

the Museum

Over 70 years after Santa Paula Airport's opening, a different generation of locals are pioneering a new venture—The Aviation Museum of Santa Paula.

The Museum presently consists of the “Chain of Hangars.” Each hangar offers a different and distinctive story. Hangar One relates the history of our airport from 1927-1930. A video highlighting the construction and opening dedication is a principal feature, while some of the extensive library of historical photographs, artifacts and much more are also on display.

Other hangars exhibit the hangar owner's unique personal collections. They include antique, classic and experimental aircraft, automobiles, race cars, motorcycles, juke boxes, an enormous antique radio and phonograph collection, paintings, photos, model aircraft and a variety of aviation artifacts. There is something to pique everyone's interest. The Aviation Museum's purpose is to enjoy aviation history both in general and as it relates to the Santa Paula Airport.



FIRST SUNDAY AT THE AIRPORT

For over 10 years, on the First Sunday of each month (weather permitting) aircraft of assorted vintages and types are displayed and the Museum hangars are open to the public. Stroll through the open hangars and our shuttle can take you to different areas of the airport. Docents are also on hand for guided tours. Additional features of First Sundays are various car clubs and the EAA's Young Eagle program that offers free plane rides for ages 8-17. The Museum's gift tent sells T-shirts, hats and aviation related items with all proceeds going to the Museum.

Happy visitors and outstanding magazine articles have spread the news of First Sunday at Santa Paula Airport. Besides our amazing collection of local planes, pilots from all over Southern California and beyond are flying their airplanes in to be displayed, to visit and enjoy the day. Come see beautifully restored antique airplanes, small antique military planes, aerobatic planes and modern day experimental aircraft. You won't be disappointed!

LOOKING TOWARD

the Future

The Aviation Museum of Santa Paula goals are to create:

- Other Airport displays from 1930 forward.
- A hangar featuring WWII as well as the Korean and Vietnam wars.
- A Hollywood hangar depicting the many celebrities at the Airport over the years and the many movies filmed here.
- A Women in Aviation exhibit featuring the exceptional women based at Santa Paula since its beginning.
- Demonstrations of aerodynamics, design and construction of aircraft.

- Displays of renowned pilots' personal histories, accomplishments and contributions to aviation.
- A Link trainer, aviation library and video collection.
- A children's “hands-on” exhibit.
- An Aviation Scholarship Fund endowing the future of our youth.

All of this will come true with your support. The Aviation Museum of Santa Paula, Inc. is a non-profit organization; all donations are tax-deductible and greatly appreciated.

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Bob Phelps
Aviation Museum of Santa Paula
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Since the opening, Santa Paula Airport has been widely recognized around the world for its antique, classic and experimental aircraft as well as celebrated for its climate and its friendliness. Many talented and famous pilots have flown in and out of Santa Paula Airport, including Charles Lindbergh, Chuck Yeager, Roscoe Turner and Pancho Barnes, to name a few.

With that, a great deal of aviation history has been made here, been well recorded, and is currently stored throughout the airport. Some artifacts date back to the initial idea of creating a "Santa Paula Airport."

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Welcome!



At the historic Santa Paula Airport

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"...To educate the public of all ages in aviation and its history, both in general, and as it relates to Santa Paula and to inspire, motivate and challenge the younger generation to carry on the dreams of our aviation pioneers."



HISTORY

After the St. Francis Dam disaster in 1928, local ranchers Ralph Dickenson and Dan Emmett decided some of the devastated area adjacent to the river would make a good location for an airport. They both had airstrips on their ranches and recognized that a single airport would greatly benefit everyone in the Santa Paula area.

Nineteen local ranchers and businessmen pooled their resources and began building—with their own hands—the Santa Paula Airport. Aviation heroes of the day came to the airport dedication ceremonies in August of 1930.