



## SCHAF Newsletter for May 2025

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

### Foundation Happenings

April 18<sup>th</sup> was the 83<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Doolittle Raid on Japan. At the open house, Bruce gave a presentation on the Doolittle Raiders and their ties to Columbia. He discussed some of the truths and myths surrounding the Raiders and the Columbia Army Air Base.



Visitors to the open house



Visitors listening to the presentation



Logan and Tate



Bruce ready for presentation

## Restoration Progress

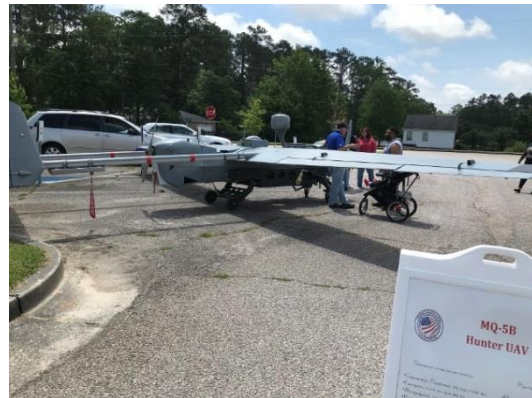
Work is progressing in the area around the lower turret. There are many rusted bolts and old rivets being removed. There are many pieces of aluminum being either straightened to put back on the plane or fabricated from new aluminum. While the progress has been slow, the hard work and dedication will pay off in the end. Rather than post pictures of rusted bolts and drilled rivets, we are dedicating this newsletter to the many events and other happenings that went on during the month of April. We will resume pictures on the progress next month.

## Aerofest

SCHAF was invited to set up a display at Aerofest at WA Perry Middle School. This is our third year attending the event and it never fails to rejuvenate our enthusiasm for sharing aviation with young children. The energy and enthusiasm of the youth is captivating. One young girl around the age of 8 stopped by our table. Ken asked her if she was interested in airplanes. She said “airplanes always make me think about Amelia Earhart.” You could have picked us up off the floor. After she left, Ken said “Either we did something last year or someone like us got to her at a very young age.” Besides seeing the children, we also enjoy seeing the displays from other groups. We have lots of ideas for future events.



SCHAF table ready for visitors



Celebrate Freedom Foundations MQ-5B Drone



Drone inside protective covering so Kids can learn how to fly without breaking



Drones were flown inside this blow up unit so they would not go all over the gym



## Special Visitor

SCHAF had two very special visitors in April. Chuck and Clyde were two of the Navy divers who brought GF2 out of Lake Greenwood. While Chuck has visited us several times, this is the first time Clyde has seen GF2 since she was raised out of the lake. He enjoyed climbing around the plane and seeing the restoration progress. We enjoyed just sitting and listening to all of the stories these two had about that time in Greenwood.



## Airshows

Several SCHAF members went to airshows and museums in April. They passed along pictures for the newsletter.

Ken went to Sun n Fun in Florida. At the event, Ken ran into Rick Wright who is also from Columbia. Rick is a UPS cargo jet pilot who flew his C-17 Globemaster down for the show. Ken also saw both a Clemson and Carolina F-16 from McEntire at the event.



Edwin and Susan went to the Beaufort Air Show at the Marine Corps Air Station in Beaufort, SC. They sent several pictures of some beautiful Navy planes but these two scout planes caught my eye. These planes were small but mighty.



John and Dottie went to the Air and Space Museum in Washington. Besides seeing airplanes, they also saw exhibits commemorating women in aviation and the Tuskegee Airmen. Besides sending a picture of a P-47, they also sent a picture of items belonging to Capt. Kathy LaSauce. Capt. LaSauce was a member of the first class of female Air Force pilot recruits for military service since the WASP in WWII.



## 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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