



# Snaproll II

## Museum Activity is at an All-Time High



**Museum Booth at Kern County Fair**

The Museum has been out among 'em this year, especially during the last month or two. All told, there have been 13 events of note that has presented the Museum to the public. Starting with the Founder's Day Banquet in February and the Air Show in April, continuing with the arrival of the Quonset Hut and the Fokker DR.1 in July, displays at vets events and

the Kern County Fair in September, the renovation and painting of our staff car in August, and the Shafter 3 Museum Day in October. November featured the CASA Open House, the Gleaners USO Show, the Vet's Day Parade, and the Military Vehicle Show. Yet to come is the Holiday Open House on Dec. 20th, open to Museum members and friends. These events are vital to put our cause in the public eye. It opens doors for funding and for participation by individuals and businesses to help us continue our projects. Our next major project is the erection of our new hangar. This 3 year project is nearing fruition.

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## CALENDAR

### Nov, 2008

21-22-Military Vehicle Show-Swap-Shoot  
9am-4pm Museum &  
5 Dogs Shooting Range

### Dec, 2008

20- Board Meeting  
8:30AM—Museum  
10AM-2PM Holiday  
Open House

### Jan, 2009

17—Board Meeting  
8:30AM—Museum  
Board Elections 9:30am

## Museum Hosts Military Vehicle Show

The 1st Annual Minter Field Military Vehicle Show, Swap and Shoot displayed the many military jeeps, trucks and cars that the Museum can muster for events and parades. It also provided a place for vehicle owners to display their own personal projects, as well as a Swap Meet for parts and other kinds of memorabilia for participants and the general public alike. This year's event was our first foray into this type of event. Our association with the Olive Drab Drivers, many of whom are museum members, made this display of military hardware possible. Check out our website for more details: [www.MinterFieldAirMuseum.com](http://www.MinterFieldAirMuseum.com).



**GMC Deuce and 1/2**



## GREETINGS !

As the Holiday Season of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years draws near, the Museum is wrapping up a very successful and monumental year. Big thanks to the Minter Field District Board and their staff. Their support and cooperation has directly aided many of our year accomplishments. We are looking forward to this special relationship in 2009.

The beginning of our vision creating Minter Field circa 1942 has begun with the acquisition and return of an original Quonset hut to Minter Field. This was a result of our partnership with Valley Oaks Charter School of Bakersfield and a special donation by one of our Museum members Ken Fears. We have completed a 5 week enrichment course in Aviation at the school with the course conclusion of the students having a field trip to the FAA at Meadows Field. We will continue to develop programs in 2009.

Marketing, marketing and more marketing became the byline of 2008. In Feb we had an outstanding Founders Day Banquet followed in April by our Air Show with the largest attendance at any of our one day air shows, 5000 plus. Our Shafter outreach included the Shafter Chamber of Commerce holding one of their meetings at the Museum, participating in a joint Saturday visitation event with The Green Hotel and the Shafter Railroad Museum and a radio broadcast by on KERN hosted by Globe Travel from the Museum. Our display at the Kern County Fair was awarded a third place ribbon.

However, November made Minter Field Air Museum marketing history. We had special events taking place every Saturday in November. They were CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for youth) program "Jump Back in Time", support of "The Gleaners" Bob Hope/ USO theme fund raiser to support food for those in need, Vets for Vets, joint showing at a Bakersfield Football game which featured our vehicles with the Corvette Club, and finally our first Military Swap Meet and Shoot.

In addition, we participated in the Shafter Cinco De Mayo Parade and the Bakersfield Veteran's Day Parade receiving a first place award for military displays and vehicles. The display was assisted by the Olive Drab Drivers, one of our special partners which include several of our Museum members and their vehicles..

What a month thanks to our members, partners and commercial support.

Two outstanding and special acquisitions were the Fokker DR1 Tri-Wing German WWI aircraft donated by Fred Slikker of Hemet and the Shafter Number 1 Volunteer Fire Engine. Lastly we poured the foundation for our hangar. WHAT A YEAR, THANKS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS, PARTNERS, DONATIONS AND COMMERCIAL SUPPORT. THANKS AGAIN!!

Have You Seen This ?



Fokker DR.1 Donated to Museum



Quonset Hut Returns Home



Scott Hogstad Renovates Plymouth



Shafter Fire Truck Has A New Home



Gleaners: Which 2 Are Museum Staff ?



Staff in Uniform At Vets Parade

## Museum Needs Your Help

This Museum is a non-profit organization that relies on donations and membership dues to cover the monthly expenses that keep the fires burning and the doors open. But there's more to it than money. We have no paid employees, and everyone who spends time at the Museum does it as a volunteer. Some of us are out at the Museum every weekend, greeting visitors, dusting artifacts, vacuuming floors, opening mail, even washing windows. It's the behind the scenes work that we do to keep the Museum presentable. Other are working in the motor pool maintaining and renovating our growing stable of cars, jeeps, fire trucks and more. Then there's the keeping of the grounds, keeping up with the weeds and arranging the bullpen to try to keep it in some semblance of order.

All of this is done by a dozen or so dedicated volunteers. Just think what we could do if we could get two or three dozen volunteers to come out even every other week. Other Museums have scores of volunteers who help accomplish fantastic projects. That's what we need too.

We have many other things that need attention: a growing room nearly full of donated items that need cataloging, hundreds of photos, newspapers and documents that need to be preserved in protective covers and more. We need people who can give a day a month to help keep the Museum open more days of the week. Won't you please come out and join us in this very worthy cause !

## Gift Shop Manager Wanted

If there is one job that ranks at the top of our list of "Most Wanted" help, the Gift Shop Manager is it. We have been without a guiding hand in our Gift Shop for some time now, and we feel we are really missing the boat by not using our potentially huge revenue source.

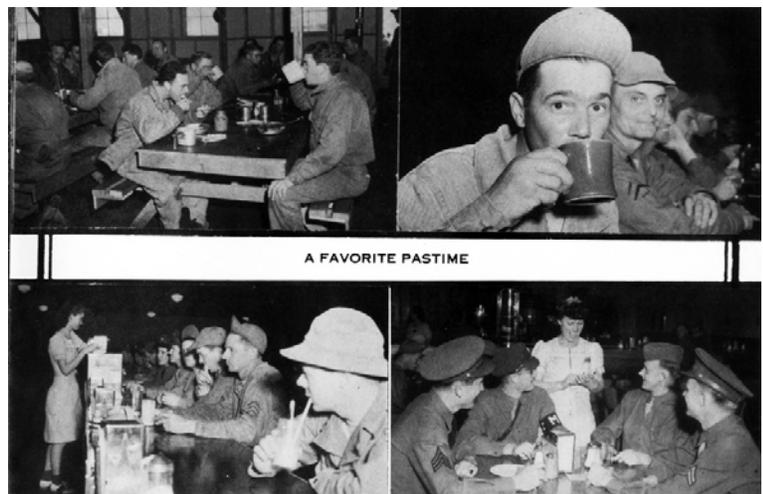
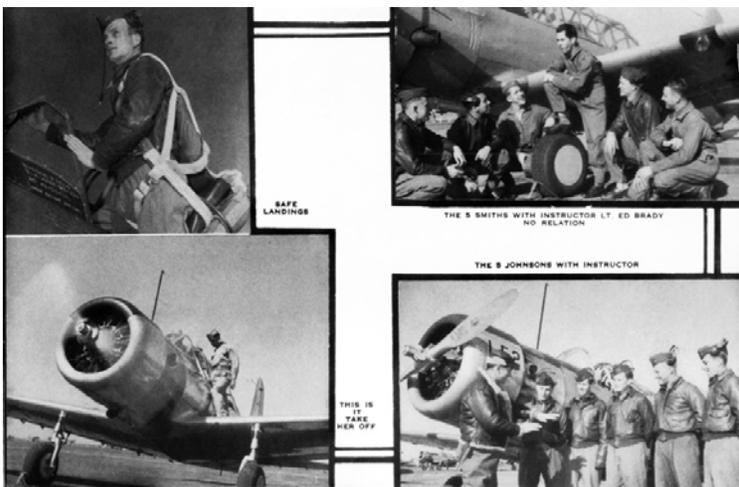
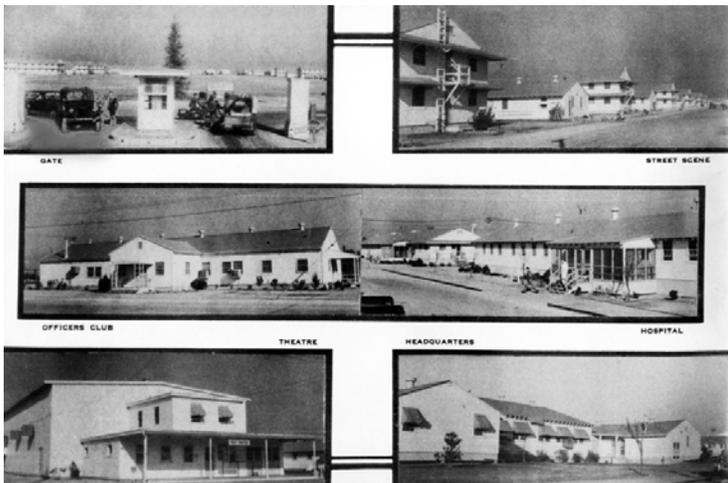
We have apparel, video DVDs, custom belt buckles, CDs of the Echelon class books and the Minter Field Souvenir book, as well as pins, bumper stickers, books and more. But without a manager who can organize, re-order stock, and manage an on-line store, we are truly dropping the ball on what could be a major fund resource.

We can help with bookkeeping, resources for inventory control, mailing and even bank deposits. But we need someone to step up and volunteer for the job. If you have the time and the willingness to do something really worthwhile, please call or stop by the Museum and let us know.



# Minter Field History

## Minter Field Souvenir Book Shows What the Base Was Like



This souvenir book was published and sold in the Base Exchange for cadets and staff to have a souvenir of their time at Minter Field. We have made this souvenir book available on a CD with high quality images that can be printed or view on your computer. We have many of the class Echelon books also available on CD. Come look for your relative.

It's that time of year for us to renew our annual memberships to the Museum. It is your annual memberships that keep the lights on and the Snap Rolls coming for the coming year. Your membership card shows the level of membership you renewed or joined at for 2008. You'll find all of the membership levels on page 7. Renewing your membership is as easy as filling out the bottom portion of the form and sending it in with your check. But we would be especially grateful if you could see fit to move up one level this year to support the ambitious projects that the Museum has for 2009.

If you are a single member, please consider the family membership. This would include you and your spouse, as well as any youngsters under 18 living in your household. It's a great way to get the whole family involved in our efforts to keep history alive. And it's a great educational opportunity for the kids who are getting less and less in their school curriculums about the "greatest generation" and the lessons learned from the past.

If you would really like to make a difference, you could join at one of our higher annual membership levels: the Senior Pilot or Command Pilot levels.

The Lifetime Membership levels are a one-time donation that makes a true impact on our Museum operations, and includes additional gifts such as apparel, Warbird Rides, and even a Leather Bomber Jacket for the Air Force Commander and Supreme Commander levels. These levels also include a handsome wall plaque commemorating your generous commitment. All memberships are tax deductible.

## Projects Need Financial Funding - Consider Estate Planning

The Minter Field Air Museum is dedicated to the preservation of history - of a time in American history that extraordinary people sacrificed in extraordinary ways to preserve our precious freedoms we have come to take for granted as the American way. We feel very strongly that their stories have merit in the historical record. And the same goes for the history of the conflicts in which Americans have fought. To remember the past helps us make sure that similar events don't happen in the future.

If you and your family share our commitment, perhaps you would consider putting the Museum in your estate planning to ensure that you can help us continue to present aviation history to young and old alike. Did you know that our library contains a video library of over 750 hours of historical, military and aviation programs that trace the history of aviation, the history of WW II, and the lives of heroes and villains who have made the world what it is today.

We urge you to talk to your financial and legal advisors on how best you could make a donation to the Minter Field Air Museum. We will make every effort to document your wishes and commemorate your generosity to those who will learn from and enjoy the benefits of what you can give.

# 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			Warbird Golf Shirt & Buckle			Life Member – One-Time Fee	**Warbird Flt. in WWII Trainer	** Warbird flight WWII Trainer & Leather Jacket	Sponsor Plaque	*** VIP Status
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\*\*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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### Holiday Open House—Sat, Dec. 20, 10am -2pm

Come and join us at the Museum on Saturday, December 20th as we hold our annual Holiday Open House. There are lots of new things to see at the Museum, and we'll have refreshments for all to enjoy.

The invitation is open to Museum members, Minter Field friends, and the general public. We have a new Museum hard-bound book for you to see. We are taking orders for a new shipment to be place soon. Our gift shop has items for Holiday gift giving, including great aviation DVDs, shirts and hats, belt buckles and pins, and lots more.

Hours will be 10am til 2pm, and you'll be able to check out our newly repainted 1940 Plymouth staff car, our newly acquired 1940's era Shafter Volunteer Fire Truck, now on display at the Museum. We are also making progress on the 1945 GMC Fire Truck that was based at Minter Field at the end of the war, and during the time the field was part of the Kern County Airports. There are always new thing to see when you visit the Minter Field Air Museum.