



Snaproll II

New Look of the Museum Outside



The Museum staff has worked tirelessly to upgrade the looks of the Museum, especially the front.

The new addition of a T-38 trainer has really added to the landscaping. Also, the new Memorial Plaza with granite bricks at the base of the flagpole is impressive. We are still taking names for new bricks. Contact the Museum if you would like to purchase a brick for the display.

If you haven't been out to the Museum for awhile, please make a note to bring the family out. There are flags around the entire front yard. Also, new trees, rosebushes, walkways, and other improvements have been made. Many thanks to all those who have worked to make the Museum look sharp, especially Tammy Harris who has sprayed for weeds and helped with planting of the many new rose bushes. We truly appreciate your help.

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Founder's Day Banquet—Feb. 20, 2016

CALENDAR

Jan 2016

16th-Board Meeting
General Members
Museum—8:30am
Board Election-9am
Board Officers-930am

Feb 2016

16th-Board Meeting
Museum 8:30a
20th-Founder'd Day
Banquet
Hodels 6pm

March 2016

20th-Board Meeting
Museum 8:30a

The date for the 2016 Founder's Day Banquet is Saturday, February 20th. 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. The menu will be similar to past banquets with a full buffet to choose from.

Joining us as our special guest speaker for this year's banquet will be Dick Rutan, co-pilot of the 1986 around-the-world flight of Voyager. It was the first-ever non-stop, unrefueled flight around the world taking over 9 days. The plane was designed by Dick's brother, Burt Rutan.

Cost is \$30 per person which may be paid at the door. We would like you to e-mail or call us with your reservation.

Please e-mail your reservation for this year's banquet to Allen Anderson at allen.anderson1@abcglobal.net, or call him at (661) 746-5853.

The Left Seat by C.O.B. Ronald Pierce



It is hard to believe, that the year 2015 is almost ready to be put into Minter Field Air Museum's history book. We have been so busy this year it's hard to know where to start from but let's start at the beginning.

To start the year off on January 24th with the help of Atlas Crane and Guiding Light pilot car service and help from a lot of friends that donated money we moved a T 38 Air Force Jet trainer from Meadows field to our newly landscaped memorial brick plaza and there it sits in front of our Museum for everybody to see.

Our founders Day banquet was held on February 7th at Hodel's the guest speaker was Peter Graves Major General retired. There was also a short presentation on the history of the WW II WASPs by Elli Cunanan the 2014 winner of the local high school history Day competition.

On February 28th we were honored by a visit by Jessica Cox the only person holding a pilot's license that was born without arms and flies without the help of prosthetic arms. We were able to have her visit covered by all 3 local TV stations and the news media.

In March, Minter Field Air Museum was able to grant a terminally ill cancer patient one item that was on his bucket list, to ride in a WW II open cockpit airplane. In less than a week after we were contacted, on March 19th he was able to fulfill his bucket list wish with his friends, TV stations and newspaper reporters cheering him on as he took off.

On March 21st Porsche club of America Golden Empire region Bakersfield donated \$1000 to the Minter Field Air Museum thank you.

On April 22nd was a sad day for Minter Field Air Museum we lost Pearl Judd, she was a WASP during WW II at Minter field and a beloved member of the Museum. Jim Whitehead and Ronald Pierce attended her funeral in Pasadena. We will miss her.

May 2nd the Museum had their James Dean Day pancake breakfast and lunch with homemade ice cream if you weren't there you missed a good event.

The repainting of our Loach OH 6 helicopter occurred on May 16 it really looks good and is a hit everyplace we take it.

We don't want to forget to mention the Kern County Raceway Park NASCAR track that we attend every year on Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day. This year we have been raffling off tickets to ride in the vehicles including the Loach helicopter around the track during the singing of the National Anthem.

June 6th we took our yellow Jeep and the OH 6 newly painted Loach helicopter into Chuy's in Bakersfield to an event, where there was a steady line of children and adults wanting to sit in the helicopter. A comment was made by Jeff Ward a member of the Museum it looks like our Museum has a magnet; the helicopter draws people like a magnet, and it does.

The Museum had its first open Cockpit Brown bag lunch event on August 29th. We had a real good attendance a good number of airplanes for people to look at, a good sack lunch and naturally our Loach helicopter had a steady line of people wanting to sit and it.

The 9/11 event was on Friday this year it was attended by a huge crowd including 300 or 400 motorcycles.

This year Minter Field Air Museum was featured at the Kern County fair, we were given an area approximately 120' x 300' to Exhibit 2 airplanes a WW I DR1 and a L3, jeeps, military cars a Loach helicopter a weasels, Humvees a war WW I Red Baron exhibit and a gift shop. Lots of TV exposure from all three TV stations. We had almost 3000 people were able to sit in the Loach helicopter. Jeff Ward was right the Museum owns a magnet it's called an OH 6 Loach helicopter.

November 11th was the traditional Veterans Day parade in Bakersfield, leading our entry was 2 brand-new Mercedes convertibles writing in them were two families of Medal of Honor recipients, followed by jeeps, weasels and of course our OH 6 Loach helicopter with the city of Shafter's mayor Cathy Prout and her husband riding in it.

Nov. 19th was our first Meet & Greet event. Businessmen and farmers were invited. Lennar Homes management also attended.

On the last day of November which is Halloween we were asked by the city of Shafter to bring our Loach helicopter to Mannel Park and participate in Shafter's Halloween party for all the children in Shafter, again the helicopter was a hit.

For December 3rd Bakersfield Christmas parade we decked out the Shafter fire truck with Christmas lights and the Loach helicopter with 1200 Christmas lights and the yellow Jeep with 300 Christmas lights, again the fire truck the yellow Jeep and the Loach helicopter was a real crowd pleaser. The fire truck was driven by Scott Hogstad and writing on it was Shafter's Mayor Cathy Prout and members of the city Council, writing in the helicopter was the manager of Apple market and writing in the Jeep was Jeff Ward and the Jeep was driven by Ronald Pierce.

On December 12 Minter Field Air Museum held its annual Christmas open house. The Museum was decked out with lots of lights and a revolving Christmas tree, we had lots refreshments, even some of the youngsters were able to ride in our Link trainer.

The year 2015 was really busy for the Museum we thank everybody that participated and helped us be a success for 2015 and those that weren't able to attend some of our activities we will be look for you in 2016, put us on your schedule for next year. You can make this Museum a success we depend on volunteers so please be one.

The Wind Sock by Jeff Goines

Which way is the wind blowing for Life Members ? I thought that “The Wind Sock” would be a great title for a new regular column in the newsletter. I took the name from the original name of the Minter Field newsletter before it was changed to “The Snap Roll” in 1942.

I am a Life Member in the Museum, and I wanted to make contact with other Lif-ers. I wanted to know why a person became a member of the Museum. There is an interest in other Life member stories. One of my goals is to get Life members more involved with the Museum, or re-involved if you have strayed away from the Museum. I think there is an opportunity to share stories, develop projects to benefit the Museum, and just reconnect or develop a connection with other members.

I became a member because of my parents—Lester and Pearl Bise. The Museum reminds me of the wonderful stories from the WW II time period.

My father, a hydraulics engineer, was in the 547th Night fighter Squadron in 1944 and flew with test pilot Charles Lindburgh. He flew P-70's (the night fighter version of the Douglas A-20 Havoc) while stationed in Florida, but was transferred to Chandler Field in Fresno, where he flew P-61s (the Black Widow).



My mother was a “Rosie the Riveter” and worked at the Willow River Bomber Plant that produced B-24's in Michigan.

I would like to hear about your stories and why you became a Life member. I am looking for ideas on how we might create an active group of Life Members. Maybe we could have quarterly get-togethers at the Museum where we have a barbeque and swap stories.

The Museum always needs volunteers to help at the many events that we hold, both at the Museum and at other places around Kern County, like the Fair, the Kern County Raceway and many more.

If you have any ideas, please contact me at (661) 831-4949. You can also send an e-mail to the newsletter editor at dcraun@att.net, and it will be forwarded to me.

T-38 Arrives by Crane



Good Turnout for Banquet



Jessica Cox—Armless Pilot



Guest on James Dean Day



OH-6 LOACH Restored for Display



Museum Vehicles at Chuy's



Kids Enjoy Open Cockpit Day



Large Display at Fair



Fokker Triplane at K Co Fair



Great Crowd for 9/11 Event



School Tours are Fun for Kids



Meet & Greet at Museum with Tents



Please Join Our Museum as an Active Member
OR
Renew Your Annual Membership Now
Good thru 12/31/2016

On the next page, you will find a membership form for new members or for renewing past memberships. If you check your mailing label, you see a code after your name which shows the last year you had a paid membership. Lifetime members will see a code for the level of their lifetime membership.

For example, if your label shows:

Alfred E Newman B2015

This means your last paid membership was for the year 2015.

Please take this opportunity to join the Museum or renew your membership. **WE VITALLY NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO KEEP THE MUSEUM GOING.** The grid shows the various levels of membership along with the benefits for that level.

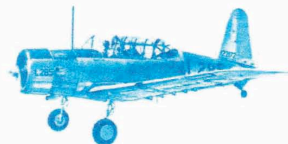
The Museum uses membership funds to pay for the day to day operation of the facility, such as rent, office expenses (phone, electricity, gas) as well as the upkeep of the website and printing and mailing of the Snap Roll.

MFAM Vehicles at Kern Co Raceway Park on Memorial Day





MINTER FIELD AIR MUSEUM



2016 Membership Program

The support of our members allows the Museum to preserve the rich aviation history of the San Joaquin Valley and educate the community on the important role played by Minter Field during WW II.

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***VIP Status receives 6 tickets to the annual Founder's Day Banquet*

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Wing Commander (Life) \$1,000	+	+	+		+	+	+		
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