

SAN JACINTO VALLEY MUSEUM ASSOCIATION



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San Jacinto Museum General Meeting



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President

The city of San Jacinto hosted a ceremony on August 18th, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Russian plane landing in 1937. The event was held at the San Jacinto Fire Station #78 located on Cottonwood Ave just across the street from the actual landing site. Over 90 persons attended the event that was held inside the station, out of the sun, during our hot August weather. Nancy introduced 18 individuals who had witnessed the aircraft on the ground in July 1937. San Jacinto Councilmen, Scott Miller and Mark Bartel made comments on the significance of the flight. Jack presented a historical background from the Russian point of view. There were two Russian families in attendance; a retired couple now living in Los Angeles, and a young couple from Moscow who were vacationing in the USA with their 10 year old daughter. The actual descendents of the crew members who we were expecting to arrive never could make the arrangements to attend. We received an e-mail on the morning of the ceremony from 6 of the people in Russia which read as follows: "To all citizens of San Jacinto and Hemet. We highly appreciate what you do for keeping memory about the 1937 heroic Transpolar flight, which ended on your area. The red-winged plane with unfamiliar letters ANT-25 on wings and its pilots Michael Gromov, Andrey Yumashev, & Sergey Danilin landed on the pasture near your city. We are thankful to you for decision to record the feats of 75 anniversary of that flight. This is the festival for you as well for us. We hope that Priscilla Pastor, Vaine Stuart, and another dear people passed baton in your reliable hands! Best wishes." Nina & Sofia Gromov, Olga Yumashev, Galena Danilin, General Reshernikov, and Yuri Salmnikov, Film Producer.

I will present the program on Monday September 17, at the museum following the pot-luck dinner at 6 PM. After I completed pilot training in the U.S. Air Force in 1955, I was assigned to Fairchild AFB at Spokane Washington. The Strategic Air Command Base had 66 B-36s assigned to the base. The B-36 was designed in 1940, but did not come out of production until 1947. Plans to halt production were cancelled with the beginning of the Cold War with the Soviet Union. At this time the huge bomber was the only aircraft that could deliver a nuclear bomb on targets in the Soviet Union. More than 300 B-36s were assembled at Convair in Fort Worth, Texas. The plane had a wingspan of 230 feet and could fly non-stop for 36 hours. The aircraft were stationed at 8 Air Force Bases in the USA and one in Porto Rico. The B-36S remained combat ready until 1957 when they were replaced by the B-52. The B-36 earned the nickname "PEACEMAKER" because it was the only bomber produced by for the Air Force that never flew a combat mission. It was successfully used as a deterrent to an all out war with the Soviet Union. I flew in the B-36 in 1956 before they were retired to the "Bone Yard" at Davis Monthan AFB in Tucson Arizona. I will talk about a typical peacetime mission on the B-36 and show a video of that mission.

Jack Warneke, President

HEY OLDER CROWD

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "That the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?" "Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her. There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'."

HELLO FROM BETTY JO AT THE MUSEUM



We reopened August 31st after being closed for the summer month of August. Our first weekend was had good attendance with 35 visitors.

There was a good showing for the 75th anniversary of the landing of the Russian plane. Several people who saw the plane in 1937 were happy to sign the wings this day. We were lucky to meet inside the fire station garage as it would have been too hot outside.

Betty Jo Dunham I am asking for volunteers helping the mansion and museum for September 21, 22, and 23 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday). The city is putting on the 2nd annual Agricultural Festival here on our grounds for three days. It was a great success last year. We can use help for the 3 days. Please see me at the museum or call 951-654-4952. Plan on attending as you will have a good time and see many friends.

Hope you had a good summer. See you Monday September 17th.

Betty Jo



Alersand & Agnessa
Pikelny
Russian immigrants who
now live in Los Angeles,
visiting the SJ Museum on
August 18th

Visitors
Maria & Olga Kraynove



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75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF RUSSIAN PLANE LANDING



Those present who witnessed the landing of the Russian plane 75 years ago, signed the model now displayed at the San Jacinto Museum



Commemorative sign on Cottonwood Avenue by SJ fire station



Reception inside the fire station