



Snaproll II

Holiday Open House—Saturday 12/15

The annual Holiday Open House will be held on Saturday, December 15th at the Museum. All Museum members and the general public are invited to stop by and share refreshments and good cheer from 10am til 2pm.



We have many new items in our Gift Shop that would be great gifts for the aviation enthusiast on your shopping list, including two versions of the 2013 Ghosts Aviation Calendar, WW II and WW I. We also have new T-shirts, golf shirts, mugs and other items. Hope we will see you there !

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Founder's Day Banquet—Feb. 9, 2013

CALENDAR

Dec 2012

15-Holiday Open House - 10a-2p

15- Board Meeting Museum 8:30a

Jan 2013

19-Board Meeting Museum 8:30a
Board Election—9am

Feb 2013

9-Founder'd Day Banquet
16-Board Meeting Museum 8:30a

The date for the 2013 Founder's Day Banquet is Saturday, February 9th. The event will be held at Hodel's Country Dining, Hwy 99 & Olive Drive in Bakersfield. Social hour begins at 6pm, with dinner at 7pm followed by our program. Joining us for this year's banquet is Jon Larson, president of the Sky King Fan Club and founder of the Flying Bobcats, a group of Cessna Bobcat (Bamboo Bomber) owners. We also are welcoming Pearl Judd, a Minter Field WASP, back to the banquet as a special guest. We will also have a special guest speaker. Reservations on our website or by phone at (661) 654-9159. Cost is \$30 per person.

The Left Seat by C.O.B. James Whitehead



Recently, the Museum received a lease proposal from the Airport Board of Directors. A copy was mailed to each Museum Board member. We all were astonished by the terms dictated for our operation as well as the tone of lease and cover letter. We have concerns as well as many questions. We will address this issue and keep our membership informed as the situation progresses. In order to maintain this information link, we will use our website and or mail special notices to all members. We thank you for your past support and know we can rely on your support as we address this dilemma.

This past year has been very successful in meeting our goals and serving the community. The events that helped make this a special year included the B-17 visit including a dinner and dance with a WWII theme, an awesome 9-11 ceremony in partnership with the Armed Forces Support Riders, the Victory Riders and the Jeremy Staat Foundation plus our annual banquet where we honored Pearl Judd a Woman's Air Service Pilot (WASP) who was the Engineering Test Pilot at Minter Field in 1944. She provided a special insight to those times at Minter Army Air Field. A side note; in 1945, there were 13 WASPs assigned to Minter Field. One of our newest expanded displays features the WASPs.

The 9-11 ceremony will be an annual event occurring on that date. An additional annual event on the actual date will occur this Friday. It is a short ceremony at the Museum's monument and flag area remembering the sacrifices and heroism displayed by the military and civilians at Pearl Harbor on Dec 7, 1941 during the attack by the Japanese. As we all know, it was this attack which resulted in President Roosevelt asking congress for a declaration of war. Thus for the United States it was our beginning of WW II.

As an added attraction, we are expecting to have a propeller blade from a Japanese aircraft that was shot down from the ground at Pearl Harbor on display at the Museum at our Holiday Open House. The family of "Bud" Newman is loaning the artifact of Pearl Harbor for our museum to display for a few months.

As noted in my first paragraph, 2013 presents an enormous challenge to the Museum and the membership. However, as always, with a diligent and concerted effort by all, challenges can result in positive and extra ordinary successes.

From your Board of Directors we wish each of you and family a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a healthful and prosperous New Year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C.O.B. James Whitehead". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Minter Field Celebrates Christmas in 1943



Members of the Officers Womens Club wrapping gifts for the children's party.



Cpl. Ann Lowe presents little Carol Ann, daughter of Lt. Arthur Wilder a teddy bear.



MFAM Pix Page

9/11 Event - Motorcycle Run



300+ Cycles Motor to Minter



Wall of Remembrance - 9,000 Names—Global Wall of Terror



Sky Diver Hits the Mark - JR Smith Pulls Flag

9/11 Event A Great Success



Kern Co Fire Dept Huey - Over 500 Bikers and Guests



9/11 Program in the Museum Hangar



Museum Aircraft and Helicopters On Display

“From out of the clear blue Western Sky, it’s Sky King” ! The pictures shown are of the last UC-78 “Bamboo Bomber” from Minter Field. It was purchased after the war by Jon Larson, of Auburn, WA, a suburb of Seattle. Jon will be a guest at our Founder’s Day Banquet in February. He is also the head of the Sky King Fan Club. He repainted his UC-78 into the colors of the “Song Bird”, Sky King’s Cessna Bobcat, shown on the early TV shows of the series from the 1950’s. Jon was a close friend of Kirby Grant who played Sky King, as well as the actors who played Penny and Skipper. Jon will bring lots of memories with him when he comes to our banquet. Make reservations to attend the banquet on our website soon. We’ll be putting up the form shortly on www.MinterFieldAirMuseum.com .



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL A MUST THIS YEAR

This is a special invitation for you to help to save the history of Minter Field by joining as a new member of the Museum. We have 675 names on our mailing list, but only 140 are active members of the Museum. This year, more than ever, we need your support to carry on the work of the Museum. The Museum was formed as a non-profit corporation 30 years ago by a small group of history buffs. Over the years, we accomplished a great deal in the upgrading of the building, (the old Minter Field Fire House), the grounds, (Have you seen the new display of flags on the perimeter of the front yard), and especially the collection of aircraft, vehicles, and hundreds of other historical artifacts and articles that are on display. We are facing a challenging time (see the Left Seat). If you are wanting to see the work of our volunteers continue at the Museum, we need your support. Won’t you join or renew your membership in our organization. Check out the membership program on page 7, and fill out the form and send us a check as soon as possible. It’s URGENT !



MINTER FIELD AIR MUSEUM



2013 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	Sponsor Plaque	Leather Flight Jacket	*** 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

Your contribution is tax deductible – US Tax ID #953646320

**Warbird Flight in a WW II trainer)

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

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More than ever before, the Museum needs your support. After reading the Left Seat on Page 2, you see that our very existence is being challenged. We urgently need you to renew your membership for 2013. If your mailing address doesn't show a year following your name, you have never joined the Museum. We cordially invite you to become a member and help us in our quest to keep history alive.

The year shown is the last year that you were a paid member. I apologize for the problems in mailing the last Snap Roll. Our mailer changed ownership, and did not list the membership status following your name. There were also many business addresses that were mis-labeled, and therefore returned to the Museum. You may always view past editions of the Snap Rolls -IN COLOR- on our website,

www.MinterFieldAirMuseum.com