



SCHAF Newsletter for Oct 2026

Reminder: The next SCHAF Open House will take place Saturday, Oct 10, 2026, from 10am-1pm at Hangar Y-1 Jim Hamilton/LB Owens Airport.

Foundation Happenings

September was a much cooler day for the open house. Young Eagles did not fly which generally means we have fewer visitors. However, we still had a steady stream of visitors. We always like to show off GF2.



Restoration Progress

The area directly under the radio operator's area is complete. The picture below shows the Plexiglas in place so visitors can view the radio area. This Plexiglas has been temporarily taken back out as work is progressing around this area.



The team has begun working on the lower turret. A B-25 belly turret is beyond rare so we are fabricating one from scratch. The picture on the left below shows the dome Plexiglas in place under the plane. The paper is used to mock the aluminum skin that will be around the turret. The picture on the right shows the mount inside the lower turret area. The third picture below is taken from inside the plane looking down into the lower turret. We are fortunate that the upper area for the lower turret is still intact.



Work is progressing on the fuselage for the flight simulator. The rear wheels are now attached to the fuselage. Next is to attach the nose wheel. The wheels will make it easier to move the simulator around the hangar.



Visitors to the Hangar

The Friday before a USC home football game a group of people rented the hangar for a tailgate party. GF2 is a wonderful backdrop for any party!



Honor Flight

Our very own, Dane Coffman, went on an Honor Flight to Washington, DC. Several SCHAF members were at the airport to greet the participants upon their return. The picture on the far right is Tate in a Navy uniform.



New Acquisitions

Last month we mentioned a donation of a large collection of models by the family of Robert Brutschy. West has been going thru each model and making repairs. This is quite an extensive collection of some rare plane models.



Surprise Visitor

I am sure many of you remember, Ron Shelton, who was one of the founding members of SCHAF. Ron passed away a few years ago. We were thrilled to have Ron's son, David, stop by the hangar for a visit. It has been several years since David last saw GF2 in person. He was amazed at our progress on GF2 as well as the growing display of aviation items in the hangar.



Create-a-Thon

We are excited to be one of the 501c3 organizations to participate in the Create-a-Thon with the Riggs Partners Advertising Agency. Stay tuned for more!



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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