

October 2011



Newsletter

NEXT WEEKEND — MCAS Miramar Airshow



Volunteers Needed:

Wednesday (Ferry Planes over)

- ◆ TBD

Thur (Booth/Mil Veh Display Setup and Media Rides in C-45)

- ◆ Bret Black

Fri (Mig21 Photo Booth Staffing)

- ◆ TBD

Sat (Mig21 Photo Booth Staffing)

- ◆ Bret / Judy Black

Sun (Mig21 Photo Booth Staffing)

- ◆ TBD

This year, do to the fine work by Rob Hertberg we are flying in the Miramar Airshow each day as part of the Trainer Parade (2) T-34 (Larry and John) and (2) T-28s (Jim O and Julie Clark) accompanied by (2) Stearmans, (2) T-6s, and a T-33 jet (Greg Colyer). Since I will be flying each day its even more important to have some volunteer HELP each day. We are going to be segmented the C-45 will be on display on the Heritage Lane, The Mig and L-29 will be in the Red Star Corral, the T-28 will be in the performer area, and the L-17 and T-41 will be in the Army Truck area. Come sign up as you get into the "Crew Chalet" and free food / drink each day.



USS IOWA BB-61 Moving to Long Beach Harbor



The USS Iowa — the last surviving World War II battleship without a home — will head to the Port of Los Angeles to stand as a permanent museum and memorial to battleships, the Navy said Sept. 6.

According to the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Ray Mabus, the donation of the USS Iowa to the Pacific Battleship Center, under the Navy's ship donation program, is the culmination of years of work by many dedicated volunteers. The USS Iowa is the only Iowa-class battleship that has not been saved and turned into a permanent museum, and was the last battleship available for donation.

"We want to thank the Secretary of the Navy, and the entire United States Navy, for the donation of the USS Iowa to the Pacific Battleship Center," stated Robert Kent, the president of the nonprofit. "With this award, the USS Iowa will become a permanent museum, memorial and educational center. We can now move forward with the work necessary to restore the ship and to bring her to the Port of Los Angeles."

The Pacific Battleship Center acknowledged the support and thousands of hours volunteers have contributed to this project. "Without the support of our volunteers, the people of the Los Angeles area and the people of the State of Iowa, this dream would not have become a reality," stated Kent.

President Franklin Roosevelt traveled home aboard the USS Iowa after the 1943 Tehran conference of allied leaders, where he met with Soviet leader Joseph Stalin and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill to plan war strategies against Nazi Germany.

The 45,000-ton ship, which towers 15 stories above the water line, engaged in battles in the Pacific theater during World War II and entered Tokyo Bay with the occupation forces in 1945 where it served as Admiral William F. Halsey's flagship for the surrender ceremony. The battleship later served off Korea's eastern shores during that conflict.

In 1989, the USS Iowa suffered one of the nation's deadliest military accidents after 47 sailors were killed in an explosion during a training exercise. Before being decommissioned in 1990, it served as an escort for oil tankers in the Persian Gulf.

The Iowa was towed to San Francisco from Rhode Island in 2001, after Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California helped secure \$3 million to bring it to San Francisco in hopes of making it a tourist attraction at Fisherman's Wharf. Four years later, Feinstein, a former San Francisco mayor, called the city's supervisors' 8-3 vote against the idea a "very petty decision."

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Upcoming Airshow Warbird Seats Available

(30 Sep—2 OCT) MCAS Miramar



- ◆ L-29C
- ◆ (1 Seats Available)
- ◆ (\$100 each way)



- ◆ L-17A
- ◆ (3 Seats Available)
- ◆ (\$60 each way)



- ◆ C-45H
- ◆ (5 Seats Available)
- ◆ (\$60 each way)



- ◆ T-28C
- ◆ (1 Seats Available)
- ◆ (\$100 each way)

6-9 Oct: Holloman AFB NM+Kingman AZ Airshows



- ◆ (1) Seats Available
- ◆ (\$300 each R/T donation)
- ◆ (8-9 hours Flying Time + (2) Airshows)

14-16 Oct: NAS Lemoore Airshow



- ◆ (6) Seats Available
- ◆ (\$225 each R/T donation)
- ◆ (5 hours flying time)

(22-23 Oct) Los Alamitos AAF (Seal Beach CA)

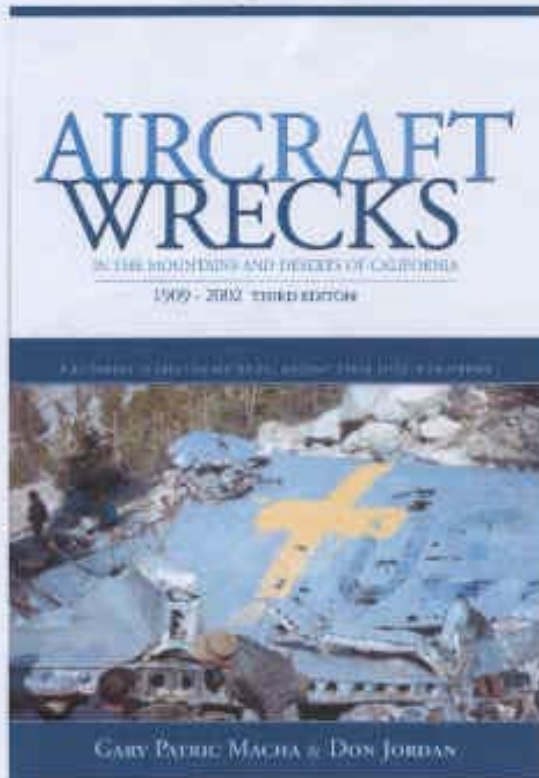


- ◆ (2) Seats Available
- ◆ (\$100 each R/T donation)
- ◆ (2.5 hours flying time)

November 4-6 WWAM T-34 Weekend Fly In Guest Speakers / Dinner Programs

Friday Speaker Author: Pat Macha

*Aircraft Wrecks in the Mountains and
Deserts of California*

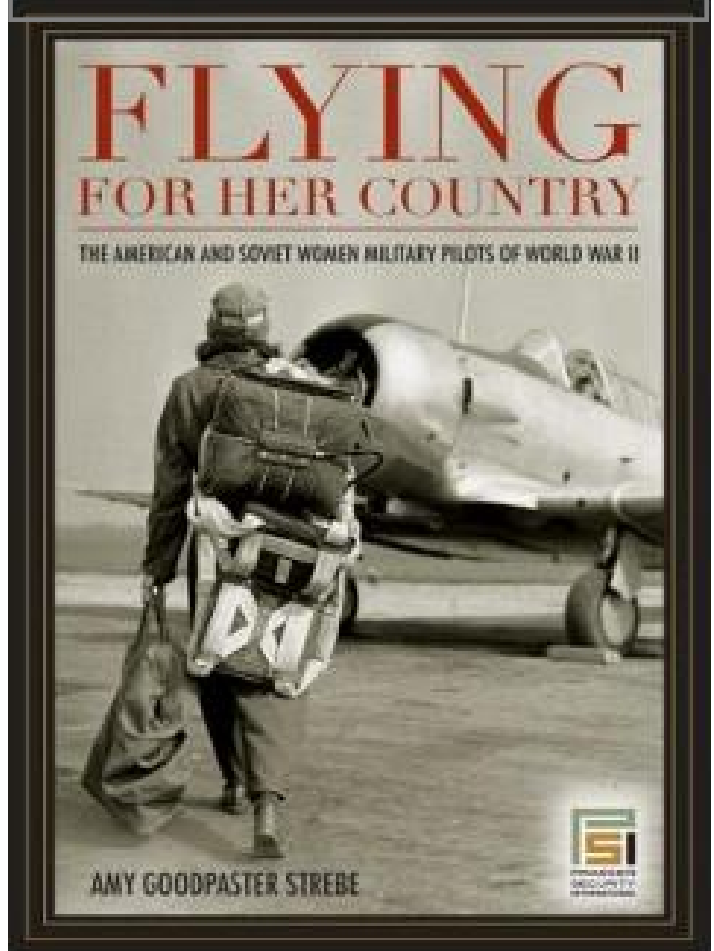


Featuring details on more than 1,300 aircraft wreck sites in Northern and Southern California, *Aircraft Wrecks in the Mountains and Deserts of California, 1909-2002* (3rd edition), is the most complete [guidebook](#) to locating historical aircraft crash sites in uninhabited wilderness and offers details on the history of the downed aircraft and information on how to locate them.

This comprehensive guide also features data on the date of aircraft wrecks, aircraft type, location and what happened to the occupants.

Written by G. Pat Macha, premier aviation archaeologist and wreck finder. Pat will be speaking to us on Friday night about *Aircraft Wrecks* including the B-36 crash off Pt Loma San Diego.

Saturday Speaker Author:
Amy Goodpaster Strebe



During the Second World War, women pilots were given the opportunity to fly military aircraft for the first time in history. In the United States, famed aviatrix Jacqueline Cochran formed the Women Airforce Service Pilots program, where over one thousand women flyers ferried aircraft from factories to airbases throughout the United States and Canada from 1942 to 1944. The WASP operated from 110 facilities and flew more than 60 million miles in 78 different types of aircraft, from the smallest trainers to the fastest fighters and the largest bombers. The WASP performed every duty inside the cockpit as did their male counterparts, except combat, and 38 women pilots gave their lives in the service of their country. Yet, notwithstanding their outward appearance as official members of the U.S. Army Air Forces, the WASP were considered civil servants during the war. Despite a highly publicized attempt



2011 EVENTS / NEWS UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ **OCT 4-6 MCAS Miramar Military Vehicle Display**
- ♦ **NOV 20 Mother Goose Parade**
- ♦ **DEC North Park Toyland Parade North Park**
- ♦ **DEC Pacific Beach Holiday Parade Pacific Beach**

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The Iowa's sister ships are already serving as museums: The USS Missouri is docked at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, the USS Wisconsin is docked in Norfolk, Virginia, and the USS New Jersey is docked in the state it is named for.

The Iowa and the Wisconsin will be maintained to avoid rust and other mechanical problems in the unlikely event the ships are ever needed in war, Kent said.

As the Pacific Battleship Center moves forward with the restoration and relocation of the USS Iowa, there are still numerous opportunities to be part of this historic project. You may contact the USS Iowa's new caretakers at www.pacificbattleship.com.

Jon Goldenbaum's TFW Reunion Rides at Flabob



WWAM 2011 Schedule of Events

October 2011

- ◆ 30-02 **MCAS Miramar Airshow / Trainer Parade:T-28C, C-45 , L-17A, L-29, Mig21**
- ◆ 07-09 **Holloman AFB and Kingman Airshows DC-3 (Confirmed-Sold Out)**
- ◆ 14-15 **NAS Lemoore Airshow (C-45) (confirmed)**
- ◆ 23 **Wings Wheels Rotors Los Alamitos AAF Seal Beach CA L-17A Navion**

November 2011

- ◆ 04-06 **WWAM T-34 Fly In / Mt Soledad Fly By T-34s — Dinner / Guest Speakers**
- ◆ 05 2 S **Free Flu Shot Clinic at WWAM Hangar!**
- ◆ 11 **Veteran's Day Fly Bys**
- ◆ 11-13 **Nellis AFB Aviation Nation (TBD)**

March 2012

- ◆ 17-18 **Thunder over St George Utah (T-28C) Tentative**
- ◆ 31- 1 APR **Palm Springs Air Museum Annual T-34 Gathering of Mentors**

Lots of Open Seats for
NAS Lemoore Airshow in
the C-45!!!



I was going through some pictures and found one I took when I was on a ride in the C-45 during the 2009 Big Bear Airshow. I'll never forget that experience because it was the first time ever flying for me, and it drove me to get my Pilots License. I thought you might like it. Jason Storhaug

- ◆ **Check out the NEW WWAM Calendar "Online" at www.wwam.org**
- ◆ **Receive updates by email AS THEY ARE POSTED just sign up!!!**
- ◆ **Check out the DAILY NEWS blog at <http://wwamnews.blogspot.com/>**
- ◆ **WWAM Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/?sk=events#!/pages/Warbirds-West-Air-Museum/104001692976868?ref=sgm>**

WWAM Aircraft and Military Vehicles



Military Vehicles

- Kaiser M35A2 6 x 6 Cargo Truck (1967)
- GMC M1010 CUCV Ambulance (1985)
- GMC M1009 CUCV Blazer (1985)
- GMC M1008 CUCV Pickup (1985)
- Ford M151A2 Jeep (1971)
- M2A1 105mm Howitzer (Glamour Gal)
- M149 Water Buffalo Tank Trailer
- M105A2 Cargo Trailer

Military Aircraft:

- North American L-17A (1946)
- Beechcraft C-45H 51-11472 (1951)
- Beechcraft T-34A 53-3366 (1953)
- North American T-28C 146254 (1957)
- Aero Vodachody L-29C #53 (1968)
- Mig 21 Cockpit Trailer

Volunteer Opportunities:

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- Beechcraft T-34A
- North American T-28C
- L-17A Navion
- Mig-21 Fishbed, Military Vehicles 105mm Howitzer
- Beech C-45H Expediter (former AT-7 Navigator)
- ♦ Aero L-29C Delfin Jet
- ♦ Schweitzer SGS 2-8 TG-2
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Josh Shows off his Cool
WWAM T-Shirt



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