



Snaproll II

April Fly-In Brings Variety of Aircraft to Minter Field

A perfect April day at Minter Field brought over 60 aircraft, many of which had not been seen at air shows of the past. From the first public appearance of our newly acquired WW I Fokker DR-1 Tri-plane to ultra-lites that do not require a pilot's license to fly, our effort to put together a different kind of an event was a great success. Where else could you get a ride in a BT-13 or Stearman, see a De Havilland Beaver, Harmon Rocket, an Ercoupe, and antique Cessnas, Pipers, a Mooney and even a 1928 Pietenpol.

Rides were given in BT-13s and a Stearman. The Museum even put on a Pancake Breakfast, the first of many we hope to do in the future.

If any of you have photos of aircraft at the show, we'd appreciate you sharing with us. We get so busy during the show, we didn't get photos of our own. You can e-mail us at : mfam@minterfieldairmuseum.com.

Put April 17, 2010 on your calendar for Warbirds In Action 2010. Watch for more details as planning proceeds.

3 Generations Enjoy Tri-Plane



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CALENDAR

August, 2009

15- Board Meeting
8:30AM-Museum

September, 2009

19- Board Meeting
8:30AM-Museum

26- Hangar Dedication

October, 2009

17 - Military Vehicle Show,
Swap & BBQ

24-Board Meeting
8:30AM-Museum

November, 2009

7- Palm Spring Air
Museum Bus Trip

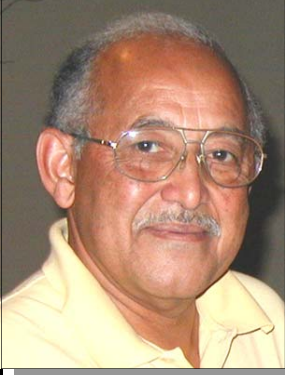
New Gift Shop Manager - New Hats, Shirts, Pins

After a couple years of coasting without a manager, the Museum gift shop has a new leader. Pat Marshall of Bakersfield is getting familiar with the gift shop inventory. She has added some new Museum hats to the list (See below). Two of the new designs have the Museum logo embroidered on the front. The other has the Letterhead logo embroidered. These handsome hats are \$16, and are adjustable to nearly every head. Next on the list will be new golf shirts with pocket, with the Museum logo.



With a new manager, we hope to get items with good inventory available for purchase from our website. This would open it up to a world-wide audience, and be a great source of new income. We have several new items being considered.

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



As if anyone had to tell you, summer is here and it has been hot. Everyone is thinking about the coast or just trying to keeping cool. However, activity at the museum continues at a blistering pace. We are planning for our involvement at the county fair in Sept. Also, an Open House to celebrate the completion of our new hangar will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Plus, we will hold the 2nd Annual Military Vehicle Show, Swap Meet BBQ scheduled for Oct. 17th. We also held our first meeting for our next Warbirds in Action Air Show to be held on April 17, 2010.

In addition, we are in discussion with the County Fire Dept to finalize the partnership for a Memorial at the Museum which will include a Cobra Helicopter, acquiring a USAF T-38 plus the Board will consider accepting the donation of an experimental aircraft built by a graduate of class 45C the only class at Minter to have started during WWII and finished after the war was over. The overhaul and restoration of our vehicles continues. Never have they been in such excellent condition.

The Olive Drab Drivers (ODD) continues to grow in numbers and with magnificent restored military vehicles. The request for ODD to participate in events throughout the county continues to increase. They have are an excellent marketing tool for the Museum and we're happy to have several of them as new members.

The new library area, on the southwest end of the building next to the kitchen, will be completed once the flooring is done and shelving acquired. See the article on page 6 with more information on what will be available. We'll be needing some air conditioning there. If you have a window unit you could donate, please let us know. When it's 100+, we'll want to cool things down when watching a video.

It is with great pleasure that I can announce we have 2 new docents to help Don Westfahl; Board member Al Goines and our Museum Chaplin Kerry Bulls. Gentlemen, thank you for helping to fill one of our greatest needs. We still need additional docents that would allow the Museum to extend its operating hours in order to truly accomplish our Mission of educating the community about the rich aviation history of the Southern San Joaquin Valley.

And last but far from least, the Minter Field Air Museum Advisory Board in conjunction with some of the Board members has undertaken the huge project of developing a new master plan. When completed, the plan will be presented for the entire Board's review.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Whitehead". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Join Us for Hangar Dedication Sept. 26, 2009

Left to Right, Top To Bottom - 4 Years of Dedication Finally Become a Reality



Steel purchased 7/2005, Groundbreaking-12/2007, Site prep 7/2008



Trenching, plumbing, anchor bolts placed and concrete poured 9/2008



Frame attached to anchor bolts and trusses for roof installed 3/2009



Siding, Roof and Bi-Fold Electric Door assembled 5/2009



Moved the Fokker DR-1 and 1928 Pietenpol into the Hangar 6/2009

Palm Springs Air Museum Trip

Reserve Your Spot on the Bus to Palm Springs Nov 7th

SPECIAL VETERANS DAY FLIGHT DEMONSTRATION

Palm Springs Air Museum Bus Trip

Saturday, November 7th, 2009



Aircraft on Display:

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| ✪ Grumman F4F Wildcat | ✪ Boeing B17 Flying Fortress |
| ✪ Grumman F6F Hellcat | ✪ Bell P63 Kingcobra |
| ✪ Grumman F7F Tigercat | ✪ North American B25 Mitchell |
| ✪ Grumman F8F Bearcat | ✪ Douglas SBD Dive Bomber |
| ✪ Grumman TBF/TBM Avenger | ✪ Republic P47 Thunderbolt |
| ✪ Chance Vought F4U Corsair | ✪ North American P51 Mustang |
| ✪ Grumman C-1A COD Transport | ✪ Douglas A26/JD1 (B26) Invader |
| ✪ Grumman F-14 Tomcat | ✪ Curtiss P40 Hawk |
| ✪ Grumman OA-13/G-21 Goose | ✪ Supermarine Spitfire |
| ✪ Piper L-4A/J3 Cub Grasshopper | ✪ Ryan Sport |
| ✪ Boeing Stearman PT-17 Kaydet | ✪ North American AT-6/SNJ Texan |
| ✪ Douglas C-47 Dakota | ✪ General Dynamics F-16 Falcon |
| ✪ McDonnell Douglas F4 Phantom | ✪ Grumman A6 Intruder |
| ✪ McDonnell Douglas F-18 Hornet | ✪ Douglas A4 Skyhawk |
| ✪ Consolidated PBY Catalina | ✪ Lockheed T-33 Shooting Star |

Cost: \$60 per person - Payment Required in Advance (No Refunds)

Includes Bus Fare, Admission, and Snacks on the bus (Bring Drinks)

Hot Dog Lunch available at the Museum @ \$5.50

Bus leaves from Mervyn's (California Ave, Bakersfield) at 7am - Arrive Home at 8pm

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Or Charge Visa\Master Charge

Reserve Space ASAP

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Payment Due by Oct 24th

Contact: (661) 654-9159

2nd Annual Military Vehicle Show, Swap & BBQ, Oct 17, 2009



No Charge to Display Your Military Vehicle –visit www.MinterFieldAirMuseum.com



Swap Meet with Vendors All Day Saturday - Parts - Collectibles - Apparel



BBQ Lunch and Dinner Available from 12N to 7PM at Minter Field

Renew Your Membership Now - Good thru 12/31/2010

We're sending a hard copy of the Snap Roll to every member this month. We want you to have the renewal form for you to send in with your membership renewal. Any memberships sent in from Aug. 1st on will renew you though the end of 2010.

The address we sent the Snap Roll to has a code with the last year that you have paid membership dues. (A2009=paid for 2009; B2008= Last paid for 2008; #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.

We have made great progress in the past couple of years, but the economy has hit us hard in the renewal area. We have only 45 renewals for 2009. 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. 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. Please come on out on a Saturday and talk to the staff about how you can help.

Museum Staff Remodels Room to be New Library

Museum staff led by Gary Ebel and Randy Randall have been putting in many hours to remodel what has been a storage area adjacent to the kitchen on the south end of the Museum building. This new space will be the home of a long-planned library which will offer many items which have not been available to the public in the past.

At last the Museum's extensive collection of books will be out of storage and available. The television will be placed in the library permitting visitors and members to view the 730+ hours of videos, documentaries, and classic movies. This large video library is in a database to you can search for specific topics. The videos have been transferred to special Gold Archive DVD disks, which have an expected life of 100 years. The Museum believes it is important to document the history of the military, especially in World War II. School curriculums are including less and less about history of the sacrifices made by our military. We hear that history is important to make sure we don't make the same mistakes in the future.

If you have experience in the setting up and categorizing of books, we'd like to hear from you. We are also in need of shelving to store our book collection.

This project is a vital portion of the mission of this Museum. We will be a valuable source of information for school projects and written reports. We welcome additional books and other publications that can be donated to the library.

MEMBERSHIP– Join or Renew for 2009-2010



MINTER FIELD AIR MUSEUM

2009 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**

Member Recognition Level	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 contribution is tax deductible – US Tax ID #953646320

***Warbird Flight in a WW II trainer)*

****VIP Status receives 6 tickets to the annual Warbirds In Action Air Show with VIP Parking, 6 tickets to the Annual Founders Day Banquet in February.*

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Museum's New Hard Cover Book Available to Order



The Museum has produced a 28 page full-color hard cover book showing many of the exhibits in the Museum as well some of the history of the Minter Field and events that have taken place at Minter Field.

This book was designed to help market the Museum to potential

sponsors, but it is an excellent memento of what the Museum is all about. There are photos of Minter Field in the 1940s, aircraft and vehicles displayed, displays in each of our rooms including models, uniforms, photographs, as well as many of the artifacts in our show cases. We also hilite many of the projects and programs sponsored by the Museum. You can order a book by contacting the Museum at 661-393-0291 or by e-mail: mfam@MinterFieldAirMuseum.com. Price for each book is \$65.00. Payment by check or credit card must be made in advance of ordering.

