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Museum News

President's Propwash

Dan Petroff

Autumn is approaching and with it another issue of the Vintage Flier. I think we accomplished a lot this year and there is more to go. We are very close to getting the Stinson 10 in the air (I think Paul Agliotos has stopped yelling at me). We have a couple of new volunteers (Yea!) and we are chugging our way to going after grants which will help us expand something other than our waistlines.

Our clubhouse appears to be bringing in more revenue and we are looking at expanding the type of items we will offer in the gift shop. The Airster's progress has been slower than I would like but that should change soon. We have added the capability of accepting credit cards thanks to Jeff Liebgold. Frank Nichols has put up pictures in the clubhouse as a means of improving the appearance of the clubhouse but also as a means to selling them. Come in, look, and buy. Frank and Pat also planted a number of native plants at the entrance, which has improved the appearance. I won't mention the near disaster of running the lawnmower through them.

We have lost a couple of our members (Jerry Gabe and Ian Kushner) but we will not forget them.

Our speaker's bureau for the dinner meeting speakers is looking for suggestions of speakers. Please contact Gianni Leonarduzzi at (408) 847-7295 with suggestions. We also, welcome your thoughts on speaker topics. We will resume the dinner meetings in September. Our first speaker is Paul Marshall, who will talk about going to Oshkosh in your own airplane. I heard him talk about this at a recent SCAPA meeting and enjoyed it.

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Member Meeting

Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 6:00pm

Holder's Country Inn

998 S. De Anza Blvd., San Jose, CA 95129

Speaker: Paul "Felix" Marshall, Beech Bonanza (A36), N4350U, Home base E16.

"Oshkosh — the Pilot's Mecca"

See more information on page 6.

Finally... we've entered the 21st Century!

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for a Paypal account. We also have a separate web page for donations via credit card: [here](#). We can also accept credit card payment for Museum admission or Gift Shop items when you or your friends visit. ❖

Vehicle Donation

We are in the process of adding to the website a vehicle donation page. Any vehicle (car, RV, motorcycle, boat, or plane) may be donated to the Wings of History Air museum from anywhere in the country. The proceeds (after expenses) will be given to the museum. The museum is not involved with the expenses or paperwork. The vehicle donated is tax deductible. Full, detailed information about this program will be available on the website soon. ❖

President's Propwash *(continued from page 1)*

Shortly we will be sending out the call for the annual campaign. You have been very generous and we hope you will see fit to continue that generosity. We hope that we are doing the right things to earn your support and to further the museum. Our near term goal is to be well known throughout the bay area and then expand from there. We feel our most urgent need is volunteers to help us reach our goals. We are improving the website and our Facebook account. I would like to see us open a twitter to help us advertise our selves. If you know anybody that could help us with Facebook and Twitter (child, grandchild) have them contact us.

Give us some idea of what you would like to see us do for you. Pancake breakfast, spaghetti dinner? Should we change the venue of the dinner meetings, location, time? What functions would you like to see? Call or e-mail us.

Museum News

A lot of things have occurred since the last news letter.

I believe we mentioned that Frank and Pat Nichols did some planting. Here are the results to date:



We completed the punch list from the fire marshal. The water tanks look nice



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By the time you read this the Stinson should be flying and hopefully will be on display at the Salinas Airshow



Camp kids "flying"

Display Day

This photo was taken June 7, 2014 at Frazier Lake. Herb Robbins flew in for Display Day and parked next to the Museum's Pietenpol. It's not a Piet but it has a parasol wing so it was welcomed in the line-up. ❖

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We are putting up story boards for the display aircraft. Thanks to Doug Rosskillly for the stands and Ed Ferner for the story board



1946 Globe Swift GC-1B

Historical Background

The Swift was designed by R.S. "Pop" Johnson of Fort Worth, Texas in 1940. Production was delayed due to World War II. Looking for a financier for his project, Johnson found the owner of the Globe Medicine Company who took on the project, hence the name Globe Swift. This aircraft was the very first low wing, two place, retractable landing gear all metal aircraft and was advertised as the "All Metal Swift" during an era when most aircraft were of wood and/or steel tubing construction with a fabric covering.

The original Swift production used an 85 HP Continental engine that was later replaced by the 125 HP engine which is in this particular aircraft on display. The larger engine significantly improved the performance of the aircraft and was favorably accepted by pilots. The Swift will cruise at 140 MPH.



Gunther Kern, Dan Petroff, Herb Robbins, Doug Rosskillly and Dave Jones at the Santa Clara County Radio Controlled Model Aircraft "Skypark" in Morgan Hill at the Wings of History Gift Shop



The guys at Hiller detailed the Cirris engine, thank you

Celebrate Aviation History Month

The Wings of History Museum

12777 Murphy Avenue, San Martin

408-683-2290

DATES: November 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, and 23, 2014

An historical learning experience

Attend a one hour presentation on "How the United States Went to the Moon" (presented by a former Apollo employee). This presentation will be held at 11:00am and 1:00pm each Saturday, and at 1:00pm (only) each Sunday.

Take a docent led tour of the museum (continuous throughout the day, from 11:00am to 4:00pm).

On Tuesday or Thursday large groups of 10–40 people may be scheduled by calling the museum and making special arrangements in advance.

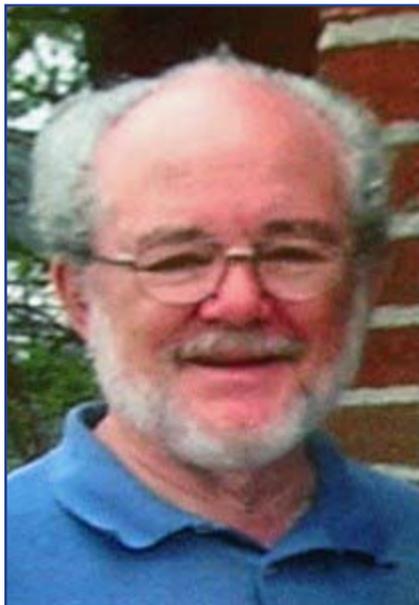
No admission fees charged, but donations are always gladly accepted!

Moon presentation note: The technical content and length of this presentation is designed for persons 14 years of age and older. ❖

In Memoriam

Ian S. Kushner

Ian passed away June 27, 2014. He leaves five children and seven grandchildren, and was married to Claire for 50 years. Ian was a long time member of the Northern California Antique Aircraft Association and the Museum. He was an active member of the Museum and enjoyed being a docent, introducing people to the Museum and its aircraft. He was also an active participant and supporter of the Watsonville Air Show for many years.



Ian was a complex and interesting fellow, who was an active ham radio enthusiast with license AF6K, and was a past president (1997) of the South Peninsula Amateur Radio Klub, or SPARK as it is known.

Ian was born and raised in Montreal, Canada where he met and married Claire. He subsequently lived and worked in many cities, including Boeing in Seattle, before settling in San Jose, where he worked as a technical writer for AMD, then as an engineer for Loral Space Systems. His other interests included volunteering at San Jose the library as a tutor to help people improve their English, and also volunteering at the San Jose Airport information booth.

Ian's easy going enthusiasm and knowledgeable involvement with the Museum will be sorely missed. ❖



September's Speaker

Paul "Felix" Marshall, Beech Bonanza (A36), N4350U, Home base E16.

Paul started flying at age 40, renting planes at South County airport for a few years until he purchased his Bonanza A36 in 2000. Then he met an interesting group of fellow aviators who each year fly to Oshkosh in the world's largest non-warbird formation flight. See www.B2Osh.org for a glimpse into the fun that group has. From those people, Paul found a passion in parade formation flying and began flying regularly with the Norcal BeechBoys, the local Bonanza airshow formation team. His flying nickname is Felix, after Jack Lemmon's famous role in the Odd Couple for Paul's fastidious attention to every detail of flying. ❖

Oshkosh - the Pilots' Mecca

Presented by Paul Marshall



If you have a passion for flying, before you die you should fly to Oshkosh! SCAPA pilot Paul Marshall shares his experiences from his 12 pilgrimages, in case you might want to go there yourself. In the presentation, he'll show personal pictures and professional video from the pilgrimage and review.

- Seeing the country on the way there and back
- Weather factors
- The multitude of Oshkosh arrival options
- Camping, renting a house, and other lodging options
- The plethora of planes flying in and out and about, on display, in the airshow
- EAA, the organization that sponsors it all

Come join in the fun, and we hope that you will be making the pilgrimage yourself!

Recent Donations

All donations are greatly appreciated and fully tax deductible

Gayle Jackson:	A P-38L, Lightning, model kit by Guillow, 1/16th Scale, 40 inch span.
Andrew Mascsak, Jr.:	Fifteen excellent 1/48th scale aircraft models of World War Two.
Marilyn Post:	Twelve airline patches, a delta Airlines service award, and a PanAm stewardess book.
Sandy Cesarski:	Numerous model airplane models and two artistic coffee mugs.
Dave and Peggy Jones:	A substantial cash donation to support the Open House on 5/17.
Barry Sobotkin:	Numerous aviation magazines.
Chad Hunt:	A collection of thirty, page sized, lithographs by Nixon Galloway. (Part of a series distributed by United Airlines)
Gary Plomp:	A new pilot's vest covered with Reno Air Race pins.
Guy Watson:	Eight VHS tapes and fifty-three music CDs.
Rose Michelotti:	Many aircraft books and magazines.
Dane Mechlin:	Cash donation to support the Museum.

Recent New Members

Edward and Eileen Ferner
Charles Kuo
Jim and Bonnie Roberts

Schedule of Events, Fall 2014

September 11	WOH meeting at Holders Restaurant, Cupertino
September 10-14	Reno Air Races, Sparks, Nevada
September 20 and 21	Wings Over Wine Country Air Show, Santa Rosa
September 20 and 21	Oregon International Air Show, Hillsboro, Oregon.
September 23	WOH Board meeting at the Museum, 1pm
September 27 and 28	California International Air Show, Salinas
October 4	Livermore Open House and Air Show, Livermore
October 4	Frazier Lake Airpark Annual BBQ (10am-4pm)
October 4 and 5	MCAS Miramar Airshow, Miramar
October 9	WOH meeting at Holders Restaurant, Cupertino
October 10-13	San Francisco Fleet Week Air Show
October 11 and 12	Watsonville 50th Anniversary Fly-In and Air Show
October 18	Mustangs and More 2014, Nut tree Airport, Vacaville, California
October 28	WOH Board meeting at Atlantic Aviation, San Jose Airport, 6pm
November 1	Frazier Lake Airpark Display Day and Fly-In (10am-4pm)
November 1	Warbirds Over Paso, Paso Robles Municipal Airport
November 1	"How the United States Went to the Moon" Museum Clubhouse (11:00am and 1:00pm)
November 2	"How the United States Went to the Moon" Museum Clubhouse (1:00pm)
November 8	"How the United States Went to the Moon" Museum Clubhouse (11:00am and 1:00pm)
November 9	"How the United States Went to the Moon" Museum Clubhouse (1:00pm)
November 8 and 9	Aviation Nation Open House, Nellis AFB, Nevada.
November 13	WOH meeting at Holders Restaurant, Cupertino
November 15	"How the United States Went to the Moon" Museum Clubhouse (11:00am and 1:00pm)
November 16	"How the United States Went to the Moon" Museum Clubhouse (1:00pm)
November 22	"How the United States Went to the Moon" Museum Clubhouse (1:00pm and 1:00pm)
November 23	"How the United States Went to the Moon" Museum Clubhouse (1:00pm)
November 25	WOH Board meeting at the Museum, 1pm
December 14	WOH Christmas Party at the Museum, 1-5pm
December 23	WOH Board meeting at Atlantic Aviation, San Jose Airport, 6pm

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes for June 24, 2014

Determine Quorum and Call to Order at 6:00pm

Roll call; we have a quorum.

Approval of May 27, 2014 Board Meeting minutes. Accept the May 27, 2014 minutes. Motion passed, no dissension

Treasurer's report

Transfer the balance in the Heritage Bank CD to GE Capital. Motion passed, no dissension

A process has been put in place to pre-approve all expenditures in the Museum, regardless of amount.

Strategic Planning; Ron's Submittal; Progress on Goal #1; Meeting with Lia Peterson

Ron has sent us Determining Grant Readiness which each of us will read. We'll then fill out the Grant Readiness Inventory.

Lia has agreed to become our volunteer coordinator. She will meet with Susan and Dan (and any other interested parties) at the Museum on Saturday, June 28 at 2:30.

Old Business

Using credit cards (should we acquire an iPad?)—There was a lengthy discussion regarding the use of credit cards. We have to offer the option to our visitors of using a credit card to make purchases. An iPad would facilitate that. After much discussion we agreed that we need one; Dan will check the budget to see if it's feasible. One stumbling block is training. Susan agreed that the docents will get the necessary training on the use of the iPad.

Status of revised by-laws (Susan)—Susan sent us the revised by-laws by email. One change we want is to have a signature page that all the Board members will sign to indicate our approval of these by-laws.

Acquisition of P&W 985 radial, and loan of Flutterbug to Hiller—We need documentation from Gavilan regarding the P&W 985 engine. Is it a donation? Will we own it? Are they lending it to us?

Hiller has declined the loan of the Flutterbug.

New Business

Report on Hollister event—The event went well for us.

There was a discussion on who can pilot our aircraft. Right now Mark Guerrero is our pilot for the Pietenpol. Jack knows a airline pilot, Margaret Watt, who is a CFI at Hollister. She has about 100 hours in a taildragger and is interested in flying our aircraft.

We had a long discussion on qualifications of pilots. At one time we had a Standards for Pilots that we used to determine the ability of any pilot who wants to fly our aircraft. We all agreed that we will re-instate these Standards and include them in our operating manual.

Jeff's suggestion for event advertising—Jeff did some research on Facebook. We have a Facebook page but we don't have any administration rights to change it. We think Laurie Dineen is still the administrator. We will contact her to see if she'll transfer these rights to the office.

Painting the water tank—We got two bids for painting the water tank.

Accept Hollister Painting to paint our water tank.

Motion passed, no dissension

Jack has offered to oversee this project.

Other fund raisers—Tabled

Aircraft/ Museum Participation at other events (Salinas 9/27-28, Watsonville 10/11-12)—Should be fly the Pietenpol to either event? Jack will talk to Mark.

7:10pm adjourn. Next Board of Directors Meeting: Tuesday, July 22, 2014 1:00pm at the Museum.

Meeting Minutes for July 22, 2014

Determine Quorum and Call to Order at 1:00pm

Roll call; we have a quorum.

Approval of June 24, 2014 Board Meeting minutes.

Accept the June 24, 2014 minutes. —Motion passed, no dissension

Treasurer's report

We are to transfer the balance in the Heritage Bank CD to GE Capital. It hasn't been accomplished yet.

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes *(continued from page 8)*

The note was paid off. Our liability insurance was paid (~\$5,000.)

Our Open House netted \$4,500.

Strategic Planning

We all agreed that we aren't grant ready at the moment. We won't give up reaching our goal.

Lia has agreed to be our volunteer coordinator. She will work on a training manual for the volunteers. She asks if we have education programs? Can we work with teachers in the area? Dan asks if we can structure a class for students.

One aspect of volunteer organizations: volunteers will work on projects they choose. This presents a problem with training and discipline.

The volunteers must register the hours they work. We'll work on a database they can use.

Dan and Jeff plan to visit the Oakland Aviation Museum to see how they work on getting grants. They'll also find out about their automobile donation program (see New Business).

Each of us is to think about where they want the Museum to be in 5 years and to bring those thoughts to the next Board meeting. What do we want? What do we have to do to get what we want?

Lia had some thoughts: –Our displays: where do they come from? Who works on our displays? Can someone donate an item to the Museum?

Safety: what process is in place in case of an injury or emergency?

Facebook (social media in general): perhaps Mihir will assist with this.

Who does the hanger/clubhouse cleaning? Gardening, weeding?

Dan, Jeff, and Frank will work on a presentation we can take to fraternal organizations (Rotary, SIRS, and so forth) to promote our Museum and enlist volunteers.

Frank believes that any item in Old Business that is not resolved by the next Board meeting should stay in Old Business until it is finalized.

New Business

Report on SCCMAS event – No report

Donated autos – Jeff researched this and there is a company (CARS, Inc.) that will handle all actions and paperwork with a donated auto, that is, they'll arrange a tow truck to pick it up, auction it, and we will receive 80% of the donation after towing and auction fees are deducted.

Jeff will research this further by contacting some organizations that use this service to learn their experience.

Docents – No action.

AVRO Avian – Steve Roselle expressed an interest in buying this plane. We decided not to sell it at all.

Other fund-raisers – No action

Ed Ferner added one item to the agenda. He talked about how new members are welcomed into the organization. He believes we can do a better job. If someone expresses an interest in volunteering, we should contact that person right away.

3:05pm adjourn. Next Board of Directors Meeting: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 6:00pm at Atlantic Aviation.

Meeting Minutes for August 22, 2014

Determine Quorum and Call to Order at 6:05pm

Roll call; we have a quorum.

Approval of July 22, 2014 Board Meeting minutes.

Accept the July 22, 2014 minutes. Motion passed, no dissension

Treasurer's report

Susan questions if it's time for a formal audit. If so, who can we get to do it? Dan felt it wasn't necessary just yet.

Strategic Planning

Items to get us grant ready

Assign leads – Dan sent each Board Member a copy of the Grant Readiness Inventory with items that we need to work on highlighted in red.

Dan will produce a business plan and organization chart.

Evelyn will produce a resume boilerplate that we can all fill out.

Dan and Jeff will contact Willie Turner at Hiller to find out how they handle grant requests.

Meeting with Ron 8/14/14 (Susan, Dan Vern)

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Visibility (marketing)

Advertise ourselves

Susan will talk to Charles Kuo about handling our social media (Facebook, Twitter, et al)

Re-forming the museum group – There used to be a group in the Valley of various Museums (not necessarily aviation-related). They met periodically and exchanged ideas and requests. We wonder if we can re-form this group?

Chambers of commerce, visitors bureaus, ethnic chambers of commerce

We need someone to not only contact these organizations but to be involved in meetings and social occasions with these groups.

5-minute elevator presentation – Someone in our group has to come up with a brief, concise presentation we can use whenever we have the opportunity to meet with someone in the community we can call upon for support.

Dan and/or Susan to contact both Jerry Blanchard and Pat Belanger to see if they're willing to help out with writing about our Museum or taking photographs we can use in the newsletter and on our website.

Old Business

Donated autos – Jeff will go ahead and set us up with CARS, Inc. After that's done we'll advertise on the website and the newsletter about donating vehicles (land, sea, or air) to the Museum.

Docents – When/if the docents have free time, please use it to straighten up the gift shop.

Other fund-raisers – swap meet, Salinas, Watsonville. – Salinas is a good place to get recognition; Watsonville is not as good for us. We would like to partner with SCAPA to perhaps host a pancake breakfast or other fund-raiser.

New Business

Meeting with Maryann Gould (KLIV–KRTY) – Dan and Susan met with Maryann to see what it costs to advertise, especially as a non-profit. Right now it's too expensive.

JN-4 Propeller – This propeller is on a one-year loan to the Heritage Museum at the Presidio in San Francisco.

Risk re:manufacturing of propellers – The FAA has decertified the glue we've been using on our propellers. Since we build so few for certification, it's not considered an issue

Speakers – We have speakers for September and October; we need speakers starting in November.

Our Holiday party will be held at the Museum on Sunday, December 14 from 1:00 to 5:00.

8:00pm adjourn. Next Board of Directors Meeting: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 1:00pm at the Museum.