



SCHAF Newsletter for August, 2020

Reminder: The next SCHAF Open House will take place on Saturday, August 8, 2020 from 10am-1pm at Hangar Y-1 Jim Hamilton/LB Owens Airport.

Foundation Happenings

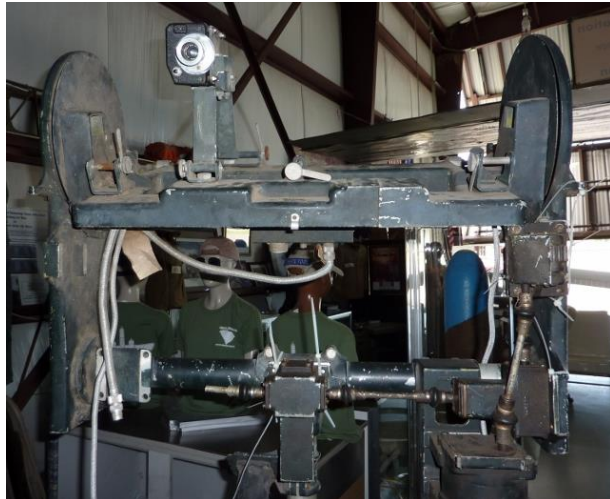
It is with great sadness that we announce the death of long-time SCHAF board member, David McIntosh. At our open houses, he could always be seen enthusiastically talking about SC aviation history. Dave was active in SCHAF writing the monthly newsletter as well as helping with publicity. He will be greatly missed by everyone. The photo below is one of Dave at the Sparkleberry Fair doing what he always loved to do...talk about SC aviation and SCHAF.



Restoration Progress:

While July has been a typical SC special kind of hot, the volunteers have still been working as weather permits. We are very excited to announce our latest purchase, a Crocker-Wheeler Turret Training Type A-8. A special thank you to SCHAF restoration volunteer, Gary Byrd, for driving to Oshkosh, Wisconsin to pick up our newest addition. The plan is to restore the turret back to working condition and have a display set up so children and adults can climb in and operate the turret.

So far, we have spent almost \$3500 on the purchase and delivery of the turret. While we normally raise money ahead of time for our restoration, we felt it necessary to purchase this quickly while this unique piece of history was available. If you can help during this down time of donations and would like to help offset the purchase of the turret, please send a donation to SCHAF at 3100 Devine St, Columbia, SC 29205. On your check, please note that your donation goes towards the turret.



The top of the turret showing the camera



Data plate on the turret



Dome to be placed on top of turret



Picture of turret as originally produced

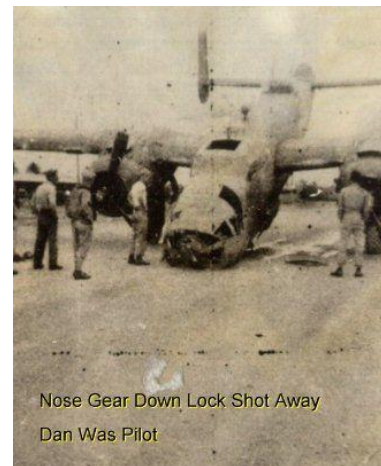
History of GF2

Last month we quoted the Index-Journal article from Sept 1989. As we were transposing the article, we did not catch the fact that the article stated Dan Rossman served in the European Theatre when in fact he served in the Pacific Theatre. Thankfully, Dan's daughter, Hope Bloom, contacted us regarding the error. Hope sent us the following regarding her father's service. We knew Dan as the student pilot when GF2 crashed in the lake, but it is even more amazing to hear he survived so many missions, crashes and all before the age of TWENTY-TWO!

"During WWII, Dan Rossman piloted B-25 missions in the South Pacific from January 1945 to August 1945. He flew 59 bombing combat missions throughout the southwest Pacific and Philippine Islands. Along the way, he survived six crash landings. Dan received numerous commendations for his bravery, and at 22 years of age returned home a decorated war hero. He was always honored and humbled to have been able to serve his country doing what he loved most – flying."



Dan and Sylvia Rossman visiting GF2



A picture of one of Dan's crash landings. The nose gear lock was shot away.

Items for Sale:

Don't forget that we have several items for sale during our open house. We have aviation pictures, military cases and books for sale at very reasonable prices. We also have a free magazine section. If you have any magazines you want to donate, bring them with you.

Army Aviation Association of America



The following is quoted from the Army Aviation Association of America website. To find out more about this organization and the SC chapter visit the AAAA website: www.quad-a.org or the chapter's Facebook page (Jimmy Doolittle AAAA Chapter):

The Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA) was formed in early 1957 by a small group of senior Aviation Officers in the active Army, the Reserve Forces of the U.S. Army and industry.

The Jimmy Doolittle Chapter serves the entire state of SC consisting of Active Duty Soldiers, South Carolina Army National Guard and our industry and Community partners. The majority of units supported by the chapter are those in the South Carolina Army National Guard assigned to 59th Aviation Troop Command and its subordinate units, 1-151st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 2-151st, Security Support Aviation Battalion and 351st Aviation Support Battalion. The Chapter also supports Army Aviation Flight Facilities in the state located in Columbia and Greenville respectfully.

Odds and Ends:

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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