



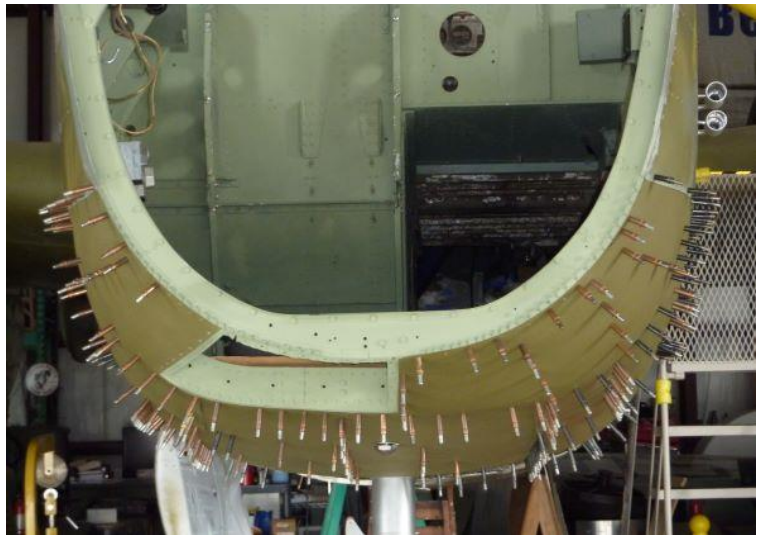
SCHAF Newsletter for September, 2020

Reminder: The next SCHAF Open House will take place Saturday, September 12, 2020 from 10am-1pm at Hangar Y-1 Jim Hamilton/LB Owens Airport.

Foundation Happenings

Restoration Progress:

While the picture on the right may look like GF2 has a 5 o'clock shadow, it shows the skin held in place with clecos. Ron has done a phenomenal job bending and forming each piece of skin. The restoration team is very excited to begin riveting the skin back on the nose of GF2. The small hole under the front of the plane is not a missed piece of skin. A small window was located in this position in the earlier B-25 models. The picture on the left shows the largest piece of skin primed and painted.



The riveting is accomplished by having one person hold the bucking bar on the inside of the plane while the other person operates the rivet gun on the outside of the plane. Each rivet is cut to size and carefully riveted in place. This can be a very loud and tedious process. There are hundreds of rivets to be completed in this one section. I tried to find how many rivets are on a B-25 but so far have not found the total. After looking at just the nose of GF2, I imagine the total number of rivets is well into the hundreds of thousands total.

During the restoration process, the volunteers sometimes sit in tight spaces at weird angles. This picture was taken looking thru the navigator's tunnel into the nose of GF2. Asa is helping rivet the skin back on the nose of GF2. Also, notice the fan in the tunnel. It gets VERY hot sitting in these tight spaces.



Here is one more restoration picture showing the cleaned, repaired and painted front section of the bomb bay. It is amazing how well GF2 looks after all these years.



History of GF2

SCHAF would like to thank Allen Folger for sending us the following pictures he took on the day GF2 was raised from Lake Greenwood. We have never seen overhead pictures of the plane. This is certainly an interesting perspective of the recovery. He took these while flying low altitude over the lake.



Donation of Books for the SCHAF Library:

SCHAF would like to thank Bob Seigler for his donation of some great books for our library. We are adding all of the aviation books to our growing library. The few non-aviation related books will be added to our “for sale” section.

Don't forget that we have several items for sale during our open house. We have aviation pictures, military cases and books for sale at very reasonable prices. We also have a free magazine section. If you have any magazines you want to donate, bring them with you.

Show Off Your Aviation Memorabilia

The Sporty's Wright Brothers Store recently started a section where customers can send in pictures of their aviation displays to be included in future emails. Seeing these rooms makes me both jealous and amazed all in one! I am sure many of you have aviation models, pictures and other memorabilia decorating your office desk, shelf or room in your house. It might be fun to include some pictures from some of you in a future newsletter. If you would like, send SCHAF (info.schaf@gmail.com) a picture of your aviation related displays from your office or home. We would love to include your picture in a future issue.

Here are two pictures from my house. While I don't have one room dedicated to aviation, I do have airplane pictures and models in just about every room in my house!



Odds and Ends:



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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