



SCHAF Newsletter for May 2024

Reminder: The next SCHAF Open House will take place Saturday, May 11, 2024, from 10am-1pm at Hangar Y-1 Jim Hamilton/LB Owens Airport.

Foundation Happenings

The April Open House was a well-attended event. The theme was the 82nd anniversary of the Doolittle Raiders. Bruce gave a talk about the Doolittle Raiders. Stanley did a display as an aviation mechanic. Dane had a display honoring his uncle who was killed in a B-25 crash. Lisa and Logan wore period uniforms. The highlight of the day was a visit from Bill from the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum.



Bruce giving a talk



Stanley "fixing" the engine



Dane's presentation



Doolittle Raider and Columbia Army Air Base Display



Special visit from Bill

Restoration Progress

After almost 10 months of detailed work, the final touches are being completed on the port side bomb bay door. All that remains is the final coat of paint then permanently attaching the door to GF2. The work on the starboard door has already begun. As you may notice in the pictures, these are a little over 1/3 size doors. This is so visitors can stand inside the bomb bay to watch how the controls open and close the doors.



Door closed view from inside bomb bay



Door closed view from outside of plane



Door hanging open



Final coat of interior paint.
Note the small doors for the model B-25

Sun n Fun

Ken and Ron attended the annual Sun n Fun Festival in Florida. They were able to make important contacts with flight simulator vendors, parts vendors, as well as other B-25 mechanics.



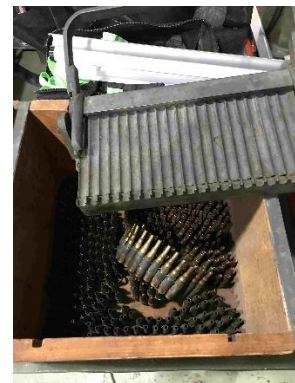
Recent Additions

At the April Open House, everyone was in awe when we saw this never-before-seen canvas picture of GF2. This picture was donated to SCHAF by Dwight Bundrick who was one of the National Guardsmen who drove GF2 from Greenwood to Columbia. This photograph was taken by SGM (Ret) Phillip Jones. The picture depicts the 3648th Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company loading GF2 onto the transport. The frame used to load GF2 on the trailer was built by the 3648th. Dwight spoke to us about both the loading and driving of GF2 to Columbia. It took two days to drive her here because they had to go so slow. They camped on the side of the road. We are hoping to talk to Dwight more to learn the history of GF2's travels to Columbia.



Dwight Bundrick with photograph

The SC Military Museum recently donated a wonderful large-scale P-38 model and a belt of .30 cal ammunition to SCHAF. The .30 cal ammo will be placed in the nose of GF2. The early B-25C models had a .30 cal gun in the nose of the plane and .50 cal guns in the other areas.



SC Aviation Association

SCHAF was honored to host the SC Aviation Association's 2nd annual Aviation Career Signing Day. At the event, 22 midlands students committed to careers in aviation. It was wonderful to see so many students interested in aviation. As Gary said at the event, there are all sorts of career opportunities in the field of aviation besides being a pilot.



Gary from SC Aeronautics speaking



Midland's youth after signing commitments

Additional Donations

SCHAF received donations of tools and model cars. The diecast cars will be for sale at our next open house. There are more than depicted here. The tools which will not be used by the SCHAF team will be sold at a future "tool garage sale" to help raise money.



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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