



Snaproll II

New Year 2009 Brings New Projects & Goals

The year 2008 is over - the Museum made some giant strides. The renovation of the building was a monumental project, and the Museum has never looked better. The staff deserves a standing ovation.

We have more to accomplish in the coming year. Here are a few items:

January 17 Board Elections: The first board meeting of the year: we hold elections for 4 of the board seats, and then elect officers for the year. All current 2009 members are eligible to vote. The elections start at 9 AM.

Erect our new Hangar: We have been working for nearly 4 years to get this new hangar up, and this is the year it will happen. Our talented Museum staff will erect the structure with some professional oversight. We now have 4 air planes to display.



Finish Kitchen and Conference Room:

Plans to re-do the kitchen are underway, and the adjoining room has been dubbed the Conference Room. Our vision is to use the room for meetings, with a conference table. Several desks will give staff members room to work. We have several computers ready to go.

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CALENDAR

January, 2009

17—Board Meeting
8:30AM—Museum
Board Election—9 AM
(Open to all Current 2009
Museum Members)

February, 2009

FOUNDERS DAY BANQUET
Sat, Feb. 7, 2008—6PM
Hodel's Country Dining, Bkfd
21- Board Meeting
8:30AM—Museum

March, 2009

21—Board Meeting
8:30AM—Museum

April 18th, 2009

Minter Field Aircraft Reunion
& Fly-In; Gates Open at 8am
With Pancake Breakfast

Founder's Day Banquet - Sat, Feb, 7th

MFAM salutes CAP - Our guests are Col. Ernie Pearson, Commander of the Civil Air Patrol's Pacific Region, and Col. Mary Feik, who was the first woman engineer in research and development in the Air Technical Service Command's Engineering Division at Wright Field. These two outstanding CAP veterans have many



years of service to share with us. Make your reservations using the form on Page 4. (Or make reservations at www.minterfieldairmuseum.com. You may send payment now, or pay at the door. We just need to know how many will be coming. Hodel's buffet has something for everyone. We'll hope to see you there for a great evening. Come early for the social hour and meet our guests of honor.





HAPPY NEW YEAR

As I pondered what to say in this New Year's edition of the Left Seat, I realized that the only thing for certain is that the year will be filled with many challenges but at the same time enormous opportunities.

Yes, your Museum board has addressed the downturn of the economy and how that will affect our cost of programs and the attendance. We will provide more programs, smaller but still meet our commitment of educating and providing you our members, volunteers and the community the rich aviation history of the southern San Joaquin Valley.

We are trying to reduce the price of the Founders Day Banquet and in place of the annual air show substitute a very exciting and historic day with at very affordable expense to a family. You can read about these changes in this Snap Roll II edition. The Board is planning an air show in 2010. We will complete the hangar and start our quarterly programs utilizing this new facility.

The board now has the finances and a plan to complete it by late spring, weather permitting. New displays are continually being added, thanks to the many families of veterans that wish to honor the service of a loved one. The latest display that we have started to coordinate is about a WWII glider pilot, truly a rare "breed". It should be a great addition to the Museum.

Great news!

Recently, two members have volunteered to run the gift shop. We are also in the process of providing you the opportunity of purchasing gift shop items thru the internet. The gift shop will provide additional revenue but also it is another way of marketing our Museum.

The remodeling of the kitchen and constructing a library is in high gear.

The Museum is open on Fridays and Saturdays and we hope to partner with other organizations for Sunday later this year. Come visit and enjoy the presentations of your history. Donations are always greatly appreciated.

**IF NOT A MEMBER WHY NOT JOIN NOW!
WE NEED YOU**

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

Founder's Day Banquet Reservations

Make Reservations for the February Banquet— Pay Now or at the Door



MINTER FIELD AIR MUSEUM

Presents
2009



Founder's Day Awards Banquet

Saturday, February 7, 2009

Hodels – Hwy 99 and Olive Dr

Commemorating the History of the
Civil Air Patrol

Guests: Ernie Pearson, Pacific Commander
And Mary Feik, Renown Aviatrix

\$25 per person - \$50 per Couple

Social Hour 6:00PM - Dinner 7:00PM

Limited Seating - Reserve now

Name: _____ #Tix _____ 

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Ticket#(s) _____

Buffet Menu: Beef, Chicken, Fish, Vegetarian-Ravioli

Tickets _____ Total\$: _____ Check # _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp _____

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____

Please call reservation to (661) 393-0291 & Leave a Message
or Make Reservations on-line at www.minterfieldairmuseum.com
Mail to: Dean Craun, 9217 Hoxie Ct, Bakersfield, CA 93311 by 2/3/09
Tickets will be at will-call at the door

MFAM Pix Page - 2008 in Review

2008 was a Busy Year - Let's take a look



Bryan Allen & Sam Duran - Banquet

HOGS Visit the Museum



Radio Controlled F-22 Model

Color Guard at Air Show



Quonset Hut Returns Home

WW I Fokker DR.1 Added to Artifacts

MFAM Pix Page

Just think what could have been done if YOU were there !



Concrete Poured for New Hangar



1940 Plymouth Staff Car Make-Over



New Shelves in Office



Shafter's 3 Museum Tour Day



Jack Gotcher Gives CASA Briefing



Marines bring HEAVY to Vehicle Show

As the New Year dawns, we send out a call for members to renew their annual memberships. Your annual dues are the lifeblood of this all-volunteer Museum. We need over \$8,000 a year just to keep the doors of the Museum open. This covers our monthly operating costs: office supplies, postage, insurance, maintenance costs, utilities. It also pays for rent for hangars and storage, printing and mailing costs, and other day-to-day expenses. This does not include any of our special projects.

If you are not a current member, please take this opportunity to lend your support to this living WW II artifact and it's volunteers. We have many levels of participation. You can lend your personal validation to the efforts to keep alive the history of Minter Field as a WW II pilot training center. We also commemorate the "Greatest Generation" who gave so much of themselves so America could continue to lead the world. We take our roll of keeping history alive for young and old alike very seriously.

New Photos From Warbirds In Action 2008

Photos Courtesy of Eric Van Gilder



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Doolittle's Tokyo Raid Reenactment



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Dan Buchanan's Hang Gliding Show



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Tumbling Bear Does His Thing



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Beautiful Beech Staggerwing

MEMBERSHIP– Join or Renew Now for 2009



MINTER FIELD AIR MUSEUM



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 Membership Levels**

<u>Member Recognition Level</u>	Newsletter & Warbird Pen	Warbird Cup	Warbird T-Shirt S M L XL	Warbird Golf Shirt & Buckle S M L XL	Life Member – One-Time Fee	**Warbird Flt. in WWII Trainer	** Warbird flight WWII Trainer & Leather 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 for 2 people (individual flights)

***VIP Status receives 6 tickets to the annual Warbirds In Action Air Show with VIP Parking, 6 tickets to the Annual Fall BBQ & Auction and 2 tickets to the Annual Founders Day Banquet in February.

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Fly-In on April 18th To Bring Minter Planes Back Home

The Museum has decided to hold a different kind of event in 2009 which will bring many exciting aircraft back to Minter Field. We call it our "Minter Field Aircraft Reunion and Fly-In".

We are looking to bring the types of aircraft that were based at Minter Field back in the 1940s, including as many BT-13s as we can gather. We are also planning to bring the last flying Bamboo Bomber that was actually based at Minter Field. These days, this Cessna Bobcat is painted in the colors of "The Songbird", the original plane flown by Sky King (of 1950's radio and TV fame).

We will also be holding a fly-in for L-birds, tail-draggers, Antiques, RVs, Sports planes and Ultra-Lites. We've never had much room for many of these kinds of planes at our air show, but this year we will.

We will be announcing many other "surprises" in the coming weeks as the Fly-In takes shape.

We will be having a pancake breakfast, open to all, in the morning. And there will be many vendors with food and aviation collectibles.

We think in this year of economic belt-tightening, we will do our part to provide a most interesting event that will be fun for young and old alike. So watch our website for more details in the coming weeks. It's www.MinterFieldAirMuseum.com - Make plans now and tell all your relatives and friends.