



Snap Roll II

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NEWSLETTER FOR MINTER FIELD AIR MUSEUM

Christmas Open House Saturday, Dec 13th, 2014

It's that time of year again where the Museum rolls out the red carpet and invites the public to join us on Saturday, December 13th for the Annual Christmas Open House. The admission is free and there will be all kinds of Holiday goodies to fill a person up, and seasonal drinks (non-alcoholic) to keep you hydrated!

This year is a critical year for the Museum and we encourage all members and non-members to attend. We would like to take a moment to share with you the importance of the Minter Field Air Museum, and the importance of your support, both financially and as a volunteer.

There is so much history related to Minter Field and so many stories that need to be told. We need to continue to preserve and tell these stories. Please join us and we'll tell you how you can help.

We hope to see you and your family on Saturday, give you a tour of our museum, and tell you why YOU are important to us.

Founders Day Banquet Saturday, Feb 7th, 2015

The Minter Field Air Museum will hold its Annual Founder's Day Banquet on Saturday, February 7th, at Hodel's Country Dining located at Highway 99 and Olive Drive, in Bakersfield. **Note, the location may change as we are in the planning stages.**

Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m., with dinner at 7:00 p.m., followed by our program.

Minter Field was officially dedicated on Saturday, February 7th, 1942. This banquet commemorates that official act.

This year's theme is "Unsung Heroes." There will be a

special guest speaker, as in past years.

Please call in early January for more details and to order your tickets, or check our website or Facebook site. We are presently working on locking in all the details.

Membership Drive 2015 The Museum Needs You More Than Ever!

The need for membership renewals, new members, volunteers, and donations has been a reoccurring theme throughout the year. In 2014, 54% of our funding was through new memberships and renewals. Over 35% came from donations, and the remainder from gift shop sales, raffles, and special events.

The museum is in a transition / reorganization mode. We are still short on staff and volunteers. If we can fill some much needed positions, we can expand our fund raising efforts into more areas such as corporate sponsorship, grants, and marketing. Until then, we rely heavily on generosity of our members and visitors.

Please consider renewing now, if you are a member. If you have never been a member, we encourage you to consider a first time membership. We are reworking our membership program and there will be a new rewards program that will be implemented with the 2015 memberships. If you've already joined or renewed for 2015, you will be included in that rewards program.

If you have always wanted to be more active in an organization, we would love to have you. If your interest is helping an organization grow and thrive, then we would love to have you help us take the Museum to the next level of excellence. To understand more about some specific areas we are looking to fill, please see Page 2, or call Daryl Curtis at (661) 345- 7733.

Thank you for your time, and your support. It matters!

**Minter Field Air Museum's
Mission, Vision, Values & Goals**

Mission Statement

To educate the public about Minter Army Air Field and Kern County aviation's impact on local, regional, and global history through preservation efforts, specialty presentations, and community outreach programs.

Vision Statement

To be the finest museum of its type, ensuring that the legacy and historical significance of Minter Army Air Field is passed on to future generations so that no one forgets why people fought to preserve our freedoms.

Core Values

1. Integrity
2. Patriotism
3. Commitment
4. Teamwork
5. History
6. Freedom
7. Community
8. Family

Goals

1. Educate the public about the important role that Minter Army Air Field played during World War II.
2. Educate the public about the historical significance that Kern County has played in aviation history, both military and civilian.
3. Preserve the history of and commemorate the service of local residents that served in the armed forces from World War I to today.
4. Educate the public about the global impact of Minter Army Air Field.

Minter Field Museum Board

- Ronald Pierce - Chairman
- Jim Whitehead - Vice- Chairman
- Cody Bowling - Secretary
- Dean Craun - Treasurer / Public Relations
- Gary Ebel
- Don Westfahl
- John Cavanagh
- Jeffrey "Al" Goines
- David Patterson
- Daryl Curtis
- David Day
- Randy Randall

Open Staff Positions

The museum has an immediate need for individuals to fill staff positions. In order to achieve our goals we need good, qualified people. We would welcome your involvement! Contact Daryl Curtis at (661) 345- 7733 or at MFAM@MinterFieldAirMuseum.com.

Membership Coordinator - maintains the membership roster, addresses membership concerns, and coordinates the membership drive.

Digital Information Manager - manages the museum's information on the web site, Facebook page, and Youtube. Responsible for content, event notices, campaign's, etc.

Marketing - responsible for marketing the museum's fund raisers, capital projects, and brand to potential donors, sponsors, public, corporations, and other museums.

Publicity - responsible for publicity for events and activities, as well as making the museum more visible in the community.

Collections Specialist - responsible for managing the museum's artifacts and archives, including cataloguing and inventory.

Book Keeper - responsible for the financial record keeping of the Museum. This person would need some experience in Quickbooks.

Newsletter Credits / Information

The Snap Roll II is published quarterly. Submissions should be made to Daryl Curtis at DarylCurtis@onetoughpc.com.

Editor: Daryl Curtis

The Left Seat
Ronald Pierce, Chairman of the Board



Can you believe the first half of 2014 has already passed. We've had a lot of things going on the last three months.

Our thanks goes out to Gary Ebel, Randy Randall and Alan Anderson for their work on the Link trainer we were able to put a little girl

from Shafter in it to be the first Link trainer student pilot.

Daryl Curtis and myself transported the staff car and the yellow Jeep to the Bakersfield country club and displayed it the first part of May. The day after that we gathered all of our equipment and participated in the Shafter's Cinco de Mayo parade.

On May 8th TV 29 Eyewitness news did a live telecast from our Museum starting at 5 AM doing two interviews an hour for three hours, thanks goes out to Don Westfahl, Jim Whitehead, Randy Randall, and a little help from me we made a TV success of it.

Saturday May 10th Don Westfahl had a surprise visit from a classmate that was in his class at Minter field during World War II and you can believe they had a lot to talk about.

Memorial Day we were back out at the Kern County Raceway Park with our jeeps staff cars and everything else that would run, we ended up doing two laps around the track during the opening ceremony.

On the last of May we started on our Memorial Plaza preparing the ground to pour new concrete around the flagpole and the monument. Vulcan Redi mix company donated the concrete and a local contractor donated the labor of setting the forms and finishing the concrete.

On June 5th TV 29 Eyewitness News was back out to interview Don Westfall again. I hope everybody knows that we have a real celebrity in Don.

June 14th we had our Al Goss Fly-In and pancake breakfast. Al Goss's family, his crew from Al's Reno racing days, and friends had a great time. We also had good coverage since the TV stations were out to record our activity. The Condor squadron came up from the south and one flew down from Reno to do a Missing Man flyby.

We were back out at the Kern County Raceway Park in full force for their Fourth of July celebration, doing another two laps around the racetrack.

July 10th a small group of the Museum members went to Meadows field to plan out the moving of our newly acquired T-38 jet trainer, that will be on display in the front of the Museum.

We received a 25 ton load of decomposed granite and Alan Anderson and I went to work building the forms for the Memorial Plaza, putting down the decomposed granite and compacting it where the Memorial bricks will go.

We received notice from the Airport District that they were planning to survey in front of our hangar to put blacktop in and we needed to move the T 33 and the Aermacchi. With the help of Dave Patterson, Allen Anderson and myself we aired up the tires that would take air and removed the ones that wouldn't and went to Shafter to have them repaired. We stored the Aermacchi in the area behind the Museum and we were able to put the T 33 beside the hangar and on display.

In the month of August we were busy with special tours during the month. On August 30th we had a wonderful time at the Kern County Raceway Park for their Labor Day race. We had a good showing of vehicles and personnel and we were able to make two laps around the racetrack. We also had on hand a cannon that was fired during the singing of the National Anthem. It was a real crowd pleaser.

September we had our big 9/11 event in our hangar with some 300 motorcycles in a giant parade from the Harley-Davidson dealership (in Bakersfield) to Minter Field. It was really a beautiful sight. The Kern County fire Department was out there with their Search and Rescue helicopter and their Hook and Ladder truck with the large American flag displayed.

Saturday, October 4th was our James Dean 50s dance with a deep pit barbecue dinner and vintage era music playing. There were two beautiful Mercurys from the 50s on display plus a big array of hot rods and Porsches. The dedication to our Memorial Plaza bricks took place just prior to the James Dean dance. We also had great coverage by the local TV stations for both events.

November started out with a big bang with two days spent at the Second Annual "Outside The Box" film festival at the Fox Theater. We showed off our yellow Jeep, staff car and the Loach helicopter. Don Bender brought his Jeep also. Pat Marshall, Tammy Harris and another volunteer (Sue ?) sold souvenirs and T-shirts. We also sold some bricks for our Memorial Plaza.

If you haven't bought one of the Memorial bricks, please consider doing so if you want to honor someone whose served the community or in the military. If you haven't seen our Memorial Plaza, come out and look at what has been done. We have new trees, rose bushes, and flowers. The landscaping is really coming along and it makes the front of the Museum a real showplace. We are working on procuring a new aircraft - T-38 trainer. When it arrives it will be on display in front of the Museum and will be a sight to behold.

If you have missed any of the activities at the first of this year, we have plenty of activities scheduled for the last half of the year. Come on out and help. We don't want to be the only ones having fun. We will share with you.

are set up, what is displayed, and how an artifact or collection of artifacts should be displayed. There is also planning for the future and planning on how to improve the quality of the displays, the museum's role in educating the public, and the research into the artifacts that have been received. This is the type of work that I really like, and I hope that over the coming months, you will see changes in the Museum's displays and what is on display. Please plan on making a visit to see the Museum. You never know what surprises are in store. I will update the membership on any new things and share a story or two in this newsletter.

I hope to see you real soon. Until then, take care.

Museum Update Daryl Curtis, MFAM Curator

You just never know what (or who) you will run into at the Minter Field Air Museum. Every day is a new experience. I've had the pleasure of working at the Minter Field Air Museum since January of 2011, when I volunteered to take on the insurmountable challenge of cataloguing the Museum's artifacts. You would think by now that I would have completed that task, but it has turned into a much bigger undertaking than originally anticipated. Of course, if that was the only project I focused on, I might be further along than I am. And, if I worked at the museum five or six days a week, I might have completed that task by now. But, as with all the other volunteers at the Museum, I have a full time job and so can only devote five to seven days a month to the Museum.

My original reason for volunteering at the Museum (and joining as a member) was due to my grandfather, Wilbur Little, who spent time at Minter Field during World War II. He went on to become a mechanic working on B-29's in Australia during the war. So, to honor him, I give back to something that was a part of his life so long ago. It is a special connection to my past that I am proud to be a part of. While I am not a military historian, or a military buff, I am fascinated by history and artifacts. I believe that the importance of an artifact is not only the history that it represents, but the stories that are attached to that artifact. Typically, and almost always, those artifacts are tied to people, who have the most interesting stories to tell. That is why I love working at the Minter Field Air Museum.

Recently I was promoted to the position of Curator. A curator is responsible for the artifacts in a collection, as well as determining what is appropriate for the collection. The Curator is responsible for how displays

Editor's Hat Daryl Curtis, Snap Roll Editor

As mentioned in the adjoining article, I have many hats that I wear at the museum. For the short term, I am the Editor of this newsletter. As such, there are times when life interrupts and makes it difficult to meet obligations - as is the case with the production of this newsletter. By now you should have received a newsletter in July / August. Unfortunately it was not possible so this issue is a culmination of two newsletters. I apologize to all of you inconvenienced, and we realize that in most cases this is your only forms of communication with the museum. This issue is larger than the normal newsletter, to accomodate all the added information.

Please accept my apologies and we will do a better job of getting newsletters out on a quarterly basis.

And, I will encourage all readers to make a visit out to the museum, especially if you have not been there in quite some time. I think you will be pleasantly surprised by what you might find.

Until next time, steer clear of the prop wash!

Upcoming Events / Activities in 2014 At The Museum

- 12/13 MFAM's Annual Christmas Open House
- 1/17/2015 Minter Field Air Museum Board Mtg
8:30 am - 10:00 am
- 2/7/2015 Founder's Day Banquet (Tentative)

Minter Field Air Museum Memorial Plaza

Thanks to the many volunteers, museum members and community volunteers, the MFAM Memorial Plaza is completed and awaiting the arrival of its first 500 GRANITE BRICKS in approximately two weeks. The picture included shows how the bricks will be displayed in relation to the monument. The MFAM Board chose granite because it is a naturally occurring stone and one of the toughest rocks on the planet.

Mike Baehr, a community volunteer and a friend of the Museum, was the team leader for this project. He has worked in the cement business for over 30 years. His relationships resulted in Tony Smith, Sales Representative for Vulcan Materials Inc. (Cement Company) to supply all the cement for the walkway into the museum and the surrounding area for the monument in front of the museum. Mike also brought in Javier Yjar to complete all the cement finishing. Finally Mike "stamped" the concrete around the monument to provide relief and color to the cement. All the labor and material was donated to the museum by the folks mentioned.

Museum volunteer members then prepared the area around the monument for the bricks and will install the plants and trees that will surround the Memorial Plaza when the weather stays below 100 degrees.

This project truly makes a statement on the importance placed on the WWII service and sacrifice by those listed on the monument. It also says thanks for their service by all that worked on the project. The Museum Board is commended for their commitment to continue educating the community about Minter Army Air Field and the very important part it played during WWII.

Bricks can be purchased to honor a veteran or present military service member. Men & woman who have or are serving as Police, Fireman or Sheriff can also be honored for their community service. A 4x8 brick for one person can be purchased for \$125 dollars; an 8x8 brick can be purchased for \$ 250 dollars. All proceeds go to the programs and operation of the Minter Field Air Museum.

For an estimate cost of cement for a project please call Tony Smith at Vulcan 661- 835-4816 and Javier Yjar for any cement project at 661-496-8054.

Article by James Whitehead

Memorial Plaza Dedication Ceremony October 4th, 2014

On Saturday evening, October 4th, the Minter Field Memorial Plaza was dedicated in front of special guests and the media.

The Memorial Plaza was the brainchild of James T. Whitehead, Vice Chair of the Minter Field Air Museum. The plaza will honor those that served in the Military or those that served the community. It is one of several fund raising projects that the Museum has to help offset operating expenses, and it is a key addition to the landscaping effort being undertaken by the Museum.

Memorial Plaza Project Partners

The Minter Field Air Museum would like to thank the following businesses and people that helped make the Memorial Plaza and landscaping project a reality. We could not have done this without their help and support.



Tony Smith
(661) 835- 4816

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**Javier Yjar**  
**Cement Finishing**  
**(661) 496- 8045**





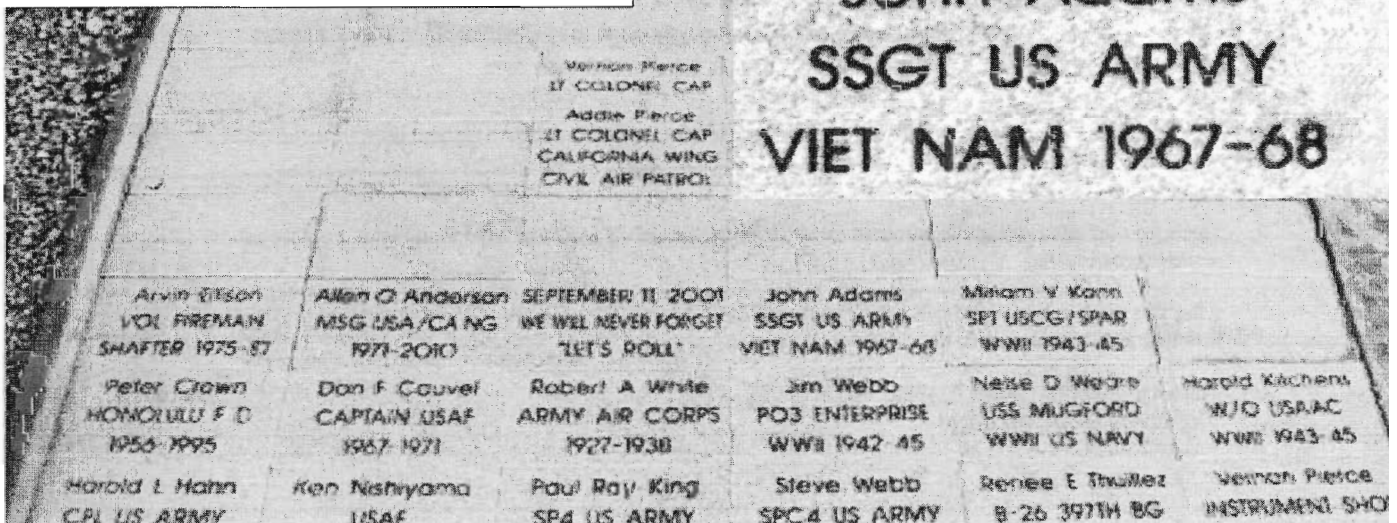
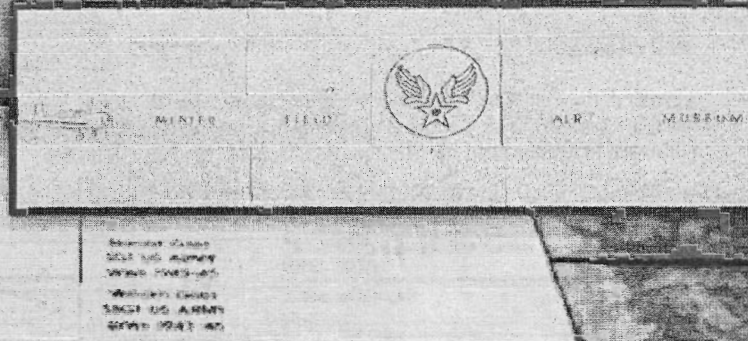


# MINTER FIELD AIR MUSEUM MEMORIAL PLAZA

**HONORING THEIR  
SERVICE TO THE NATION AND COMMUNITY**

4" X 8" Granite Brick  
with 3 Lines \$125.00

8" X 8" Granite Brick  
with 6 Lines \$250.00



**MINTER FIELD AIR MUSEUM MEMORIAL PLAZA**

I want to see "Patriotism & Special Community Service" etched in stone. Please reserve a granite brick in the Minter Field Air Museum's Memorial Plaza for the following veteran who has served honorably in the service to our nation. Police, Sheriff and Fireman or Woman can also be honored for their special community service.

Select Option A for wartime service, Option B other than wartime service and Option C for special community service. Fourteen (14) characters are max per line. The ceramic brick is either 4 x 8 for one person with 3 lines for \$125.00 or 8 x 8 with 6 lines for \$250.00. To order an 8x8 brick with 2 names, complete 2 sheets using proper Option A, B, or C. This price is guaranteed until Dec 31, 2014.

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| <b>OPTION A</b>                              | <i>Option A</i>                                                       |
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| _____<br>War or Conflict                     | VIETNAM 1967-68<br>_____<br><i>War or Conflict</i>                    |
| <b>OPTION B</b>                              | <i>Option B</i>                                                       |
| _____<br>Name                                | ROBERT WRIGHT<br>_____<br><i>Name</i>                                 |
| _____<br>Title/Branch of Service             | LCL US MARINES<br>_____<br><i>Title/Branch of Service</i>             |
| _____<br>Years of Service                    | 1946-1966<br>_____<br><i>Years of Service</i>                         |
| <b>OPTION C</b>                              | <i>Option C</i>                                                       |
| _____<br>Name                                | JOHN PETERS<br>_____<br><i>Name</i>                                   |
| _____<br>Title/Police, Sheriff, Fire Service | DET BKF POLICE<br>_____<br><i>Title/Police, Sheriff, Fire service</i> |
| _____<br>Years Of Service                    | 1990-2018<br>_____<br><i>Years of service</i>                         |

I certify to the best of my knowledge the above named veteran, police, Sheriff and fireman or woman served honorably in the period listed in Option A, B or C above. Payment may be check, money order, Pay Pal or credit card. Checks and money orders should be addressed to Minter Field Air Museum P.O. Box 445 Shafter, CA 93263

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Thank you for considering the purchase of a "Memorial Brick". If you have any questions or special requests email me at: [JTSL347@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JTSL347@GMAIL.COM)

After you place an order, we will notify you when the brick is installed at the Memorial Plaza. Normally, installation takes place after 12-15 bricks are ordered

Major General (Ret) James T. Whitehead Jr  
 Vice Chairman MFAM Board

## *Minter Field Air Museum*

### *Christmas Open House*

401 Vultee Street, Shafter, California 93263

(From Lerdo Highway turn north onto Vultee Street;  
drive  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile north and Museum is on the left)

December 13, 2014

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Santa will be present from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

We will be serving Cookies, Cake, Hot Cider,  
Eggnog and Coffee.

+++ Please join us and tour the museum +++





**Minter Field Air Museum  
Memorial Plaza Photographs**



**Al Goss Presentation and Fly-in  
June 14th, 2014**

After several months of promotion and build-up, the Museum held the Al Goss Fly-in and Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, June 14th.

Family members attended, and there were other supporters present to see Al receive a plaque honoring his life and career as an Air Racer. The wrap-up included a missing man formation flyover from the Condors.

While the event was down on attendance, it was a very special event for those that did attend.

For those that did not know who Al Goss was, the story of his life is presented below, written by his daughter, Sandra.



Alfred Fredric Goss Jr. was born on December 16, 1941 in Shenandoah Iowa to Lucille and Alfred Goss. He was the sixth of eight children. He moved around as a child, but eventually settled in central California. In 1960 he graduated from Porterville Union High School where he was on the football and track teams. At age 18 he started working as a flagger at M & W Flying in Porterville. He learned to fly in 1963 and started crop dusting for them in 1965.

On June 16,1961 he married his high school sweetheart, Barbara Jean Abney. Their son Randy was born in 1963 and their daughter Sandra was born in 1967. In 1969 they moved up north to Woodland to go to work for Daryl Day Dusters. Their son David was born in 1971. Later in the 70s Al started working for Bob's Flying Service in Knights Landing where he stayed for many years.

Al worked long hours but was civic minded and social

in his down time. He was involved in the local Jaycees club and later in the Elks. He and Barbara loved to go out dancing, and anyone who heard him perform at karaoke knew he could really sing, especially to Elvis Presley songs.

In 1978 Al bought a black and yellow SNJ AT-6 which would become his beloved Warlock. After fixing it up he started attending fly-ins to show it off, but he was more intrigued by the idea of racing it. His first year racing at the Reno Air Races was in 1981. He took 6th place in the gold race and an obsession was born.

He had a very long and exciting run as an air racer. Both he the Warlock had many fans, and together they had quite an impressive track record. His Reno race history included 1 second place silver finish, one first place silver race championship, four sixth place gold finishes, one fifth place gold finish, three fourth place gold finishes, eight third place gold finishes, and a whopping nine second place gold finishes (which led to the taunt of "always the bridesmaid and never the bride"). But in 2004 Al finally got his turn to shine when he took his one and only first place gold finish!!! In addition to Reno Al also participated in the Central Oregon Air Races where he took first place and the Phoenix 500 Air Races where he took fourth place. Over his 29 year run he set several race records and was the National Champion of the T-6 Class in 1992 and 2004.

Over the years Al had done some seasonal work for his friend and toughest air race competitor Eddie Van Fossen, but in the late 90s he permanently moved down to Bakersfield to go to work for Eddie at Old River Crop Dusting. He thrived down there with so many other air race enthusiasts.

Al was preceded in death by wife Barbara. He was survived by children Randy, Sandra, and David, son in law Elijah Mayeux, and 5 grandchildren (Mark, Heather, Andrew, Ryan, and Lacey),and his love Anita.

But Al also had a very large extended family that wasn't related by blood but still very important to him. They included his Warlock crew, his coworkers at Old River, his friends at Minter Field, his fellow racers at the Reno Air Races, and too many more to mention.

Al was a good friend to everyone. Strangers didn't stay that way for long once they met him. Very few people had anything bad to say about him. He was a down to earth guy with a warm smile and a great sense of humor. He always had a joke to tell, and undoubtably his belly laugh is one of the things people will remember the most about him.

~ Sandra (Goss) Mayeux



**Al Goss Presentation and Fly-in  
Photographs**



*Al Goss's family and friends in attendance. Al's wife is on the left, and his son David is fourth from the left.*



*A display of some of the many trophies and awards that Al Goss had won over the years in air racing at Reno.*



*Missing Man formation flown by the Condors*

**Kern County Fair Exhibit  
Sept/Oct 2014**

The Museum participated in the Community Exhibits competition at the fair in September. The exhibit helps to promote local organizations within the community. The Museum finished 4th out of the top five exhibits, winning \$300 for their display. Al Goines designed the display, Dave Day contributed artifacts for display, and Al and Daryl Curtis assembled the display.



## 2nd Annual "James Dean Was Here" Fundraiser Saturday, October 4th, 2014

You never know what surprises Minter Field has in store, and it is always amazing to uncover the history that has centered in and around this tiny area of the world that we call home. In addition to starting off as the largest Basic Training Base in World War II for 11,000 fledgling cadets, this place has been home to so many other great events in history - including car racing. Sports car racing began in 1954 at Minter Field, and in May 1955 James Dean entered his second race of his young racing career.

He had made the racing community take notice when in March of 1955, Dean competed at Palm Springs. He entered his 1955 Porsche Super Speedster in the F Production class (1500 cc and under), and in his first race, a 6 lap Novice race, won the race. He had only been driving his new Porsche for two weeks, logging 1000 miles in the first week driving up and down the 36 mile stretch known as Mulholland Drive. In the main event on Sunday he drew for the first row on the starting grid. It was a 27 lap, 1 hour race. There were 21 drivers entered, and Dean finished third after the first place driver was disqualified.

In May Dean entered the race at Minter Field. The course was 3.2 miles in length. On Saturday it rained and the drivers got very little practice. Later on Saturday Jack Drummond died after flipping his Austin Healey when he hit a hay bale. James entered two races. The first was a six lap (19 mile) event held Saturday afternoon. There were 19 cars, and Dean started mid-pack. The course was in bad shape from the weather, but Dean ended up finishing 3rd, and won his class. In the second race, a 30 lap (96 miles) race, 40 cars started the race. The race was shortened to 25 laps due to bad weather. Dean did not have a memorable finish.

The third event that James Dean entered was at Santa Barbara in June. He never finished his first race, throwing a piston rod on the first lap when he made a Banzai move to the inside and passed a long line of cars in front of him. Sadly, that would be the last race of his career, as he was killed in his 550 Porsche Spyder on his way to Salinas for a race in September of 1955.

Next year the event will be moved to May and will coincide with the James Dean memorial event that the Golden Empire Regional Porsche Club of America will host at Minter Field. Details will follow in the next newsletter.

The event could not have been possible without the support of the following event sponsors: Hitchcock Auto Parts (Shafter), E&B Natural Resources, Enterprise Drilling Fluids, TRB Oilfield Services, and The Apple Market of Shafter.





**Annual 9-11 Event  
September 11th, 2014**

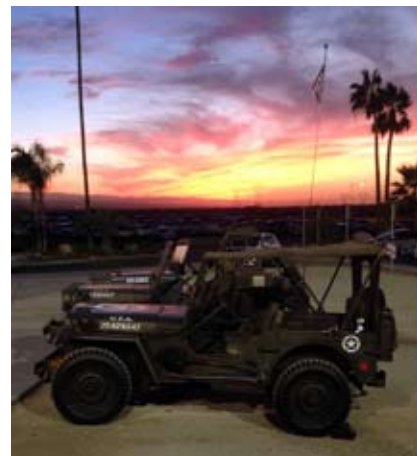


*Tammy Harris and Allen Anderson were on hand for the 9-11 Event.*

**Fox Theater Film Festival  
November 8th-9th, 2014**



**Kern Raceway Park  
Labor Day Weekend 2014**



## **TENT CITY - MINTER FIELD - MARCH 1942**

Days after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the U.S. Army was in full swing and commissioned the construction of two USAAF training bases in Kern County - Gardner Field near Taft and Maricopa, and Minter Field near Shafter. Minter Field was originally known as Lerdo Field, but was commissioned as Minter Field on February 7th, 1942. Permanent structures / barracks were not built until late 1942. Prior to the permanent structures, cadets lived in giant tents in these makeshift cities called Tent Cities. Prior to moving to Minter Field in March 1942, cadets were housed at the Kern County Fair Grounds, Meadows Field, and Wasco High School, in tents. In March 1942 the cadets were moved to Minter Field, in the Tent City you see in the pictures below.

The photos below are part of a collection acquired from a photography studio that closed down. The captions were the notes on the back of the photograph. These photos are from early to mid-March 1942.



*The main drag of tent city - Minter Field*



*Tent houses at Minter*



*A guard with shotgun and two prisoners on garbage truck at Minter Field*



# MINTER FIELD AIR MUSEUM



## 2014 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<br>S M L XL XXL | MFAM Golf Shirt<br>S M L XL XXL | Life Member – One-Time Fee | **Warbird Flt. in WWII Trainer | Sponsor Plaque | Leather Flight Jacket | *** VIP Status |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| <b>Pilot</b> (Basic Individual - \$40*<br>Membership) Family - \$50*<br>(Annual) Student (6-18) \$20 | +                     |             | ^                               | ^                               |                            |                                |                |                       |                |
| <b>Senior Pilot</b> (Annual) \$100*                                                                  | +                     | +           | +                               |                                 |                            |                                |                |                       |                |
| <b>Command Pilot</b> (Annual) \$250*                                                                 | +                     | +           | +                               |                                 |                            |                                |                |                       |                |
| <b>Squadron Commander</b> (Life) \$500                                                               | +                     | +           |                                 | +                               | +                          |                                |                |                       |                |
| <b>Wing Commander</b> (Life) \$1,000                                                                 | +                     | +           |                                 | +                               | +                          |                                |                |                       |                |
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