



## **SCHAf Newsletter for March, 2021**

**Reminder: The next SCHAf Open House will take place Saturday, March 13, 2021 from 10am-1pm at Hangar Y-1 Jim Hamilton/LB Owens Airport.**

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY MURRAY PRICE**

We want to wish SCHAf member, Murray Price, a very happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday! Murray enlisted in the Army Air Corp shortly after Pearl Harbor. After flight school, he flew 40 missions as a B-24 pilot in the Pacific theater from 1943-1945. His fifth mission was as a co-pilot on a bombing run to Iwo Jima. He became the pilot of his plane when the first pilot had a nervous break-down after the flight of planes received heavy damage from Japanese Zero's. Murray flew another 35 missions without losing a crew member. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters.



### **Foundation Happenings**

The restoration team is still working on three areas of the plane: bomb bay, navigator and bombardier. David and Dale made a wooden frame to use as a template for the front wall and rear wall of the bomb bay section. This same template will be used to make each rib of the bomb bay doors. This will ensure the bomb bay doors will align with the bottom of the plane. This first picture shows the wooden template. The next picture shows the bottom rib for the back wall.

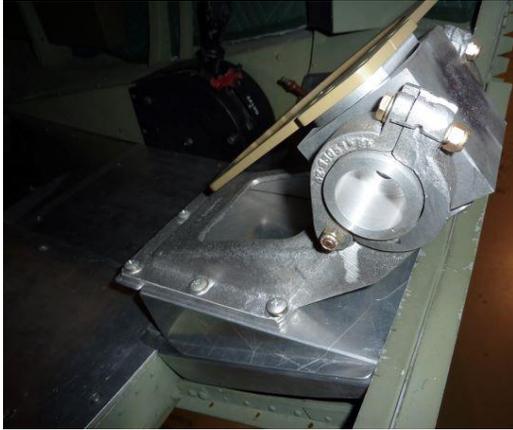


This next picture is the back wall of the bomb bay section. The vertical lines are stiffeners to strengthen the metal wall. This area has been cleaned of damaged sheet metal. The back wall will come straight down from the cross piece and attach to the curved rib pictured above. Come see this in person to understand how it will look!

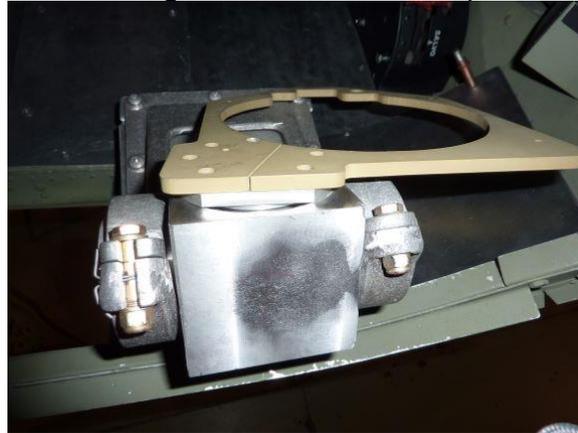


Ron has been working on the Norden bomb sight support. This is an original WWII support stand. Since the front of the plane curves up, He had to build the floor piece to make the stand sit level. The rod to hold the top of the stand level is missing. Ron has fabricated a new piece from scratch. Even the latch and thumb lever are hand-made! The detail in this piece needs to be seen in person to be truly appreciated!

Note floor to make stand level



Bomb sight bolts to tan metal piece



Note the hand-made thumb lever and latch



When the front hatch closes, there is a folding floorboard to cover and protect the hatch. We were fortunate to find an original one for GF2. John and Gary have been cleaning and repairing this piece to put back in the plane. You can see the hinge in the middle and the hole in the floor to insert your finger to raise/lower the floorboard in place.



Here are the new fuel lines and hydraulic lines in the bomb bay area.

Fuel lines looking up the front wall



Hydraulic lines along the front wall



## AIRSHOWS and MUSEUMS

Since there are currently no air shows we can attend, we will continue our “virtual” air show that we started last month. If you have any pictures of your favorite plane or your favorite air show, email them to SCHAF to be included in a future newsletter.

Here are two more airplanes from the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum. Their collection of airplanes should be on your bucket list to see in person.

Douglas C-47 Dakota



De Havilland Chipmunk



## 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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