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PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM

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President's Message

by Lynn Hunt

In full compliance with strict guidelines set forth by both state and local health orders, our museum will reopen its doors on June 10th.

During what perhaps appeared to be a major lull in museum activities and even amid the many restrictions placed on our members, we were still able to accomplish many tasks in preparation for reopening the museum. Your Board of Directors has been meeting more frequently than usual using the popular Zoom technology which has proven to be as entertaining as it is effective. We are anxious to resume our face-to-face meetings when it is again deemed appropriate.

There has been a flurry of activity in and around the museum in the form of work parties to consolidate our storage investment and lower our expenses. The latest efforts have been focused on preparing the museum for opening by addressing the many COVID-related requirements such as signage and crowd management. Look forward to hearing from us that the museum is once again open for business. We are also in the planning stages for a re-launch of certain events like Hot Dog Thursdays which come with their own unique set of challenges. Watch the website for updates.

We look forward to seeing all of you again beginning June 10th! 💠

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PCAM Value Statements

Integrity: Demonstrate daily the highest levels of honesty & strong moral principles

Accountability: Be accountable to our members, our patrons and our community

Customer Service: Strive to achieve the highest levels of service and satisfaction

Achievement: Become a recognized and valued asset to our community Education: Complement local

institutions with unique learning opportunities

Innovation: Constantly evolve the museum, the stories it tells and how it tells them

Diversity: Create a climate of respect that is supportive of a diverse organization

PCAM Mission Statement "To Educate and Inspire both young and old about our aviation heritage and aerospace technology, to Preserve historic aircraft and artifacts, and to Honor veterans."



What is the Difference Between Memorial Day and Veteran's Day?

by Dan Widger

One thing this old Army Vet has learned over the years is many folks seemed to get confused about some of our holidays.

Memorial Day is to honor those military people who gave their lives in war. Veteran's Day is to honor all living vets. Even for me this was not that important until I lost two good friends in Iraq. Mike was in my old National Guard unit and deployed about 6 months before I did. He was a great person and a great NCO. He was the poster child for what a good leader should be.

Roberto was an Army reserve Solider I worked with in Iraq. We both loved baseball and had other shared interest. Once we met each other in Iraq, we spent a lot of time talking about stuff. I left our camp for a 3-week mission and never got the chance to finish our conversation as Roberto was killed by an IED.

Each Memorial Day I honor my two friends. I think about them a lot all the time, but on Memorial Day for me, it is about them.

Docents and Volunteers—PCAM Needs You!

PCAM is in urgent need of additional docents and volunteers for student field trips and events when we reopen. If you are interested in joining our fabulous docent and volunteer group, want share your love of aviation history, the history of the museum and also have some fun, please contact Greg Ervice, 1.619.980.1450 to help support our growing needs. ?

GIFT SHOP 10% PLUS 10% SALE



As you may know, PCAM's Gift Shop had scheduled a huge sale for March 20th through March 22nd to coincide with Open Cockpit that same weekend.

The Gift Shop 10% Plus 10% is now tentatively scheduled for sometime in **August**. Please stay tuned for PCAM to announce the exact date.

In the meantime, our thoughts and prayers are with everyone for continued health.

Please stay safe!

A special Thank You to Mike Lynch and PCAM's fabulous Gift Shop Volunteer staff!

Classified

WANTED: PCAM's Hot Dog Thursday is looking for a new or relatively new BBQ. If you have one you would like to donate, please contact Paul Heck, 1.707.479.4479

Hangar Sale: Date to be announced—be sure to bring your truck or trailer and find some great deals!

WITH OUR VOLUNTEERS and DOCENTS ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE!



FLOWN WEST

by Lynn Hunt

On March 13th PCAM, Sonoma Country Airport, the warbird community and many local residents lost a valued and true friend when Darryl Bond passed away just two weeks shy of his 89th birthday. He will be missed. Darryl's hangar is quiet now, mostly empty except for his beloved Mustang Lady Jo who patiently waits for its next owner to materialize. Darryl's hangar was never like this before. It was a rare event if Darryl failed to make an appearance there. His hangar was more than a storage facility, it was like a headquarters, a home, a place where many of us would gather toward the end of the day. You were always welcome at Darryl's hangar and you were also invited to enjoy the food and drinks that Darryl always made sure were on hand in large quantities. Darryl would usually be watching the news which included his running commentary on most world affairs or he would be watching one of his sports teams. Darryl made you feel at home, all were welcome.

Darryl loved aviation in general and warbirds in particular. He strived to stay abreast of the latest warbird news. His contacts were many and he didn't mind calling on them from time to time. PCAM's 2005 Wings Over Wine Country Air Show featured the N-9M Flying Wing all the way from Chino. This was made possible by Darryl who had helped fund and complete the restoration. Darryl's air show bar-b-ques were legendary. He always ordered Omaha steaks and enough to feed everyone. They were always too big and after being cut in half were still too big. His parties were always well attended and, judging from the Sunday morning clean-up, everyone had a great time.

I think what we will miss most about Darryl was his warmth and his friendship. He was always glad to see you and always greeted you as you came through the door. He will be missed.

CALLING ALL PCAM MEMBERS

The Pacific Coast Air Museum's board of directors is reaching out to you during this every challenging and stressful time, hoping you are staying safe and well! Our reopening date is currently planned for June 10th!

To help alleviate some of this stress and to give you something fun and outdoorsy to do to celebrate the easing of stay-at-home orders, the Pacific Coast Air Museum will open its **outdoor exhibits only**, on Wednesday, June 10^{th} , from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, in full compliance with both state and local mandates. Visitors will need face coverings to enter and must observe social distancing protocols and avoid large groups of six or more.

Because we too, were respecting Governor Newsom's 'Stay at Home' restrictions, we apologize for not being able to respond to any immediate request you may have had. Additionally, we were not able to immediately process new or renewing membership applications, nor send out renewal notifications to members whose membership renewals were due in March, April and May. To renew your membership, please click here. We plan to resume processing new and renewed membership applications as soon as possible.

In the meantime, please continue to stay safe and well. We look forward to welcoming you back June 10th! 💠

WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS—TOGETHER!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VALUED MEMBERS and DONORS WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!



Memorial Day Ride

By Gary Greenough

A new board member as of January, I was tasked with working on Veterans themed events, and was active in Sonoma County on Memorial Day. Every year, I have been asked to speak at Memorial Day Events at three cemeteries. In years past, I've spoken at the Avenue of the Flags in Santa Rosa, and my speaking skills have been in great demand throughout the county for Veteran's themed events, such as The Moving Wall, Veterans and Memorial Day, POW Recognition Day, and Wreaths Across America. I am a member of the American Legion Post III, Healdsburg, and the sub group American Legion Riders (ALR). I have been asked to be the speaker at the annual Memorial Day Program at three cemeteries: Healdsburg, Geyserville, and Windsor, for the last 10 years.

With the recent cancellation of all events in Sonoma County, including Memorial Day Events, it created a situation for Veterans who have a great desire to honor their fallen Veterans. Cancelling all events did not set well with veterans, and it grated on me. I have published a weekly blog for the ALR group since the lockdown, called the VIRUS TIMES. So, a call went out for a Ride For Remembrance, a 'hit and run' event with no speakers, and no program. Out of the membership of 30 riders, 13 bikes showed up at Healdsburg, with an additional 3 passengers for 16 people, and honors were given at each of the three cemeteries, and one additional cemetery.

At 10 am, utilizing Social Distancing and all Riders masked up, the Riders gathered, stood in ranks, the ALR Chaplain gave a brief prayer, a moment of silence was given, which was followed by the Commander of Post 111, Healdsburg, blowing taps. The group was dismissed to mount up and head for Geyserville Cemetery, west of Hwy. 101 on Canyon Road. A few people actually showed up in Healdsburg for the annual



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event, not aware that all events had been cancelled. They were thrilled that the Legion Riders showed up and presented honors, albeit brief. At Geyserville, there were a few people, but they were cemetery Board members placing American flags on their Veteran's graves. They were appreciative that the Riders came to honor the fallen Veterans. On to Windsor, where the Cemetery Board had gotten the word out that there would be no event this year at noon. One of their Board members was there, and said he 'thought you guys might show up' and was pleased that we did. Honors were given, and as taps were played, it was noted several golfers next door at the golf course came to attention and put their hands over their hearts. Then the group decided to go to Pleasant Hill in Sebastopol and render honors at that location. As honors were given, many of the people tending graves came to stand, take off their hats and put their hands over their hearts. There were more than a few people seen shedding tears. It was a good day to provide honors to those who have served our country and have passed on.

The heat was coming on, and the Riders one by one, mounted up and headed for their destinations, all feeling they had done something special, during an unusual time in our history. The Veterans in those four cemeteries were not forgotten. •



PCAM HAPPENINGS

PLEASE STAY TUNED and VISIT https://pacificcoastairmuseum.org/events/

HOT DOG THURSDAY Stay tuned for more information

All Hot Dog Thursdays are postponed until further notice! Please check PCAM's website and watch for an E-blast for the Hot Dog Thursday announcement.

Wheels and Wings Vintage Car Show: Stay tuned for more information

Sept. 26th, 8:00 am—2:00 pm at the Butler Hangar Indulge your love of vintage vehicles and aircraft all in one place! Come see some of the area's best examples of beautiful cars surrounded by impressive aircraft all while strolling around the museum grounds. Purchase and enjoy a grilled hot dog lunch, period music, roaring engines and share the fellowship of other engine enthusiasts! ❖

Wings Over Wine Country Connections

by Charley Taylor

Here's another in a series of stories involving the serendipitous events that connect the Pacific Coast Air Museum's historic aircraft to museum visitors and members. Several years ago, I received an email from a now retired Federal Express pilot and former A-6 Intruder pilot, Bob Bostick, asking if I was the "Charley Joe" who had flown with him as an instructor in the mid 1970's. I immediately recalled Bob was a "Stash" meaning upon earning his wings in the Navy Jet pipeline, he was assigned to fly in VA-128's TC-4C Academe rather than carrier aircraft and like every Naval Aviator he had a day job – Squadron Legal Officer.

Post-Vietnam fleet seats were scarce and the Navy was still adjusting to a high production rate of Naval Aviators and a much lower attrition after the Vietnam War.

Referencing to each of our logbooks, Bob and I confirmed we had flown together on occasion. Bob's log book also showed many flights in PCAM's Intruder - BuNo 155595 when he later joined the Boomers of VA-165 – but that's another story. See link Blog for Bob's Tale of a mission in the "Tic 4" over what I call the most bombed city in America.

US Navy TC-4C Academe, foreground





A special Thank You to all PCAM Volunteers & Docents who share their love of



June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Educa- tion Cmte. Mtg. 5:30 - 6:30 Virtual Meeting	2 PAC 10+ Mtg. 12:00- 1:00 POST- PONED TIL FURTHER NOTICE	3	4	5	6 D-Day
7	8	9 PAC 10+ Mtg. 12:00- 1:00 POST- PONED TIL FURTHER NOTICE	10 Museum Re-Opens 10:00 am!! Outdoor Ex- hibits Only	11	12 5:00- 6:00 pm, PCAM Board of Directors Virtual Meet- ing	13
14	<i>15</i>	16PAC 10+ Mtg. 12:00- 1:00 POST- PONED TIL FURTHER NOTICE	17 7:00 pm Gen. Member Mtg. POST- PONED TIL FURTHER NOTICE	18	19	20Open Cockpit— POSTPONED 'TIL FUR- THER NOTICE
21 Father's Day - Open Cockpit— POSTPONED 'TIL FURTHER NOTICE	22	23PAC 10+ Mtg. 12:00- 1:00 POST- PONED 'TIL FURTHER NOTICE	24	<i>25</i>	26	27
28	29	30PAC 10+ Mtg. 12:00- 1:00 POST- PONED TIL FURTHER NOTICE				



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Your Museum really needs your help! We know you have an interest in the success of the Museum, so please come on out and join us for some fun. We have opportunities for everyone with every skill level. We are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- Administrative with data processing skills & MS Office knowledge
- Carpentry Skills
- Newsletter Editor with MS Publisher knowledge
- Gift Shop
- Docents for Museum Tours and Parties
- Yard Maintenance
- Events (of which there are many!)
- Hot Dog Thursday
- Help with our move
- And, many more!

Please remember, if the Museum sponsors you for your AOA badge, part of your responsibility is to donate a bit of your time as a volunteer. Please feel free to call the office—575-7900 and we will make every attempt to match you up with your interests. •

POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



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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 Doug Clay, PCAM Development Chair, 925-997-2774 or dougclay@gmail.com. &































June 2020

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

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—Postponed until further notice.

"Straight Scoop" Newsletter

The museum newsletter, "Straight Scoop" is published monthly and is available online on the museum's web site www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org. 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 an article or use any of the content, please call 575-7900.

Membership Renewals

\$50 per year individual; \$100 per year for families. You can renew your membership on-line at www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org or send renewals to the museum,

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SAVE THE DATE:

STAY TUNED!

ALL EVENTS, THE GIFT SHOP SALE AND THE GENERAL MEMBER MEETING POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Open Cockpit Weekend
Gift Shop 10% Plus 10% Sale

Hot Dog Thursday

GENERAL MEMBER MEETING

Stay tuned for the Full 2020 Calendar of Events

The Pacific Coast Air Museum hosts many family-friendly and child-friendly events all year 'round. We host an annual Santa Fly-In around Christmastime, monthly Member Meetings, monthly Hot Dog Thursday lunches from April through October, and special events like car shows, guest lecturers, and more!

Most events focus on aviation and our collection of over 35 historic aircraft including military jets, helicopters, and other classic airplanes. •

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS, SPONSORS
AND DONORS!
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