



## **SCHAF Newsletter for March, 2022**

**Reminder: The next SCHAF Open House will take place Saturday, March 12, 2022 from 10am-1pm at Hangar Y-1 Jim Hamilton/LB Owens Airport.**

### **Foundation Happenings**

The open house in February was wonderful for several reasons. We are thankful to Melvin West with the Military Timeline Impressions for setting up a great Tuskegee Airmen display. The picture below is James Clark and Melvin speaking to some visitors.



Some of you may remember Sam Bowers who made the replica float lights for SCHAF. Sam and his son, Donald, delivered replica 100LB bombs made from PVC pipe and wood. The restoration team is currently working on the metal fins. These bombs will eventually be painted and hung in the bomb bay section of GF2. We are very thankful to Sam and Donald for making and donating these to SCHAF. They look amazing!



Five replica 100LB bombs



Aluminum Fins

These pictures show Sam's awesome woodworking skills. The picture on the left shows 2x4's glued to form the tail of the bomb prior to turning them on a lathe. The picture on the right shows the completed nose of the bomb. Come see these at the March open house before they are painted and completed. The woodworking is beautiful.



Chuck Messick who was one of the Navy divers who helped raise GF2 came for a return visit. He brought SCHAF digital copies of pictures from the day GF2 was brought out of the water. We will share some of these pictures in future newsletters. Very exciting to see new pictures of GF2 from that day! SCHAF is trying hard to preserve her history.

Ken and Chuck



The SCHAF crew



## GF2 Progress

The restoration team recently removed the next set of aluminum panels on the bottom of GF2 to begin working in the radio operator's area. The GF2 restoration involves about 90% research to 10% of work. Lots of research and cleaning to be done before the work begins! It is amazing how uncovering one area opens the view to the back section of GF2. We will be including pictures of this area in a future newsletter but you need to see it in person to really appreciate the details.

## NEWBERRY OPERA HOUSE

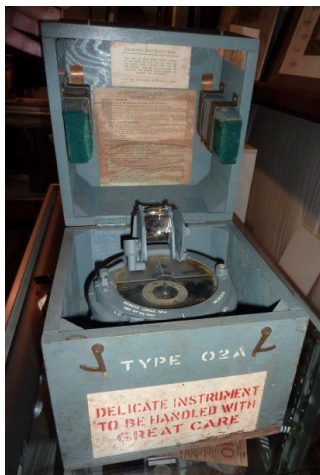
On Sunday, Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, the Glen Miller Band held a concert at the Newberry Opera House. The opera house graciously allowed SCHAF to set up a display in their lobby. Several interested visitors stopped by the table; some of whom attended our open house the following Saturday. Seeing the Glen Miller Band perform was a wonderful experience. If you are ever in Newberry, you must check out the Newberry Opera House. They are a great group of people dedicated to providing some wonderful events in Newberry.

Display set up at the Newberry Opera House



## DONATIONS TO SCHAF

SCHAF is extremely appreciative to Mike Turner from Greenwood, SC, who donated two WWII aviation instruments. Our initial research has uncovered this first item is an Observer's Compass, Type O2-A, with the mounted Azimuth circle as used in aircraft of the British RAF Coastal Command. More research to come in the future.



This second item is a USAAF Grimes C-3A signal light designed for aircraft to aircraft or air to ground use in instances where radio silence was essential. This is in mint condition with the different colored lenses still in the original wrapping!



Logan Steed, who brings his L-4 airplane to the open houses, donated this beautiful WWII USAAF uniform jacket to SCHAF. Thank you, Logan!



## 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](mailto:info.schaf@gmail.com).

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