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On May 16th, the Museum participated in the Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade, again with the F-5 on display, and again thanks to Van Lingen Towing. Volunteer Dave Bockelman served as event coordinator for the Museum.

The Museum partnered with the Power Ford dealership in their *Cars and Planes* event on April 4th. The event featured vintage autos at Power Ford's lot and included visiting aircraft and an open house at the Museum just across the



Thanks to Van Lingen towing for donating their services to support WMoF participation in community events, such as the Torrance Armed Forces Day parade shown above.

street. Volunteer Dana Muelot coordi-



WMoF F-5 at the PV Street Faire.

nated the Museum's participation in the event. Thanks to Power Ford and Sales Manager Ed Inclan for generously donating the proceeds of the event to the Museum.

New Exhibit Celebrates B-2

The Museum is opening a new exhibit featuring artifacts and memorabilia of the Northrop B-2 *Spirit* stealth bomber. A private collector has made his extensive

compilation of items available to the Museum as the core of a temporary exhibit, which will incorporate Museum articles and other loaned artifacts. The collection includes models, aircraft hardware, documents, photos, video, posters, banners and souvenirs.

The exhibit is one of several Museum projects which commemorate the 20th anniversary of the first flight of the B-2 Spirit on July 17th, 1989 at Palmdale. The



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Museum Lecture Series in July and August will feature speakers with first-hand observations of the history of Northrop's flying wing programs, and of the *Spirit's* first flight.

Scouts Adopt the Museum

The *PV Packers*, Boy Scout Troop 257 of Lunada Bay in Palos Verdes Estates, has elected to adopt the Western Museum of



Eleven PV Packers completed their Aviation Merit Badges at Torrance Airport on June

Flight. The scouts have been helping maintain the museum's display aircraft and participating in Museum events. In return the Museum supports Scout activities, such as the recent Aviation Merit Badge day at the airport. SCHAF Board Advisor Marty Jones facilitated the alliance.

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motorcycles. As she recalls, "...he really loved the city with all his heart and soul. He was treated like a normal person there-where he could relax and be himself, hang out with friends and fly his planes."

Sadly, the couple's stay at Santa Paula was all too brief as McQueen died in December '08. Reportedly among his possessions at the time of his death were more than 200 motorcycles, 55 cars and five airplanes.

Group Visits

The Museum has varied sources of visitors, not the least of which are the numerous schools from where a boundless well-spring of enthusiastic school children are welcomed each month. Recent visits included student groups from Orville Wright Middle School in Westchester, and Billy Mitchell School in Lawndale. The Museum facilitates some of these visits by providing educational grant monies to help defray transport costs.

On May 30th, a group of EAA (Experimental Aircraft Ass'n) Young Eagles toured the Museum after conducting their regular meeting in the General Aviation Center. The Young Eagles Program fosters an interest in aviation for young people (8-17 years) by providing a ride in a general aviation aircraft, given free of charge through the generosity of volunteer EAA members.

On June 16 WMoF hosted Tom Shih, Department head of Aerospace Engineering at Iowa State University and a group of ISU alumni for a tour of the museum and discussion of engineering education.



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