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PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM

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Wings Over Wine Country Air Show Attracts Thousands

On September 24 & 25, the Pacific Coast Air Museum hosted its annual Wings Over Wine Country Air Show at the Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport. Headlining the show was the U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor 5th Generation stealth fighter, the most advanced combat jet currently deployed anywhere in the world. The U.S. Navy flew flight demos in F/A-18 Super Hornet tactical jets, and our northern friends from the Canadian Forces flew their CF-18, in a performance that commemorates the training command that prepared thousands of pilots for service in World War II seventy years ago. Additional performers were Greg Colyer in his T-33 Acemaker II, Kent Pietch who did three comedy and precision flying demos each day, and Vickie Benzing in her 1940 Boeing Stearman biplane. The USAF Wings of Blue Skydiving Team, static aircraft displays, and dozens of vendors, sponsors, and exhibitors rounded out the day. We hope the photos in this newsletter help bring you some of the spirit and excitement of the event.

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President's Message

Two weeks ago we had the 2016 "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show. Nearly everyone I talked to (which was hundreds) said it was the best show ever. The USAF F-22, the RCAF CF-18, the Navy F-18, the C-17, the Air Force Wings of Blue, the Sheriff's Rescue Helicopter, the warbirds, the civilian performers, and all the other events – Wow, what a show! And it was LOUD!

On Sunday, our guests also had the added opportunity to see Cal Fire in action, as the tankers ran back and forth all afternoon in response to the Geysers Fire up near Cloverdale.

I want to thank Air Show Director Nancy Heath, her ExComm Team, all the team leaders, and the hundreds of volunteers who made this show happen. This is a mammoth undertaking each year.

A few special thanks – to Bill and Julie Conklin and their entire team for putting on the highly successful Gala Fund-raiser Friday night. And to Julia and Josh Hochberg for hosting this major event in their brand new hanger. And to Mike Voorhees and Lynn Hunt for stepping up and assembling the teams that ran the President's Club and VIP tents. Lastly, to Tim Delany for once again stepping up to help coordinate parking. Tim also partnered with me to run the two six passenger golf carts that we used to transport President's Club and VIP patrons, as well as the handicapped and WWII Veterans. I had the privilege to carry Darrel Schumard, Rollie Barton, and Doc Ross.

PCAM Board Elections are coming up. Please see the details on page 13. We will have two new board members for 2017. In case you haven't noticed, five of our current board members are freshman members. Art Hayssen and I are the senior members and we're terming out in December. Anthony and Julia are the other seasoned members. We do have someone though, who may be new to the Board, but is a founding PCAM member and very active volunteer lined up to take over as President in 2017 – C J Stephens.

We encourage everyone to give thought to becoming a Board member. 2017 could well be a very pivotal year for our Air Museum.

Volunteer Leaders are still needed to step up and take over the following positions: Volunteer Coordinator, Business Development Coordinator, Education Coordinator, Exhibits Curator, Safety Officer, and Gift Shop volunteers. If any of you are interested in any of these positions, please contact either Connie Reyerse or myself.

The North Bay Science Festival is coming up in three weeks on October 29th. We will have our Blue Angels F-4 Cockpit there again this year. We need to have it there by 8:30 and need help getting it loaded onto the trailer and transported there to the fairgrounds. We need someone who has a pickup with a trailer hitch as well. I will be there the entire day (gates are open from 10:00 until 4:00) but we could really use 5 or 6 other volunteers so that we can set up for 3-4 hour shifts. PCAM has participated in this event all six years that it has been sponsored. The first year drew 4,000 attendees (mostly children interested in STEM programs and careers). Last year the attendance was 14,000. Anyone interested in supporting this very fun event, please contact me. Thanks everyone!

— Jim Sartain

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 vet-

USAF F-22 Raptor

Fast, agile, stealthy, and loud. The Raptor performed aerobatic feats more suited to helicopters than to tactical jets. It made high-speed passes that approached the speed of sound, low-speed passes with its nose in the air, and it stood on its tail and slid backward. It dove out of the sun and crossed right in front of the audience with its weapons bays open. To close the show, it flew a Heritage Flight with a P-51 Mustang of World War II vintage. A remarkable performance that will not be forgotten.



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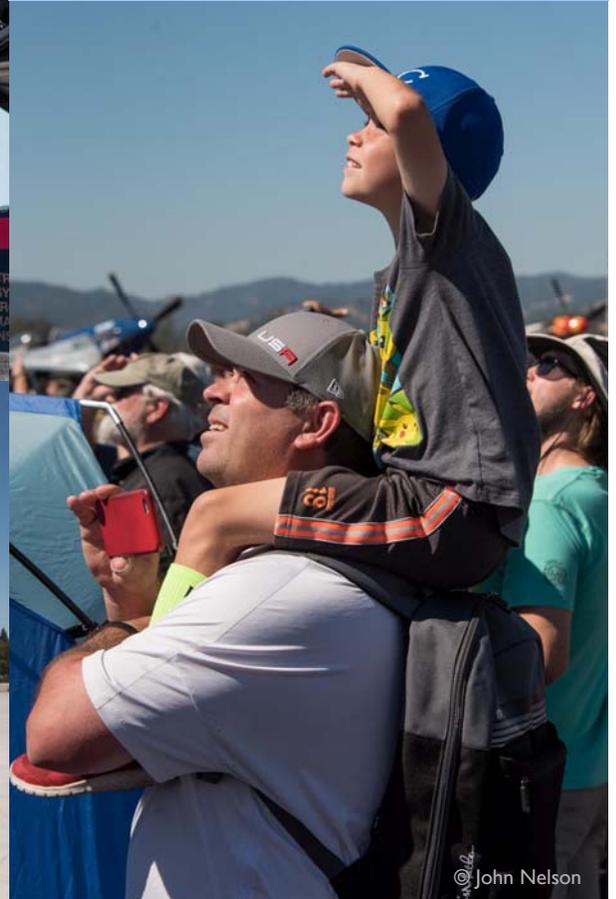


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RCAF CF-18

Last year, the Canadian Forces Snowbirds graced us with a surpassingly beautiful performance. This year their big brother showed up. The CF-18 tore up the skies over Santa Rosa. And it was based right here at the airport so everyone got a good look at it and its performance takeoffs!





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US Navy F/A-18 Super Hornet (above)

The Navy and Marines were back! After a few years' absence, two Navy Hornets performed, a two-seater on Saturday and a single-seater on Sunday. Two more were on static display. The Hornet is the Navy's all-round tactical aircraft and is currently deployed on U.S. aircraft carriers around the world. These pilots put on a precision demonstration of this aircraft's wide performance envelope. The planes were parked on the ramp where all could see them.



Greg Colyer
T-33 Acemaker II

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Sonoma County Sheriff
Rescue & SWAT Team Demos

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Above: The Pacific Coast Air Museum Flight Wing flagship, the C-1A Trader, with pilot Lynn Hunt and copilot Chris Brown. It's making a low (and we mean low) pass during its first public flight performance since 2012.

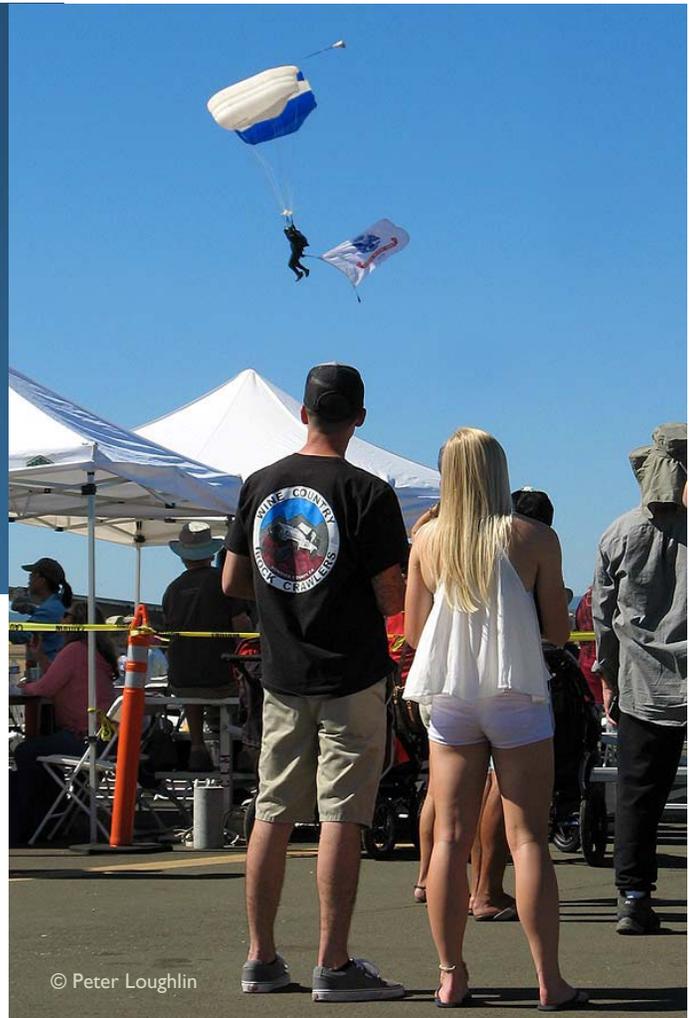
Below: After the show on Saturday, Helico Sonoma donated a helicopter flight to the Museum so photographer John Nelson could record Wings Over Wine Country from the air. The crowds have gone home for the day, but the planes are ready for Sunday's performances.



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USAF Wings of Blue

The skydiving team performed twice each day, and brought their show right to the spectators.



Wings of Blue jumper Cadet First Class Amy Ferguson, of Lakeville Minnesota, shows Dora (from Brazil) how to fold a parachute.

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Warbirds were well represented, with a number on loan from our friends at Planes of Fame in Chino, California. From left to right: SBD-5 Dauntless, P-40N Warhawk, F-4U-1 Corsair, P-47G Thunderbolt, and two P-51D Mustangs from Santa Rosa, Lady Jo and Red Dog XII. All flew for us. There were more, as you'll see from the other photos.



The giant C-17 Globemaster III dwarfed everything on the field. It was open for walk-through tours.



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Vicky Benzing in her modified 1940 Boeing Stearman.



Senior Airman Kyara Johnson, Weapons Specialist, of the USAF Raptor Demo Team with a young admirer.

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A very rare SBD-5 Dauntless dive bomber from Planes of Fame.



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US Coast Guard C-27J fly-by



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The Mexican Consul General visited the show on Saturday and made a presentation.

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2016 PCAM Gala a Fun Raising and Fundraising Success

On Friday September 23rd, over 200 Pacific Coast Air Museum supporters gathered in the new Jackson Family Wines hangar at Sonoma Jet Center for drinks, dinner and auction bidding to further PCAM's mission to **Educate** and **Inspire** both young and old, to **Preserve** historic aircraft and artifacts and to **Honor** veterans.



In keeping with PCAM's mission, historic aircraft were on display, there was a young aviation enthusiast and PCAM Gala volunteer, Jack Littleton, helping with the sound and lighting for the evening, and Sonoma County Third District Supervisor Shirlee Zane honored all veterans present and presented PCAM member and WWII veteran Darrel Schumard with special recognition as a POW. Master of Ceremonies Tom Boylan kept the evening entertaining and attendees were treated to a touching video presentation about PCAM's mission and future, followed by a surprise visit by 'Elvis' disembarking from the Jetstar and serenading the crowd. Auctioneer Debbie Thomason



then took over for the Live Auction which included dinners at local venues and a variety of flying experiences.

Through the generosity of over 75 donors and sponsors, 40 volunteers (including the Cardinal Newman boys basketball team) and over 200 attendees, the 2016 PCAM Gala raised much-needed funds for ongoing museum operations and our future relocation. As of press time for this newsletter, the Gala committee estimates that the net proceeds from the event should exceed \$74,000. This includes the donation at the event of one of Charles Schulz's original cartoons by son Craig Schulz that sold at the evening's live auction for \$10,000.



The lucky winner of the "Check Ride of a Lifetime" raffle is Rob Daer with the winning ticket sold to him by Roger Olson. Rob will receive a personal flight suit and get three separate check rides in three different planes—a PT-13 Stearman, a T-6 Texan, and a P-51 Mustang. We look forward to hearing all about it and seeing the

Left: Sonoma County Third District Supervisor Shirlee Zane recognized PCAM Member Darrel Schumard as a Prisoner of War. He flew P-47 Thunderbolts over Europe, bailed out after a mid-air collision on Valentine's Day 1945, and spent the last months of the war as a prisoner of the Germans.

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photos! Thank you to each of you who purchased and helped sell raffle tickets.

If you need further information about the 2016 PCAM Gala, contact Julie Conklin at PCAMgala@gmail.com or call her at 707/486-4914.

Online you will find the gala under Events on the PCAM website at www.PacificCoastAirMuseum.org/gala-fundraiser

This event was made possible by donations from our sponsors including Syar Industries Foundation, Sonoma Jet Center, Jackson Family Wines, Rodney Strong Wines, JDH Wealth Management, Sanderson Ford, Merrill Arnone & Jones, and Exchange Bank.



We also owe special thanks to the hosts of the

2016 Gala—the ‘core’ group that made the Gala Fundraiser possible through the support of their personal contacts in agriculture and industry, as well as their families and friends: Bill and Julie Conklin, Rand and Susie Dericco, Mark and Peggy Decker, Marilyn and Tim Sanderson, Jim and Meredith Dreisback, Marlon Young and Peter Neumann. We also owe a huge thanks to our silent auction committee of Christine and Jaclyn Vaishville and Bruce Tinkham. And there are many more! 🌟



Above: The Heads or Tails game was won by Arlis Minetti. Her prize was a magnum of Rodney Strong 2010 Brothers Single Vineyard Cabernet.

Below: Gala guests examine some of the many auction items.



Right: PCAM friend and benefactor Craig Schulz is shown bidding up a live auction item.

2016 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 Sartain, Hayssen, and Werback will expire December 31, 2016. Andy Werback has announced that he will seek re-election but Jim Sartain and Art Hayssen have “termed out” and are ineligible 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 16 2016 general meeting, 7:00 pm, at Columbia Distributing, 3200 N. Laughlin Road, Santa Rosa, CA.

All candidates will be given an opportunity to make a brief verbal campaign statement during the November 16 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 16 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 16 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 16, 2016.
- 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 16 meeting.

If you have any questions concerning the nomination or election process, please call President Jim Sartain at 707-799-0912 . ✪

Annual Aircraft Crew Meeting & Dinner Wednesday October 26, 5:00 p.m.

If you're on the crew of any PCAM aircraft, come on out and enjoy a great dinner and attend a short Aircraft Crew Meeting. A variety of delicious dishes will be served, and videos will be shown. It's more party than meeting, but there will be important information so by all measures it is in your best interest to attend. It takes place in the Flight Wing hangar on Knob Hill.



This is for ALL crew members of all aircraft. That's static display aircraft AND Flight Wing aircraft. Be there. You'll like it. No cost to attend. Contact Lynn Hunt at aero7550@sonic.net for more information. ★

Gift Shop October News: Discounted Air Show Tee Shirts



Keep your memories of the 2016 Wings Over Wine Country Air Show alive with an air show tee shirt. All are marked down 30% to 50%. Youth, men's, and women's sizes, including women's tanks. Regularly \$11.00 - \$15.00 now \$5.50 - \$10.00. Black and white available. This offer is limited to stock on hand so come on in soon before they're all gone. ★



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The Pacific Coast Air Museum thanks its Platinum Level Sponsors, whose contributions help make our museum the thriving community resource it is! If you would like to find out about sponsorship opportunities with the Pacific Coast Air Museum, contact Roger Olson, Director of Business Development, 707-396-3425 or rogerolson427@gmail.com ★





The Pacific Coast Air Museum

Location

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At the Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport, north of Santa Rosa. Hwy 101 north to Airport Blvd. and go west. Turn left on North Laughlin Rd, right on Becker Blvd. then right on Air Museum Way.



Hours

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Closed on major holidays.

Open Cockpit Weekends

One or more aircraft are open for close examination the third weekend of each month (weather permitting) and you can even climb aboard some of them! For more info phone 707-575-7900 or visit www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org.

Member Meetings

Normally held on the third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at Columbia Distributing, 3200 N. Laughlin Road, Santa Rosa, CA

“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

\$50 per year individual; \$100 per year for families. Send renewals to the museum, address below.

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Visit our web site at www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org or call 707-575-7900 for more information.

Read the “Red Baron Flyer,” the quarterly newsletter of the Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport: <http://www.sonomacountyairport.org/red-baron-flyer>

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October 2016

Open Cockpit
October 15-16, 2016
Russians vs. the U.S. Coast Guard
IL-14 "Crate" and HU-16E Albatross
Climb Aboard these historic aircraft.

REMEMBER THESE DATES

October 19, 2016	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	PCAM Member Meeting at Columbia Distributing
October 26, 2016	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Aircraft Crew Meeting & Dinner - see article inside
October 29, 2016	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	North Bay Science Festival: Volunteers needed!
November 9, 2016	11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Annual Veterans Luncheon at Santa Rosa Veterans Bldg.
November 16, 2016	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	PCAM Member Meeting at Columbia Distributing
December 17, 2016	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Santa Fly-In: Santa Claus visits PCAM. Free admission.
December 21, 2016	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	PCAM Meeting & Holiday Party at Columbia Distributing
January 18, 2017	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	PCAM Member Meeting at Columbia Distributing

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