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Museum Pietenpol in flight

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## *Christmas at the Museum*

Our holiday celebration will be on Sunday, December 14, 2014 in the clubhouse at the Museum. If you'd like, please bring an appetizer to share. Besides the socializing, it's also a fund-raiser. We'd really appreciate if you'd bring items for our silent auction.

Social hour will start at 1pm; luncheon will be at 2pm. This will be a catered event; the cost will be \$25 per person for a fabulous buffet and complimentary drinks. Also, if you'd like to participate, please bring a gift (worth no more than \$15) for a fun gift exchange.

Reservations and payment are requested by Monday, December 8 so we know how many people will attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

RSVP to the office (408 683-2290; [wohoffice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wohoffice@sbcglobal.net)), or to Susan Talbot (408 621-3266; [ssntlbt@me.com](mailto:ssntlbt@me.com)).

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## **President's Prop Wash**

*Dan*

The end of the year is fast approaching. Set aside December 14, 2014 for the annual Christmas Party to be held at the clubhouse between from 1:00 to 5:00. This year we will reinstitute the silent action. Please bring some nice gifts to sell at the auction to raise money for the museum. If you have an airplane maybe you can donate a ride. Sita Kern has volunteered to run the auction, Thanks Sita.

We have made significant progress in several areas. New volunteers are one very encouraging area. Ed Ferner's talk on "How the US got to the moon" were well received. We have had a couple of models donated to the museum and were put on display. We should be up to date with regards to the fire code. The Stinson is flying and was a hit at Salinas. For the up coming open house in May we are looking to get the B-25 "Executive Sweet" to be here to sell rides. To do this we will have to guarantee a number of rides @\$400 per person for a 25 minute ride. This pays for the cost of bringing the aircraft up from Camarillo. We have approximately 6 people committed so far. We are in negotiations with them to determine the exact number. If you are interested let us know so we can be in a position to either commit or not.

Doug Roskilly has construction some new items for the gift shop. See the photos on page 2. Come in to see them and buy if you are so inclined. Also, like us on Facebook "wings of history air museum" and keep abreast of our activities.

We are currently overcommitted on our budget for a couple of reasons. We didn't bring in as much on the open house as we thought and we overran the budget on the Stinson. Your generosity on the annual campaign is very encouraging. Please continue to send in donations and bid frequently and high at the silent auction. We can still reduce our deficit.

For the coming year I would like to focus on getting the Eagle airborne, progressing on the Airster, training the new volunteers, fund raising, and getting ourselves grant ready. Again, if you have other thoughts let us know. ❖



*Weather Vane*



*Airfoil Table, tilted*



*Etched Glass Picture*



*Riding Biplane front*



*Riding Biplane Rear*

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## Boy Scout Troop 27

Thank you very much for taking the time to show the scouts your very impressive collection of planes. We didn't realize it was such a unique museum with a breath of colorful and unique airplanes from the past. The scouts enjoyed learning and being able to carefully touch the wings of real airplanes.

They enjoyed it very much.

Ana and Chris Muir (Scoutmaster)

Troop 27, San Mateo ❖



## In Memoriam

### *Carl Moore*

Carl Moore, a longtime member of the Wings of History, passed away on November 16. You may remember Carl as the pilot of a yellow and black Monocoupe some years back, or more recently a Luscombe 8A. Those of us who knew Carl will remember him as a real gentlemen, always having a cheerful and upbeat attitude, always willing to lend a hand when needed, and one heck of a good pilot. He will be missed. Blue skies and tailwinds to you, Carl!



### *Donald Pietenpol*

Donald Dale Pietenpol, of Rochester, passed away Wednesday, January 8, 2014 in Nashville, Tennessee.



Donald was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend; a Korean War veteran who served in the U.S. Air Force; an engineer at IBM; ham radio operator (K0DFZ); a pilot; a builder of experimental planes; aviation enthusiast; and member of the Quiet Birdmen.

He especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. He was born in Wykoff in 1930. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Olive; three children, Andrew Pietenpol (Joyce Larson), of Cottage Grove, Donna Pietenpol, of Katy, Texas, and Jennifer Pietenpol (Ian Wattenmaker) of Nashville, Tenn.; and six grandchildren, Alexander Panetti, of Katy, Texas, Brittany Panetti, of Katy, Texas, Collin Panetti, of Katy, Texas, Gavin Higgins, of Nashville, Tennessee, Caroline Wattenmaker, of Waterford, Virginia., and Annie Wattenmaker of Waterford, Virginia.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Kermit.

A memorial celebration of his life and graveside service will be planned later next spring. The family requests that memorials be directed to the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center in Nashville, Tennessee, to support cancer research discoveries. ❖

## Schedule of Events

### 2014

December 2	WOH Board meeting at Atlantic Aviation, San Jose Airport, 6:00 pm
December 6	Fraser Lake Airpark Display Day, Hollister, California
December 14	WOH Christmas Party at the Museum, 1:00 to 5:00 pm

### 2015

January 3	Fraser Lake Airpark Display Day, Hollister, California
January 8	WOH Dinner Meeting at Holder's Restaurant in Cupertino
January 10 and 10	Cable Air Show at Cable Airport, Upland, California
January 17	Imperial Aviation Day at Imperial County Airport, Imperial, California
February 7	Fraser Lake Airpark Display Day, Hollister, California
February 7	AAHS Meeting and Stinson Club Fly-In at Flabob Airport, Rubidoux, California
February 12	WOH Dinner Meeting at Holder's Restaurant in Cupertino
February 21 and 22	32nd NW Aviation Conference and Trade Show, Puyallup, Washington
February 27 and 28	MCAS Yuma Air Show in Yuma, Arizona
March 7	Fraser Lake Airpark Display Day, Hollister, California
March 12	WOH Dinner Meeting at Holder's Restaurant in Cupertino
March 14	NAF El Centro Air Show in El Centro, California
March 28	23rd Annual Riverside Air Show at Riverside Airport, California
April 9	WOH Dinner Meeting at Holder's Restaurant in Cupertino
May 14	WOH Dinner Meeting at Holder's Restaurant in Cupertino
May 16	Wings of History Open House

## Recent Donations

All donations are greatly appreciated and fully tax deductible

Harold G. Carlson: A great many Naval Aviation and Aviation Week Magazines

Amelia Scholz Santamaria: Cash donation

Stephen Bass: Several items from the Copper State Fly-In

Ginny Babbitt: Gardening consultation time

Lonnie Autry: An emergency locator transmitter (ELT)

Group Delphi: Cash donation

Pamela Guido King: Various models, magazines, videos, and plaques

Marjorie White: A box of aviation books

Bob Rew: Five aviation books

Laurie Holst: Large-scale SE-5 model airplane

Harriet Brin: Various books, videos, slides, and hardware items

Don and Phyllis Long: Various garden tools and equipment

Doug Rosskilliey: Several framed aircraft drawings and lavatory mirrors

## Recent New Members

Jacob and Tracy Dain

Rich and Kathy Chacon

Tracy and Dorothy Ellsworth

Inn and Jenny Chang

# Board of Directors

## Meeting Minutes for September 23, 2014

Evelyn had two items to mention at the start of the meeting:

When the Board members are discussing an item by email, please keep it to one thread. It's very confusing if someone starts a new thread.

When an item is added to the agenda, please list the person who is adding the item. That way we can discuss with that person what he/she expects of the Board regarding this item.

Determine Quorum and Call to Order at 1:05pm

Roll call; we have a quorum.

Approval of August 22, 2014 Board Meeting minutes.

Accept the August 22, 2014 minutes. - Motion passed, no dissension

Treasurer's report

Strategic Planning

Items to get us grant ready (tabled)

Assign leads (tabled)

New ideas from Ron – Can we get a grant to provide some AV aids for folks walking through our Museum?

Jeff will investigate generating QR codes for people to access from their smart phones.

We can have a short talk about each item in the Museum for people to listen to.

Ron gave us this information: "IMLS Announces Museums for America and National Leadership Grants for Museums Recipients Federal Grants of \$30 Million Awarded to Support Museums across the U.S."

Dan is going to ask Gayle Womack about our business plan since he can't find any information in our files.

Bud is working on several items: Keep track of hours volunteers work at the Museum; Collect data that the visitors fill out in the log book; Get hours worked from folks who work at home (newsletter, website, for example); Find out who is working on our various events, and the hours they spend.

Old Business

Docents

We need more docents. Do you know anyone who would like to be part of the Museum?

Other fund-raisers – swap meet, Salinas, Watsonville

We need more fund-raising opportunities.

JN-4 propeller - This propeller has been returned to the Museum.

New Business

Prop Shop - Howard Pomerantz has resigned from the prop shop. Dan is the temporary manager and Gene is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the shop.

Speakers

We need more speakers. Ron has agreed to speak at our member meeting regarding aviation in the Philippines. We hope he can speak in October.

1:40pm adjourn. Next Board of Directors Meeting: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 6:00pm at Atlantic Aviation.

## Meeting Minutes for October 28, 2014

Determine Quorum and Call to Order at 6:05pm

Roll call; we have a quorum.

Approval of September 23, 2014 Board Meeting minutes.

Accept the September 23, 2014 minutes. - Motion passed, no dissension

Treasurer's report

Additions/changes to the agenda

Jeff talked a bit about the QR code and what's needed to get it in use. The most important item is writing a paragraph or so about each of our displays. These codes would be attached to each item's description and anyone with a smart phone will be able to scan it and read more information about the display.

Frank and Ed Furner will be tasked with writing these descriptions.

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### Strategic Planning

Items to get us grant ready

Assign leads. Dan passed out the list of tasks that need to be done before we can take the next steps in getting grants. We had a long discussion about getting grant-ready. We have a ways to go and we all need to step up and get these tasks done. One stumbling block is deciding what precisely we need the grant for. There are many things we'd like to get done, but making that first decision is proving to be harder than we anticipated.

Jeff and Dan will contact the Hiller Museum to discuss grants, education material, and anything other things that might help us advertise and grow.

Set strategic goal as being recognized in the Bay Area?

How do we get there? One way is through social media (Facebook, Twitter, and so on). Again we need someone to take this on and keep it updated.

Todd will write job descriptions for the Museum and send them to the Board for review.

We talked a bit about acknowledging donations. Susan assured us that when someone donates an item to the Museum she sends a letter thanking for the donation. There's no set rule on what the value of the item is; some people tell her they don't need the thank you letter for their donation.

Continue our practice of sending thank-you letter to donors for their donations.

Motion passed, no dissension

### Old Business

Docents

Lia will be tasked with writing a manual for docents to use in showing visitors around.

Other fund raisers – swap meet, Salinas, Watsonville

Fly-in? Maybe we can advertise a fly-in and include a breakfast or movie. We must involve SCAPA and EAA in any planning.

Speakers

We need speakers starting in January. Ron has agreed to speak at our November meeting.

### New Business

Open House

Will be held May 16, 2015.

(B-25 Executive Sweet) Need 10 pre-orders @\$400. So far they have five. Need to advertise (how and who) – The folks from Camarillo with the B-25 would like to offer rides at our open house. In order to do that, they need 10 pre-orders @\$400 per order.

Need to submit a plan to FAA (Dan and Jack) – We need to submit a plan to the FAA for our Open House because we have fly-bys and we invite people to attend (should have done this in the past).

Dan and Jack need to submit a plan to the FAA regarding our open house.

Advertising

Who, What, Where, When, and Why – It might be worth while to engage a business that supplies hotels/motels with information about local attractions. We can supply them with our tri-fold pamphlet.

Dan will get the cost for hiring a business to supply local hotels and motels with our tri-fold pamphlet.

Establish Advertising Budget – tabled

Making items to sell – Doug Rosskillley built a child's toy sit-on airplane and would like to produce more to sell. We'll start with two or three and see if they sell (we'll sell them for \$130 each)

Liability – is there any liability in our building and selling these toys? Susan will check with our insurance agent.

Make two or three of these child toy airplanes and see if they sell.

Motion passed, no dissension

Set next meeting date – Tuesday, December 2, 2014

7:40pm adjourn. Next Board of Directors Meeting: Tuesday, December 2, 2014 6:00pm at Atlantic Aviation.