

MINTER FIELD AIR MUSEUM

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LET US NEVER FORGET



Why do we memorialize September 11 2001? Most people can remember where they were or exactly what they were doing when they saw the Twin Towers and the Pentagon come under attack by terrorists. Lastly, that morning when United Flight 93 crashed near Indian Lake in Shanksville, PA. Due to the self-sacrifice of crew and passengers fighting in the cockpit with the hijackers. This plane was destined for the White House.

What is Terrorism some might ask? Terrorism is defined as: The unlawful use of violence and intimidation, especially against civilians, in the pursuit of political aims. Yes we will always remember and we will never forget, the nearly 3,000 lives lost and more than 6,000 wounded in this terrorism attack. At the 9/11 Memorial 2016 President Obama stated, "We honor the courage of those who put themselves in harm's way to save people they never knew. We come together in prayer and in gratitude for the strength that has fortified us across these 16 years and we renew the love and the faith binds us together as one American family".

The steel girder, is National Artifact (#K-0004) weighing approximately 13,175 lb. (6 ½ tons), it was removed from the World Trade Center site, below the North Tower #1. While there were many applications to the World Trade Center for use in memorials, the Bakersfield request was supported from within the New York Fire Department and was approved based on the memorial's location 1315 Buena Vista Road, centered between Bakersfield Fire Station #15 and Bakersfield Police Department substation.

Every day at the memorial the flags fly at half-staff, in remembrance of the lives lost and wounded on September 11, 2001 in New York City, NY, Shanksville, PA and Washington D.C.

On 9/11, for the seventh year in a row, the Armed Forces Support Riders at 6:30 PM, leave Bakersfield Harley Davidson on Merle Haggard Dr. for a special 9/11 service at Minter Field Air Museum. The 300 plus motorcycles ride in single file and are led by 3 Support Riders in the "Missing Man Formation". Once the 300 Armed Forces Support Riders reach Minter Field and park their bikes the ceremony begins at 7:15. It is a very reverent service opening with Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem and a few short speeches that also commemorates those that died on 9/11 and those that have since died from wounds received on 9/11 2001.

The public is asked to attend this special annual event, honoring the true spirit of America.

Admission is Free

LEFT SEAT CHAIRMAN RON PIERCE



As Minter Field Air Museum Chairman of the Board it's my duty to bring you good news and sad news.

And this is some of the saddest news that I can bring, the passing of a member and board member of the Museum.

On August 16, 2017 Don Bender passed away after having a massive stroke. At this time I want to thank the members that attended Don's funeral.

If you remember a year ago last May, Don Bender and I took a 8 day trip to Florida and back. In Florida we removed the wings of a bright shiny 1946 Ercoupe, loaded it on a trailer and brought it back to California for Don.

Since the last Snap roll, the Museum has been really busy.

In April, attended the Friends of Seniors annual car show in Bakersfield, also celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Doolittle Raid with a B-25 flying in and also a USO style

dance and lots to eat. The Pinups for Patriots and others helped us immensely on this event. We also participated in Shafter's Cinco de Mayo parade displaying the helicopter, Jeep and Shafter's number 1 Fire Truck.

In May we celebrated Armed Forces Day with an open cockpit, homemade ice cream by Don Massey and cake. We did some homemade ice cream left for those that have come out Fridays or Saturdays and worked were able to have some. Sorry if you didn't get any.

This June we attended a huge car show at Chuy's with the helicopter and the Yellow Jeep. I was able to take the helicopter to the Shafter Youth Center and some 30 or 40 children were able to sit in it. The Kern County Raceway Park asked us to display the helicopter and Jeep at the racetrack. The Pinup for Patriots girls were a great help. In addition, the Taft Geocaching summer class came to the Museum for a tour.

Saturday July the 1st, we were back out at the Kern County Raceway Park with our equipment. It was the parks big 4th of July celebration with five thousand plus people in attendance. Then, on the 3rd we were asked to attend the Shafter fireworks at the Shafter High School football field. We took the Loach Helicopter, it was a great success. For the first time in the history of the museum, we were featured on the front page of the Bakersfield Californian with a silhouette picture of the Loach helicopter and the American Flag.

Minter Field Air Museum was given 100 NASA solar eclipse glasses from Karl Bender. The Museum showed gratitude and donated them to Shafter Richland Junior High. The Shafter students could see the solar eclipse safely. See the photos in the Photo Roll.

If you haven't been out to the Museum lately, come out and see the new LED lights we are installing. The new LED lights make everything look brighter and more cheerful. Come out and help us with our projects.

We are in high gear preparing for this year's exhibit at the Kern County Fair which starts on September 20th and goes till October 1st. The Vietnam Loach Helicopter top rotor blades will be turning, a mannequin in a flight suit sitting in the left seat and the cockpit will be lit with LED lights so photo taking at night will be greatly improved.

There will also be a small aircraft painted blue and yellow like a BT-13, so that the children can sit in and have their pictures taken.

For a FREE Parking and Admission Pass to the Kern County Fair, sign up for the days that you can work at the Museum exhibit.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

9/11/2017 6:00-8:00PM

9-11 Day, 11th Annual Observance & Patriot Day

9/20/2017-10/01/2017

Kern County Fair-MFAM at the Fair
SEE US AT THE FAIR

10/28/2017 4:00PM-9:00PM

Kern Raceway Park-Display and Promotion

11/11/2017 8:00AM

Veterans Day Parade-Bakersfield

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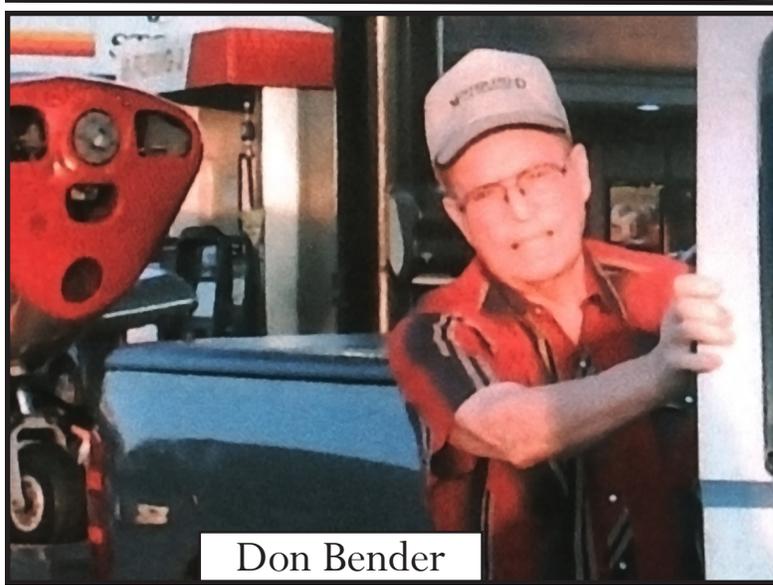
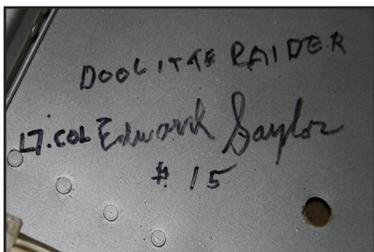
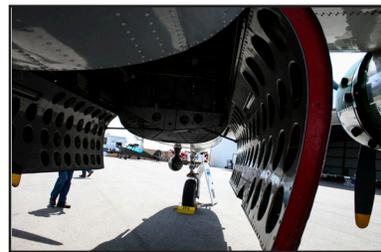




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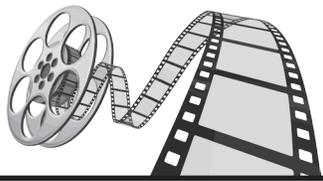
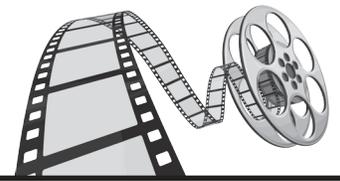


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And to Shafter Autobody & Paint for painting.





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volunteers are needed to help setup and work the booth

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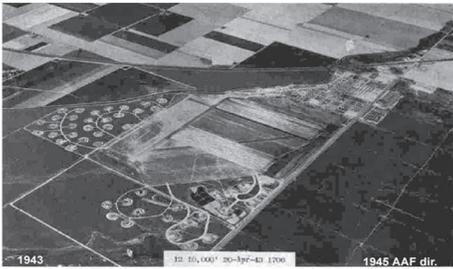
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