

Tanker 61 Memorial

Newsletter

October 2011

2011 Accomplishments



Greetings to All!

2011 was an exciting year for the Tanker 61 Memorial. Many projects have begun and community awareness of the Memorial continues to grow.

June

Season Maintenance

The memorial building always needs attention at the beginning of the season. Many thanks to the Hunot Retardant Company crew and volunteers who helped sand, varnish, paint and landscape.

Paintings Donated

Three paintings were donated to the Memorial by aviation artist Sharon Rajnus for display. Sharon is also a private pilot and member of the "99's" women's pilot organization.



DC-7 by Sharon Rajnus

July

Sentry Eagle

Memorial volunteers staffed a t-shirt booth at the biennial Sentry Eagle Open House event held by the 173rd Fighter Wing at Kingsley field.

August

Safety Railings Installed

To enhance the safety of visitors to the Memorial, railings were installed along the wheelchair accessible walk way to the second floor.

T61 Memorial Fundraiser

The most ambitious project this year was the T61 Memorial Fundraiser and open house on August 6th.



Klamath Blues Society plays at the Fundraiser with the Memorial building in the background.

The Memorial director and volunteers coordinated the participation of four local non profit organizations to help promote the T61 Memorial / Museum. Live music, food, games and Smokey Bear greeted the visitors.

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Smokey Bear and Friends at the Fundraiser

Display Cabinet Work Donated

We are excited to announce that new volunteer Ben Iverson graciously offered to construct a display cabinet that will become the centerpiece of the Memorial presentations.



Display Cabinet in Progress, Thanks Ben!

The display will feature the fire finder from the Bryant Mountain lookout and a monitor that will display presentations on wildland firefighting subjects.

September

Airport Fly In

On September 10th the Klamath Falls Airport hosted a fly in to promote the airport. Volunteers conducted tours of the Tanker 61 Memorial for Fly In visitors who were shuttled over.

Accomplishments

Memorial volunteers put in over 1013 hours of work that included building maintenance, administrative recordkeeping, and event set up and participation.

The installation of safety railings was completed and cabinets and displays began to take shape.

The Fundraiser, Sentry Eagle and Fly In participation helped to build awareness in the community of the Tanker 61 Memorial and its goals.

We are looking forward to 2012 and hope to make great progress prior to the upcoming 20th anniversary of the tragic loss of Tanker 61 and it's crew.

Thanks to All....

Marcia Cavin

Marcia Cavin, Director

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2011 Acknowledgements

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- Fred Huskey
- Dawn and David Hatten
- Nancy Kleiner and Family

Our Friends and Helpers

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- Seth, Samuel and Sara Kleiner
- The Fremont / Winema National Forest Klamath Ranger District Engine # 462 and Crew
- Smokey Bear
- City of Malin Chamber of Commerce
- The Klamath Blues Society
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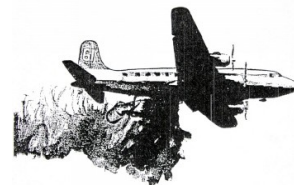
Our Partner



Fremont / Winema
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It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Nancy Kleiner, volunteer, friend and inspiration to the Memorial for many years. Our hearts and best wishes go out to her family and she will be greatly missed.



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