



Snaproll II

2010 Fly-In Brings 86 Aircraft to Minter Field

The Museum held the second Fly-In event in as many years in April, and the response was outstanding. Over 86 aircraft were on display. Some flew in from quite a distance, as did an Ultralite from Arizona; some came from across town. But all in all, we had a wonderful assortment of aircraft, including Warbirds, Antiques (aircraft at least 35 years old), home-builts, experimentals, even jets, and a powered glider made in Russia.



Fairchild PT-19 Flies In

The Museum hold the air events as its major fund raiser. Past Warbirds In Action Air Shows featured WW II aircraft, but the cost of bringing these planes to Minter Field has increased greatly in recent years due to increased fuel prices and the cost to bring in featured aircraft and performers.

The Board of Directors is looking at ways to increase interest in the Fly-In format. Events such as Spot Landing Contests and Flour Bag Drops are time-tested events.

We are inviting members and others to join our Volunteer Corp to assist us in putting on quality Museum events throughout the year. Come join us !!

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CALENDAR

August, 2010

21- Board Meeting
8:30AM-Museum

September, 2010

18- Board Meeting
8:30AM-Museum

October, 2010

16-Board Meeting
8:30AM-Museum

November, 2010

11- Veterans Day Parade
- Military Vehicle Show
Bak RV Park, Wible Rd
20- Board Meeting
8:30AM-Museum

Museum Honors WW II Musician



Whitey Thomas at Museum Hangar

The Museum was honored to induct Whitey Thomas as an Honorary Lifetime Member at our Pancake Breakfast in July. Whitey, the last living member of the Glenn Miller Army Air Corp Orchestra, favored us with renditions of "Happy Birthday" and "Caravan". He currently lives in the Bakersfield area. What a wonderful moment it was !

The Left Seat by Jim Whitehead, C.O.B.



HARD TIMES ???

During a period of poor economic conditions of our country, support for non-profit organizations increase. This statement was made by a professional fund raiser for a California State University. Hard to believe but it is true. I personally have seen a large increase of revenue and support for the university and there also has been an increased positive activity and accomplishments in many areas by our museum. As you review this Snap Roll you immediately become aware how the museum's activities and programs continue to grow. We have been visited by a variety of groups from other states, to thank fly-in volunteers, a pancake breakfast was held while at the same time we honored "Whitey" Thomas the only surviving member of the Glen Miller Band.

We are also addressing the economic downturn through partnerships, revamping our annual air show which produced one of OUR better financial results in a few years, a annual gun raffle with a profit each year, and submitting for and receiving a Kern County Board of Trade grant to develop a new museum brochure and expand our marketing focus. Certified Folder Display Service Inc. has been contracted for one year to strategically place and market our brochures in the Palmdale/Lancaster area, Santa Clarita, plus Fresno and surrounding area.

This Snap Roll contains pictures and the story of our partnership with the Kern County Fire Department to restore a Cobra helicopter. Our intent after it's restoration is to build a memorial dedicated to all Viet Nam helicopter crews but in particular the son of one of Kern County's fireman killed in Viet Nam while piloting a Cobra.

One of our most exciting partnerships is with The Green Hotel, The Train Museum and The Bugseum. The Green Hotel, and three museums have partnered to establish one Saturday a quarter where all museums would be open for visitors from 10AM to 3PM. In addition selected restaurants in Shafter will provide a reduction in cost of a meal or a free drink. The requirement to receive this benefit is that a visit is made to 2 of the museums on one Saturday. This will allow a family to visit up to 4 historic sites in one day free and then receive a reduction in ,the cost of a meal or a free drink in selected Shafter restaurants. What a great way during these "hard times" to provide the public with an educational and fun day for a very minimal cost. Huell Howser of the TV show California's Gold has shown an interest. Ron Pierce, a MFAM Board Member, representing the 4 of us has been working with Huell to make this happen. Thanks to Shafter Mayor Cathy Prout and the entire council for their support and producing the Four Museum Brochure. These brochures will be at each Museum and the new

MFAM brochure will be distributed throughout Kern County. Look for more information about this activity in the Shafter Press.

Thanks to the continued exceptional dedication and "out of the box" strategic planning by the MFAM Board of Directors the opening statement is proving true. During "hard times" support for non-profit organizations increase. However, I must also thank Holiday Ford and the owners Dan & Janice Smith, the Shafter Mayor and Council, The Shafter Police Department, the Minter Field District Board and Noel Wilson and family for their extraordinary support through good and hard times.

Each an every volunteer is a jewel. As our programs and activities expand so does our need for ACTIVE volunteers and members Come join us, be part of educating the community on Minter Field's history through being a docent, restoration of aircraft and vehicles plus the many activities

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Whitehead".

WE NEED YOU AS A VOLUNTEER OR MEMBER.

Museum Activities



Friendship Force Visits Museum - Shafter Boot Camp Sees Hangar Aircraft



X-15 at NASA Dryden - Staff in F-18 Hangar at Dryden



Pancake Breakfast Honors Whitey Thomas - July

Museum Not Just For Aircraft

Active Museum Vehicles Collection



The 1953 Dodge 3/4 Ton vehicle below, known as an M-37 in military terms, was donated by Jerry Vincent some years ago. Recently, our motor pool magician, Scott Hogstad, took an interest in bringing it back to life. It is the latest in our renovations of vehicles in the Museum collection. Museum member and ODD driver Fred Guthrie came up with a new set of tires. With a few parts and some replacement glass, coupled with some body work and repainting, this classic military vehicle will join our growing stable of military vehicles available for parades or special events.

The vehicles shown above at last years Military Vehicle Show at Minter Field are part of the growing collection of military vehicles being restored, renovated and maintained by the motor pool at the Museum.

The Museum partners with Museum members who are part of the Olive Drab Drivers, owners of military vehicles in the area, to show vehicles at parades and special events like the Gleaners Fund Raiser and the Fox Theater.

Plans are underway for a special showing of vehicles after this Fall's Veterans Day Parade. We'll have more details on our website.

If you are mechanically minded and would like to join our amazing crew, drop by the Museum on a Saturday.



Museum Partners with Kern Co Fire for Cobra Display



On a foggy day in January, a new addition to the Minter Field Air Museum was delivered. The Bell AH-1 Cobra helicopter is a joint venture between the Museum and the Kern County Fire Department. The Fire Department uses parts from Cobras, which share internal parts with the UH-1 Huey used in rescue missions. (See the Fly-In pictures on the next page).

The Cobra project is planned to renovate the aircraft to a static worthy display as a memorial to a local pilot who was shot down in Vietnam in a Cobra.

We are looking for people who have experience with these aircraft to join us with the project, as well as financial partners to help us with expenses.

The Museum also has a Sikorsky H-34 Choctaw which was part of the South Vietnam Army. The type was used in Korea and Vietnam. Anyone know about these big brutes? Stop out and see it!



April Fly-In Brings Variety of Planes to Minter Field



View of Hangar Area from Tower - Beautiful Globe Swift Gleams in Sun



Kern Co Sheriff's Huey - Stearman and New Standard Gave Rides



RV-7 Experimental Home-Built - Bellanca Super Decathlon

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.

(A2010=paid for 2010; B2009= Last paid for 2009; #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 and help enable the Museum to continue to grow.

If you have been a member, please renew your membership through the end of 2011. This Snap Roll is available in color on our website.

We have made great progress in the past couple of years, but the economy has hit us hard in the renewal area. We feel our annual renewal fee of \$50 for a family is a reasonable amount. You may send a check or give me a phone number to call to use a Visa or Master Charge credit card at (661) 654-9159. We will send you a credit card receipt when we run your charge. We have several other levels of membership, both annually renewable or Lifetime donations.

This Museum is a 100% volunteer organization (non-profit corporation). All of our board members and staff donate their time and money to accomplish what we can. We believe in the mission of keeping history alive. Our Museum has a unique perspective since it is at the site of the largest WW II training base in the Western United States.

We need your help in keeping our doors open and in moving ahead. Our annual dues are used to cover our ongoing operational expenses, such as office supplies, printing and mailing expenses, supplies for our motor pool, and general improvements to our displays and Museum buildings. Please come on out on a Saturday and talk to the staff about how you can help.

We have recently obtained to 40' classroom type trailers which are currently located in the bullpen just West of the Museum building. Our goal is to use one of them to house our gift shop - a walkway is being constructed to walk from the west door of the main display room into the Gift Shop trailer. This will give us better display and control of our gift shop items, and also give us extra display space in our main display room. The second trailer will be used to store various items and artifacts that are not on display in the Museum currently. We are upgrading software to catalog and identify these items as well as all of our Museum artifacts.

Without your membership donations, the Museum can not continue to grow and improve our collection management, as well as keep the month to month operations going. **PLEASE JOIN US IN SUPPORTING OUR MUSEUM !**

MEMBERSHIP– Join or Renew for 2011



MINTER FIELD AIR MUSEUM



2010-2011 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	+	+		+	+	+			
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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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