



SCHAF Newsletter for May, 2020

Reminder: Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we will not be hosting an open house in May. We hope everyone is safe and well during this trying time. As of right now, we are hoping to resume hosting our monthly open house in June.

During this time of self-distancing, we continue to reflect on things we are thankful for in our lives. Here at SCHAF, we are thankful for every one of you who has donated to SCHAF. One hundred percent of your donation is used to help preserve the history of aviation in SC. In addition to the cost of the restoration, your donation is used to pay general foundation costs such as hangar rental, electricity, and insurance. We could not do this without each one of you.

Foundation Happenings

In previous emails, we mentioned the drift flares being fabricated to install in the navigator's section of the B-25. We have just about completed making all 12 flares. Pictured below are two of the completed and installed flares. We will be forever thankful to Sam and Donald Bowers who turned the wood, stained, painted and added the writing. John Chamberlain added the fins and built the brackets in the plane. The pictures do not do justice for these beauties!



SCHAF Member Alton Blanks

We want to wish a very happy birthday to SCHAF member, Alton Blanks, who turned 93 in April. If you have ever been to one of our open houses, you have met Alton. He is always there with a smile, hug and great conversations. Happy birthday Alton!



Items for Sale:

SCHAF recently received a large donation of prints of airplanes and aircraft carriers. Some of these are large photographs. Some are numbered prints. There is a wide variety for anyone interested in aviation. We will have these for sale at our next open house. The price range for these prints will start at \$5.00 so there will be many at affordable prices. Pictured below are two of the close to 100 prints we will have on sale. On the left are the Navy Blue Angels in flight. On the right is a Grumman F-14A "Tomcat".



Looking for Corporate Sponsors

SCHAF is currently looking for corporate sponsors to donate to SCHAF on either a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. Berry's Air Freight is providing a monthly donation to SCHAF to help with our monthly costs. We made this model of a B-25 with their name on the plane to display in the hangar. Depending on the amount of the sponsorship, we will have the corporation's name displayed in various ways around the hangar. If you know of anyone interested in being a corporate sponsor to SCHAF, please pass along our contact information.



Berlin Airlift Historical Foundation

When tornados came thru our state on April 13th, there was an historical Douglas C-54, the "Spirit of Freedom", owned by the Berlin Airlift Historical Foundation parked at the Walterboro Airport while it was receiving an upgrade on some FAA required equipment. While it is too early to assess the extent of the tornado damage, photographs reveal the leading edge of the right outer wing and the rear left center wing flap area received substantial damage. Every foundation dedicated to preserving aviation history feels the pain and loss experienced by the Berlin Airlift Foundation. Many other airplanes located at the Walterboro Airplanes were also damaged. Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone affected by the tornado outbreak.

For a little background information about the foundation, the following is quoted from the Berlin Airlift Historical Foundation web page: <http://www.spiritoffreedom.org/donate.html>

On June 24, 1948, the Soviet Union blocked all road and rail travel to and from West Berlin, cutting off the city from any outside supplies, which were desperately needed for survival. On June 26, 1948, the first planes took off from bases in England and western Germany and landed in West Berlin. It was a daunting logistical task to provide food, clothing, water, medicine and other necessities of life for the over 2 million fearful citizens of the city. For nearly a year, American and British planes landed around the clock. Over 200,000 planes carried in more than two-and-a-half million tons of supplies.

Memorial Day

We wish everyone a happy Memorial Day. While we can't be together this month, we will still have an event at a future open house. We wish to remember and honor the military personnel who died in service to our country.

Odds and Ends:

Here are some interesting links sent in by SCHAF member, Dave McIntosh. Thank you so much Dave for these great videos!

The Berlin Airlift: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gzTDBsQKKpo>

Death ride of the Luftwaffe: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=txbF0OpCZY4>

End of the era of giants: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tus5lo6-Gzc>

The world's most useful airport: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5-QejUTDCWw>

North Korea's tiny terrible airline: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZhfchZSIzt0>

The first London Blitz: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qxWUuvyljLs>

Hitler's UFO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QD3JWVSkDuU>

Italy's British Blitz: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mKykQvrLDSM&t=15s>

The second attack on Pearl Harbor: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hJMT-ajff-c>

The first helicopter to cross the English Channel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fl_E_nREWgl

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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