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This article provided by the Director-PCAM

Local War Bird Pilot lost in crash

It is with great sadness that I must inform you that our friend, **Art Vance**, (born-Arthur StClair Vance, Jr., April 8,1941) was killed 8 October 2005 in the crash of The Air Museum's-Planes of Fame-F6F Hellcat. As a Museum volunteer, Art was ferrying the plane from Sevierville,Tn. to Little Rock AFB Arkansas and encountered bad weather, and struck power lines along I-40 about 60 miles from his departure point. Vance's abilities were so admired that owners of the Planes of Fame entrusted him with their prized Hellcat to fly at several air shows around the country each air show season, and unfortunately-this being the last show until next season. A tribute was arranged on October 15 at the Vance's Hangar, with approximately 400-500 people attending, many flying in from various airports. A luncheon was enjoyed by all, as well as a time of remembrance and stories about Art. Later a Missing Man Formation was flown by Mike Brown flying his F7F Tigercat, Brian Sanders flying the Sanders hawker Sea Fury, and Dennis Sanders flying Art's P-51 Mustang- "Speedball-Alice". It was a very nice tribute to a man that has dominated the war bird scene at Sonoma County Airport through the years. He will be missed very deeply, for his quick wit, warm smile and many fun stories, and always being there to give a helping hand. Art, always adventurous, avidly indulged in his favorite pastime of restoring, flying, racing and instructing in World War II airplanes, most notably his P-51 "Speedball-Alice", and just recently finishing an AT-6 which he and son Dan restored. Art served as president of the Unlimited Division of the National Air-Racing Group. Known to many as the "Air Boss" at the Reno Air Races, Pylon Racing Seminar, and the Tunica (Mississippi) Air Races. He also was very active in the PCAM "Wings Over Wine Country" shows through the years, usually leading the pack during the many fly-bys throughout the shows. Flying runs in the family. Art's father flew for TWA and his son Dan is a pilot for American Airlines. Art flew for the Flying Tigers and FED EX until his retirement four years ago. He leaves a legacy of many good times, a generous heart and a lesson of a life well lived. He is survived by his wife of over 40 years, Judie and son Dan and daughters Debbie and Sharon and their families.

The Pacific Coast Air Museum

Located on the corner of North Laughlin and Becker Blvd. on Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport. Just North of Santa Rosa, Ca.

Museum Hours:

*Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday;
10:00AM to 4:00 PM*

A selected aircraft is available to "Climb Aboard" on the third weekend of each month. (weather permitting)

Call 707-575-7900 for details and information, or Fax 707-545-2813.

Meetings are typically held at Sonoma County Office of Education located near the airport on Skylane Blvd., on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

"Straight Scoop", the museum's newsletter is published monthly. Members are encouraged to submit articles for possible publication-due by the 20th of the month prior to publication. All articles in this newsletter are copy written. If you wish to use any of the contents, please contact:

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Address corrections and membership renewal (\$24.00 per year/\$36.00 for a family) should be sent to PCAM 2230 Becker Blvd., Santa Rosa, Ca 95403

Editor's Note:

The following E-mail was received by the Director and He wants to share it with all members and prospective members.

Dear Duane,

My name is Jack Brian I am 8 years old. I liked the air show. I like the Albatross the best. It is Number 1. My second favorite air-plane is the wing. Thank you Duane for the air show. Future Pilot, Jack Brian, PCAM member.

PCAM's Online Volunteer Log

It's important for PCAM to track community participation and a great way to do that is by having a Volunteer Log. If you report your hours in the Paper Log at the Museum, you do not need to add them to the online log. To log your hours via our website, go to:

<http://www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org/2002Site/Volunteers/volunteerLog.asp>

If you have any questions about the online log, please e-mail Cynthia Furst, webadmin@pacificcoastairmuseum.org.

ANNUAL ELECTION ALERT

Once again, we have board elections coming up. There are three vacant seats this year, those formerly held by George Johnston, John Rutigliano and Barney Hagen. Fortunately, we already have volunteers who will run for two of the seats. Bob Archibald and Mike Voorhees. This leaves the third seat to be filled, so we need everyone to realize that we need another candidate and the nominating committee would welcome any nominations from the membership. Please remember one important qualification for a board member-he or she must have been a member for at least one year. Candidates will make their official candidate statements at the general meeting on November 16th and nominations will be closed at that meeting. If you wish to be a candidate or know someone who would, please contact any member of the committee, Bill Carpentier, Bill Greene or Barney Hagen.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

This Article provided by Linda Wright who Interviewed November's Honoree

BRYAN LEE

Bryan Lee is the Crew Chief for the T-28 restoration project. Linda sat down with Bryan one Thursday night at the hangar where he and his crew of dedicated volunteers were "Wrenching" on what has become a labor of love. Following is the results of that conversation in Linda's words.

I asked Bryan why he's spent the last two years and an untold amount of hours on the old T-28. He responded with a great big grin and said, "I love Radial engines and this one's a hot rod. Its got 1820 inches and packs 1425 horsepower". He then told me that he fell madly in love with the old bird when an old friend of his (Lyn Hunt) gave him a ride in one. From then on the restoration project seemed destined to become Bryan's baby. Bryan loves to talk about the T-28 and how it has become a family affair. Every Thursday evening Bryan and his wife of 16 years Lisa ,and his Daughter Rebecca , and his son Anthony come out to "The Hangar" and work on the "Old Bird". "It's a great way to spend time as a family", Bryan shared. His 15 year old son works a part time job to support a serious "Air Time" habit. "That boy wants to fly", Bryan said. They plan to begin lessons one day and become pilots together. Until then, they keep wrenching on what will become PCAM's first Flying War Bird. Bryan's knowledge comes from spending the last 20 years wrenching on engines of all types. In early September, Bryan started his own business as an independent tool distributor and he comes prepared with a 30 foot trailer packed with almost every tool imaginable. He's able to accommodate most any mechanic's needs at the client's worksite. Bryan is the kind of guy that would rather not talk about himself but about his crew's amazing attributes, his great family and his love of airplanes. As spoken by Barney Hagen, " Bryan represents the heart of PCAM's restoration project. He keeps it moving and his passion is contagious. Besides that ,he's just a great guy and is always lending a hand or working on one project or another around here". It has become extremely clear that we at PCAM are blessed to have this young man's dedication for this project along with his un-wavering presence and help with any task needing his expertise. I have no doubt that Bryan will be gushing like a new father the day they pull that Big Beautiful Bird out of the hangar and fire her up for the first test run.

If anyone wants to get involved with the T-28 restoration project; just come out to The Hangar on Thursday evening and say "Hey Bryan, how can I help"

Congratulations to Bryan Lee as November's MEMBER OF THE MONTH



This article provided by: Doug Clay

Many of you may be aware that in August, Phil Croel moved from Santa Rosa to Citrus County, Florida. For the past five years, Phil has done a stellar job managing publicity and advertising for the Museum and the Air Show. Phil has been a fixture around the Museum and Air Show and has contributed greatly to the PCAM team. We wish Phil and Sue well in their move to Florida.

As of September, Doug Clay assumed the Advertising and Public Relations duties for PCAM. Doug has been a member of PCAM for several years and has been assisting Phil during Air Show weekend and with miscellaneous assignments since 2001. Doug's duties will have two primary areas of focus. First, Doug will manage advertising and publicity for the museum and its activities including "Climb Aboard Weekends" and special activities. This involves newspaper and magazine advertising for our weekend activities, brochures, tourist rack cards and publicity for special events. Second, the Air Show will involve a print and broadcast advertising plan, including coordination with media for coverage before and after the Air Show plus managing the Press activities during the show.

If you are looking for an opportunity to get involved; we are looking for one or two members to be part of the Advertising and PR team. If you are interested, contact Doug Clay at (925)736-7962 dougclay@gmail.com.

HELP WANTED **Membership Chairman Needed**

Recruitment of new PCAM members is an integral part of the growth of our organization. It is the major source of membership revenue and Volunteer participation in museum activities.

The basic responsibilities of the Membership Chairman include developing a membership campaign to bring in new members, reaching out to the community for new sources of membership recruitment, evaluating promotional literature and working with Bob Eldridge on follow-up of late renewals. If this description fits YOU, and you are a TAKE CHARGE PERSON, we need you. Contact us. Call 575-7900-ask for Norma, or call her direct at 575-9845 or email nationpromo@netzero.com.

"STRAIGHT SCOOP" TO GO HIGH TECH

In our effort to facilitate your receipt of "Straight Scoop", our PCAM newsletter, in a more timely fashion than is the current practice, early next year we will start sending the "Straight Scoop" to you via E-Mail. This process will not only mean you will receive the newsletter much sooner, but will also save the museum big bucks in printing, postage and paper.

What do you need to do to get "Straight Scoop" via E-Mail? Nothing, except insure that the Executive Director's office has your correct E-Mail address. If you already receive "ESCOOP" via E-Mail, we have your correct E-Mail address. If you do not receive "ESCOOP" via E-Mail now, give us a call at 575-7900 or better yet, send it to us via E-Mail at the following;

director@pacificcoastairmuseum.org

For those wishing to continue receiving the newsletter by regular mail, we can accommodate that also. Please call and let us know your wishes in this regard.

The December Newsletter will have more information about this new approach, but until then, please be sure we have your correct E-Mail address.

We now offer **FREE** membership for WWII Veterans
 The following list are those WWII vets who have joined PCAM in October
 PLEASE MAKE THEM WELCOME

Bruce Bell-----Santa Rosa	Gene Benedetti-----Cotati
Clyde Blodgett-----Sebastapol	Chris Christianson-----Santa Rosa
Dick Dennis-----Santa Rosa	Jesse Dudley-----Santa Rosa
Claude Graham-----Santa Rosa (already a member)	Marshall Gregory-----Santa Rosa
Henry Hayes-----Sonoma	Jim Kensinger-----Santa Rosa
Joe Lang-----Cazadero	Robert Swan-----Santa Rosa
Adolph Moret-----Santa Rosa (already a member)	Jim VanRy-----Santa Rosa
Dallas Wright-----Healdsburg (already a member)	

Please welcome the following new members to PCAM

Jerry Gleason-----Santa Rosa	Aaron & Lissa Provost-----Santa Rosa
Phil Gattuso-----Healdsburg	Thomas Camp-----Sausalito
Sterling Calder Family-----Windsor	Chris Hoover-----Windsor
Bradley, Erin,& Jonah Thomas-----Windsor	James Deck (Jr. Member)-----Windsor

DORNIER DO-24

This unique three engine aircraft, powered by three Pratt-Whitney PT-6 Turbo-prop engines is the only flying example in the world of this type. It arrived at the Sonoma County Airport on Friday, October 21 around noon, from Lake Tahoe for a West Coast stop on it's world tour. The aircraft was parked on the Sonoma Jet ramp south of the tower. The DO-24 was scheduled to be doing "water work" on SF Bay on Saturday the 22nd of October, giving paid rides. The cost was \$400 a seat and included a landing at Treasure Island where the Boeing 314's used to splash down. There were "executive" rides in the front seat for significantly more in donations all benefiting UNICEF and naturally, tax deductible





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Visit PCAM November 19th—20th
Top Gun/Climb Aboard Weekend
featuring
T-37 Tweet Trainer

REMEMBER THESE DATES

November 19th @ 11:00 AM— New Member Orientation

Learn the ins and outs of your air museum's operations and programs.

November 16th @ 7:00 PM— Member Meeting @ S.C.O.E.

Third Tuesday of each month—Executive Director's Staff Meeting
12:00 Noon at the Museum.