



## SCHAFA Newsletter for July, 2022

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

### Foundation Happenings

SCHAFA hopes everyone has been having a nice summer. As usual for a Columbia, SC summer, it has been extremely hot. There was one week in June that the team could not work in the hangar because of the heat. SCHAFA was fortunate to acquire a very large shop fan but it just does not help on the extreme days. The team was still able to make some great progress in June.

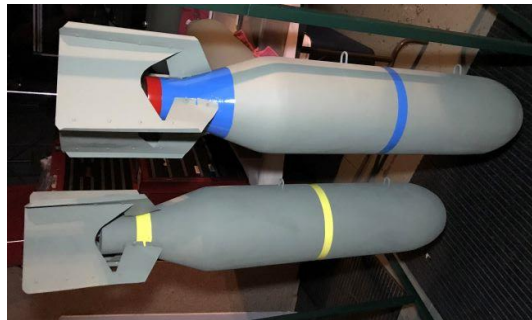
Be sure to come to the SCHAFA open house in July. The IPMS, International Plastic Models Association, Swamp Fox Chapter will be showcasing some of their handiwork. I have always been in awe of the modeling skills of others; especially scratch built models. If any of you have pictures of your models, send them to the SCHAFA email. We would love to include them in a future newsletter.

When looking thru some folders for information regarding the history of SCHAFA, I found the following picture. I am trying to determine the author of this artistic rendition of GF2. If any of you know who drew this picture, please email SCHAFA with the answer. I really like this design.



## GF2 Progress

The restoration team has been working hard on several projects. In a past newsletter, we mentioned replica 100 pound bombs made out of PVC pipe and wood that were made by Sam Bowers. John has been steadily working on completing these bombs for placing in GF2. This involved sanding, bondo, painting, making fins, attaching the hooks, and all sorts of small details. In the picture below, you may notice that one is painted yellow and one is painted blue. The blue bombs were the practice bombs and the yellow bombs were the explosive ones. Eventually examples of both will be placed in the bomb bay area.



In the last newsletter, we showed pictures of the skin under the front with lots and lots of clecos. After days of riveting, the clecos are gone and the skin looks nice. Just a little bit more work to do then the skin can be painted. After an evening of riveting, I have a renewed appreciation for the Rosie the Riveters who did this all day every day. The picture on the left is the new skin in place. The picture on the right is looking at the floor inside the navigator's compartment. This is the opposite side of the picture on the left. If you notice, there is sand on the new skin. Even after years of vacuuming SCHAFF, the dirt still falls from all sorts of crevices. This sand was falling all around as we were riveting the floor in place.



## Skyfest50

Our friends at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum just celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at their Skyfest50 Airshow. SCHAF member, Niall, was fortunate enough to attend the show along with SCHAF member, Bill, who is the crew chief on the CWHM's flying B-25, Hot Gen. Niall sent SCHAF some pictures of their adventures. We wish our friends at CWHM another 50 years of flying amazing warbirds. Could you imagine looking outside the window of your B-25 at a CF-18? On the right below is a P-39. I have never seen one in person.



The P-40 is one of my favorite planes. Niall usually prefers the four Merlin engines on the Lancaster but he was still excited to fly using the one Merlin engine in this P-51. What a view!



## Travels This Summer

If your summer travels involve airplanes, museums, or historical sites, send a picture to the SCHAF email. We would love to include your adventures in a future newsletter. Are there any museums on your bucket list? Are there any warbirds you want to fly in?

## Columbia Metropolitan Airport

This year, the Columbia Metropolitan Airport, CAE, is celebrating 80 years of flight. The Columbia Army Air Base celebrated its first flight in 1942. As you know, the CAAB was primarily used for advanced combat training of B-25 units. If you have not read the book, *Cornfield to Airfield: A History of the Columbia Army Air Base*, by Rachel Haynie then you need to add it to your list.

## 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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