



SCHAF Newsletter for November, 2020

Reminder: The next SCHAF Open House will take place Saturday, November 14, 2020 from 10am-1pm at Hangar Y-1 Jim Hamilton/LB Owens Airport.

Foundation Happenings

SCHAF was thrilled to recently be contacted by Joe Minicucci regarding his donating this N-8A gun sight. Over forty years ago, Joe's father, Tony Minicucci, bought a gun sight from a Military Surplus dealer. Tony kept it in pristine condition with the original box and wrapping.

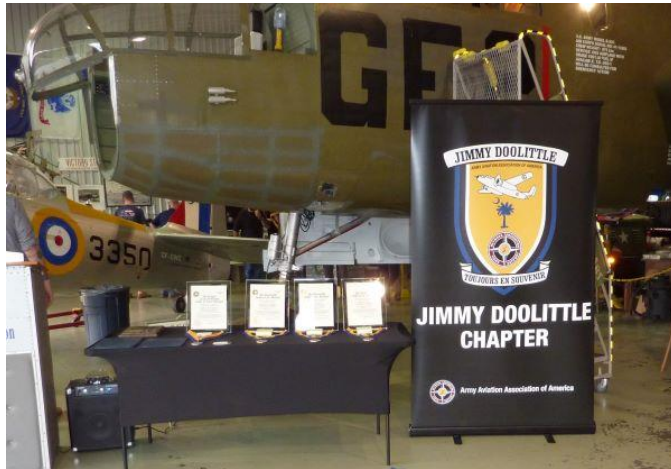
While this gun sight was never used on our "C" model, it was used by the waist gunner and tail gunner on later B-25 models. This sight was mounted on top of .50 caliber machine guns in flexible gun positions on various USAAF bombers. SCHAF is thrilled to display this N-8A gun sight in our display cabinet with a description of how it is used. In the future, we are hoping to have displays of various stations in the B-25 and eventually attach this gun sight to a static display showing the tail and waist gunner stations/positions.



VISITORS to SCHAF

SCHAF had lots happening in October. We were thrilled to host the quarterly meeting of the Jimmy Doolittle Chapter of the Army Aviation Association of America. Due to Covid-19, they have been unable to meet until this month. With over 60 of their members in attendance, the Quad-A (as they are nicknamed) chapter was able to catch up on some award presentations. One of the awards given was the Knight of the Honorable Order of Saint Michael. This award “recognizes individuals who have contributed significantly to the promotion of Army Aviation in ways that stand out in the eyes of the recipients seniors, subordinated and peers.”

SCHAF is excited to start a relationship with this wonderful Doolittle Chapter.



Show Off Your Aviation Memorabilia

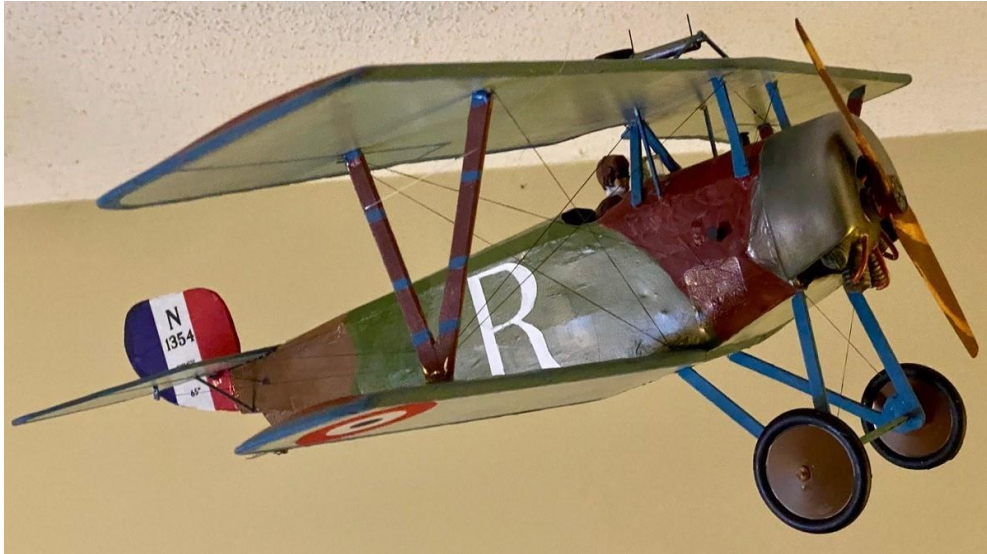
Last month, we asked if any of you would like to share some pictures of your aviation memorabilia. We were so happy to be contacted by a couple of you who will be featured in the next few newsletters.

SCHAF member, Fred Knudsen, emailed this picture of a model he recently completed. The following description is from Fred:

As a result of the COVID-19 restrictions, I recently resumed building model airplanes for the first time in nearly 50 years. Attached is a photo of my latest effort, a WWI French Nieuport 11. It was powered by an 80 hp Le Rhone rotary engine, had a top speed of 101 mph, and was armed with a .303 Lewis Gun mounted on the upper wing to fire above the propeller arc. This particular ship was flown by an American, 2LT Kiffin Y. Rockwell of the *Lafayette Escadrille*. He was a founding member of the unit and scored its first victory when he shot down a German observation plane on 18 May 1916. Rockwell himself was subsequently shot down and killed over the French lines on 23 Sep 1916, at the age of 24.

I found that the basic techniques of building tissue and balsa, or “stick models” as we called them, seem pretty much the same as I remember from my youth. However, butyl nitrate dopes have been replaced by less noxious alternatives, and CA adhesives (i.e, SuperGlue) have replaced Ambroid cement. Perhaps the most significant difference is the vast amount of historical and technical aircraft information now available on the Internet.

I guess some kids never grow up. I’m now working on a German Albatros D5 from the same period.



SCHAF member, Bill Rouw, who lives in Canada sent in the following pictures. Bill is the Flight Engineer for the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum’s flying B-25, Hot Gen. Therefore, his aviation collection includes several pictures of Hot Gen. One really cool item Bill collects is challenge coins. These coins bear an organization’s insignia or emblem and some of the rare ones can be quite collectible. Bill is the resident guru on B-25 maintenance. Over the past few years, he has helped us so much with GF2.



Pictures of Hot Gen, Doolittle and CWHM



Model of Hot Gen and picture of Bill in front of the plane



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.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

With the end of the year fast approaching, we would like to thank everyone for supporting SCHAF. If you have not already done so, we hope you will consider renewing for another year. One hundred percent of your contribution is used towards the restoration of our foundation's historic B-25C Mitchell bomber as well as helping promote South Carolina's aviation heritage through our monthly open house and newsletter.

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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