



SCHAFA Newsletter for April 2024

Reminder: The next SCHAFA Open House will take place Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 10am-1pm at Hangar Y-1 Jim Hamilton/LB Owens Airport.

Foundation Happenings

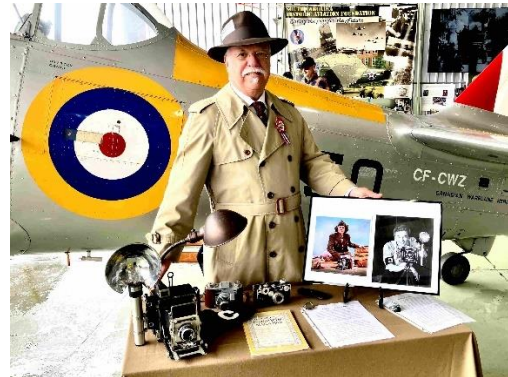
For the April Open House, SCHAFA will be celebrating the 82nd Anniversary of the Doolittle Raider's which took place April 18, 1942. There will be displays, movies, and stories about the Columbia Army Air Base. You will learn something you did not know before you walked in the hangar. We hope to see you there!

Open House

The March Open House was a great one. There were displays of a Korean War nurse, female correspondents, Rosie the Riveter, Amelia Earhart and more. We were thrilled to display the flight log from the Jim Hamilton/Owen's Field Airport with Amelia Earhart's signature. Even though the book has water damage, you can still make out her name.



Lisa portraying a flight nurse



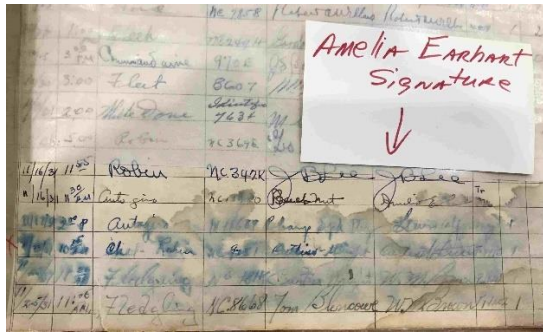
Stanley displaying female correspondents.



Isabel as Rosie the Riveter



Stanley, Valerie, Logan, and Lisa



Amelia Earhart's signature

Restoration Progress

The gang has been steadily working on the half size bomb bay doors for GF2. The holes for the inner skin have been cut. One of the doors is now completely taken back apart and is being painted. Once each of the individual pieces are cleaned, primed, and painted, reassembly and riveting will begin! What took months to painstakingly cut and assemble, took less than an hour to take apart! We can't wait to see the finished product!



Cutting the holes in the inner skin



Completed inner skin



Completed door prior to disassembling

In the last newsletter, we mentioned Ron is adding details to the B-25 model that will be used for the display on the trailer. The picture below shows one of the completed bomb bay doors. It is very interesting to see the tiny version next to the large version for GF2. So much detail in such a small piece. Great work Ron!



Recent Additions

SCHAF recently was the recipient of a sizable donation from Mark Hood of Hood Construction Co to be used for the restoration of the turret. It is wonderful donations such as this one from Mark that enable the restoration work to continue. A big thank you to Hood Construction Co.



SCHAF was very sad to hear of the recent death of SCHAF member, Ed Sylvester. Ed was a Senior parachute rigger who set up displays at previous SCHAF open house events. SCHAF is honored to be the recipients of two parachute packs and parachute canopies donated by Ed's family. The parachute packs will be used in the Yale while the canopies will be used as displays for future events in the hangar.



Aerofest

SCHAF was invited to set up a table at Aerofest held at WA Perry Middle School. While the weather outside was less than ideal, the atmosphere inside the gym was electric. If you look closely at the picture on the right, you can see SCHAF's "We Can Do It" sign. Everyone, young and old, was taking a selfie in front of the sign. Seeing the excitement and interest in young children can't help but put you in a good mood for the rest of the day. I observed Ken describing some aircraft instruments to two youth. Behind the youth was a young boy who could not have been older than three. He was mesmerized listening to Ken. When the child's mother told him it was time to leave, he shook his head "no" and turned back to listen again. This is what SCHAF is all about.



Wrap Up

If you have something you would like to share in a future newsletter or if you have any questions, please send an email directly to SCHAF at info.schaf@gmail.com.

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