



STRAIGHT SCOOP

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PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM

To promote the acquisition, restoration, safe operation, and display of historical aircraft and provide an educational venue for the community

Just in case you missed the biggest air show around these parts, here are a few pictures that speak for themselves.



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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, 7:00pm, at the Sonoma County Office of Education, near the airport at the intersection of Airport and Skylane Boulevards. Interesting speakers are featured at each meeting.

“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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SNIPPETS OF WW II**By****CR Mudge**

Anyone who is interested in any slice of aviation history knows that the I.D. of *Air Force One* is the name of the U.S. President's official aircraft, and has been for decades. Strangely enough, what would have ended up as the very first one was built during WW II but never used by the then President, Franklin Roosevelt!

The one that was actually constructed for him had serial # 41-2419 and was a converted B-24 designated (C87-A) and named *Guess Where II*.

The gun turrets were removed, the bomb bay became a fore and aft deck, a cargo door was installed on the port side, and the bombardier's nose blister was replaced with a special hinged door and ramp to accommodate his wheel chair. It could carry a total of 16 passengers. The Secret Service however, was very unimpressed with the safety record of the converted plane, and adamantly refused clearance for what would have become the very first '*Air Force One*'. FDR never even sat in it. Mrs. Roosevelt was not refused clearance, however, and used it extensively for good will trips during the war, including one to South America in 1944.

FDR himself ended up with a C-54 Skymaster named *Sacred Cow* for the remaining years of his office until he died in 1945. (the aircraft however, was never named *Air Force One*.)

Note: Today, the term Air Force One refers to any U.S. Air Force aircraft that the president happens to be a passenger on, also there is Marine one, Navy One, Army One etc.

W.A.S.Ps FLY IN TO SANTA ROSA VETS BUILDING!**WHEN:** Saturday, September 19 1-3 PM**WHERE:** Santa Rosa Veteran's Memorial Building

Women Air force Service Pilots (WASPs) will share their little known experiences ferrying aircraft from the factories to the bases during World War II. Moderated by [Jeane Slone](#), author of the recently published historical novel ***She Flew Bombers***. Several test pilots will speak about their exciting adventures tow-targeting and flying over 77 types of aircraft to over 134 bases. These brave women will speak about how they served their country during these crucial war years and did not receive any military benefits until 1977. There were only 1,074 WASPs and there are presently only 300. President Obama just signed a bill to present the congressional gold medals to the WASPs. After each pilot tells about her adventures during WWII, a question and answer period will follow. Memorabilia will be displayed.

The Sonoma Arts Council is sponsoring this FREE event and is open to the public.

[Jeane Slone](#) visit: www.jeanelone.com "keep 'em fly'in fininella!"

September Guest Speaker

Charles Christian

Join us at our September 16, 2009, Pacific Coast Air Museum membership meeting at 7 p.m. as fellow member [Charles Christian](#) shares his experiences and video clips on a world that was once known to only a very select few who were charged to defend our county from altitudes and speeds that to this day boggle the mind over forty years latter.

Charles is a Pacific Coast Air Museum member whose varied career includes the US Air Force, United Airlines, the CIA and the State Department. He spent a number of his years with the CIA working on programs including the U-2 and A-12 (forerunner to the USAF SR-71) at Area 51. In addition to our air museum, Charles has been active the Sons of The American Revolution and the Sons of Union Veterans Civil War. He and his wife, [Mary Lou \(Cocanougher\)](#), celebrate 50 years of marriage this year. They have three children and four grand children.



Pictured above are C.L." Bud" Anderson-WWII Triple Ace, with PCAM Executive Director Dave Pinsky at the 2009 "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show.

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Executive Director's Update

The feedback from this year's "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show has been outstanding. The comments we are hearing the most are:

- Great new venue
- Terrific announcer
- Performer and military flying lineup the best ever
- The President's Club was great
- Best Volunteer BBQ ever
- Having the Friday night reception on the flight line with the performers and their aircraft, the P-38, P-40 and Yak 3U was wonderful

As most of you know we moved this year's show to the huge new Kaiser Air and airport transient ramp at the north end of the airport. We made the move for business reasons - - much more space, not having to deal with the Horizon airline security box, huge Kaiser hangar made available to us. The new venue was terrific, but as I've been heard to say, it was like moving the Air Show to Houston, TX - - everything, literally everything, had to be re-designed and re-done.

The Air Show Planning Committee did a terrific job of putting it all together and getting the job done. The cooperation from Kaiser Air, the Airport Manager's Office and Cal Fire (formerly CDF) was outstanding.

The list of people to thank for the monumental effort it took to put together this year's show is much too long to list here - - and one risks leaving out deserving people. From Air Show leadership, to Ops and support and to all our great volunteers, thanks for putting on the best "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show yet.

We learned a lot of lessons this year and next year's show will be even better. And the planning for the 2010 "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show has already started.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Air Show the best we've ever done!

Finally, we're going to do something about making the gravel walkway in our aircraft display area better for walking, wheelchairs, etc. On Monday, September 28, we need all the volunteers, metal rakes and steel shovels we can muster. We will be raking gravel back into the pathway, adding a road mix and rolling the new mix.

To volunteer, please contact me at director@pacificcoastairmuseum.org or John Rutigliano at jpearut@comcast.net.

The "Tuesday/Thursday Gang" will be cooking some great hot dogs and providing cold beer for lunch for those who sign up in advance, show up and work! This effort should result in a much better walkway around our aircraft display area.

Smooth landings,
Dave



Major Bob Huntley and Capt Ralph Stearman

They were thrilled and loved the dedication of that beautiful beast to them We spent three days together and I had the honor of getting a crash course in Weasel 101 by these two great warriors. Tales and descriptions of weasel tactics, signal analysis, threat warnings, SAM evasion, Fan Song vs Firecan, Shrike Tactics, etc etc etc. I couldn't write notes fast enough! I hung on every word. There were a lot of guys that made it to the target and got to go home because of these two.

Don Ricci

NEW MEMBERS

June 23 Through August 20, 2009

Mike Holland, Sr. – Santa Rosa * Don Tomasi – Santa Rosa * Floyd W. Elin – Anaheim
 Geoff Kline Family – San Rafael * Wilhelm & Eleanore Hebenstreit – Windsor
 Tim Delatorre Family – Santa Rosa * Ted Baglin – Santa Rosa * Brian & Anne Thomas – Rohnert Park
 Garrett Ling & Shirley Buchignani – Healdsburg * Thomas Dorsey Family – Santa Rosa
 Ray Shipway – Santa Rosa * Chris Martin – Santa Rosa * Jeffrey Leasure Family – Windsor
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 Tiffany Walker Family – Windsor * Tom & Susan Reinecke - Healdsburg * Timothy Pierce – Cotati
 The Evans Family – San Rafael* The Rodriguez Family – Fremont * Krista & Erik Billing – Petaluma
 John Valoria Bilar – Kelseyville * Walter & Kathryn Clark – Santa Rosa * Stan & Janet Clark – Windsor
 Gloria Verse Family – Sebastopol * William Palmer – Novato * William Connett – San Rafael
 Dean Zellers Family – Sonoma * Hazel Wong – Santa Rosa * Marla Rudoni Family – Santa Rosa
 Carol Lawson – Fulton * McMurray Family – Windsor * Steve Missner Family – Windsor
 Frank & Jennifer Anderson – Santa Rosa * Carl Carpinelli – Petaluma * Ray Sichel Family – Santa Rosa
 David Lamb – Santa Rosa * Marc Estomba Family – Healdsburg * Monica Tognini Family – Rohnert Park

August Donations

William Palmer – Novato
 William Wright – Novato
 Bruce McArthur – Sebastopol
 Louis O'Brien – Novato
 Ted Baglin – Santa Rosa
 Capt. R. M. Wicklund, USN, Ret. – Santa Rosa
 Robert Sarquis – Healdsburg



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September 19th & 20th
Climb Aboard the U.S. Air Force
T-33A "Shooting Star"
T-37 "Tweet"
T-38 "Talon"
Air Force Trainers

REMEMBER THESE DATES

- September 2nd @ 8:30 am Board of Directors Meeting at the Museum
- September 8th @ 12:00 pm Executive Director's Staff Meeting at the Museum
- September 16th @ 6:00 pm Air Show Debriefing at SCOE
- September 16th @ 7:00 pm Monthly Membership Meeting at SCOE
- September 19th & 20th, 10:00 to 4:00pm — "Climb Aboard" our jet trainers at the museum
- September 19th @ 11:00am—New Member Orientation in the Museum Conference Room with Duane

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