



SCHAf Newsletter for September, 2021

Reminder: The next SCHAf Open House will take place Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 10am-1pm at Hangar Y-1 Jim Hamilton/LB Owens Airport.

Foundation Happenings

SCHAf recently received some wonderful donations. These two items will eventually be used on GF2. Jeff Litchfield turned two aluminum antennas for SCHAf. One has been installed and really makes a big difference to the top of GF2. Mike Pope donated four original WWII seat belts to be used in GF2.

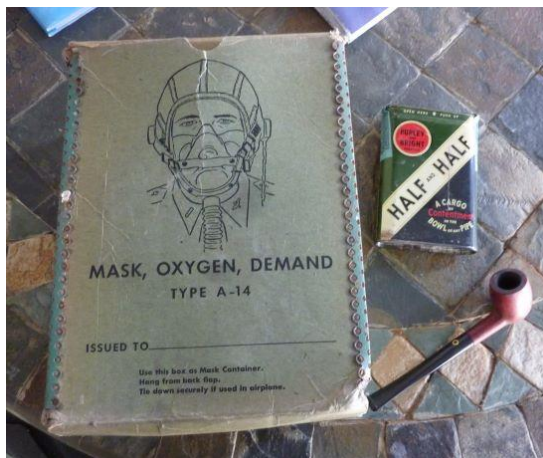


Antenna on the roof of GF2



WWII seatbelts to be used in GF2

SCHAf also received some donations that have been placed in the display area in the hangar. Ed Sylvester donated a footlocker containing an A-14 oxygen mask, pipe, and tobacco still in the can. Dennis Kirschner donated a WWII Army Air Force ashtray that goes great with the pipe and tobacco.



Lynn Gunzenhauser, one of Dan Rossman's daughters, was recently in town. We were honored to have her family, (son, Steven and husband, Mark) visit the hangar. Lynn said it was amazing sitting in the seat in the same spot in the plane her father flew while training to be a B-25 pilot. It is always wonderful to listen to stories of her father's time in the service. He was an amazing man.



Lynn sitting in her father's seat. Steven is also in the cockpit. Mark is looking out the navigator's window.

SCHAF is thrilled to have a new youth, Katie Bauer, volunteering with SCHAF. She is a sophomore at Dreher High School as well as a Civil Air Patrol Cadet at the Jim Hamilton/Owen's Field Airport. Katie is eagerly learning all about GF2 and working on airplanes.



Katie working with David



Katie talking to visitors at the August Open House

SC Aviation Week coincided with the August Open House so SCHAFA set up displays celebrating SC aviation. It is always great to see and talk to young aviation enthusiasts.



New aviation enthusiast



Visitors at the open house



Ken discussing flying characteristics with a young visitor

GF2 Updates

Some days the work on GF2 seems to progress quickly and some days it slows to a crawl. When a piece here or there is completed, it sometimes is removed and not permanently installed until all the other sections are completed. For instance, the floor in the navigator area is ready to be riveted in place but it cannot be installed until the hatch cables, latches and ribs are completed. Around that same area, a piece of aluminum skin that was placed over the original skin during the first restoration was removed. This area is directly beneath the bombardier's tunnel. The original skin was crushed upwards. We believe this may have happened in the crash rather than when it was raised from the lake but do not know for sure which is the correct answer. The restoration crew is going to repair and keep this original skin rather than covering it back up.



Original skin. Crush is seen on right of picture



Buckled skin seen from inside plane



New floor in rear of navigator's section

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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