



SCHAF Newsletter for November 2023

Reminder: The next SCHAF Open House will take place Saturday, November 11, 2023, from 10am-1pm at Hangar Y-1 Jim Hamilton/LB Owens Airport.

Foundation Happenings

The focus of the October Open House was youth in aviation. Several people/groups helped to make the open house special. The Civil Air Patrol had a display to talk to youth about joining their organization. EAA Chapter 242 was also at the open house. Since 1993, they have participated in the Young Eagles program giving youth ages 8-17 a free introductory experience in general aviation which includes a 20-minute flight with a local volunteer pilot.



Civil Air Patrol Display



Young Eagles Display

Logan and Emma Steed were on hand to discuss their adventure last summer. They each flew their own plane, along with their father flying a third plane to all 50 states. They mapped out their flight to talk to other youth about getting their pilot's license.



During the month of October, SCHAF was visited on two different Sundays by two different Cub Scout troops. It was wonderful to see the boys mesmerized learning about aviation. Their troop leader said these boys have never been so attentive for so long. Days like these make all the hard work by our volunteers worth every minute.



Ken discussing aviation with the first group



Excited future aviators from second group

Donations to SCHAF

Continuing with our mention of some recent donations to SCHAF, Dan Rossman's daughters, Lynn Gunzenhauser and Hope Bloom recently donated some more of their father's items. Along with an original B-25 pilot's manual, there are some great pictures of GF2 when she was raised out of Lake Greenwood, some newspaper clippings and other historical documentation. Items like these are needed for documenting the history of GF2. The article on the left is one that mentions GF2 heading for her new home at Owen's Field Airport. The article on the right is one from 1992 where GF2 was transported to the state museum for the Doolittle Raider's 50th Reunion. It was a tight fit under a train trestle.



The pictures below are ones we at SCHAF have never seen. The picture on the left shows GF2 being towed down Jim Hamilton Blvd heading to the 50th reunion. The picture on the right shows GF2 in front of the Curtiss Wright Hangar. From the way GF2 looks, it appears this picture was taken before she was towed to the State Museum.



For those of you who like extreme coincidences, the document below is one that Lynn and I thought shows how SCHAF was destined to be the caretaker of GF2. This document shows the ship that Dan was on when he was coming home from the Pacific in October 1945. The 10th name on the list is Dan's. The name right under Dan's is Paul Schaaf. This last name is close enough to SCHAF that it was destiny!

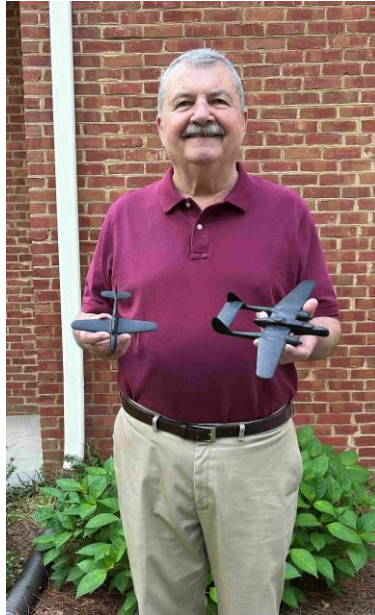
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for the month ending First day of October, 19 45, date

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NAME (Alphabetically arranged without regard to rating, with surname in the first and the first name written in full)	SERVICE NUMBER (The service number must appear on record card in monthly)	Rating at Date of Last Report	Date of Retirement	Place
1. KEMPFIELD, Robert Eugene	251 72 95	Sea 1c(SM)		
2. LUNA, Marnel Paul	274 79 78	SM 1c		
3. MARALDO, Matthew Francis	650 79 06	MolRM 3c(T)		
4. MC CONUG, Robert Arthur	972 00 90	Cox(T)		
5. MC DONNITT, Philip Eugene	381 60 07	EM 3c(T)		
6. MC LEHAN, John Louis	859 46 85	GM 3c(T)		
7. MORRIS, Thomas Walter, Jr.	637 85 63	MolRM 3c		
8. OLSEN, Richard (none)	607 87 13	MolRM 3c		
9. REICH, Herbert Irwin	708 19 49	Cox		
10. ROSSMAN, Daniel (none)	910 51 27	F 1c(MolRM)		
11. SCHAAF, Paul Leo	306 56 59	WT 3c(T)		
12. SETZ, Clyde John	961 43 59	F 1c(MolRM)		
13. SMITH, Howard Dean	570 07 41	SC 1c(T)		
14. STABER, Donald Hanson	628 36 86	CHORM AA(T)		
15. STRAND, Howard Leslie	638 72 51	RM 1c		

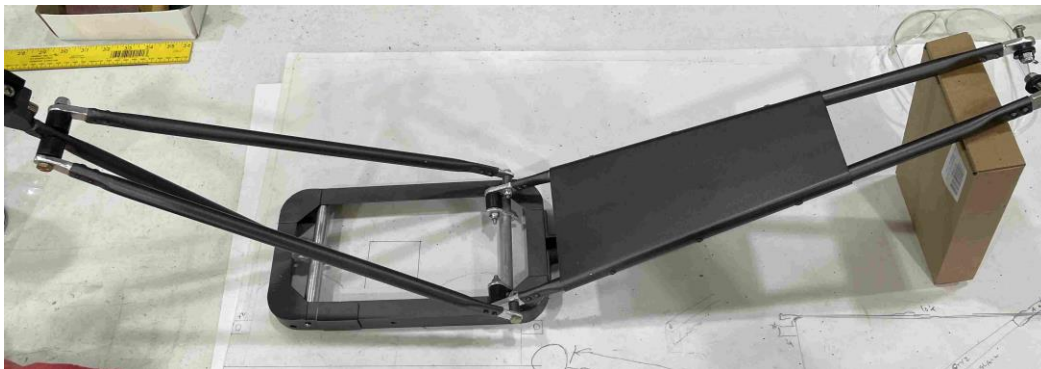
Some of you may know right away what is in Keith Brightbill's hands. These are WWII airplane recognition models he recently donated to SCHAF. These were used for training purposes during the war. We love anything dealing with aviation! Come see these models in our display case.



GF2 Progress

The restoration team has been working hard but the progress has been slow. So many little details go into each part. The team is currently working on the bomb bay doors, installing cables running the length of the plane, cleaning/painting the bombardier's tunnel, fabricating the mount for the astrocompass, repairing the landing lights on the wings and many other projects. Since a lot of progress has been made but most is not visible, here are a few pictures showing some of the completed projects.

John completed the astrograph mounting bracket and is working on the astrocompass mount. This was mentioned last month and will be installed in the navigator's area.



Ron has almost completed painting the new donation box "bomb". He painted even more detail since this picture was taken. Be sure to come see this great display. And maybe drop in some of your loose change!



Visitors to SCHAF

You never know who might stop by the hangar! GF2 is loved by one and all.



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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