



SCHAFA Newsletter for April, 2022

Reminder: The next SCHAFA Open House will take place Saturday, April 9, 2022 from 10am-1pm at Hangar Y-1 Jim Hamilton/LB Owens Airport.

Foundation Happenings

April 18th is the 80th anniversary of the Doolittle Raid. It is hard to believe that it has been 80 years since sixteen B-25 Mitchell bombers took off from the deck of the USS Hornet. While the last of the Doolittle Raiders, Dick Cole, passed away in 2019, we still honor and remember these top-secret mission volunteers. Two of the Raiders, Horace "Sally" Crouch and Bill Farrow were from South Carolina. We will be playing the movie, *30 Seconds Over Tokyo*, at our April open house. We will have Doolittle Raider displays as well as the Military Timeline Impressions. You don't want to miss this one.

The open house in March was another wonderful event. SCHAFA is very thankful to the Military Timeline Impressions for setting up displays about women in the military. Melvin West and Bruce Cotner had a WASP display and Lisa Walker had a display about WWII flight nurses. The WWII flight nurses are a little known but very interesting part of women's military history. There are some great books about these amazing nurses. Last but not least, Valerie Anderson, came dressed as Amelia Earhart.



Also at the March open house was a display for young girls to pose as Rosie the Riveter. A huge thank you to Isabel Beville for painting this “We Can Do It” photo backdrop. The backdrop was such a big hit that SCHAF will be setting this up again at future open houses.



History of GF2

As we mentioned last month, Chuck Messick one of the Navy divers who helped raise GF2, brought SCHAF digital copies of pictures from the day GF2 was brought out of the water. These are some of my favorite ones. I found this first one interesting because I have never seen any pictures from the rear of the plane.



A lot of preliminary planning was accomplished before any of the recovery was started. Models were used to determine the best way to lift GF2 from the water without causing any structural damage. Below is a picture of one of the models Chuck constructed during the planning phase of the recovery.



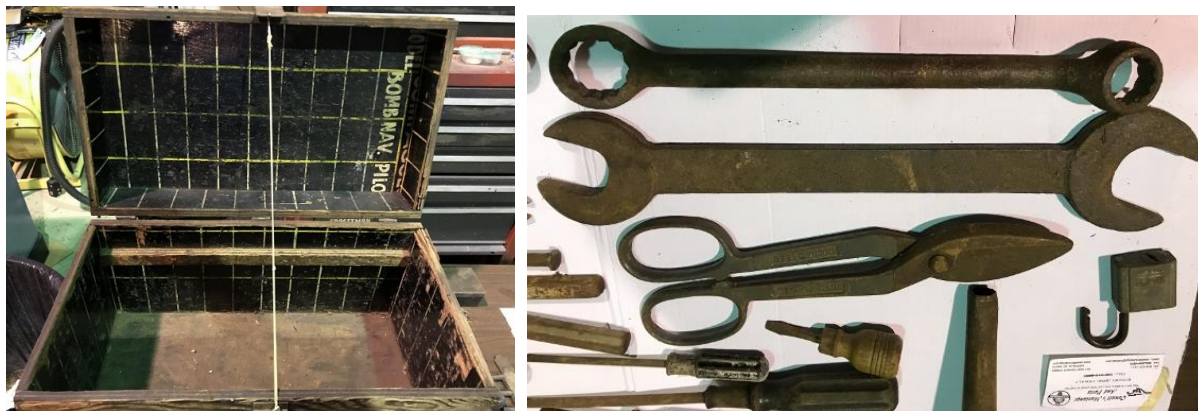
GF2 Progress

The restoration team is excited to have several new volunteers from McEntire Joint National Guard Base. Their aluminum work and over-all airplane knowledge has quickly become a huge asset. Pictured on the left below is Weston, an F-16 crew chief, working on the skin repair work on the bottom of GF2. Ron is working hard to get GF2's nose closed up before the April open house.



DONATIONS TO SCHAF

SCHAF is the proud recipient of some more amazing donations. Bob Oswald of "Oswald's Mustangs and Parts" donated this toolbox. As you can see, the toolbox is made from recycled wood that was an original aircraft flight mission chart that would have been hanging on the wall in a hangar. The toolbox was also filled with antique aircraft tools. These will be cleaned and displayed next to GF2.



SCHAF also received an amazing Doolittle Raider grouping. There is a B-25 picture depicting each of the 16 crews that is signed by several Doolittle Raiders. There is also a picture of Jimmy Doolittle, a picture of a Corsair (signed by several Black Sheep Squadron members), a picture of the Lake Murray B-25 as well as lots of great books to add to our library. These amazing items were donated to SCHAF by Diane Goff. Diane's father was instrumental in bringing the Doolittle Raiders to Columbia for the 50th reunion. These items will be cherished for years to come.



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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