



Snaproll II

2011 Fly-In Brings Planes—Sat, May 14th



B-25 "Executive Sweet"

The 2011 Minter Field Fly-In promises to bring in the most aircraft ever assembled on the tarmac. We're expecting up to 100 airplanes, including Warbirds, Experimentals, Antiques, General Aviation, Helicopters and Jets.

Rides will be offered in the beautiful B-25 "Executive Sweet", as well as several other aircraft. Visit our website at www.MinterFieldAirMuseum.com for the latest details and a sign-up sheet to ensure the scheduling of rides. There will be many first time visitors, including a Russian "Bear 360" homebuilt, an all-electric battery powered Gull 2000, and the beautiful SeaRey amphibian aircraft, all on the ramp at the show. *More on Pg 4.....*

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CALENDAR

April 2011

23- Board Meeting
Museum

May 2011

14- 2011 Fly-In
8a-4p Minter Field
\$5 Pancake Breakfast
8-11 am

21- Board Meeting
Museum

June 2011

18- Board Meeting
Museum

July 2011

16- Board Meeting
Museum

Veterans Bring Personal Histories to Fly-In

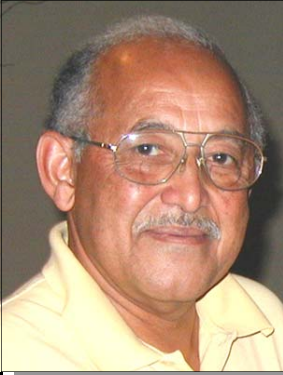
After the Pancake Breakfast is over around 11am, the Museum's hangar will transform into an historical venue where Fly-In visitors can meet and talk with veterans from several military conflicts.

WWII veterans will include a representative of the Tuskegee Airmen, Whitey Thompson, the last living member of the Glenn Miller Orchestra, and two Pearl Harbor survivors.

The Korean conflict will provide veterans who were involved in this hard-fought battle to stem the tide of Communism.

From Vietnam, we are expecting members of the pilots who flew daring missions in the AH-1 Cobra helicopter gunship.. Also, photographer Richard Satchell will have albums of his historic photos.

The Left Seat by Jim Whitehead, COB



Finally, Bakersfield weather appears to be edging toward the sunny days we expect in April and May. With that, the Museum starts to focus on airplanes flying into Minter Field. The last two years we have had a Fly-in with as many as 60 airplanes on the ramp. This year we have added more activity for our fly & drive- in visitors.

In our hangar, after the Pancake Breakfast, there will be a program with two 30 minute presentations; one being "The Facts about Pearl Harbor You Don't Know" The speaker is Karl Bender NASA Librarian from Edwards AFB & our Museum Historian. Hangar visitors will also have the opportunity to talk with Pearl Harbor survivors, Tuskegee Airman and "Whitey" Thomas the last living member of the WWII Glen Miller Band.

As in the past the ramp will have many food, aviation & military clothing vendors. For the first time two 48 star flags will be displayed, a 20 foot one hung inside the hangar and the other 5' by 9' flown on our flag pole in front of the Museum. This day is dedicated to all the men and woman who have served in the military from WWII up to and including Afghanistan. Take a minute and thank them and their families for their dedication and sacrifice for you and our Great Nation.

Once again, the Museum is sponsoring an Aviation Explorer Post for young men and woman from ages 14- 20. We now have 10 Explorers and meet twice a month on Saturdays from 9AM-1230PM. For more information on Exploring see www.aviationexplorering.org.

Thanks to Tel Tec Security Systems of Bakersfield the Museum is now protected 24-7. Also, when you visit the Museum please take notice of all the new signs for your safety. These are just a small part of our new safety program developed by the Museum under the guidance & direction of one of our volunteer Board Members, "Al" Goines. We are extremely pleased that we now have these two new programs in place.

When you visit the Museum also see our new gift shop and take home a souvenir. We are a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization with an all volunteer staff. All the proceeds from the day go to the operation of the Museum.

No Left Seat can ever be complete without thanking all the volunteers, members and donors that help the Museum accomplish one part of our Mission Statement which is to educate the community on the rich aviation history of our Great Nation and the San Joaquin Valley.



Fly-In Photo Preview

B-25 Headlines 2011 Minter Field Fly-In - Rides for \$450



Russian "Bear" Homebuilt — Amphibian "SeaRey" Experimental



Aero L-39 "Albatross" Jet Trainer — Reno Winner AT-6 "Miss TNT"



2011 Fly-In - Saturday, May 14th

Fly-In Honors Vets from WW II, Korea & Vietnam

\$5 Pancake Breakfast, 8am-11am will be held in the Museum hangar. Under 6 Free!

Aircraft of all types: We're hoping to see up to 100 aircraft this year. Warbirds expected include B-25, Executive Sweet, A-26 Invader, AT-6 Texan, BT-13 Valiant, PT-19 Cornell, P-51 Mustang and more. We'll have a wide variety of experimentals; home-builts, sport planes, RV's, plus an amphibian and our first battery powered ultralite. We're expecting some jets, helicopters, and maybe even a glider. The Fly-In is a wonderful place to see an amazing array of aircraft, most of which will fly-in that day.

Spot Landing Contest starting at 11am for pilots attending the Fly-In. Details on the website (www.MinterFieldAirMuseum.com).

Special Presentations and Guests will be held in the hangar after the breakfast. We will have veterans from WW II, Korea and Vietnam available to talk with you and share their perspectives. Members of the Tuskegee Airmen, Pearl Harbor Survivors, Vietnam Kingbees, and pictures taken by professional photographer Richard Satchell during his Vietnam service will be there. We'll have special presentations at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm of historical significance.

Museum Needs Help to Renovate 2 Vietnam Era Helicopters



AH-1 Cobra: A joint venture of the Museum and the Kern County Fire Dept is this Vietnam era attack helicopter, and offshoot of the famous HU-1 Huey. We have most of the parts for this bird, and hope to display it in front of the Museum as a Memorial to a Kern County Pilot. If you would like to lend a hand in the assembly and repainting, contact David Day at the Museum.

H-34 Choctaw:

This photo is of the very Sikorsky helicopter that sits in our bullpen today. It was flown in Vietnam in the late 1960's by the Vietnam group known as the Kingbees. These brave pilots and crews inserted and extracted special forces into areas heavily fortified by the North Vietnamese. Many American pilots owe their lives to the actions of the Kingbees. We have recently received a donation of 3 H-34 fuselages and many significant parts needed for us to renovate our Vietnam artifact into a static display. If you or someone you know would like to become part of this renovation project, contact project leader David Day.



MEMBERSHIP– Join or Renew for 2011



MINTER FIELD AIR MUSEUM



2011 Membership Program

The support of our members allows the Museum to preserve the rich history of the San Joaquin Valley and educate the community on the important role played by Minter Field during WW II.

***Veterans receive 20% Discount on Pilot Level Annual Renewable Memberships**

<u>Member Recognition Level</u>	Newsletter & MFAM Pin	Warbird Cup	Warbird T-Shirt S M L XL XXL	MFAM Golf Shirt S M L XL XXL	Life Member – One-Time Fee	**Warbird Flt. in WWII Trainer	Leather Flight Jacket	Sponsor Plaque	*** VIP Status
Pilot (Basic Individual - \$40* Membership) Family - \$50* (Annual) Student (6-18) \$20	+		^	^					
Senior Pilot (Annual) \$100*	+	+							
Command Pilot (Annual) \$250*	+	+	+						
Squadron Commander (Life) \$500	+	+		+	+				
Wing Commander (Life) \$1,000	+	+		+	+				
Division Commander (Life) \$2,000	+	+		+	+	+			
Air Force Commander (Life) \$5,000	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	
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Your contribution is tax deductible – US Tax ID #953646320

***Warbird Flight in a WW II trainer*

****VIP Status receives 4 tickets to the annual Air Show or Fly-In with VIP Parking,
4 tickets to the Annual Founders Day Banquet in February.*



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Please Join Our Museum as an Active Member
OR
Renew Your Membership Now
Good thru 12/31/2011

The address we sent this Snap Roll to has a code after your name with the last year that you have paid membership dues.

A2011=paid for 2011; B2010= Last paid for 2010;
C2009= Last paid for 2009, etc; #Life=Lifetime Member

If you don't have a year code, then you have never joined the Museum as a supporting member. (X, Y, Z, V, etc). We cordially invite you to become a member. You will receive a membership card and a Museum lapel pin in return.

If you have been a member, please renew your membership through the end of 2011. Recent Snap Rolls are available in color on our website: www.MinterFieldAirMuseum.com .

WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR SUPPORT !

The Minter Field Air Museum is supported by donations from members and others who share our mission of keeping alive the history of Minter Field and the brave and dedicated "Greatest Generation".

We have come to a critical point in our history. Economic times have hit all non-profit organizations hard, and we're no exception.

We ask you to join or renew your membership, or if you are able, please make a cash donation to our cause and enable us to continue to grow and share our rich aviation history. Your donation is tax deductible, as we are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation, run by an all-volunteer staff who give of their time with no financial reward.

Book Review - "B-24 Stories" by Ralph Welsh



WOW!

Anthology of B-24 / 8th Air Force /
World War II Stories

Over 65 bomber crew narrations on their most memorable combat mission.

50 diverse war-related stories

Saga of infantryman, Bulge to Russian soldiers

18 WWII personalities

Short autobiog, other life experiences.

by Ralph Welsh

"As reading time gets more limited, books like "WOW" by Ralph Welsh are always appealing. This excellent collection spans many segments of the air war during WWII. Packed with well over 160 short stories, the anthology collection is also well illustrated, and is an excellent value.

Ralph Welsh was a B-24 pilot with the 448th Bomb Group at Seething, England. Mr. Welsh has compiled a fantastic collection of veteran accounts making the reader both laugh and cry.

This book is a very interesting read. It is one of the finest collections of first person veteran accounts in memory. The book serves as an archival testament to the men who flew with the 8th Air Force during WWII."

8th Air Force News

WOW ! is available in the Minter Field Air Museum's Gift Shop in soft cover for just \$20 (including tax).

Museum Needs Your Help

The Minter Field Air Museum is staffed by an all-volunteer group of members. From the Board Chairman down, we are all volunteers. **WE NEED YOUR HELP !!**

Registrar: We have a great need for a detailed-oriented person to become our Registrar - a position vital to the Museum to keep track of the Museum's artifacts and items owned by the Museum. We can provide you with a computer, software and training to work either from the Museum or at home - or both.

Membership Assistant: Our current office manager is overwhelmed with too many tasks. An assistant could help with membership management, keeping track of renewals, letters to members, sending membership cards and pins to new members and renewal stickers to renewing members.

Docents: We need a group of Museum members who would be willing to learn how to give tours of the Museum and hangar. Our head docent, Don Westfahl, was a cadet at Minter Field in 1944. He needs your help. He'll train you to do the job.

To offer your help, e-mail us at mfam@minterfieldairmuseum.com

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2001 Minter Field Fly-In
Sat, May 14th, 2011
Shafter Airport
Admission: Adults \$10; Sr\Vets \$7
Students \$5; Under 6 Free
\$5 Pancake Breakfast
8am—11am

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AT MAY 14TH FLY-IN

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