



## SCHAF Newsletter for October 2025

**Reminder:** The next SCHAF Open House will take place Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 10am-1pm at Hangar Y-1 Jim Hamilton/LB Owens Airport.

### Foundation Happenings

The weather is getting cooler so the September open house was a beautiful day for visitors. Logan and Tate look just like a WWII pilot and cadet sitting in the cockpit of GF2. This could have been a picture from the war. We hope to see you on the 11th.



### Restoration Progress

The back wall of the lower turret is progressing quickly. The team is getting faster at fabricating the lower area of GF2. The picture below shows the bottom section of the rear wall prior to being riveted together. It takes a lot of clecos to hold the metal in place for riveting. The next picture shows the lower section placed in GF2. The brace to attach the sections needs to be fabricated then riveting will begin!





Back wall of the lower turret in place and almost ready for riveting

Work has begun on the cockpit windows. The windows operated on a track and sliding rods. The window was operated by squeezing the “clam shell” handles to release the rods to slide open or closed along the rod. The pictures below show the “clam shell” spring from the B-25, Hot Gen, located at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum. .



The picture below shows the fabricated handles for operating the windows. Many times a template is made from wood prior to making the metal parts.



The picture below shows the metal rods for operating the windows. This consists of a solid rod and a hollow tube.



## Trailer Progress

The progress on the trailer is moving along well. The lights are attached and working. The fenders and tailgate are welded in place. If you look closely, you can see the black mount for the large scale B-25 in the middle of the trailer bed. The trailer will be used for advertising SCHAF in parades and other events.



## Donations

SCHAF was the recent recipient of wonderful diecast airplanes and pictures. Some of the excess airplanes will be for sale at the next open house. Come check them out and add some great planes to your collection.





## Bookcases

Many things happen around the hangar that most people never notice. The back wall of these shelves was cardboard which made them very unstable. We took scrap plywood to make a better back wall which made these much sturdier. Be sure to check out the books to find some great reading material.



## End of WWII Commemoration

SCHAF was invited to the state capitol as guests at an event to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WWII. It was a beautiful day to be at our beautiful capitol.



## 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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