



## **SCHAF Newsletter for March 2025**

**Reminder: The next SCHAF Open House will take place Saturday, April 12, 2025, from 10am-1pm at Hangar Y-1 Jim Hamilton/LB Owens Airport.**

### **Foundation Happenings**

The March open house was a celebration of Women's History Month. Lisa and Bruce from Military Timeline Impressions set up their very impressive collection of women's items. There were items from all branches of the military. Big thanks to both of them for talking to visitors.



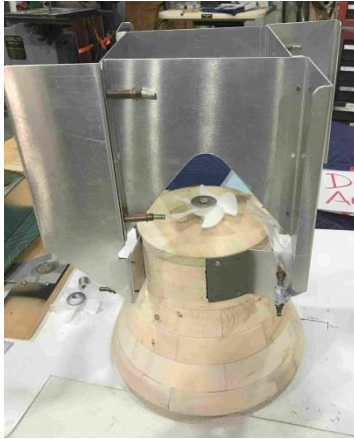
April is the 83<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Doolittle Raid over Japan. Bruce will be on hand to give a presentation on both the Raiders and the Columbia Army Air Base. The discussion will start at 11:00 am. Make every effort to come hear about CAAB.

One new offering at each open house is for the donation of a mere \$5.00 you can sit inside the Yale. Stop by to take your picture in the cockpit!

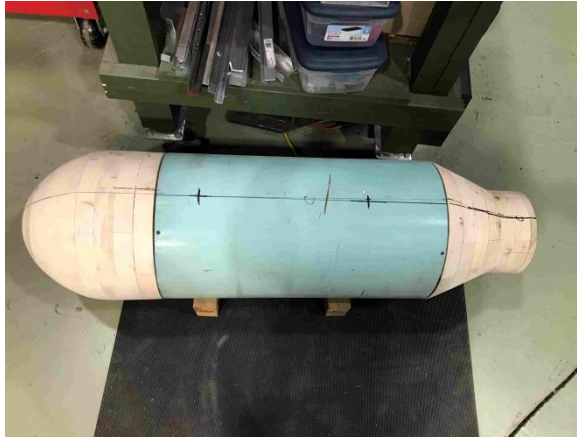


## Restoration Progress

Work is progressing on the 500 pound bomb replica. The tail is almost complete. Still have lots of sanding and assembly and sanding and bondo and sanding....Did I say there would be a lot of sanding? The marks on the bomb show where the hooks will be placed that are used to attach the "bomb" in the bomb bay area. Hopefully soon this will be mounted in GF2.



New metal fin attached to tail



Bomb made of PVC pipe and wood

Lanny graciously took the airplane fuselage home for the winter. He spent hours and hours banging out dents, stripping paint and cleaning the fuselage. For those who have not heard, this fuselage will be used for our flight simulator. Visitors will be able to sit in a real cockpit while using the simulator. It now looks shiny and new!



The fuselage looks brand new,



The "before" picture

Several people are working in the area around the lower turret. Within the turret location, there are four large metal attach points for bolting in the turret. Lanny has been furiously drilling and banging in that area to remove the broken, rusted bolts holding in these four brackets. He is cleaning the metal then reattaching the brackets with new, strong bolts. David, Ken, and Dennis have been working on the floor ribs and the front wall of the lower turret. We have been studying manuals to determine exactly how the floor of the radio operator's area should be fabricated. We are extremely fortunate to have some pictures from a B-25C being restored in Australia. Their B-25 has more of the original parts in this area than GF2. The warbird restoration community is a close-knit group who helps each other out with restoration information. We have pictures of this area from Carl Scholl in California and a group from Australia. B-25s are being restored world-wide!



The new wall of the lower turret with the rib



Metal bracket cleaned and ready to reattach

The upper floor shown in these two pictures is still in GF2. In the picture on the left, the area we are currently rebuilding is the lower floor and lower walls. In the picture on the right, you can see the round circle where the lower turret would be located. This round circle is still in GF2 but the wall located on the front and rear just below this circle is what is being fabricated as shown in the picture above on the left. Come to our open house in April to see this area in person. Hopefully this description helps explain what is currently being restored but nothing is better than seeing it in person.



Australia picture showing the radio operator's floor



Another picture showing the same area

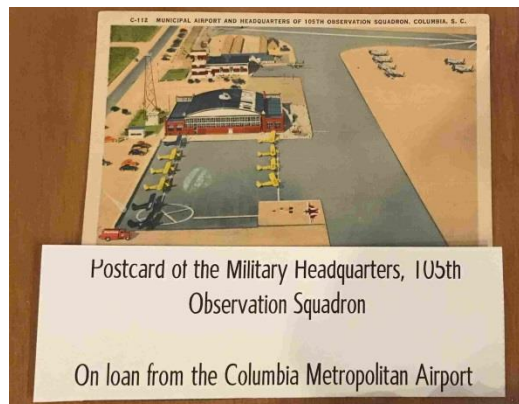


## Cayce Historical Museum

The Cayce Historical Museum located on 12<sup>th</sup> Street has a new exhibit commemorating the history of the Columbia Metro Airport. There are many interesting pictures of the airport thru the years. On the opening night of the exhibit, our own Bruce Cotner spoke about the history of the airport from the Columbia Army Air Base days until present day. For our April open house, he will touch on some of the history of CAAB while speaking about the Doolittle Raiders. Check out the Cayce Museum to learn more about the history of Columbia Metro.



Bruce speaking



Old postcard of the airport

## 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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