by Event Chair Bill Conklin. Players put in \$20 each, stood up, and when instructed, chose the result of a coin toss by putting a hand on their head or on their "tail". Those who chose incorrectly sat down and the game continued until only one person was left standing. The lucky winner of the magnum was Gina Gattuso. Congratulations Gina!

The big event of the evening was the live auction of ten luxurious items. These included vacation packages, dining experiences and one-of-a-kind items. County Supervisor and State Senate Candidate Mike McGuire took the floor as auctioneer and kicked it off with a men's leather

bomber jacket custom painted with nose art by our very own Don Ricci. That fetched a whopping \$4,000!

The live auction was followed by the "Fund the Need" campaign for attendees to donate toward the museum building fund.

Last, but not least, was the Golden Raffle drawing for the formation flight of two P-51 Mustangs. The winner was a very surprised and pleased Ronald Stockman. Congratulations to Ronald and his wife, Susan Hubbard!

Master of Ceremonies Joe Perez recognized the eve-

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An animated County Supervisor and State Senate Candidate Mike McGuire was our auctioneer for the evening.

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ning's guests of honor, WWII aviators Don Clouston and Daryl Schumacher. PCAM President Lynn Hunt spoke about the first 25 years and the future of PCAM and the plan to build a facility to house the PCAM collection. Dana Hunt played a short video, "Past, Present and Future of the Pacific Coast Air Museum".

Results and Thank-Yous

As of press time, the total income from the event is estimated at over \$74,000.

Now, back to our three PCAM members with their idea to raise funds.... You may recognize the names: Rand & Susie Dericco, Mark & Peggy Decker, Bill Conklin and myself, Julie Conklin. These 3 couples hosted this event with the financial and physical help of many friends. The

Gala was managed and executed entirely by volunteers—over 40 of them!—and all expenses were paid for by sponsors Sanderson Ford, Syar Industries, William T. Conklin DDS, JDH Wealth Management and Merrill, Arnone & Jones. Rodney Strong provided the wine, Bear Republic and St. Florian's provided the beer, Vine Jet graciously provided their hangar, Costeaux French Bakery donated the bread and dessert, and the Rotary Club of Healdsburg lent us their audio visual equipment. Bill and Peggy were co-chairs, Rand Dericco was the chef, Susie and Marilyn Sanderson ran table service, Mark did the audio visual and I did the sales and bookkeeping. Arlis Gehrke Minetti put together the auction and Peter Neumann contributed to the web presence and the video. This level of volunteerism and the generosity of event sponsors means that PCAM keeps all the proceeds from the Gala.



EmCee Joe Perez and Nancy Doyle talk with honored guest Don Clouston, a veteran of the 101st Airborne who made 82 jumps, including over Normandy on D-Day, 1944.

The Gala Committee thanks all who made the event possible and hopes that those in attendance had a wonderful evening. We want you to know that your donations are well appreciated by a dedicated and talented group of people who will use them to create a far better museum. And here's a special thank-you to all donors and to the people who volunteered to help run the event. We could not have done it without you and we appreciate the level of commitment to PCAM that all the Gala volunteers brought to assure that everyone had a good time. 🌟



Bill Conklin presents the big bottle of Rodney Strong 2010 Alexander Valley Cabernet to winner of the Heads or Tails game, Gina Gattuso.



PCAM regular Kelsey Olson helps Fred Furth into the Don Ricci flight jacket, which he won with a winning bid of \$4,000!

Final Hot Dog Thursday of 2014

Next One: April!

On October 2, we bade a fond farewell to the last wieners of the season. We ate, drank (not too much) and were merry, for tomorrow... for tomorrow Hot Dog Thursday ends. For now. We regret that Tom Chauncy and his chili were absent. Get well soon, Tom!



We would like to thank all the generous sponsors who helped make the 2014 Hot Dog Thursday such a great success. Please see their logos below.

Watch the PCAM website, your email, and this newsletter for the announcement of the first Hot Dog Thursday of the 2015 season. ★



Too numerous to list: Your heroic Hot Dog Thursday team.

Below: Hot Dog Thursday 2014 sponsors.



October 15 Guest Speaker: J. R. Williams on the First Aviator to be Awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor

There was no PCAM member meeting in September because of the Air Show.

Join us again on October 15 for a presentation by Mr. J.R. Williams, President and Chairman of the Board of the League of World War I Aviation Historians. He will share stories about the first aviator to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor: Lieutenant Frank Luke, Jr. of the United States Army Air Service. His heroic actions took place during the "War to End all Wars." Second Lieutenant Luke, born in Phoenix in the Arizona Territory in 1897, had two airfields named in his honor.

Those of you who attended the October 2013 PCAM member meeting will remember J.R., who spoke about the final flight of Manfred Von Richtoffen, the Red Baron. In addition to being President and Chairman of the League of World War I Aviation Historians, J.R. is also their Director for Marketing and Advancement. As part of his involvement with the League, J.R. has been a guest commentator on the History Channel and on WarBird Radio. He is a frequent speaker on WWI aviation history and has made numerous research trips to northern France, Belgium and Germany. Visit the League's website: <http://www.overthefront.com/>. ★



Lt. Luke with his Spad.

Acquisitions Report: COBRA!

By Peter Loughlin

Our Director of Aircraft Acquisitions Mark Fajardin reports that our Huey and Choctaw will no longer be feeling so alone on our field... An AH-1J Cobra has been acquired from AMARG Tucson. This is a photo of a similar AH-1J, seen recently at the Reno Air Races. Ours will not have the awesome shark mouth painted on it, but it will be awesome enough!



Cobra Funds Needed

It is still in Tucson, and all that remains is for PCAM to pay for “de-mil” (removing or rendering inert all dangerous or sensitive elements of the aircraft) and shipping it to its new home here in Santa Rosa. Anyone wishing to contribute to these costs should contact Mark Fajardin at 707-477-0377 or fajardin@sonic.net. ✪

Gift Shop September News

Kids’ Flight Jackets: Just in time for Christmas!



For all you folks with little aviators in the family, the gift shop has just the thing. A new line of Kids’ aviator jackets is now in stock, in plenty of time for the holidays! We sold a bunch of these at the Air Show in September, and it’s a fair bet they will go fast between now and December. So come on in and get yours now, or ask the Gift Shop crew to order precisely the right one. These jackets come in blue and green fabric, and in a brown leatherette that makes them look just like the classic World War II bomber jacket. And they come covered with aviation and military patches sure to ignite the imagination of any youngster. Several sizes are available. Prices: \$42.99 to \$50.99 depending on size and style. Mike not included. ✪

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 Rodrigo & Maria Calderon Family, Windsor
 Leandro Estebecorena, San Rafael

A Work Evening with the Flying Wing

By Peter Loughlin

Several weeks ago I spent an evening with the Flying Wing, just to see what it's all about. The Flying Wing is the Pacific Coast Air Museum's division dedicated to restoring aircraft to flight condition. So far we have seven aircraft: one T-28 military trainer, a C-1 naval "COD" plane, and five civilian aircraft. That evening, four people were working on various parts of the 1954 Cessna 170 donated last year by Marcia Dunn (see Dec. 2013 Straight Scoop.) The Flying Wing is a great opportunity for anyone — youngsters in particular — to get their hands on a real working aircraft, and to have the satisfaction of knowing their effort helped get it back in the sky. All people of all skill levels are welcome. It's an experience you can't find just anywhere. ★



Lorne Petty (left) and Dave Sandine (right) work on the Cessna's engine.



The aluminum skin on top of the Cessna's left wing needs to be replaced. Here, Lynn Hunt uses a special etching solution (one that's safe and government-approved for disposal in storm drains) to etch the metal inside the wing prior to priming and painting.



Lorne Petty (left) takes a break to check messages while his dad Jon Petty (center) starts work on removing the cylinders. The plane itself, sans wings, engine, and tail surfaces, looks a bit forlorn. But progress is steady and one day she'll fly again.

October in Aviation History...

On October 20-23, 1991, a firestorm in the Oakland/Berkeley hills burned 1,520 acres, destroyed 3,800 homes, and killed 25 people. It still ranks as the worst fire in California history in terms of human and property losses. Many aerial tankers and their crews valiantly fought it, including S-2A Trackers from the California Department of Forestry. PCAM has an S-2A identical to those used to fight that fire and countless others. It speaks of the heroic efforts our airborne fire fighters make every fire season, protecting lives, wildlands, and property. Research is under way to discover whether Tanker 84 flew missions over the 1991 firestorm.

As we go to press with this issue we are saddened to learn of the death of a CDF S2-T pilot who crashed while fighting a wildfire near Yosemite. PCAM salutes this brave aviator and expresses our condolences to their family and CDF teammates. And PLEASE — everyone — be careful with anything hot this and every fire season, from grills to cigarettes to the catalytic converter on your car. All can start a fire, and you don't want that on your conscience. ★



2014 Elections for Board of Directors

Each year three members of the Board of Directors are elected to serve three-year terms. The terms of directors Chauncy, Herrington, and Marinelli will expire December 31, 2014. All three are eligible to seek re-election if they choose to run. 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:

- Is the candidate a General Member?
- How long have they been a member?
- Why do they want to serve as a director?
- How do they see the position of director?
- Have they ever served as an officer or director of any non-profit organization?
- Are they presently serving as an officer or director of any non-profit organization? If so, how long have they served and what office do they hold?
- What is their present or former employment?
- Will they be able to regularly attend board meetings?
- Will they be able to regularly attend member meetings?
- Will they be able to commit at least a few hours per month to Museum business outside of the meetings?
- Will they be able to assist at the air show?
- Do they have ready access to email?
- What qualities do they possess that will make them an asset as a director?
- Does the candidate appear to be someone who will be able to get along in a group of eight other strong personalities?
- Is the candidate willing to assume responsibility for a major project or division of the Museum?
- 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:

- You may nominate yourself.
- You may nominate another.

- 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 19 general meeting, 7:00 pm, at Mesa Beverage Company, Inc. 3200 N. Laughlin Road, Santa Rosa, CA.

All candidates will be given an opportunity to make a brief verbal campaign statement during the November 19 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 19 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 19 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:*

- You must submit your statement no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 19, 2014.
- All statements must be *submitted via email*, to admin@pacificcoastairmuseum.org.

Statements may not exceed 100 words, including your name. If over 100 words, only the first 100 words will be printed. You may use any legible style of font, not greater than 12. 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 19 meeting.

If you have any questions concerning the nomination or election process, please call President Lynn Hunt at 707-235-2552. 🌐



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Hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.
10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

“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 more information.

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“Straight Scoop” Newsletter

The museum newsletter, “Straight Scoop” is published monthly and is available online on the museum’s web site. Members are encouraged to submit articles for possible publication. Deadline: 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 Peter Loughlin, Editor: pcam-news@loughlinmarketing.com, 707-575-7900.

Membership Renewals

\$40 per year individual; \$60 per year for families. Send renewals to the museum, address below.

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REMEMBER THESE DATES

October 15	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	PCAM Member Meeting
November 19	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	PCAM Member Meeting
December 17	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	PCAM Member Meeting & Holiday Party at Mesa Beverage
December 20	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Santa Fly-In

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