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Founder's Day Banquet— Feb 18th, 2012

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The 2012 Founder's Day Banquet will be held at Hodel's on Olive Drive on Saturday, February 18th. Social hour starts at 6pm, with dinner at 7pm. This year our speaker will be George Marrett, former test pilot at Edwards AFB and Skyraider pilot in the Vietnam conflict in Thailand. He test flew aircraft for the Hughes Aircraft Company and helped develop radar and missiles for many aircraft. George was one of the original founders of the Estrella Air Museum in Paso Robles. *(More....Pg6)*



Edwards Test Pilot—1964

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CALENDAR

Jan 2012

- 17- Board Meeting Museum -Annual Mbrshp Meeting Board Election-9AM

Feb 2012

- 18- Board Meeting Museum
- 18- Founder's Day Banquet

Mar 2012

- 17- Board Meeting Museum

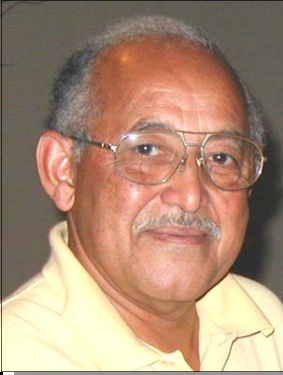
11/11/11 Military Vehicle Show Impressive



In a joint venture with the Kern County Museum, the Veteran's Day Military Vehicle Show brought scores of jeeps, light and heavy trucks, half-traks, weasels, personnel carriers and even some artillery for Kern County residents to view for FREE. Vehicles were provided by the Minter Field Air Museum, National Guard, Army Reserve, Bakersfield Police, and members of the Olive Drab Drivers, local people who own military vehicles. Large collections were brought by Jim Calanchini and Marc McCaslin, both of Bakersfield.

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The Left Seat by Jim Whitehead, COB



Ready or not, 2012 is here. With that, the Minter Field Board of Directors hopes that all our volunteers, members and supporters had a joyful Christmas and will have a healthy, prosperous and happy 2012. For our Museum, and many others of all sizes, one fact that is always present at the beginning of each year, there are many challenges. However, as we all know, the economy for the past 2 -3 years has not been good but challenges always presents opportunities

Our active volunteers has increased by 20%, continued community involvement resulted in 2nd place at the Kern County Fair, 1st place in the Veterans Day Parade, and our Christmas Open House attracted the largest number of visitors to date. This success was a direct result active marketing in Kern County, north to Fresno, south to Santa Clarita and a part of the coast. This marketing area expansion was aided by a grant from the Kern County Board of Trade with the grant money being utilized in 2010 & 2011.

In this past year our Museum has had an increase in artifact donations that resulted in 2 new displays, upgrading of another and we are in the process of building 2 more new displays. The two new displays are (1) Edwards AFB history and test programs (2) WWII glider pilot that flew sorties in support of the Normandy invasion of France. The Flying Tiger display was upgraded by adding a large painting of a tiger signed by 4 American Volunteer Group (AVG) pilots, and a model of a Flying Tiger P-40 shooting down a Japanese Zero build by our Master Model Builder Ed Herman. The two displays in the building process are (1) NASA including many pictures of crews in the space station program and models (2) Colonel Gardner whose Air Force career included a Distinguished Flying Cross earned during the invasion at Normandy in June 6, 1944 until 1969 flying rescue in Viet Nam.

The Museum family is very proud of our displays that help us accomplish our mission of educating the community. The history portrayed is from WWI up through NASA's space station program. Our goal in 2012 will be to build displays for both the Iraqi wars plus Afghanistan.

Although it was a good year for increase of volunteers, for 2012 we still need people to be docents for Fridays and Saturdays plus special events. We also need volunteers to be part of project teams to complete restoration of our Viet Nam Cobra and OH-6 Cayuse "Loach" helicopters. (Loach stands for Light Observation Helicopter)

Why not visit the Museum and see how your interests can help us accomplish our mission. Even consider just be part of a team for a project to its completion. As a WWII poster in our Museum says:

"WE NEED YOU"

I cannot end a "Left Seat" without thanking all those that have made the Museum a special place to visit. That includes members, volunteers, families that donate artifacts for our displays and visitors. Museum admission is free but many visitors show their appreciation by placing a donation in our converted bomb at the front door. THANK YOU ALL !



Veteran's Day Military Vehicle Show

M-2 Half Trak

KCo Sherriff's "Huey" - UH-1



Heavy Iron from Natl Guard

SWAT Armored Car



Armored Personnel Carrier

M-37 3/4 Ton Truck



2011 - A Year of Accomplishment

New Helicopter Joins Vietnam Choppers at Museum

Our Xmas present this year is the arrival of a 3rd Vietnam era helicopter to add to our growing collection. The OH-6 Cayuse, nicknamed the "Loach" for its low altitude role, is on a permanent loan from the DEA, who used it for enforcement on our southern borders. Many thanks to J.R. Smith, of BiPlane Rides in Oceano, for arranging this acquisition.

The type was entered service in September 1966 where it flew armed missions with a multi-barrel machine gun or 40-mm grenade launcher. Originally built by Hughes, the 4 place "Flying Egg" was used by a 26 other countries around the world. Hughes was purchased by McDonnell Douglas in January of 1984. The modern day OH-6 variants flown by the U.S. Army's Special Operations Forces are known as "Little Birds" and because of their ability to strike undetected during darkness, earned Task Force 160 the right to call themselves "Night Stalkers".

Here are some specifications:

Power Plant: One 317-shaft hp Allison T63-A-5A

Top speed: 150 mph at sea level

Rate of Climb: 1840 fpm

Range: 413 miles

Empty Weight: 1,156 pounds

Length: 23 feet

Rotor diameter: 30 feet, 9.5 inches

Height: 8 ft 1.5 inches

Capacity: 2 Crew, 2-4 passengers or armed troops

Our new bird will be renovated and painted in Vietnam colors.



OH-6 Cayuse—Vietnam Era



OH-6 "LOACH" Low Altitude Observation

MEMBERSHIP– Join or Renew for 2012



MINTER FIELD AIR MUSEUM



2012 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 | + | + | | + | + | + | + | + | |
| Supreme Commander (Life) \$10,000 | + | + | | + | + | + | + | + | + |

Your Museum membership will become active 14 days after payment

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***VIP Status receives 6 tickets to the annual Fly-in and Founder's Day Banquet

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E-mail: mfam@minterfieldairmuseum.com - Website: www.minterfieldairmuseum.com

Please Join Our Museum as an Active Member
OR
Renew Your Annual Membership Now
Good thru 12/31/2012

The Air Museum is planning big things for 2012, and we will need lots of help, both physically and financially. We send out over 650 Snap Rolls to current members, former members and interested parties. Of that number, only 125 are Lifetime or current members of the Museum. Nearly half of you are not and have never been members of the Museum. 210 of our list have been members in the past, but have not renewed their memberships.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO KEEP OUR MUSEUM ALIVE !!!

Won't you please review our Membership Program on page 5 and find a level of membership that fits you or your family? We are all volunteers - the board of directors, officers and staff - who give of our time and money to make this historical Museum a going entity. But we can't do it alone !

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

IF YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS, PLEASE SEND AN E-MAIL TO US AT mfam@minterfieldairmuseum.com SO WE CAN UPDATE OUR FILES

Founder's Day Banquet - E-mail or Mail Reservation

**2012 Founder's Day Banquet—Sat, Feb. 18th, 2012
Hodel's, Olive Dr & Hw 99—Social hour 6pm; Dinner - 7pm
Reservations in advance please -\$30 per person**

E-mail from website: www.MinterFieldAirMuseum.com

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Annual Membership Meeting—Sat, Jan 21st, 2012

The first monthly meeting of each year is a general membership meeting that is open to all members of the Museum. Members of the 2011 year have until the end of January to renew their memberships for 2012, according to the newly revised By-Laws which will be presented for a vote by the board at this meeting.

Current members will be invited to vote on 4 Board Seats of the 12 Board Members that are up for renewal on a 3 year rotation basis. Current Board seats up for election or renewal are held by Randy Randall, David Thuillez, Gary Ebel and Jeffrey “Al” Goines. Members need to renew by Jan. 7th to be able to vote for the board seats. The election will be at 9AM.

After the Board seats are voted on, the Board will elect Officers for the 2012 year. Current board officers are: James Whitehead, Chairman; David Patterson, Vice-Chairman; David Thuillez, Secretary; and Dean Craun, Chief Financial Officer.

One item of interest on the Board’s Agenda will be the approval of the revised set of By-Laws, which have been updated to modern day practices. A committee has met several times in the past few months to propose and revise outdated bits of the by-laws that were originally passed in 1982.

Nearly 75 Vehicles On Display at Kern Co Museum on 11/11/11

Presented as a fund raiser for the two non-profit Museums, this vehicle show was sponsored by Bakersfield Chrysler-Jeep, who celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the military jeep. Other sponsors included Ellison Technologies and the University of Phoenix.



Tri-tip sandwiches were cooked by the people of Haliburtons, who donated all the proceeds. Other food vendors were the Rosedale VFW, Ben & Jerry’s, Main Squeeze Lemonade and Carnie’s Kettle Korn. The Kern County Sheriff flew in their UH-1 Huey Search and Rescue helicopter, which was a big draw for all, as was the BPD SWAT vehicle. The Museum’s wish to thank Jim & Diane Calanchini for donating the proceeds of the auction of their 1930 Chrysler Model 66 sedan to be shared by the two Museums.

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2011 Museum Raffle Winners

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Tehachapi, CA

Winner of the M-1 Carbine

And
TO

Pam Osorio
Of
Bakersfield

Winner of the Valor Quilt

**We appreciate the support of all
who purchased raffle tickets**



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2011 Veterans Day
Military Vehicle Show
11/11/2011

Kern County Museum
After the Vets Day Parade
FREE ADMISSION

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To have a Display booth on our website