

PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM

STRAIGHT SCOOP

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by Lynn Hunt

Greetings:

What a uniquely challenging time we find ourselves in currently. With the museum being closed and all events and meetings cancelled or postponed, it is difficult at best to get the word out to our supporters about how we are responding, as well as a general report on what might still be going on at the museum. Even as we shelter in place and practice social distancing we have still been able to accomplish many things.

President's Message

The closure of the museum and gift shop have basically dropped our revenue streams to zero. So, by the way, if you have ever considered donating to our museum, now would be a particularly good time. The board of directors has implemented several cost-cutting measures designed to drastically reduce our monthly expenses. We will be vacating certain storage areas and consolidating our hangar storage. You will notice more aircraft frequenting the Butler hangar until we eventually get things sorted out. We will realize additional savings by divesting ourselves of expensive storage space. This effort is timed perfectly with our spring cleaning event and may also prompt a Hangar Sale event once such things again become a reality.

Our builders have also been productive. Much work has been done on Hangar 2 to render it inhabitable and even comfortable. We have insulated the roof, door and walls. New lights have been installed in addition to a new heater. We hope to begin having our monthly meetings in there by June.

The concrete crew has finished filling in the Butler floor trenches which now give us a stable surface for additional work to proceed. This has been a long and difficult job involving the digging out the trenches with jack hammer and shovels, installing the conduits that transverse the hangar floor and the mixing and pouring of over 300 bags of concrete. Hats off to a hard-working crew.

Our thoughts now are with our community and the heroic acts we have all undertaken in an effort to fight off this pandemic. Our thought and prayers are for a better time in the not-so-distant future when we can once more celebrate together and enjoy our museum.

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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: Compliment 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."

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Creating Space

by Janet Doto Board Member & Events Coordinator

I bet you never thought about it, but PCAM has a real issue with its "closets". Every one of us knows how gratifying it is to root through the closet and sort stuff into keep, donate and trash piles, and then there are those nice few weeks of space! Well, PCAM has closet issues too.

That model that Aunty Joe donated, that box of books that someone dropped in front of the Gift shop. That garbage bags of Capt. Whosit's old flight suits, boots and jackets all have gone into our closets. Then there are those neat pieces of equipment, old mowers, BBQ grills, engine stands, old propellers, air stairs, and old instruments somebody thought we might be able to use someday. And by golly we might! But we probably won't or can't anymore.

So here we are, paying rent on storage facilities, hangers and connexes full of interesting, sometimes valuable, always intriguing stuff. Now it's spring and it's time to clean the closets, so stand by for some killer Hangar Sales, "For Sale" listings in our newsletter, and a leaner more solvent PCAM!

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!

GIFT SHOP 10% PLUS 10% SALE



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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! 😭

WITH OUR VOLUNTEERS ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE!



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!

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.

This is a great time to either renew your PCAM membership 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! 🔉

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VALUED MEMBERS

WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!



PCAM HAPPENINGS

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

HOT DOG THURSDAY Stay tuned for more information

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: Stay tuned for more information

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 : Stay tuned for more information

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: Stay tuned for more information

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!

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.

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 program!

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Petaluma's McKinley School adds to the Aviation Corner in the Library

by Charley Taylor

Principal, Ani Larson (center) and Librarian, Kathy O'Sullivan accept additional aviation materials from PCAM's Education Committee Head, Charley Taylor. The library now serves students in K though Ninth Grades. Kathy says the aviation collection continues to be extremely popular with students who visit the library. New additions include books featuring female aviators.



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!



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Flown West

Thomas Buford Chauncy

The Pacific Coast Air Museum recently lost a treasured member, Tom Chauncy.

Tom joined the U.S. Air Force just after the Korean Conflict and served his country for 8 years. When he returned to civilian life, Tom had several professions and considered himself a "Jack of All Trades". He was most proud of serving in the Santa Rosa Fire Department and rose to the rank of Captain, eventually being promoted to Fire Chief and treasured the many friendships he made during that time.

Tom joined PCAM in 1991, where he worked in the Gift Shop for several years and helped raise funds for much needed improvements and expansion. He was elected to the board of directors and served from 2012 to 2015. He also became famous for his extraordinary "Firehouse Chili" and became known as "the Chili Man". Tom served his "Firehouse Chili" at many museum events including the Museum's Hot Dog Thursday until just a couple of years ago when he passed his secret recipe over to a friend and fellow museum member, Ben Barker.

For 15 years, Tom served as Pacific Coast Air Museum's Santa Claus, flying into the Museum from the 'North Pole' during the Museum's Santa Fly-In, delighting hundreds of Sonoma County children, both young and old. He was always delighted and ready to listen to their many Christmas wishes.

Tom was many things to many people – wise, compassionate and always willing to listen and share his common sense approach to any challenge presented to him. One could say he served as PCAM's version of Will Rogers.

While Tom's legacy lives on, he will be greatly missed at PCAM. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.



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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.

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POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



The Pacific Coast Air Museum's Platinum Sponsors

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 <u>dougclay@gmail.com</u>.



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The Pacific Coast Air Museum

Location

One Air Museum Way, Santa Rosa, CA, 95403 www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org 707-575-7900

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.



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—NEW LOCATION

Normally held on the third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. SCOE 5340 Skyland Blvd. Classroom C, Santa Rosa, CA

"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. One Museum Way, Santa Rosa, Ca 95403

Contact Information Corrections Please be sure to advise the Museum of any updates to your contact information, either by calling 575-7900 or email:

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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 familyfriendly 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! WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

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