



SCHAF Newsletter for January 2023

Reminder: The next SCHAF Open House will take place Saturday, Jan 14, 2023, from 10am-1pm at Hangar Y-1 Jim Hamilton/LB Owens Airport.

Foundation Happenings

SCHAF hopes everyone had a great holiday and a very happy new year. If you did not renew your membership in 2022, please do so as soon as possible or this may be your last newsletter. You will want to keep up with events at the hangar and the restoration progress on GF2. We believe 2023 will be a great year for SCHAF.

Early in December, friends from the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum came to visit: SCHAF members, Bill and Shirley, along with new SCHAF members, Tom and Valerie stopped by to see the progress. We even used our restored tug to tow the Yale down the runway for a bath. We wanted her looking all spiffy too, Thanks to Vincent for helping us wash the Yale.

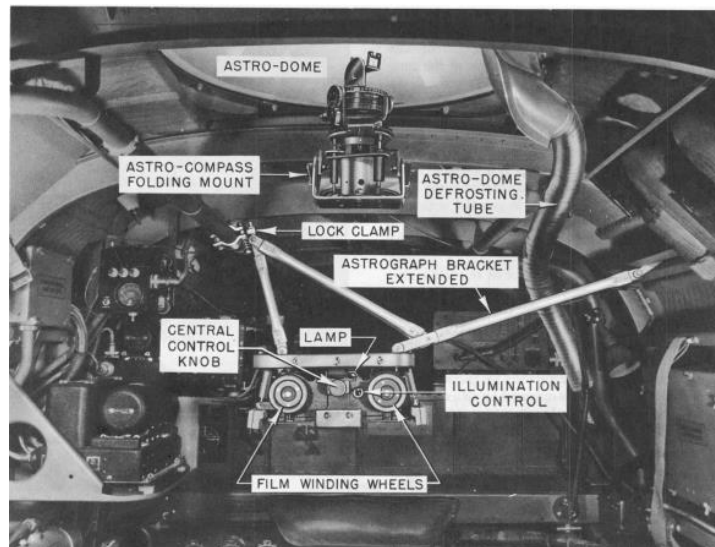


It would not be December without a visit from old St Nick. He flew in just to meet some of our little visitors. My favorite part was when a little boy yelled "Santa! I've got something to tell you!" Even old Santa had to smile at him.



GF2 Progress

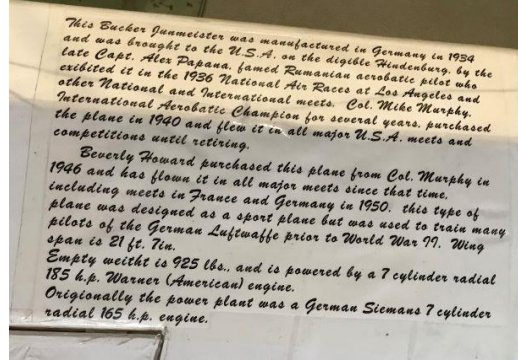
While the area over the bomb bay section might be a little difficult to view from the outside of the plane, SCHAF is still working hard on making that area look just like it did when GF2 flew. The handrail that ran along the roof of the plane over the bomb bay area extended out into the navigator's area. This served two purposes in the navigator's area. One was to enable the navigator to use the handrail to steady himself as he sat or stood up from his table. The second was as an attachment for the astrograph. The astrograph mount could be pulled from the left side of the plane, extended along the roof and attached to the handrail on the right side of the plane.



The picture above from the B-25C & D maintenance manual shows the navigator's area along with the astro-compass and astrograph. This picture is looking from the cockpit towards the back of the plane. You can see how the astrograph bracket is extended from the left side of the plane and the locking clamp attaches to the railing on the right side of the plane. Hopefully one day we will be able to restore these two instruments into GF2.

Donation to SCHAF

SCHAF recently received a donation of an exact replica model airplane, Bucker Jungmeister, as flown by Beverly Howard. Beverly "Bevo" Howard (b. 1914 – d. 1971) was an American aerobatic pilot and aviation businessman from Bath, SC. During WWII, Bevo operated a primary flight training school for the USAAF in Orangeburg. Over 6000 pilots, including 2000 French Air Force students, were trained at his school.



SHIRTS FOR SALE

Don't forget that a SCHAF shirt makes a wonderful present any time of year. Youth shirts are \$15 and adult shirts are \$25. If you do not live in Columbia but would like a shirt, we can determine the shipping cost to you and drop you one in the mail! SCHAF members, Lanny and Cathy, gave shirts to their grandchildren for Christmas. This is a nice looking family in nice looking shirts!



SEND US PICTURES

Did you get any aviation items over the holidays? Did you get a new airplane model or a great book to read? Or maybe even a flight on an old warbird! Be sure to send us pictures for a future newsletter. One of my new year's resolutions is to read more in 2023, I got a book that I can't wait to start: The Great Air Race by John Lancaster. "Years before Charles Lindbergh's flight from New York to Paris electrified the nation, a group of daredevil pilots, most of them veterans of World War I, brought aviation to the masses by competing in the sensational transcontinental air race of 1919. The contest awakened Americans to the practical possibilities of flight, yet despite its significance, it has until now been all but forgotten". I hope to have a review for all of you by the next newsletter.

ONE MORE PICTURE

Here is one more picture from our open house. Logan came to the open house dressed in his WWII USAAF uniform. We think he looks just like a WWII trainee sitting in the Yale!



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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