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Black Widow at PCAM

Frank Way

No, not one of those creepy-crawly things with the red hourglass on its tummy and a severe bite that then devours its mate. This Black Widow is a noisy flapping flying thing that flits about and hovers, some of which spit out defensive fire with a .50 calibre machine gun. Yes, we now have one of those resting on our own PCAM aircraft display grounds. It is our renovated **Bell UH-1H Huey helicopter**.

Recently our former Huey Medevac (for medical evacuation) helicopter had its markings restored to its service colors while in the 188th Assault Helicopter Company of the United States Army when it served honorably in Vietnam. With door art of "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" as derived from music of the time ("Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club" in 1967) and nose art featuring a deadly spider, the transformation is remarkable.

And who was responsible for this effort involving the PCAM chopper that is referred to as "Slick," but PCAM members who served in the following capacities during that past conflict. They are Phil Williams (crew chief), Dick Detra (door gunner), Bob Moon (door gunner), John Charlebois (crew chief), and John Hayes (AF medic). Not to be neglected as part of the Huey crew is Dick's wife Karma Detra.

For our **October 20th meeting**, **Phil Williams**, who had two tours in "Nam" will present the history of this unit, our own Huey, and will describe their efforts in renovating the chopper for our museum display in time for our 2004 air show.



PCAM has had the benefit of historical presentations from World War II and the Korean era but only a few from the Vietnam War. Now, once again it is time for their story to be heard.

The Pacific Coast Air Museum

Located on the corner of N. Laughlin and Becker Blvd. on Charles M. Schulz -

Sonoma County Airport,
just north of Santa Rosa, CA.

Museum hours:

Tues./Thurs. 10:00-2:00

Sat./Sun. 10:00-4:00

A selected aircraft is available to "**Climb Aboard**" on the third weekend of each month (weather permitting)

Call **707•575•7900**

for details and information, or fax us at 707•545•2813.

Meetings are typically held at Sonoma County Office of Education, located near the airport on Skylane Blvd., on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

"Straight Scoop" the museum's newsletter is published monthly. Members are encouraged to submit articles for possible publication - due by the 20th of the month prior to publication.

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Aviation Time Line

PCAM's 100 Years of Aviation Time Line which was first unveiled at our 2003 Airshow, was again put on display for a well received run at the Sonoma County Fair this summer. It is sooooo big, that there are few venues that can accommodate it. But it was so well executed that it would be a shame not to have it on display somewhere. Group leader, **Bill Marsh** figured out the solution by mounting three panels at a time in the Museum's new annex building. Right now the years 1939 - 53 are posted. Maybe the Vietnam era will be up for the October Open Cockpit weekend.



SpaceShipOne's successful trips into space, winning the X-Prize, is reason enough to start working on a NEW panel! *see back page

To Those Aspiring to Directorship

Museum Board elections are approaching. Is it time for you to come to the aid of your developing local air museum? The three year term of board members Bill Canavan, Jim Long and our current president, Jim Cook will expire at the end of this year. Jim Long has offered to assume the reins as president of board for 2005, but never the less must be re-elected to do so. If you have ideas about the future of our museum, there is no better place to see them implemented than along side the continuing board members (listed in the side bar on the front page).

Please contact one of the Nominating Committee members: Bill Carpentier, Barney Hagen or Bill Green. Canidate statements will appear in the December *Straight Scoop* along with your ballot. Those who place their name in nomination before October 20th could also have their canidacy before the members in the November issue to pick up early support

Please Welcome Our Newest Members:

Dr. Jerome Morgan, Rich Peters, and Charlene Varnadore of Santa Rosa. Rick Elwood and George Viguie of Petaluma. Don Davis, Bruce McArthur, Tejon Stanley, Linda Suhr, Bill and Julie Middleton of Sebastopol. Chuck, Sharon, Eric and Jeff Morris of Fulton. Joaquin Espinos of Cloverdale. Cornelius Oosterbaan of Larkspur and Kirk Whitmore of Walnut Creek.

Relaxing, Airshow Survivors' BBQ at George Town

When you gather a bunch of hard working volunteers, at a venue where most have no assignment but to enjoy the food and the atmosphere, the operative description of the event is "relaxing."

Member, Guy Smith, once again invited the survivors to his family's ranch and father's collection known as George Town. Chef Benedetti of WillieBird Turkey presided over the BBQ with assistance by Don Doherty. Mr. Airshow, Steve Hoxie, called up numerous volunteers to select a Kendall Jackson or Korbel product (in hopes of buying off their continued future service) and monitored his high tech "applause-o-meter" to determine this years foremost airshow volunteer by acclamation after numerous nominations from an appreciative crowd. **Buck Darblay** and **Ron Stout** were chosen as co-supreme volunteer for Wings Over Wine Country 2004. Thankyou all. It can't be done without you! **Next airshow debrief meeting will be Oct. 20th at 6pm at SCOE.**



Host, Guy Smith and buddy



Fun-loving survivors



Touring George Town



Photographer Larry Carrillo selecting a bottle of KJ wine and one of his many aerial shots from our Airshow that he has enlarged, mounted and made available as a fund raising option that will forever remind one of the historic aircraft PCAM brings out to share with a fascinated public.

THANKS

Richard VanderMeulen for his one and a half page write up and photos of our 2004 Wings Over Wine Country Airshow in the September issue of *In Flight USA* magazine.

Test Pilot Joe Rogers Honored

Ray Anderson

U. S. Air Force Colonel (retired) Joseph W. Rogers of Healdsburg was inducted into the Society of Experimental Test Pilots (SETP) **Aerospace Walk of Honor** at Lancaster, California on Saturday September 11th, and a plaque recognizing his accomplishments was placed on a granite block in "Boeing Plaza" along Lancaster Boulevard. The ceremony was part of the city's annual Aviation Faire, timed to coincide with the third anniversary of the terrorist attacks of 9/11. Joe, along with four other pilots who spent part of their test careers at nearby Edwards Air Force Base, were enshrined along the mile-long walk this year, joining 70 others previously so honored. Photo emailed by Wayne Anderson shows Joe's plaque.



A condensed resume of Col. Rogers legendary career was presented in the July edition of *Straight Scoop*. The engraving on the plaque, in addition to noting many of his aviation accomplishments, lists his military awards.

On a windy afternoon in June of this year, after the World War Two Group's luncheon, several of us accompanied PCAM member Col. Rogers to the museum to view progress on the restoration of the newly acquired Convair F-106 Delta Dart - Joe's favorite airplane. It was fully assembled and on it's wheels, but still needing a paint job. A few photos were taken with Joe in front of the 106. My snapshot shows PCAM President Jim Cook and Executive Director Duane Coppock along side of the retired Air Force Colonel.

The 106 represents the pinnacle of the Century Series aircraft and is regarded by many pilots as their favorite (even among SR-71 pilots).

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Colonel Joseph W. Rogers, USAF

Colonel Joseph W. Rogers, USAF set a new official world absolute speed record at Edwards AFB in 1959 when he piloted a Convair F-106A Delta Dart to a speed of 1,525 mph. After 45 years, this was still the record for single engine airplanes.

Flying over Korea and Viet Nam, Rogers flew 300 combat missions in P-51 Mustangs, P-80 Shooting Stars and F-4 Phantoms. He attended the USAF Experimental Test Pilot School in 1956 and the Air War College in 1964.

He flew early development test flights of the F-80D Sabre and performed early testing on the F-102, F-106 weapons systems before joining the SR-71, YF-12 Test Force, where he flew the first Blackbird mission of the USAF/NASA YF-12/SR-71 USAF research program. He eventually became Test Director of the world's highest and fastest airplane, the SR-71 at Edwards Air Force Base. In 1971, Rogers was already evaluating advanced fighter design concepts that wouldn't appear until the 1990s.

Colonel Rogers was awarded the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Legion of Merit and the Air Medal with 16 Oak Leaf Clusters. A fellow in the Society of Experimental Test Pilots, Rogers received the Thompson Trophy and the Federation Aeronautique Internationale De La Vaulx medal. During his career as a test pilot, Rogers logged 13,000 hours in more than 50 aircraft, including the F-86D, F-102, F-104, F-106, YF-12, SR-71 and F-4.

Established in 1990 by the Lancaster City Council, the Aerospace Walk of Honor celebrates test pilots who were associated with Edwards AFB. Recognition is awarded for distinguished aviation careers marked by significant and obvious achievements beyond one specific accomplishment.

**AEROSPACE
WALK OF HONOR**

F-106 Delta Dart Dedication Ceremony

The board of directors and members of the Pacific Coast Air Museum request the honor of your presence at the dedication of the newest airplane in its collection of historic aircraft. This dedication is being made by the museum in honor and in remembrance of General Jimmy Jumper and the Convair Delta Dart will be sporting the scheme of his squadron, the 48th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, based at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia.

His son, General John Jumper, the current Chief of Staff of the Air Force and member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Jumper family, including Mrs. Jimmy Jumper, will be in attendance at the dedication.



Saturday, October 16th

The ceremony will take place at the Fred Furth Aviation hangar
at the Charles M. Schulz - Sonoma County Airport,
and will begin promptly at 10 am.

Immediately after the dedication ceremony
PCAM will host a luncheon and reception in the hangar for General Jumper and his family.

The F-106 played an important roll in the defense of our country, and now General Jumper himself is on the front line of the day to day decisions which will help determine our country's future course. We are honored to have him attend the dedication of this very special aircraft. Our dedication of the F-106 will be made in honor of General Jimmy Jumper at the request of Col. Joe Rogers, a friend of the Jumper family, member of PCAM, and still holder of the world speed record set by the F-106.

If you plan to attend this event in PCAM's unfolding history,
an RSVP is essential and must be received by phone or return mail to the museum by October 9th.
Call 707-575-7900.

General Jumper was born in San Antonio, Texas. He began his military career in 1941 as an enlisted man and received his commission as a second lieutenant in December 1944 after graduating from the aviation cadet program at Moore Field, Texas.

He has served in a number of key positions at many locations in the United States and in the Far East. Some of his assignments included the Air Defense Command as liaison officer at Sacramento Air Materiel Area, McClellan Air Force Base. In 1956 he was on the F-102 suitability test at Edwards Air Force Base, and Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.

In July 1956 General Jumper entered the Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, and was assigned as commander, 5040th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Group, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. He attended the Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., 1960-61, and then assumed duties as commander, 48th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, which was equipped with F-106 Delta Darts, at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia.

**MAJOR GENERAL
JIMMY J. JUMPER
1923 - 1979.**

His military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Joint Services Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, and Army Commendation Medal. A pilot with more than 5,200 flying hours.

Assigned as commander, 27th Tactical Fighter Wing, Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico, in April 1968.

General Jumper was transferred to Vietnam in July 1971 and assigned to the U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, as the assistant chief of staff, plans. He assumed duties as deputy chief of staff, intelligence, Headquarters Seventh Air Force, Tan Son Nhut Air Base, in December 1971, and as chief, Air Force Advisory Group, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, where he also served as the adviser to the commander, Vietnamese Air Force.

Senior Air Force member, Weapons Systems Evaluation Group, Office of the Deputy Director, Research and Engineering, Defense, 1973.
Special assistant to commander, Thirteenth Air Force, Clark Air Base, Republic of the Philippines, 1973.
Chief of the Air Force Advisory Group, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, 1974.



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Vietnam Era Weekend

Climb Aboard

**F-4 Phantom II, UH-1H "Huey",
A-4 Skyhawk, A-6 Intruder
& RF-8 Crusader cockpit. F-8 and
F-105 Thunderchief also on display.**

October 16th & 17th

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Dick & Karma Detra

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Congratulations SpaceShipOne Team; X-Prize Winners



Jubilation at the Mojave "Spaceport"

Two other Rutan designed aircraft flew as chase planes: a Beech Starship and Burt's Alpha Jet. Along with the launch platform, the White Knight, the creative genius of this man is as inspirational as the X-Prize achievement.

Microsoft co-founder, Paul Allen, bankrolled the effort, and Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic has contracted Scaled Composite to provide somewhat larger versions to go into commercial service in 2007.

On October 4th, 2004 (the 47th anniversary of Sputnik), the latest creation of Burt Rutan and his team at Scaled Composites completed the second flight into space in less than a week, to win the \$10 million Ansari X-Prize. The craft reached an altitude of 368,000 ft., surpassing the 358K' set by the X-15 in the 60s.

Brian Binnie, a 20 year Navy test pilot, was the astronaut for the craft's last trip to space. Mike Melvill had the honors for the first trip as well as SpaceShipOne's maiden voyage to space back in June of this year.

The prize will be awarded in St. Louis on November 6th.

**Spacecraft
slung below the
launch craft,
White Knight.**

