



SCHAF Newsletter for September 2025

Reminder: The next SCHAF Open House will take place Saturday, September 13, 2025, from 10am-1pm at Hangar Y-1 Jim Hamilton/LB Owens Airport.

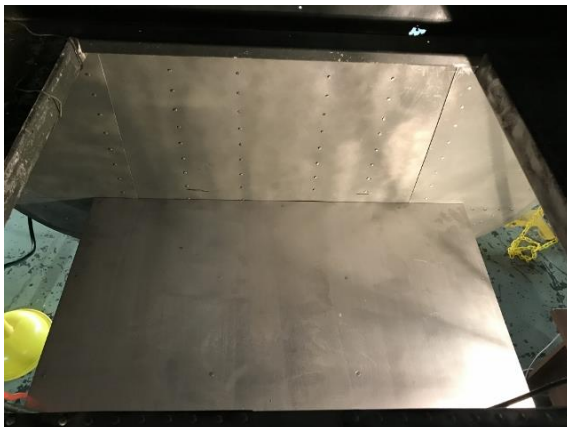
Foundation Happenings

The theme for our August open house was Top Gun. Tate, Stanley and Bruce wore Navy uniforms. We were sad to say goodbye to SCHAF member and volunteer, Margaret (second from the left), who moved out of state. Anytime we opened the door to visitors, Margaret was there to help. She will be greatly missed.



Restoration Progress

The floor in the navigator's area is installed. The picture on the left is looking down on the floor from above. The skin on the bottom of the plane has not been installed so on each side you can see the floor of the hangar. . The back wall of the lower turret area is now being fabricated. The picture on the right shows the original aluminum at the top and the new wall on the bottom.



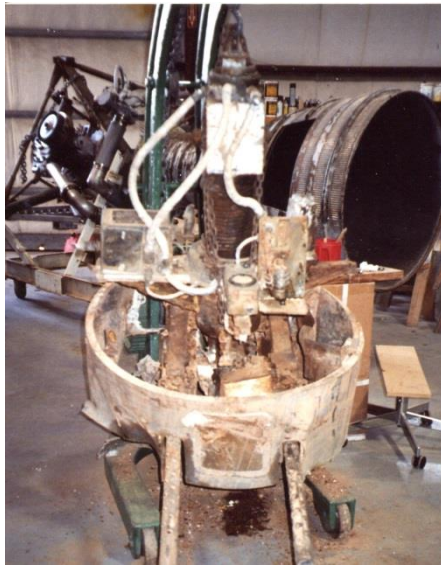
Carl Scholl in California sent pictures of the lower turret area in his B-25. These pictures are extremely helpful in showing how to rebuild this area. The picture on the left shows the two slots for the gun barrels. In his B-25, the opening has been skinned over but normally the bottom of the two boxes would be open. When the lower turret was retracted, the gun barrels slid up into the two slots. The picture on the right shows the side wall of the turret area. We currently have the original solid wall down to the opening you can see at the bottom of the wall. We will fabricate the two angled pieces, skin and stringers to complete the sides of the turret frame.



This picture from Carl is a great one looking down from inside the plane shows the complete area. The front wall is to the left of the picture. We have completed that wall. The wall currently being fabricated is the back wall which is to the right in the picture. There is nothing better for restoration than seeing pictures of how the planes actually were constructed.



While we are talking about the lower turret, here are two pictures of GF2's original lower turret. There is some discrepancy as to where this ended up. We hope to find this again one day. It is interesting to see the barrels of the twin .50 cal guns. In the pictures on the previous page, the bottom area where the lower turret resides in the plane appears to be oval while the top part is round. In the picture on the right, sure enough the bottom of the turret is more oval shaped while the top part is round. This is exactly why we love to see original pictures of GF2 and other B-25s.



Visitors to SCHAF

SCHAF was honored to host members of a team from the FBI who were interested in visiting the hangar to see our work. We love any opportunity to show off GF2.



Warbirds of Glory Museum

SCHAF members, Ron and Linda, recently visited the Warbirds of Glory Museum in Michigan. The museum is restoring a B-25J, Sandbar Mitchell, to flight worthiness. Ron and Linda sent some great pictures of the work the museum is doing on their B-25. We love seeing pictures of any B-25 but especially ones being restored to flight.



Upper turret



Rear of plane showing back hatch.

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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