



## Museum News

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### President's Propwash

*Dan Petroff*

Here we are again into a New Year and fast approaching our annual May event and election of the board of directors. We finished 2013 slightly in the red but invested in things that will make the annual open house easier to set up. This year we will be paying off the Moffett Field note. Thank you to those that stepped forward and loaned the money.

With your help we raised \$9000.00 in the annual giving campaign. Thank you. The board has contracted with a person to help us look to improving ourselves and get additional members and funding. We count on the membership and you have been great in supporting the museum, but we need to grow and find additional sources of funds.

The annual May open house is coming up fast. Last year we asked for donations to provide lunch for the pilots. That worked very well and we are again, asking you to provide funds so that we can provide the pilots lunch. A Tri-Tip lunch costs \$7.00. Please send what you can to Susan Talbot at the museum before May 16, 2014

This year, we plan to continue the restoration projects we have started, do required maintenance on display aircraft and buildings, look for ways to bring in more funding, and expand our membership and retain current members. If you have not renewed your membership for 2014 please do so. We need you.

Volunteers: without the help of the people that show up at the museum when we are open to do all the things that are needed we wouldn't exist. It's a bit unfair to single out a particular person because everybody contributes, but I would like to give kudos to Doug Rosskill for doing the bathroom modifications almost single-handed and to a new volunteer Lia Peterson who got her baptism standing docent duty by herself. Again, all volunteers, take a bow.

Well, enough blathering; please think about coming to one of the dinner meetings, socializing, and listening to one of our excellent speakers. Set aside April 10, 2014 to attend the dinner meeting and elect the new board. Also, if you want to be on or nominate someone to the board, please submit this information to either Evelyn Liebgold or Susan Talbot before April 7th. To be a board member you must be willing to attend the meetings (not miss more than 3 without notification) and participate in guiding the museum. The current nominees are: Evelyn and Jeff Liebgold, Susan Talbot, Dan Petroff, Frank Nichols, Dave Jones, John McMains, Todd Minier, and Bud O'Hare. This is your museum, tell us what we are doing well and not so well. ❖

### Restroom Upgrade

What was once the Men's restroom in the Clubhouse has been upgraded to near ADA standards and is fully accessible to a wheelchair. The restroom has had a complete make-over, and is now a first-class unit complete with new paint, a tile floor, a re-located wash basin and toilet, and plenty of room to maneuver a wheelchair. A new permanent privacy wall has been installed outside the restroom doors, and the old internal wall has been removed from both restrooms resulting in a much more spacious unit. Both restrooms are now non-discriminatory – may be used by either gender.



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## Restroom Upgrade *(continued from page 1)*

The work was done primarily by Doug Rosskill, a multi-talented volunteer, who celebrated his birthday a day early at the museum. As Doug was busily working on the restroom upgrade the noontime gaggle sang happy birthday while he continued work. Our volunteers are always happy as they get high pay and good working conditions. Thanks Doug for a superlative improvement to the Clubhouse. ❖

## Facility Activity

Much has been happening around the buildings and grounds lately in an attempt to make a better environment (that is, to spruce the place up).

Doug Rosskill has been upgrading one of the restrooms in the clubhouse to be ADA compliant as noted in an accompanying article in this newsletter.

Todd Minier has been painting the interior of the clubhouse white in order to brighten up the meeting area and it is certainly working. The clubhouse is now a much brighter place now that all the dark wood paneling has been painted a gleaming white. It really looks great.

California native plants are slowly appearing along the entrance to the Wings of History driveway among the wood chips that have replaced the oleander and olive trees. Pat Nichols has been responsible for planting the native plants which have been chosen for their low growth patterns so that the movement of aircraft in and out of the entry way would not be impeded. The recent rains are helping the plants take root and hopefully a more attractive entry will be forthcoming. All have labels on them (for example, manzanita, ceanothus (CA lilac), epilobium (CA fuchsia), salvia ("sage"), deer grass, red bud, verbena, and lots of poppies) and will require periodic watering during the first year to get established, but they can make it on their own from there on out. ❖

## Recent Donations

*All donations are greatly appreciated and fully tax deductible*

Robert Lawson: Numerous aviation magazines

Herb Robbins: 300 amp soldering iron

Bruce Bengston: Numerous Fine Scale Modeling magazines in bindings

Frank Nichols: Magazine storage boxes and report covers

Nick Groen: Aviation books

Dan Petroff: Leather jacket and boots; Power sander with two packs of sandpaper

Jack Bowlus: Three binders of Aircraft of the World and many photos

Gary and Judith Dinsmore: Cash donation

Susan Priore: Many Wings/AirPower and Cross and Cockade magazines, VHS tapes, DVDs, books, posters and prints

Marjorie White: Eleven boxes of various books and magazines

## Recent New Members

Imre and Kinga Kabai

Heila and Toby Propp

Phyllis and Don Long

*Vintage Flyer* is published 4 times a year for Wings of History members and others interested in aviation history and aircraft.

WINGS OF HISTORY Mission Statement: *Wings of History Air Museum is a non-profit organization dedicated to aviation history through education, preservation, restoration, and flight.*

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Jack Bowlus, Director

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Jeff Liebgold, Director

John McMains, Director

Frank Nichols, Director

Todd Minier, Director

Bud O'Hare, Director

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Susan Talbot, Treasurer

*Docent Coordinator & Guided Tours: Susan Talbot*

*Prop Shop: Howard Pomerantz*

*Library: Frank Nichols*

*Facilities Manager: Dan Petroff*

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Yearly dues: General \$40.00; Student \$10.00; Sustaining \$100.00; Lifetime \$1,000.00

## Wanted!

A small TV with a DVD player integral in good condition for the new Lindbergh display. If you have such a TV/DVD player and would like to donate it, please contact the Wings of History office at (408) 683-2290, or Dan Petroff at danpet8@sbcglobal.net.

### Schedule of Events

March 22	Open House and Fly-In organizational meeting at the Museum, 9:00am to 11:00am. ALL interested parties are welcome to these planning meetings.
April 5	Open House and Fly-In organizational meeting at the Museum, 9:00am to 11:00am.
April 5	Frazier Lake Airpark Display Day and Fly-In, 10am to 4pm
April 10	Meeting at Holders Restaurant. Election of Board Members. Then Larry Rinek will speak about the "Evolution of U.S. Jet Engine Technology".
April 19	Open House and Fly-In organizational meeting at the Museum, 9:00am to 11:00am.
April 22	WOH Board meeting at 1:00 pm at the Museum.
May 3	Open House and Fly-In organizational meeting at the Museum 9:00am to 11:00am.
May 3	Museum Clean-up day in preparation for the Open House, 9:00am to noon
May 3	Frazier Lake Airpark Display Day and Fly-In, 10:00am to 4:00pm
May 10	Fly-In organizational meeting at the Museum, 9:00am to 11:00am.
May 10	Museum Clean-up day in preparation for the Open House, 9:00am to noon
May 16	Set up for the Open House and Fly-In, all day
May 17	Open House and Fly-In, 7:00am to 4:00pm
May 17	Ramp tear-down and volunteer spaghetti feed, 4:00pm to 7:00pm
May 20	Tear-down and clean-up of Museum grounds
June 7	Frazier Lake Airpark Display Day and Fly-In, 10:00am to 4:00pm
June 15	Hollister Air Show
July 5	Frazier Lake Airpark Display Day and Fly-In, 10:00am to 4:00pm
July 12 and 13	SCCMAS Model Aircraft Fly-In at the Morgan Hill Skypark
August 2	Frazier Lake Airpark Display Day and Fly-In, 10:00am to 4:00pm
September 6	Frazier Lake Airpark Display Day and Fly-In, 10:00am to 4:00pm
September 11	Meeting at Holders Restaurant. Speaker to be announced
September 23	WOH Board meeting
October 4	Frazier Lake Airpark Annual BBQ, 10:00am to 4:00pm
October 11 and 12	Watsonville 50th Anniversary Fly-In and Air Show



Todd presenting the treat table.



Mr. Feemster leading us in singing Christmas carols.

## Polar Vortex

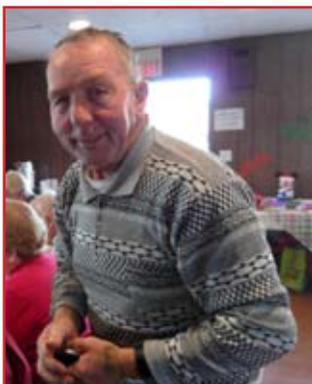
Let's blame bad weather for the delay in getting the Holiday Party photos published. After all, here in California it's been getting down to the low 60s! Brrr....!



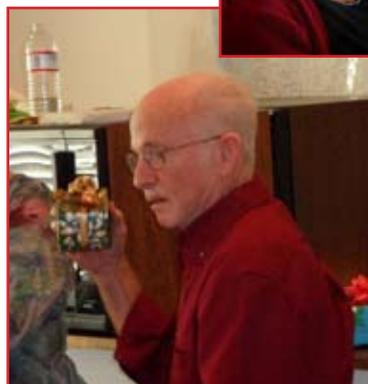
The Groaning Board.



Folks doing what folks do ... having fun!



Herb having a great time.



Jeff wondering "what is it?"

## Doris “Jeanne” Williams

Doris passed away suddenly January 12, 2014 at the age of 72. She was with friends planning yet another travel adventure.

Treasured husband Jim and her parents Norman Malick and Muriel Drew preceded her in death.

Jeanne’s work life began as a clerk for Joseph E. Seagram & Sons, Inc. in South San Francisco. She retired from Seagram’s as a production manager. After “retirement”, she did accounting for several local entities.

Her love for adventures included flying antique aircraft; giving air-shows in her Marguart Charger bi-plane, camping, extensive traveling, horses, motorcycles, and singing in the Sonoma Valley Chorale.

Jeanne lived her life to its fullest, she was passionate about all the things she did, was sincere, charismatic, had a great sense humor, a quick and inquisitive mind, was generous and giving in life.

She knew that true wealth in life were friends and she treasured each one. Her ability to keep in contact with them all – worldwide was amazing. Jeanne always gave a warm hug and smile. Her laugh was contagious. She never hung up the phone without saying, “Love you”!

A memorial will take place in the near future.

Suggestions of memorial donations in Jeanne’s honor are Sonoma Valley Chorale, PO Box 816, Sonoma ([www.sonomavalleychorale.org](http://www.sonomavalleychorale.org)), Pet’s Lifeline, 19686 8th Street East, Sonoma ([www.petslifeline.org](http://www.petslifeline.org)), Sonoma Skypark Air Explorer post 1268 c/o Sonoma Skypark 21870 8th Street East, Sonoma, or a donation to somewhere of your choice.



## The Final Flight of Colonel Dave Thompson

Dave’s obituary appeared in the last issue of the Vintage Flyer

Dave Thompson was buried on Wednesday, March 6, 2014, at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors which included a marching unit of the Old Guard, an Army band, a horse-drawn and flag draped caisson carrying Dave’s remains, escorted by an honor guard and the traditional riderless horse. The day was very cold, but the snow held off and the three sons, daughter, and widow Peggy were able to walk to the grave site following the parade. About 30 extended family members and friends also attended the ceremony.

At the grave site, an Army chaplain paid tribute to Dave’s service (he was very highly decorated) and Peggy was presented with the flag, folded into a triangle by the honor guard. A 21-gun salute closed the ceremony.



# The Aircraft and Engines of Wings of History Air Museum

The Museum has an extensive collection of various items, but the principle items are the aircraft and engines that are primarily displayed in the two main hangars. For the reference of the membership the listings below detail the current aircraft and engines that are held by the Museum.

## WOH Aircraft Inventory (February 2014)

Aircraft	Registration #	Status
Aeronca C-3 (1931)	NC11494	Display aircraft with original engine
Alexander Primary Glider (1928)	NC601W	Storage: In suspended restoration
American Eagle A-101 (1928)	NC7172	Display: Flyable, needs Annual
Avro 594 "Avian" IV (1929) (Mfg by Whittlesey)	NC820E	Storage: Aircraft is partially restored
Beech Model 23 "Musketeeer" (1963)	N2353J	Display: outdoors with engine
Bowers "Flybaby" 1A (1970)	N4722	Display with engine
Bowlus "Baby Albatross" (1938)	N28387	Display with wings removed
Bowlus "Super Albatross" (1940)	N21739	Display with wings removed
Bowlus Model #S-1000 "Albatross" (1928)	N317W	Storage: Future restoration project
Breese "Penguin" (192?)	None	Display: non-flying ground trainer
Culver "Cadet" (1941)	N41719	Storage: Future restoration project
Dobbins "Simcopter" (1957)	None	Display with Simca & radial engine
Globe "Swift" GC-1B (1946)	N3329K	Display: Flyable, needs annual
Hall "Safari" (1982)	N9214N	Display with Volkswagon engine
Marketello "Stahitaube" (1916)	N1381N	Display: 3/4 scale replica w engine
Marske "Pioneer 2" (1985)	N54271	Display
Nelson "Dragonfly" BB-1 (1946)	N4ND	Display with engine
Peel Z-1 "Glider Boat" (1928)	None	Display
Piel CP-305 "Emeraude" (1983)	Cancelled	Display with no engine
Pietenpol "Air Camper" (1965)	N86698	Display: Flyable
Pitts S-1C "Special" (1968)	N1581	Display with no engine
Rutan "Quickie" (1982)	N3150Q	Display with engine
Security "Airster" (1940)	NC15536	Under active restoration
Skyranger SCX (1980)	Forward fuselage only N811DM	Display as cockpit/simulator
Spad XI (1916)	Fuselage & upper wing only None	Storage: Future restoration project
Stinson "Reliant" SR-9 (1937)	N17107	Display: Flyable
Stinson 10A (1940)	N27740	Display: Restoration near complete
Stits SA-5A "Flut-R-Bug" (1954)	N37K	Display: Outdoors with engine
Vickers 745D "Viscount" (1956)	N220RC	Display: Front fuselage & cockpit
Volmer Jensen VJ-21 (1946)	N17330	Display aircraft with engine
Volmer Jensen VJ-22 (1971)	N5591	Storage: with engine
Volmer Jensen VJ-23 (19??)	None	Display with wings removed
Volmer Jensen VJ-23E (19??)	None	Display: w engine; wings removed
Volmer Jensen VJ-24W (1980)	N55969	Display with engine
Wright "Flyer" (1903)	None	Display: An exact full-scale replica

## WOH Engine Inventory February 2014

Engine	Year	Description	Comment
Cirrus III (#1) (American Cirrus)	1928	4-Cyl Upright inline, 95 HP	On stand for Avro "Avian"
Cirrus III (#2) (American Cirrus)	1928	4-Cyl Upright inline, 95 HP	On stand, Duplicate for "Avian"
Continental R-670-4	193?	7-Cyl Radial, 220 HP	In storage, no stand
Curtiss OX-5 (#1)	1918	8-Cyl Upright Vee, 90 HP, incomplete	Under restoration
Curtiss OX-5 (#2)	1918	8-Cyl Upright Vee, 90 HP, Restored for display	On steel stand
Franklin Model 4AC (#1)	1940	4-Cyl Horizontally opposed, 90 HP	On stand for Culver "Cadet"
Franklin Model 4AC (#2)	1940	4-Cyl Horizontally opposed, 90 HP	On stand with club prop
Guiberson A-1020	1940	9-Cyl Radial, Diesel, 310 HP,	On stand (Loaned to Hiller)
Henderson B-4 (Heath re-built)	1927	4-Cyl Upright inline, 30HP, Motorcycle engine	On stand with prop
Jacobs R-755	1935	7-Cyl Radial, 245 HP,	On stand
Kiekhaefer, Model V-105-2	1950	4-Cyl Upright Vee, 105 HP, (Globe KD6G-2 drone)	On stand with prop
Kinner, Model K-5	1929	5-Cyl Radial, 100 HP,	On stand
Kinner, Model R-55	1935	5-Cyl Radial, 160 HP,	On stand for Security "Airster"
Lambert	1935	5-Cyl Radial, 90 HP	On roll around platform
Lycoming O-145	1937	4-Cyl Horizontally opposed, 65 HP	On wooden stand
Lycoming O-145 (Cut-away)	1937	4-Cyl Horizontally opposed, 65 HP Cut away exhibit	On stand with prop
Lycoming R-680-11	193?	9-Cyl Radial, 280 HP	On metal stand
Lycoming, Model GO-435	1942	6-Cyl Horizontally opposed, 240 HP	On stand
McCulloch Drone	194?	2-Cyl Horizontally opposed, ?? HP Storage,	On stand, 2 engines w props
McCulloch, Model 4310-A	1940	4-Cyl Horizontally opposed, ?? HP	On stand with two 2-cyl drone engines
Pratt & Whitney, R-1830	1936	14-Cyl Radial, 1200 HP	Cut away display unit
Ranger L-440	1940	6-Cyl inverted inline, 200 HP	On wooden stand
Rolls Royce Dart	195?	Turboprop with propeller, 1470 SHP	On Cart, outdoor display
Salmson, Model 9-AD	1925	9-Cyl Radial, 40 HP	On stand
Security S-125	1937	5-Cyl Radial, 125 HP	On steel stand
Wright "Gypsy"	1930	4-Cyl upright inline, 90 HP	On wooden stand (Loan to Hiller Mus.)
Wright, R-2600	1940	14 Cyl Radial, 1600 HP	On stand

### Board of Directors

#### Meeting Minutes for January 2014

Roll call; we have a quorum.

Approval of November 26, 2013 Board Meeting minutes. Accept the November 26, 2013 minutes; Motion passed, no discussion

Treasurer's report – Susan will pay off the note; we owe approximately \$6,500, including interest.

#### Old Business

Parking Policy (Dan) – Dan had presented the parking policy earlier by e-mail. Todd read it out for us and we commented on various aspects. The first paragraph laid out the general policy of the Museum with regards to its members. Frank said this had little to do with parking; he volunteered to write just the parking policy. There were only a few comments regarding the remainder of the policy. We need to add two items, though. Whoever wishes to leave their RV on our property has to provide proof of vehicle liability insurance and we need to make a provision for anyone wishing to park a trailer.

Tracking of funds (Bud, Susan) – Tabled

Ron Muriera (Todd Minier) – Todd checked Ron's references and Internet presence. It seems that Ron is an honest, ethical person who we can do business with. He has a good track record.

Proceed with hiring Ron to assist us in grant writing; Motion passed, one abstention

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## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes *(continued from previous page)*

Revenue Generation (Gianni, Gene) – Gianni and Gene have not met for this purpose yet, but Gene has recognized several areas of fund-raising: Membership (dues and renewals); Activities (Open House, lunches, parties); Prop Shop; How are charges determined for repairing/building a prop?; Booths at other events

Use of Square (Dan) – Tabled

### New Business

Bathrooms – We are in the process of converting the men's bathroom to an ADA-compliant bathroom. SCAPA is lending a hand.

Hot House – Tabled

Should we make first time volunteers join – When a young person wants to volunteer, should we require them to join the Museum? No, we'll wait a year and if they're still enthused about working at the Museum, we'll ask them to join formally. We will make a list of chores that need being done and leave it in the office.

Impact of Fire Marshal – We had a visit from the fire marshal and we're obligated to complete a few items:

- Clear the walkways

- Inspect the water tanks. This inspection is being done right now. We don't have the results yet.

- Paint the water tanks

- Get two fire lockers to store paint and other chemicals; one for the prop shop and one for the restoration hangar.

We have 30 days to write up a plan for completing these items.

Budget – Tabled

7:55pm adjourn. Next Board of Directors Meeting: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 1:00pm at the Museum clubhouse.

## Meeting Minutes for February 25, 2014

Roll call; we have a quorum.

Approval of January 28, 2014 Board Meeting minutes. Accept the January 28, 2014 minutes. Motion passed, no dissension

### Old Business

Parking Policy (Frank) – Frank presented the Policy Statement; Parking of Vehicles on Museum Property. After much discussion we approved the statement.

Accept the Policy Statement; Parking of Vehicles on Museum Property as written by Frank. Motion passed, no dissension

Tracking of funds (Bud, Susan) 0150 Bud presented the Restricted Donation Analysis. There is about \$3,300.00 in the budget that is in reserve. We decided that in the future we will not request restricted donations from people. For example, there is now around \$500.00 earmarked for the Alexander Primary Glider, but it's in storage and probably won't be worked on. That \$500.00 could be used elsewhere, but can't because it's restricted.

Impact of Fire Marshall inspection – The water tanks are OK but they need exterior rust removal and painting.

Revenue Generation (Gianni, Gene) – Gianni and Gene have not met for this purpose yet; tabled until next meeting.

Use of Square (Dan) – We really need more information about the use of the Square. Do we really need it? Can we justify its use in the gift shop? Jeff will get more information on this and other forms of credit card use.

Bathrooms – The bathrooms are basically done; just need some painting.

### New Business

New members listed in newsletter

- The new members are currently listed in the newsletter.

- Evelyn presented a list of members she has dropped from the database because they let their membership lapse. We decided that she will send an invoice to each of these folks with a SASE in hopes that people will re-activate their membership.

Board members in arrears on attendance. – It's the responsibility of each board member to make an effort to attend the meetings. We realize that this can't be done at all times. We will re-visit the requirements expected of each member.

Gianni training weekend workers – Gianni is preparing a list of week-end projects. There will be a sign-in list for interested parties to fill out with projects that need to be worked on; Gianni will then coordinate these projects.

2:07pm adjourn. Next Board of Directors Meeting: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 6:00pm at Atlantic Aviation.

# Wings of History Air Museum

14th Annual Open House and Fly-in  
Saturday, May 17, 2014  
7:00am to 4:00pm



**Wings of History Air Museum and San Martin Airport**

Highway 101 and San Martin Ave.

Free Admission



Free Young Eagles Airplane Rides Provided by EAA  
(kids 8 to 17) from 10:00 to 2:00

register at [www.eaa62.org/ye-signup.php](http://www.eaa62.org/ye-signup.php)

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