



SCHAf Newsletter for August 2025

Reminder: The next SCHAf Open House will take place Saturday, August 9, 2025, from 10am-1pm at Hangar Y-1 Jim Hamilton/LB Owens Airport.

Foundation Happenings

Our July open house started out slow then picked up as the morning went along. Perhaps visitors waited to see how hot the morning turned out. We love when visitors pose for pictures as Rosie the Riveter or sitting in the cockpit of the Yale.



Restoration Progress

This summer has been especially hot. There have been a few nights too hot for us to work in the hangar. Work is progressing but has been slow this month. The wall of the lower turret is now riveted in place. The floor is attached to the brace and is ready to be riveted into the plane. The floor looks so shiny and brand new!



Wall to the lower turret



Floor complete and ready to be installed

The 500 pound bomb replica is complete. It is hard to see in the picture but the arming wire is even attached to the bomb. Even as a replica, this bomb weighs around 80 pounds.



The trailer for parades has been sandblasted and primed. It is ready for the final coat of paint. There is still a lot of work to do on this trailer. We are hoping it will be a great way to advertise SCHAF.



Oshkosh Air Show

SCHAF member, Logan, flew up for the Oshkosh Air Show in Wisconsin. He sent along these pictures. On the right, he is standing in front of a spare shell from the Manhattan Project.

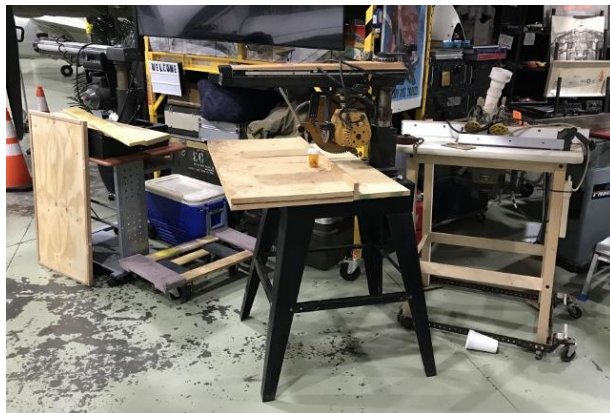


Shown below, Logan is reenacting a photo of famed Navy pilot, Wade McClusky, standing on the wing of an F4F fighter. As many of you know, McClusky flew the Dauntless dive bomber during the Battle of Midway. His unit was credited with sinking two Japanese carriers, the Kaga and Akagi.



Donation to SCHAF

SCHAF recently received a donation of several tools and woodworking machines from Sherie Harbin. There are old tools, modern tools, large tools, small tools. It was a truck full. We also received a radial saw from Tom Lass. We will be listing these for sale on Facebook Marketplace. If you are interested in any of these tools, come to our open house on Aug 9th to purchase an item before we list it for sale to the public.

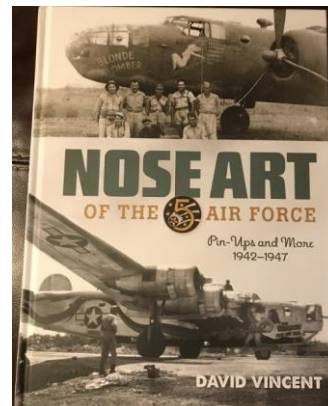
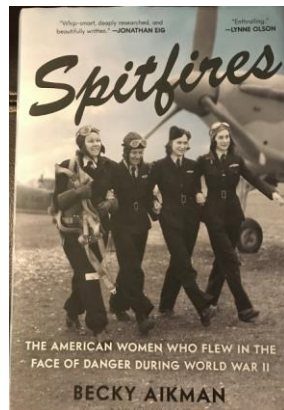


Book Recommendations

I am definitely a book-a-holic. I can't resist any book about women in the military or B-25 books. If you have any book recommendations, send them to us for a future newsletter.

The book, *Spitfires*, by Becky Aikman is about the 25 American women who flew with the British Air Transport Auxiliary. Excerpt from the inside cover of the book - "They were crop dusters and debutantes, college girls and performers in flying circuses – all of them trained as pilots. Because they were women, they were denied the opportunity to fly for their country when the United States entered the Second World War. But Great Britain desperately fighting for survival, would let anyone – even Americans, even women, transport warplanes. Thus, twenty-five daring young aviators bolted for England in 1942, becoming the first American women to command military aircraft."

The book, *Nose Art of the 5th Air Force*, is a rather expensive book at \$69.99 but to me it is worth the price. From the back cover "This massive volume includes more than 1,150 vintage images of WWII aircraft nose art.The bulk of the photos are sourced from the author's private collection and are previously unpublished. Text accompanying the images includes combat histories of specific aircraft and crews, along with biographical information on prolific artists."



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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