



SCHAF Newsletter for December 2022

Reminder: The next SCHAF Open House will take place Saturday, Dec 17, 2022, from 10am-1pm at Hangar Y-1 Jim Hamilton/LB Owens Airport.

***** Note the Open House is the 3rd Saturday this month*****

Foundation Happenings

The end of 2022 is almost upon us. SCHAF hopes everyone had a great year. If you have not renewed your membership this year, you still have a few weeks left. Don't forget to renew so you can keep up with events at the hangar and the restoration progress on GF2.

The November Open House was steady with visitors. SCHAF member, Ted Podewil set up his display table which is always a hit. In addition, Logan flew in his plane and Ron drove his truck. Lots of great vehicles and planes were on display.

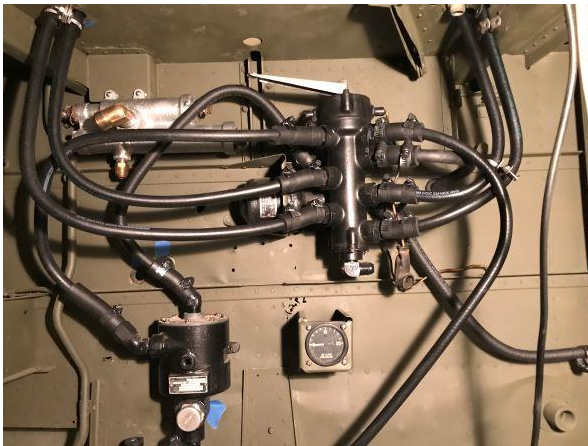


The December Open House is moving to Saturday, Dec 17th. We will have a special visitor flying in to visit the children. Be sure to tell all your friends that Santa will be flying in with his Elf Air Cargo to visit GF2. We are hoping to have a very large crowd.

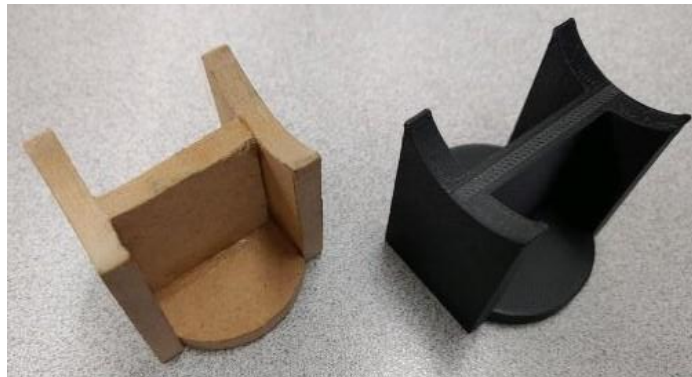


GF2 Progress

The area under the navigator's table was packed with instruments, hoses, gadgets and all sorts of things. This picture shows about a tenth of the number of items that belong in this area. We are trying to research exactly what went in this tight area in order to make it look as authentic as possible. The designers of these warbirds knew how to make use of every inch of the planes. One interesting tidbit we discovered was an error we have been making in describing an external port to the aircraft. I am not sure how this thought originated but I remember hearing this description one of the first times I visited GF2 years ago. The external hole and cover shown in the picture on the right was previously thought to be the external drain for the relief tube located in the navigator's area. After researching the deicer system, we discovered this was an external drain for the deicer system. The hose in the picture on the left that extends down and to the right is the one that connects to this external port.



In previous newsletters, we mentioned the handrail running along the roof of the plane over the bomb bay area. There are 20 brackets used to attach the handrail to the roof. We made a template out of wood. Jeff Stembridge was kind enough to 3D print the brackets for SCHAF. He also printed a part for the turret. Thank you, Jeff!

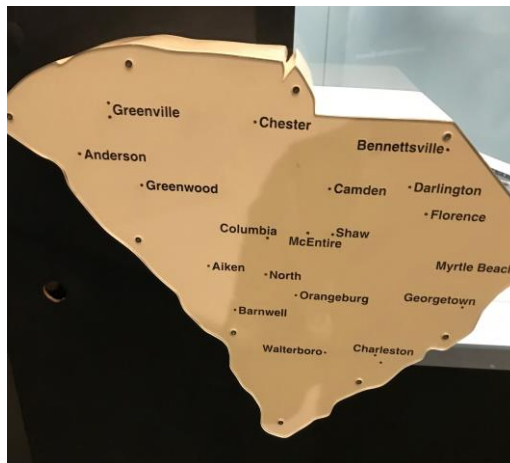


Vietnam Exhibit at the SC Confederate Relic Room

For the next few months, the SC Confederate Relic Room is hosting a Vietnam War exhibit. The entrance has a huge diorama of a Vietnam firebase. Inside, there are uniforms, weapons, video recordings of SC Vietnam veterans and a very somber wall with the names of every South Carolinian who made the ultimate sacrifice. I highly recommend making a trip to see this exhibit.



While visiting the Vietnam exhibit, you must make a trip into the SC State Museum located right next door. The museum has GF2's original propeller on display. There is also a model of the USS Hornet. Flying over the USS Hornet model is a B-25 model that was made by our own Dan Rossman, the student pilot on GF2. There is also a display showing the Army Air Bases in SC during WWII. It is amazing how many bases were in our small state.



DECEMBER OPEN HOUSE

Be sure to mention our special Christmas open house at church, at work, standing in line at the grocery store. Spread the word! It will be one for the Christmas books!

And speaking of Christmas, a SCHAF shirt always makes a wonderful present. We just ordered youth and adult size shirts. You can get them in grey with blue letters or army green with white letters. Youth shirts are \$15 and adult shirts are \$25. Come pick up one or ten and give them out at Christmas.

THANK YOU

The Board at SCHAF would like to thank everyone who helps to make SCHAF such an amazing foundation. The attendance at our open house each month is growing. If not for each one of your monetary donations, artifact donations and even your time working at the hangar, SCHAF would not be starting our 12th year. There are many unsung heroes working behind the scenes helping to spread the word about our mission: to educate young and old about South Carolina's rich aviation history. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

We also wish everyone a Happy Holidays and a very Happy New Year. May 2023 be a wonderful year for you and your family.



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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