



SCHAF Newsletter for February 2018-

Reminder: The next SCHAF Open House will take place Saturday, February 10, 2018. 10am-1pm at Hangar Y-1 Hamilton/Owens Airport.

Foundation Happenings-

Greetings to all members and friends of the South Carolina Historic Aviation Foundation. For those of you in the Carolinas and the rest of southeast we hope you survived the brutal cold spell we went through. For those of you in other parts we experienced, here in the south, temperatures down into the teens, but we survived. January was a very active month and as we approach spring (and hopefully warmer weather) things look to be gearing up to be very busy. 2018 is already shaping up to be possibly the busiest year ever for SCHAF.



The January open house of SCHAF took place on Saturday, January 13, 2018. Not a big turnout but then again it was a brutally cold morning, at least for South Carolina, however a number of members showed up and everyone had a good time discussing the restoration of GF-2 and other foundation activities. Among the SCHAF members who were on hand were Ken Berry, Ron Shelton, David and Mary McIntosh, Katherine Cuddy, John Chamberlain, Ron Skipper, Joe McDonough, Edwin Scott and Bruce Cotner.

The board of directors of the South Carolina Historic Aviation Foundation met on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at Hamilton-Owens Airport in Columbia. Board members present were Ken Berry, Ron Shelton, Katherine Cuddy, David McIntosh and Ron Skipper. Members present were Mary McIntosh, John Chamberlain and Joe McDonough.

It was reported that the SCHAF restoration team is working on the aluminum skin for the nose of GF-2 and that work on the navigator and radio section continues. There was also discussion regarding the transportation from Canada to South Carolina of the North American Yale trainer that the [Canadian Warplanes Heritage Museum](#) is placing on permanent loan to SCHAF. A team will be going to Hamilton, Ontario in March to bring the plane back to Columbia. For that reason the March open house of SCHAF will take place the third weekend of March instead of the second weekend. The plane will be brought back by surface transportation. There was also discussion of filing a vacancy on the SCHAF board brought about by the recent passing of Larry Yon. It was agreed that nominations will be made at a future board meeting. It was also decided that the February open house will honor the contributions of African-Americans to the aviation history of South

Carolina and the United States. Ron Skipper also reported he has been in discussion with a group that is interested in providing paint and expertise when the time comes to repaint GF-2



On Saturday, January 6, 2018, SCHAF was proud to welcome Brig. Gen.(ret.) Anthony Tata to the SCHAF hangar at Hamilton-Owens Airport. Tata is the author of the popular series of thrillers featuring Jake Mahegan. Gen. Tata spoke about his career in the U.S. Army, the importance of history, and his books which have been on the New York Times bestseller list. Everyone seemed to enjoy his comments. It was a successful morning. Again, thanks Gen. Tata.

It was also a pleasure to meet Susan Zerenda with Magic Time Literary Publicity, who set up Gen. Tata's visit as well as Jill Hendrix with [Fiction Addiction](#) bookstore in Greenville. Jill said she would try and stock some of the books recommended in the SCHAF newsletter. Please support her and the other independent bookstores near you.

More on North American Yale trainer from the World War II era that the Canadian Warplanes Heritage Museum has donated. It will be on permanent loan to SCHAF. Again, thanks to our friends in Canada for entrusting SCHAF with the Yale. Here's what she looks like.



An additional word of thanks to another supporter of the South Carolina Historic Aviation Foundation- Pat McCutcheon and the folks at Hot Rod Fabrications- who have helped with metal working on the restoration of GF-2.

Historical Notes-

February is Black History Month. Here's an item about the 'Cisco Kids', two members of the Tuskegee Airmen: <https://www.warhistoryonline.com/quest-bloggers/cisco-kids-tuskegee-airmen-brothers-george-arnold-cisco-m.html> . Also, the first African-American to be awarded the Navy Cross was a cook at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941: <https://www.warhistoryonline.com/world-war-ii/this-ships-cook-was-awarded.html> .

Women's History Month takes place in March. Here's something about a lady who contributed a great deal to aviation in the United States, Nancy Harkness Love: <https://www.warhistoryonline.com/world-war-ii/nancy-harkness-love-mm.html> . And on the subject of female aviators or aviatrixes as they were once called: <http://time.com/4923054/world-war-ii-sugar-engines/> . Another item about women who have made their contribution to aerospace history. The women who reached for the stars: https://www.nasa.gov/missions/highlights/f_mercury13.html .

SCHAF actually has one of these. The Norden bombsite. Read why it was such a big deal: <http://warfarehistorynetwork.com/daily/wwii/the-norden-bombsight-accurate-beyond-belief/> .

An item from the news last year. A cache of plans for the deHavilland Mosquito found: <http://warbirdsnews.com/warbirds-news/cache-secret-war-time-plans-discovered.html> . While we're on the subject of the legendary Mosquito: <http://aerodynamicmedia.com/flying-heritage-museums-newly-restored-mosquito-performs-first-us-flight-video/> .

Never have so many owed so much to so few, some reasons why the Germans lost the Battle of Britain: <https://www.warhistoryonline.com/world-war-ii/8-reasons-allies-won-battle-britain-mmm.html> .

A moment in history you might have missed. KLM retires its last Fokker airliner: <https://airwaysmag.com/airlines/the-end-of-an-era/> and <https://blog.klm.com/fokker-the-final-farewell/> .

A posting about a naval aviation pioneer, HMS Caroline: <https://navalairhistory.com/2015/06/01/hms-caroline-a-naval-aviation-pioneer/> .

A note in history; [78 years ago the first B-24 Liberator made its maiden flight](https://www.airscapemag.com/2016/11/10/b24liberator-2/) . The story of a B-24 called the 'Old Bag of Bolts': <https://airscapemag.com/2016/11/10/b24liberator-2/> . And a video of the Willow Run plant where B-24s were manufactured: <https://www.youtube.com/embed/iKlt6rNciTo?rel=0> .

Another historical note about the beginnings of the aircraft carrier: <http://warfarehistorynetwork.com/daily/military-history/world-war-i-inception-of-the-aircraft-carrier/> .

Here's an interesting posting about the first flight across the South Atlantic: <https://acesflyinghigh.wordpress.com/2017/02/18/the-first-ever-air-crossing-of-the-south-atlantic-in-1922-portuguese-naval-aviations-never-give-up/> .

The story of a Spitfire lost for almost 50 years: <http://www.iwm.org.uk/history/the-spitfire-lost-for-almost-50-years> . On the subject of Spitfires, the test pilot of the first one said "don't change a thing": <https://airscapemag.com/2017/03/04/mutt-sumers/> .

An item concerning our friends at the Canadian Warplanes Heritage Museum. Seems they're getting a TBM Avenger ready to take to the air again sometime later this year: <http://aerodynamicmedia.com/cwhm-avenger/> .

An interesting and in-depth article about the "miracle on the Hudson back in 2009: https://www.vanityfair.com/culture/2009/06/us_airways200906 .

Heard from the folks at [Reevers Warbirds](#), our friends in Australia. Peter Smythe sent some pictures of a B-25D aka N5-161 (U.S. serial # 41-30816) which flew with the Netherlands East Indies Air Force during World War II. Below some pictures of how she appeared in the Second World War and her recovery. I also understand that at some point in the future they plan to begin work on restoring their A-26 Invader. Again, thanks Peter. Great to hear from you. Keep us posted on things and if there is any way we can help, just let us know.



The man who flew the last combat mission of World War II passed away at the end of last year. Remembering Jerry Yellin: <https://www.newsday.com/long-island/jerry-yellin-pilot-in-final-wwii-combat-mission-dies-at-93-1.15618104> .



Good Reads-

This month's good read is from an author I've recommended before and about one of the U.S. Navy's most illustrious ships, the U.S.S. Enterprise. Yes, trekkies, Enterprise was the name of a ship before the TV series. [Enterprise: America's Fightingest Ship and the Men Who Helped Win World War II](#) by Barrett Tillman is a truly great read. I've recommended Tillman's books in past newsletters and for good reason. His subjects are interesting and worthwhile. His writing is engaging and moves along nicely; he knows how to tell a story. This book tells the story of the "Big E", one of the flattops that led the way across the Pacific as the U.S. Navy took on and bested the forces of Imperial Japan. Want to spend an evening with a really good book about a time when civilization was fighting for survival then this is one you need to pick up and read. A great book by someone who knows how to tell a story.

I had mentioned Jill Hendrix and [Fiction Addiction](#) earlier in the newsletter. Jill informs me that she has Tillman's book on the Enterprise in stock. Here's a link to order on-line: http://www.fiction-addiction.com/?page=shop/flypage&product_id=16927602&keyword=Enterprise&searchby=title&offset=0&fs=1. SCHAF tries to use local and state businesses as much as possible and you should too. Also, I'll say again how very important it is to support local and independent booksellers as much as possible. They deserve our support. I'll step down from my soapbox.

Odds and Ends-

Our trivia question last month involved an airline in the Antipodes, or Australia and New Zealand. It started life as TEAL. I was looking for the current name of this airline. The airline I was looking for is Air New Zealand, which started out as TEAL or Tasman Empire Airways Limited. They were known for the Coral Route which flew from Auckland, New Zealand to Fiji, Samoa and the Cook Islands. TEAL flew both flying boats and land-based aircraft. Among the flying boats that would sport the livery of TEAL were flying boats from Short, including the Empire class, the Sandringham and the Solent. In later years before becoming Air New Zealand, TEAL would also fly the Lockheed L-188 Electra prop-jet. Want to know more about TEAL and Air Zealand; here are some links: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/TEAL> and <http://www.aucklandmuseum.com/collections-research/collections/topics/the-coral-route> and <http://www.scoop.it/t/the-coral-route>. Here's the website for Air New Zealand: <http://www.airnewzealand.com>. Congratulations go out to Ron Skipper and John Tokaz for supplying the right answer.

Now here's our trivia question for this month and again I'm looking for a person. He was a spiffy dresser -like Z.Z. Top's "Sharp Dressed Man"- a dashing figure who set records, won air races in the 1930s and kept a lion named Gilmore for a pet. One could think of him as the quintessential daring pilot possessed of movie-star good looks, during the golden age of aviation. Name the man I'm looking for. Answer next month.

When thinking of Honda most of us think of cars or motorcycles. I still remember that 1960s ad slogan "You meet the nicest people on a Honda." But have you thought of Honda as the manufacturer of airplanes? Meet the Honda bizjet: <http://www.businessinsider.com/hondajet-49-million-price-private-aircraft-honda-jet-review-2017-9>.

Things you've wondered about; why aircraft tires don't burst when landing: <http://theflightblog.com/heres-why-aircraft-tires-dont-pop-upon-landing/>. Another question you might have asked. How do they fly those giant banners in the sky? You know the ones you see at the beach: <http://www.businessinsider.com/how-airplanes-fly-giant-banner-ads-dangerous-job-2017-9>.

Your plane has finally landed and it's taxied to the jet way and now you're ready to get off. But it seems to take so long. Wonder why that is? : <http://www.businessinsider.com/why-it-takes-so-long-to-get-off-a-plane-2017-11>. But before your plane lands air traffic control has to get you there. Want to know more about what ATC does: <http://theflightblog.com/air-traffic-control/>. While we're on the subject of airlines, here's another

plug for getting young people involved in a career in aviation: <http://www.businessinsider.com/airline-pilots-reveals-truth-myth-pilot-shortage-2017-7> .

Link to a story about the Honor Flights for vets. Story includes a full length movie about the Honor Flights: <https://www.avgeekery.com/honor-flight-shed-tear-wwii/> .

Something about flying in the winter vs. flying in the summer: <http://theflightblog.com/like-fly-winter/> .

I've never made any secret of the fact that I used to love building model airplanes. Seems that Airfix has a new model of an RAF variant of the B-17: <http://aerodynamicmedia.com/first-look-airfixs-upcoming-172-raf-boeing-fortress-mk-iii/#more-13242> . I've also never made any secret of my interest in airships. For those of you out there who share that interest, here's a good link to follow: <http://www.darkroastedblend.com/2008/03/airship-dreams.html> .

It was announced late last year that the Blue Angels will be appearing in Myrtle Beach in April. We'll keep you posted as we find out more: <http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article187954144.html> .

Something from last year's Bournemouth Air Festival; pyrotechnic planes lighting up the night: <http://www.bbc.com/news/av/uk-england-essex-41048801/clacton-airshow-night-display-thrills-crowd> .

This item from Carolyn Donelan, director of the Challenger Learning Center in Richland School District One. This summer they will be holding a number of programs geared toward getting young people interested in aviation and rocketry. Some of the programs include the astronaut academy, rocket fundamentals, an introduction to aviation, and (this one sounds real interesting) an introduction to drones. The summer programs are open to young people from around the midlands. If you know of a young person who would be interested they can call (803) 929-3951 or e-mail Challenger@richlandone.org to find out more. Their website is www.thechallengercenter.net . Spread the word. Could be something that could have a real positive impact on some young person. They're good folks at the Challenger Center.

In Closing-

Well, that wraps up this month's SCHAF newsletter. I made mention last month of the fact that SCHAF is a 501(c)3 organization with donations, contributions and membership dues being tax deductible. With taxes on everyone's mind right now thought it would be worthwhile to remind everyone that any time of the year is a good time to support SCHAF. Just something to remember.

If you have something you would like to share please [e-mail](#) me or any of the board members for inclusion in future newsletters. The support of the readership makes the SCHAF newsletter possible. **Oh, and by the way, if you have not renewed your membership, do so at your earliest convenience.** [Go to the SCHAF membership page on the foundation's website.](#)

Also, another membership renewal will be going out later this month. Now is the time to re-up. Your support of SCHAF is needed and is important and greatly appreciated.

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