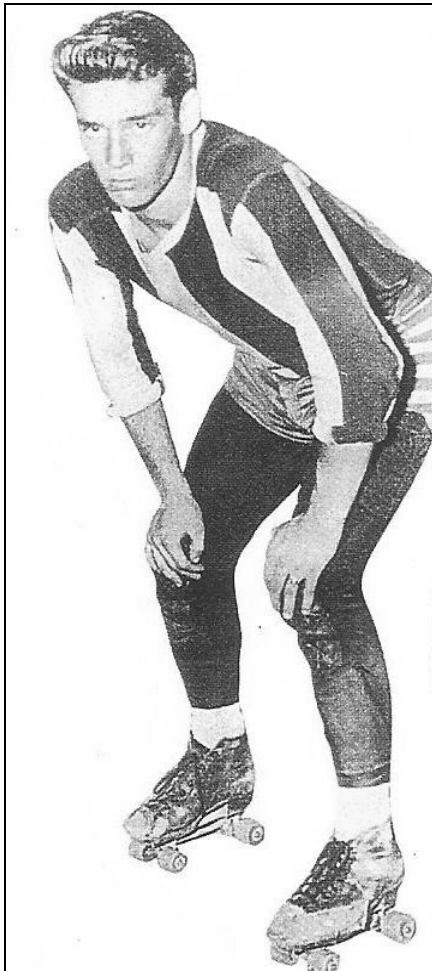


Jammin' Joseph Coaches Young Minds

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The Western Museum of Flight enjoys the benefit of the many varied talents provided by our volunteers. Among these is Hy Joseph, who shares his professional experiences with young students who are interested in expanding their intellectual horizons. Through his work with the Kids Love Aviation Science (KLAS) program, Hy thrills our youthful participants



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with explanations of the fascinating principles of aerospace technology. They always leave happier, better informed, and newly inspired by his insightful presentations.

What the kids don't know is that, in addition to his aerospace knowledge, Hy Joseph also has a past identity as a star athlete. In his youth, Hy was recognized by a team recruiter for the highly popular sport of Roller Derby. Noting his agility, physical strength, and exceptional skating

skill, the recruiter offered Hy a job with the San Francisco team. The position was an enviable one for a young man, and included a generous salary, plus full coverage of travel expenses. But, while most people would jump at the chance, Hy's



Shown here with a recent class from Billy Mitchell School in Lawndale, Hy thrills our youthful participants with explanations of the fascinating principles of aerospace technology.

Russian immigrant mother was less than thrilled. Fortunately, Hy had the wisdom to take the job and his mother eventually came to recognize that here in the Land of Opportunity, we must seize the opportunities that come our way and pursue them to best advantage. His mother's doubts were overcome by his success and she became his biggest fan. That gave him a healthy start in life, but he didn't stop there. The Hy Joseph we know went on to a new career in aerospace, which he pursued with the same energy and enthusiasm that made him successful as a professional athlete. Our young KLAS participants are now the beneficiaries of the talent and ambition that propelled both careers, and we are privileged to have him on our team.

SCHAF Notes

SCHAF Matching Grant

The Southern California Historical Aviation Foundation has launched several new fundraising initiatives this year. The Board of Trustees has established a Fundraising Committee, chaired by newly installed Trustee Col. Charles Payne (USAF, ret). The committee will consider and act upon ideas covering the areas of publicity and fundraising. Ideas for public awareness include community service and educational projects, such as a career expo, and media coverage projects, such as the efforts with the Daily Breeze and City Cable, and others. Fundraising

ideas include cultivating sponsors for events such as the Lecture series, special events such as an event partnered with *Dave's Garage* and an event focused on airport familiarity, as well as an evening soiree. One of the most significant projects is anchored by a \$50,000 matching grant provided by SCHAF Trustee Steve Smith. Thus far, approximately \$22,000 has been raised in response to mailings and other appeals. In addition to the matching fund campaign, other goals include establishment of an endowment fund and planned giving programs.

SCHAF Board Membership

The Southern California Historical Aviation Foundation has expanded further with new inductees to the Board and Advisory staff. New Trustee Charles Payne (USAF Col, ret.) was elected to the Board in April. Other new additions include Advisors Mr. Ahrun Bhumitra, Torrance businessman and current member of the Board of Directors of the LA Natural History Museum and Dr. John Schmitt, former Assistant Superintendent of the Torrance Unified School District and currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Torrance Education Foundation.

Visiting Vintage Aircraft

The Museum has a new visitor in its stable of vintage aircraft. Pilot/owner Dick Smith, a Torrance Airport tenant, provided his Stearman for display on June 30th, shortly after the departure of the Warbirds West Air Museum's North American T-28. This particular Stearman



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happens to have been owned by late film star Steve McQueen. McQueen married his girlfriend, Barbara, and the couple moved to Santa Paula to set up a home in a large storage shed that also housed his