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## Upcoming Events

**August 23, 2001--** [Sidney, BC Aviation Museum Visit](#)

**August 24-26, 2001** – Second Annual Intruder Reunion

**September 7, 2001** -- C-40A Indoc/Fam Flight, VR-61

**September 11, 2001** -- Monthly Luncheon (1130–1300) *JSF* , Bill Wilson (Boeing)

## August 23<sup>rd</sup> Museum Visit: Sidney, BC



**SUMMER SOJOURN:** ANA Whidbey sleuth, Jimdawg Poore, recently made a recce mission to Vancouver Island where he came across the British Columbia Aviation Museum next to the airport in Sidney. His debrief suggested that it would be worthy of a road (and ferry) trip for members of the squadron who have both interest and time to devote a day to visit a truly outstanding aviation museum...and enjoy a ferry trip through the San Juans to boot. So we scheduled a mission for **Thursday, 23 August**. Why then? Because that's the day during the week that the museum is actively restoring several of the aircraft AND it avoids the weekend tourist crowds. What's up there? An impressive aviation museum that has a large number of historic aircraft ranging from bush aircraft like the Avro Anson MKII and Noorduyt Norseman to WWII aircraft like Bristol Bolingbroke (Canadian equiv. to the Blenheim) and the A-26 Invader. The museum has a well stocked gift shop and there is a restaurant next door that caters to aviation enthusiasts. Here are the details: **FERRY DATA:** The ferry leaves Anacortes at 0820 and arrives in Sidney at 1025. The return ferry departs Sidney at 1800 and arrives in Anacortes at 2035 after a stop at Friday Harbor. Walk-abouts pay \$11 each way (\$5.50 for seniors/disabled). Those who choose to drive aboard pay \$41 ea. way (35.50 for senior/disabled). The difference in cost is clear, so members opting to take vehicles may want to group up to ease the financial outlay. Reservations for vehicles are recommended. If you don't reserve but still want to take a vehicle, Jimdawg advises that you show at 0700 in order to get aboard, as roll-on traffic gets very heavy after that time. Ferry information is available at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries> or at 1-888-808-7977.

**MUSEUM DATA:** For those with internet connection, see <http://www.bcarnet.net> for an excellent review of the museum and all related items, such as location, transportation, aircraft inventory and related services. For those not connected to internet, call 1-205-655-3300. The museum is about 1.5 miles from the ferry landing and a walking path between the two is provided at the above internet site. Public transportation is also available. Costs to visit the museum (in Canadian dollars) are normally \$5 for an adult (\$4 for seniors and \$3 for students). If we get a group of at least ten together, we get in for \$2/person, and the tour would be guided by one of their staff. The restaurant next door is Mary's Blue Moon Cafe and serves a great menu ranging from \$7.99 to \$12.99 (Canadian). The proposed game plan is to meet on the 0820 ferry, muster at the restaurant for lunch, and follow with a tour of the museum. That schedule should provide all with plenty of time to visit the gift shop and/or downtown Sidney before climbing **back aboard the ferry at 1800** for the return to Anacortes.

**POC:** Jim "Jimdawg" Poore has foolishly volunteered to act as POC for this opportune event. If you want to join us on this trip, please contact Jimdawg NLT 21 August (primarily so that we can let the restaurant and museum know how many will descend upon them). Jim also has a handle on the way things work at the Anacortes ferry, so if you have questions that aren't answered at the website provided above, he is the guy to ask. Contact him at [jimdawgpor@aol.com](mailto:jimdawgpor@aol.com) or 360-588-8143.

## September 7 C-40A Fam Flight: VR-61



C-40A VISIT - Please mark you September calendars now for what looks to be an outstanding event for the local Naval Aviation community. VR-61, our local C-9 squadron, has arranged for a visit of the Navy's newest aircraft, the Boeing C-40A "Clipper", the designated replacement for the aging fleet of C-9 currently in the Navy's inventory.

Events will begin Friday morning, 07Sep01, with a briefing on the new "next generation 737" now entering service. A tour of the aircraft and the C-9 "Skytrain" will follow. A local "fam flight" is planned for the afternoon to briefly tour the Puget Sound area and show off the new aircraft. A "no host" reception is planned to follow at the Officer's Club. More details to follow. Numbers may be limited, so ANA members please contact **POC: Jim "Jimdawg" Poore** [jimdawgpor@aol.com](mailto:jimdawgpor@aol.com) or 360-588-8143) ASAP (NLT 28 August) if you are interested in attending.

**Elections:** There were none; the squadron's two senior officers, CO/President Scott "Hi-Tech" Hornung and XO/Vice President Roger "Lo-Tech" Lerseth have agreed to serve another tour at the controls. "Tugg" Thomson has agreed to step into the Secretary-Treasurer slot, relieving George Fisher. Our squadron thanks to George Fisher for his outstanding and tireless efforts to keep the books straight over the last year.

**Dues:** It's that time of year. If you need to pay dues, Give \$12 to "Tugg" Thomson at the meeting or mail a check to:

**ANA Whidbey Island Squadron  
P.O. Box 1888  
Oak Harbor, WA 98277**

**SECOND ANNUAL INTRUDER REUNION 24-26 AUG** (FRIDAY-SUNDAY): The West Coast Intruders kick off their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual reunion at the O'club happy hour Friday, 24 August. A picnic at Rocky Point follows a Saturday morning golf tourney on the 25<sup>th</sup>. For more detail, see <http://members.home.net/a6intruders/>, or call Fred House (679-6566), John McMahon (675-4715) or Mike Eddy (675-7213). Whether your are a genuine Intruder or just a jealous wannabe, be there!

**30 Years On:** As an aside to the July meeting, one of the guests was LTCOL Richard H. Morgan, USAF(Ret). Thirty years ago he served as an F-4E WSO with the 34<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Squadron, 388<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing at Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base. For one month of his combat tour he served as an Air Force targeting/ops exchange officer with CTF-77, including three weeks in USS *Oriskany* (CVA-34) and one week in USS *Enterprise* (CVAN-65).

During his brief tour with The Big E, Dick cobbed flights with VF-142 and VA-196. His pilot for the latter was LCDR "Pee Wee" Reese, who is now a retired CAPT and a member of the Whidbey Island Squadron of ANA. When the two had lunch together at the squadron's July meeting, it marked the first time they'd met since their flight from *Enterprise* 30 years ago. Reportedly, Pee Wee started the conversation with, "As I was saying..."

Congrats to both aviators/warriors on their surprise reunion.

### **Web Site Reminder:**

As usual, late-breaking information and links to related material can be found on our web site at <http://www.ANAWhidbey.org>