

STRAIGHT SCOOP

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President's Message

by Lynn Hunt

Greetings:

One might expect that, given the current situation regarding sheltering and distancing and the museum being closed that there is not much happening at the museum right now. Well it is simply not true. With the bulk of our revenues cut off the board of directors has hastened the move forward to eliminate discretionary rents to the greatest extent possible. To date we have divested ourselves of two smaller hangars, one on-site storage facility and two off-site storage facilities. Previously the hangars were paid for by the Flight Wing, however giving them up still represents an overall savings to the museum. The storage hangars required lots of cleaning, scrapping and consolidation with most of what was left over being moved into our Area 52 site. The consolidation is almost complete with two more storage units remaining and then an additional hangar, probably the current Flight Wing hangar which will help the museum financially . Don't worry about your Flight Wing. We will be moving the operation to hangar 202 and you can expect the FW meetings/BBQ's to be bigger and better than ever once they are allowed to resume.

Work is also progressing on Hangar Two. Its completion will give the museum a multi-purpose facility that can be used for meetings and events. You can expect all monthly PCAM meetings to be held there once they resume. I can also tell you in advance that you will be very pleased when you see what we have been able to do with the place.

It has not been lost on any of us that we, as a community, are under tremendous stress. The time when much of this will ease is gradually approaching. Let's all remember that until that time arrives please be compassionate and kind and empathize with those who are struggling. We will get through this and we will do it together. What I am looking forward to is seeing lots and lots of smiling faces. Please hang in there and be safe. •

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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

young and old about our aviation heritage and aerospace technology, to Preserve historic aircraft and artifacts, and to Honor veterans."



WHAT A TEAM

by Janet Doto
Board Member & Events Coordinator

What a day! What a TEAM! Lynn and another board member met at 9:00 at Area 52 where cleaning and sweeping had already begun. Lynn left and headed down to meet the rest of the team at Santa Rosa Ave. Stor-In the meantime, metal shelves were cleaned, stashed stuff, dumped trash and did general cleanup until the gang showed up. Mark, Chuck, Brent & Debbie and Lynn came back with Mark's trailer FULL, Chuck's pick up FULL, Lynn's pick up FULL and most of Brent's van FULL. By noon, it was 91 degrees and dry as toast. We unload, unpacked, hung up, stowed and toted boxes of books, helmets, charts, helmets, plaques, and who knows what all else into the front of Connex 2 and all down the side and back of Connex 3 onto the new racks already constructed on an earlier work party day. Every bit of it went safely and relatively neatly into the two connex to be sorted and displayed in the future. We were done by early afternoon and had everything in and secure.

Overall, the Board came through in spades! We got one and a half storage units cleaned out and will soon be back for the other half during the week. What a job! What a TEAM! Janet took a bunch of pictures thinking it would be good to have Dana Hunt make them into a slide show "Your Board at Work" kinda thing. We really moved ahead! Rather than just sitting on our hands and waiting for this to be over, think about all your board has done: all the floor ribs in the Butler Hangar gone and filled with cement, transformed Hangar 2, established a HDT Trailer/Supply Point, worked on getting the new Gift Shop location ADA compliant, reduced our on-line budget, cleaned and moved out of the Half Hangar, rented out several hangars with our aircraft in them, sold an aircraft and now consolidated 2 Storage Units on Santa Rosa Ave!

WHAT A TEAM!

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GIFT SHOP 10% PLUS 10% SALE



© John Nelson

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.

In compliance with Governor Newsom's 'Stay At Home' order, the Museum has temporarily closed to protect our visitors, the museum members and exceptional volunteer staff.

Please stay tuned for PCAM to announce when we will once again open and the Gift Shop to announce its new big sale.

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

Please stay safe!

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 ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE!



Time To Stop Digging

by Mark Fajardin PCAM Vice President

An economics professor said, "If you find yourself in a financial hole the first thing to do is stop digging." As I write this, our beloved museum is closed and our income stream down to a trickle. We join a great many museums and nonprofits across the country that are trying to navigate in this new world and simply survive it.

Currently we are operating out of our savings and obviously that is not sustainable for very long. CoVid 19, our lack of income, and high overhead expenses has forced the issue of eliminating our rental units and some



PCAM"s 1/2 Hangar

© Mark Fajardin

hangars, along with other painful cuts so we don't join the list of the failed across this land. Our 24-year rental of the ½ hangar has finally ended and will be followed by others shortly.

I won't sugar coat this for you folks, it's going to be painful and very hard in the coming months. PCAM needs you now, so please donate today and know that your Board of Directors are working hard through strategic planning and physical labor to save our beloved museum. I can promise you nothing, other than we will fight to win!

Your continued support is what enables us to keep moving forward. Please consider donating today. Even your small contribution makes a difference!



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!

Because we too, are respecting Governor Newsom's 'Stay at Home' restrictions, we apologize for not being able to respond to any immediate request you might have. Additionally, we are not able to immediately process new or renewing membership applications, nor send out renewal notifications to members whose membership renewals are coming due in March, April and possibly May. To renew your membership, please click here.

This is a great time to either renew your PCAM membership by renewing or donate to your favorite local Air Museum so that when the 'Stay at Home' restrictions are lifted, you will once again be able to join us at the Museum for the General Member Meeting, Open Cockpit Weekends, our famous Hot Dog Thursdays and the many other upcoming events we have planned. In addition, you can be one of the first members to take advantage of the huge GIFT SHOP 10% PLUS 10% SALE our fabulous Gift Shop Manager and volunteers have planned just for you!

When you renew your membership during the 'Stay at Home' restrictions, PCAM will extend your membership by one month – that's right – your membership will be extended for one additional month, for **FREE**.

So, please stay safe and well and get those renewals in. We'll be ready and waiting to welcome everyone back! 🛟

WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS—TOGETHER!

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



PCAM HAPPENINGS

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

HOT DOG THURSDAY Cancelled

PCAM's famous Hot Dog Thursday is back! Be sure to join us for the first Hot Dog Thursday of the season. See old friends, meet new ones and enjoy PCAM's famous hot dogs, chili and ice cream.

LZ PCAM- A gathering of Brothers: Cancelled

As part of our mission, PCAM is hosting a gathering of Vietnam veterans from around the state to honor and gain insight into their time in South East Asia. There will be guest speakers, a BBQ Chicken Lunch, Hot Dogs, a USO style Coffee Hooch and an opportunity for veterans to remember, talk and unite around their shared Vietnam experiences.

WWII Ace Bud Anderson to Speak: Cancelled

Col. Bud Anderson, WWII Triple Ace, will address PCAM members and the general public about his remarkable career flying the P-51 Mustang, his experiences in WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Come enjoy hearing from this Congressional Gold Medal winner and remarkable Pilot.

Memorial Day Celebration Of Distinguished Veterans: Cancelled

Come meet and honor local WWII and Korean Conflict Veterans in an open air forum in Montgomery Village. Enjoy meeting these distinguished military members one on one to thank them for their service and share their remarkable insights. Each Veteran will have their own display area and many have books and memorabilia to share.

Wheels and Wings Vintage Car Show: Stay turned 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 areas' 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!

WHAT A TEAM—YOUR BOARD HARD AT WORK

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Chuck Root unloading uniforms



VP Mark Fajardin unloading memorabilia???

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Brent Monet unloading U.S. Flag

A special Thank You to all PCAM Volunteers & Docents who share their love of aviation with the wonderful residents of Sonoma County!



EDUCATION COMMITTEE

PCAM Education Committee & COVID19

by Charley Taylor

Most of PCAM's education involves large numbers of school aged children coming to the museum or our Education Team going to the students to present a variety of aviation subjects that involve STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math). With close encounters not likely to be approved for the foreseeable future, those of us on the Education Committee will be developing online tools to present the classroom subjects. Think Zoom. We are also looking at building a video library of open cockpit tours of PCAM aircraft. Think YouTube.

We are very fortunate to be able to rely on Art Hayssen's recent experience inputting his entire Santa Rosa Junior College curriculum into video format and conducting his current classes online using Zoom. By the time you read this, the Education Committee should have conducted their first Zoom committee meeting in preparation for upcoming Aviation Merit Badge classes and other Aviation STEM events where practicing social distancing has become the new norm.



Art Hayssen and students at recent Merit Badge Class

© Charley Taylor

A special Thank You to PCAM

Educators & Volunteer Docents who share their love of aviation with all of the young people participating in PCAM's Aviation Merit Badge program!

Why I Volunteer

by Greg Ervice
PCAM Docent Coordinator

Stepping up as a volunteer has been a trait of mine for a long time, Scouts, civic organizations, USS Midway, Social Advocates for Youth and now PCAM. Some might say that being in my late 70's I have earned the right to relax and that might be true. But for me volunteering is giving back to the place where I live. So why did I choose PCAM? Simple...the planes and the chance to meet like-minded individuals.

My first sentence was, according to my mother, "I see airpane", and no, that's not a misspelled word. In the 3 plus years I've been here I have had numerous experiences that made my day, such as the look on a child's face when they stepped into the cockpit, the smile on a parent's face when they see their kids having a great time at the Santa Fly-in and other events, hanging a piece of metal on one of our planes that replaced a missing part, cleaning the bird poop off a MiG-killer but and most importantly, the camaraderie I experience working with others who share my passion for aviation and service.

If you look at PCAM's operations and say to yourself, that (fill in the blank) area needs some help, I suggest you step back and consider yourself for that help. Please click here to see all of PCAM's volunteer opportunities.

A special Thank You to PCAM Volunteer Docents who share their love of aviation with all of the young people participating in PCAM's School Field Trip and Merit Badge program!

When Will PCAM Re-Open

As you can imagine, Pacific Coast Air Museum is as anxious as you are to re-open to all of our fabulous members and the general public!

Your board is planning a "soft opening" just as soon as Governor Newsom makes the announcement to start releasing some of the "Stay At Home" restrictions. Please rest assured that your board and volunteers are taking ALL of the necessary precautions to ensure your safety when you come out to visit, which include but are not limited to:

Requiring masks for all visitors and volunteers

Maintaining the six foot distance during all activities

Ensuring that all surfaces are cleaned and sanitized at all times

Please be sure to check PCAM's website here for the big announcement. We all look forward to welcoming you back! ••

In the meantime, please stay safe and well!

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.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Your Museum really needs your help! We know you have an interest in the on-going 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. ©

























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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

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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. •

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AND DONORS!
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