

Snoopy's Fighting Aircraft



That's the Red Baron, Charles M. Schulz, and Snoopy at left in the early 1970s. What's the story on this historic aircraft and where is it now? Read all about it and more inside this edition of the Red Baron Flyer!

Terminal Remodel Underway



Horizon Air coming in for a landing!

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The terminal remodel is not stopping passengers from flying to their destinations on Horizon Air! The group at left just had lunch in the Sky Lounge Restaurant before boarding a nonstop flight to Las Vegas for fun in the sun and hiking in Zion and Bryce Canyon. Above is the temporary baggage claim area. Read more inside on page 2.

Terminal Remodel - Moving Right Along



Remodel construction began in July 2009 with the addition of temporary fencing and gates. Next came the relocation of the baggage slide to a temporary location just west of the patio.

The Security Building deck was removed and a new temporary ramp and entrance to the screening area were built on the south side of the building. The breezeway has been demolished in preparation for the construction of the expanded terminal. Both the terminal and Sky Lounge Restaurant are open for business throughout the remodel.



Follow the Remodel Online

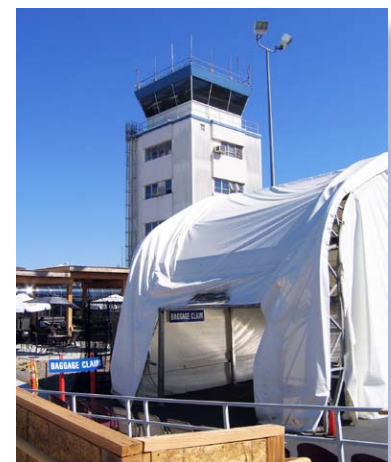
For more photos weekly updates on the remodel progress visit sonomacountyairport.org and click on the link at the top of the home page.

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Jon Stout Honored

Airport Manager Jon Stout was recently named Airport Executive of the Year by the Southwest Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives (SWAAAE), a regional chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives. The award was announced at SWAAAE's 63rd Annual Summer Conference in San Diego.

Stout has been the Airport Manager at the Sonoma County Airport since June 2002. He was instrumental in restoring commercial air service to the Airport after scheduled flights ceased in October 2001. Under Stout's leadership, service resumed with the launch of Horizon Air in March 2007.

Stout said that his proudest moment at Sonoma County Airport has been "to bring Horizon Air to Sonoma County, to see them succeed in their two years in Sonoma County, and to have the community respond the way they have."

Paul Kelley, Fourth District Supervisor who has worked closely with Stout in bringing air service to Sonoma County said, "Jon is a fantastic Airport Manager; he has vision and is passionate about providing a great Airport for the people of Sonoma County. He is very deserving of recognition and this award."

Stout spent most of his early years in Santa Rosa, graduating from Piner High School in 1986. He graduated from the University of North Dakota (UND) with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Airport Administration in 1990 and received a Masters of Business Administration from Northwest Missouri State University in 1992. With additional training Stout earned the titles of Accredited Airport Executive (AAE), awarded by the American Association of Airport Executives in July 2007 and Certified Airport Executive bestowed by SWAAAE in January 2008.

Stout was required to earn a pilot's license as part of the airport management program at UND. Stout's schedule doesn't leave him much time for flying these days, and a young family keeps him busy, too. Stout and his wife Wendy are parents of two-year old William and little sister Jessica who arrived on September 11, 2009.

Airport Operations Area (AOA) Badges

By Lidia Herbert, Sonoma County Airport

Don't Miss the Deadline!

- **TSA & STS say all badges must be picked up by October 16!**
- **Gate devises will be deactivated if badges are not picked up by your original deadlines.**
- **No badge - No gate device.**

Remember!

- **Current badging drop-in days and times are Mondays OR Thursdays, 1 - 4 pm, or by appointment.**
- **No walk-ins are accepted.**

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has mandated that all persons who have access to the Airport Operations Area (AOA), or fenced area, of the Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County Airport must have an AOA badge. The Airport is currently completing the badging process for Apron "F" (Gun Club) and west side of the Airport tenants. The AOA badging days and times are Mondays OR Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment. We will not accept walk-in's outside these days and times without a prior appointment.

The AOA badge is a requirement for all persons who have access to the fenced area of the Airport. Frequent visitors to Airport hangars, such as family members, friends, and co-owners of aircraft, will be required to have an AOA badge. Everyone who is issued an AOA badge will be required to have it with them at all times while they are within the AOA fenced area. Each person who has a badge can escort up to four (4) individuals, but they must remain within

hearing and sight range at all times. If a badged individual is found to be without the required AOA badge, they will be escorted off of Airport property and will be subject to a possible penalty.

The AOA badge does not mean that Airport tenants have access to the Security Identification Display Area (SIDA), the "Airline Box." If the AOA badge holder is found to be within the SIDA, the matter will be turned over to law enforcement and TSA for an investigation, which can include penalties and fines.

The Airport Manager's Office will be sending out letters notifying tenants of the proper procedures in order to obtain an AOA badge. If you have any questions, please contact the Manager's Office at 565-7243.



Meet Brent Moné

By Melinda Gay, Sonoma County Airport

The long monotonous row of hangars on Apron F hides the colorful stories within. Open up one hangar in particular and out flies a unique history as intriguing as the aircraft inside.

That aircraft is a Garland Lincoln Nieuport 28 LF-1 owned by Brent Moné, retired fireman, business owner, and keeper of a treasury of tales. The plane is a replica of the Nieuport 28 (N28), a French biplane and fighter developed in 1917 during World War I that was armed with machine guns. The legendary flying ace Eddie Rickenbacker flew the N28 in the 94th Aero Squadron. The N28 was the first aircraft to serve with an American fighter squadron and the first to score an aerial victory with an American Unit, the 94th. However, the N28 owned by Brent Moné is not a fighter, it's a movie star.



Eddie Rickenbacker and the original Nieuport 28.

Brent's 1932 biplane was built in Van Nuys by Claude Flag for Garland Lincoln. Lincoln supplied aircraft for film use. Among the early films the N28 appeared in are *Hell in the Heavens* (1934) *Dawn Patrol* (1938), and *Men with Wings* (1938).

Brent grew up around airports. His father is Kip Moné, retired air racer, aerobatic stunt flyer, commercial airline pilot, test pilot, restorer of aircraft, and organizer of air shows. Born in Ohio in 1923, Kip lived and breathed aviation. Brent said, "My dad flew P-51s for the national guard in Ohio after he got out of the military flying P-47s." For a while in the early 1950s Kip owned the N28 and raced in it from Ohio to Florida before selling it. Kip also raced midjets at the Cleveland Air Races but gave up air racing before Brent came along.



"My dad raced against Shoestring, Bonzo, and many others; they were all friends. Dad flew Estrellita #34 which later crashed when the wing snapped. Dad is by the cockpit and my grandpa Joe behind the wing." Brent Moné

Brent tells how his dad took him everywhere. At three months Kip put him in a wicker basket and took him for a ride in a Bamboo Bomber UC-78. One hard landing later and the baby almost flew out with the basket. Sixteen years later and after many lessons in the cockpit on Kip's lap before moving to the pilot's seat, Brent was soloing in an aerobatic experimental airplane at Agua Dulce Airport in Southern California. At 19 Brent was in Air Force boot camp and on his way to earning his private pilot's license at Norton Air Force Base.



In the early 60s Kip had moved the family to Los Angeles to work as the chief pilot for TRW



"My dad liked unusual aircraft. I remember this Aeronca LC. He had two projects and made one good flying machine out of them. A rare airplane." Brent Moné

Inc., testing shuttle and jet engines. Brent tells a story of the time when he and some others accompanied Kip for a test flight in a Sabreliner jet. Kip asked everyone to set their soda glasses down on their tables then said, "OK, watch this" before surprising his guests with a barrel roll. The glasses didn't move or spill a single drop.



Air Racer Kip Moné in the Nieuport, circa 1950. The Nieuport 28 is not the same aircraft as Snoopy's Sopwith Camel, but they were both developed in 1917 for WWI.

Brent Moné *Continued from previous page*

By 1961 the N28 came to be owned by Kip's friends Frank Tallman and Paul Mantz of Tallmantz Aviation. The two Hollywood stunt pilots had an extensive vintage aircraft collection and flew the planes in films and TV. Kip still loved that little N28 and asked Tallmantz for first right of refusal if they ever offered it for sale.

While owned by Tallmantz the N28 appeared in television shows including *Get Smart*, *The Twilight Zone*, and *My Three Sons*. In the early 1970s the plane was named Snoopy when the Red Baron first appeared in *Peanuts*. Charles M. Schulz used the biplane to promote Snoopy as the Flying Ace at publicity events.

In 1975 Frank Tallman piloted the repainted N28 in scenes for the *Great Waldo Pepper*, a movie about stunt fliers starring Robert Redford and Susan Sarandon. Tallman was hospitalized after the plane collided with high tension wires and crashed during filming. He offered the broken plane to Kip and the N28 was back in the Moné family.



The original 94th Aero Squadron's "Hat-in-the-Ring" insignia from Brent's Nieuport 28.

Throughout the years Kip was owner of 28 planes. "Dad re-built six airplanes called basket cases. The Nieuport was a basket case," says Brent. As part of the rebuild, Brent said Kip "made all the ribs for both the upper and lower wings, made the complete upper wing with the exception of the leading edge, straightened out the fuselage, and kept it in storage for a long time," before giving it to Brent as a birthday present 18 years ago. One bit of history remains in the cockpit; a metal plate stands between the rudder pedals. Tallman lost his left leg in a go-cart accident while playing with his son. The resourceful flyer put the plate there to keep his wooden leg on the pedal and from falling into his right leg.

The N28 finally came to its present home at Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County Airport in 2004 when Brent purchased his hangar, a fitting spot for the little plane once named Snoopy. Prior to that, he kept it at home in his garage while he worked on the restoration. Since he's had the N28, Brent brought the fuselage down to a bare frame, repaired it, finished the upper wing his dad started, added the leading edge and a new fuel tank, and made both lower wings from scratch.

The N28 now sits in Brent's hangar waiting for skin to cover its bones, some rigging for the wings, and an engine to bring it back to life, but it's still a handsome thing that evokes its glamorous and gritty past.



Brent's N28 as it looks today. Not quite fly-ready yet!



Early 1970s: The Red Baron, Charles M. Schulz, Snoopy, and an unidentified person.

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Handmade ribs by Kip, hand bent veneer for the wings by Brent.

Brent is in the final stages of restoration, using photos to recreate the original. His goal, he explains, is to restore the plane the way Garland built it in 1932. "I am doing it as Garland did it, with gusset plates, glue and nails, but with modern safety features. It will be light and strong." The biplane will be painted in the colors of the 94th Aero Squadron, along with a fresh Hat-in-the-Ring, just like when Eddie Rickenbacker flew the original N28.

It's a weekend project; his busy days are taken up with his fire sprinkler systems company, Inspection Services & Fire Protection Inc., wife Sheila, and family. Nine-year old Emma likes to hang out in the hangar with Dad, and daughter Katie is in college studying nursing.

Like many restorers of vintage aircraft, Brent could use the help of a sponsor to get the job done. If you have interest in assisting with the cost or labor, give Brent a call. Help get an old film star ready for its close up.

Sponsors Welcome!

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Employee of the Quarter

By Lidia Herbert, Sonoma County Airport

Airport Operations Specialist Andrew Astells has been named Sonoma County Airport's Employee of the Quarter for the months of July through September. Andrew has worked for the Airport for two years. Prior to working for the Airport, Andrew graduated from the Motorcycle Mechanics Institute, spent nine years in the Air Force, and also worked for Horizon Air when it initially started here at the Airport in 2007.

When asked what inspired him to apply to be an Operations Specialist, Andrew replied with "this just became the next chapter in my life." Andrew has seen the Airport grow and transform during the past few years, especially with the arrival of the airline. He is eager to see what the future will entail with the new improvements that the Airport is starting, including the Terminal Remodel project. Andrew lives with his girlfriend and they are raising five children together. Congratulations Andrew!

Andrew Astells



Art Hayssen, Master Instructor Emeritus

Congratulations to Arthur H. "Art" Hayssen, a six-time Master Certified Flight Instructor (CFI), who was recently granted Master Instructor Emeritus status in recognition of his many years of commitment to excellence, professional growth, service to the aviation community, and quality aviation education. Art is the co-owner of North Coast Air, Inc. (www.NorthCoastAir.com) at Sonoma County Airport and director of aviation technology at Santa Rosa Junior College. He is also a FAA Team Lead Representative in the FAA's Oakland FSDO area. Art is one of only five worldwide to be granted emeritus status.

Art was granted the title of Master Instructor Emeritus by Master Instructors LLC, the international accrediting authority for the Master Instructor designation as well as the FAA-approved "Master Instructor Continuing Education Program." His initial Master CFI (Certificated Flight Instructor) accreditation was earned in 2000. He has held that professional designation continuously since then.

To help put this achievement in its proper perspective, there are approximately 92,000 CFIs in the United States. Fewer than 700 of them have achieved Master status thus far. Art is one of only 51 California aviation educators to earn this prestigious "Master" title and one of only five worldwide to be granted emeritus status.



Art Hayssen

Sign of the Times



This modern new sign was installed recently. It's seen as you approach the terminal from Airport Boulevard.

Horizon Numbers Update



Horizon Air reports that total passenger numbers are 122,625 for the year through August 2009 and 17,257 for the month of August. While down from last year (21,045 for the month of August in 2008), Horizon is holding its own in a tough and challenging market.

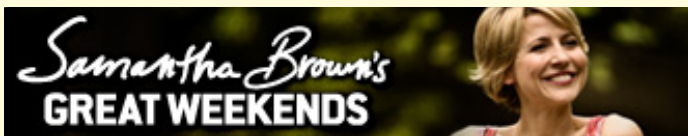
“Wings Over Wine Country” Air Show

The Pacific Coast Air Museum presented another terrific Air Show in August, this year at its new location north of the terminal. Museum Director Dave Pinsky had this to say, “The feedback from this year’s Air Show has been outstanding. The comments we are hearing the most are, ‘Great new venue, terrific announcer, performer and military flying lineup the best ever, the President’s Club was great, and the Yak 3U was wonderful.’”

As most of you know we moved this year’s show to the huge new Kaiser Air and airport transient ramp at the north end of the airport... The new venue was terrific, but as I’ve been heard to say, it was like moving the Air Show to Houston, Texas... everything, literally everything, had to be re-designed and re-done.”



From top right: Gene Soucy's Showcat, C17 looms behind other aircraft, using an aircraft for shade and viewing, the crowd on the flight line, and CalFire in action.



Sonoma County Airport Air Traffic Control Tower in the distance.



Don't call it a blimp!

It's an airship, it's a zeppelin, but it's not a blimp! Did you see it wafting across the summer skies recently? It's operated by Airship Ventures out of Moffett Field. The zeppelin was at STS filming Samantha Brown's *Great Weekends* for the Travel Channel. Aerial views were filmed from the airship for a Wine Country special to air this fall. To learn when the show airs, check out: travelchannel.com/TV_Shows/Samantha_Brown

Excellent New Pet Relief Area



Arruff
Ruff Ruff!
I must say, this is the
finest Pet Relief Area
I've ever seen!
Indubitably.



A Pet Relief Area for animals on the go was recently constructed just across the street from the terminal near the parking kiosk. The fenced area is stocked with plastic hand covers, a disposal container, running water, and lots of fresh air. Eventually a special doggy drinking fountain will be added. Rambeau, the visiting English bulldog pictured above, was most pleased with the new facilities. He did not, however, wash his paws before leaving.

Person Relief Area . . .

In other potty news, the handicap access ramp is now complete and ready for use at the spacious new Person Relief Area located at Apron F (Gun Club) on the south side of the Airport. The facility contains a sink and room for maneuvering about in wheelchairs, walkers, and other assistance accoutrements.



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Airport Operations Duty Officer 484-0236 → Airport Maintenance Shop 544-6198 → Complaint Line 544-4787

Organization	Description	Location	Phone*
Airport Express	Bus Service	5807 Old Redwood Hwy	837-8700
Avis Rent A Car	Car Rental Agency	Terminal	571-0465
Barron Air	Aircraft Maintenance	2290 Becker Blvd	284-9786
CalFire	Firefighting	2235 Airport Blvd	576-2586
Civil Air Patrol	Non-Profit	2243 Airport Blvd	545-7488
Dragonfly Aviation	Flight School	2222 Airport Blvd	575-8750
Enterprise	Car Rental Agency	Terminal	570-3600
Experimental Aircraft Assoc.	Non-Profit	5550 Windsor Road	545-3606
Federal Aviation Admin. Tower	Government Agency	2245 Airport Blvd	546-4294
Hertz	Car Rental Agency	Terminal	528-0834
Horizon Air	Airline	Terminal	1-800-547-9308
Kaiser Air - Santa Rosa Jet Center	Full Service FBO	2240 Airport Blvd	528-7400
North Coast Air	Flight School	5010 Flightline Dr	542-8687
Pacific Coast Air Museum	Historical Museum	2230 Becker Blvd	575-7900
PropJet Aviation	Aircraft Maintenance	2282 Becker Blvd	284-9777
REACH Air Medical Services	Air Ambulance	451 Aviation Blvd #201	575-6886
Republic Parking	Parking Lot Management	2200 Airport Blvd	523-2186
Santa Rosa Ninety-Nines	Women Pilots Non-Profit	2247 Airport Blvd	sr99s@sonic.net
Sky Lounge Restaurant	Restaurant	Terminal	542-9400
Sonoma Helicopter	Helicopter Training/Photos/Tours	5790 Flightline Dr.	528-4883
Sonoma Jet Center	Full Service FBO	6030 Flightline Dr	523-2800
Trinity Technology Group	Security	Terminal	527-7226

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Aviation Commission Meetings

Meetings are held at the Airport Manager's Office Conference Room, 2290 Airport Blvd, Santa Rosa. All meetings are Thursday mornings at 8 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

October 15, 2009

November 19, 2009

December 17, 2009

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

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Calendar of Events

Pacific Coast Air Museum

Climb Aboard Historic Aircraft

Oct 17 & 18, 10AM - 4PM

IL-14 Crate, DC-6 Cockpit

Flying B-29s of the 20th Air Force

Wed., Oct 21, 7PM

PCAM Membership Meeting

Guest Speaker: Lt. Col. Raymond Kelly

Lt. Col. Kelly (USAF Ret WWI Veteran) will share his experiences as a crew member with the 505th Group of the 20th Air Force off Tinian Island.

Location: SCOE, 5340 Skylane Blvd, Santa Rosa

<http://pacificcoastairmuseum.org/>



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