



SCHAF Newsletter for July 2019

Reminder: The next SCHAF Open House will take place on Saturday, July 13, 2019 from 10am-1pm at Hangar Y-1 Hamilton/Owens Airport.

Foundation Happenings

In a previous newsletter, we asked if anyone might have pictures from when GF2 was raised from Lake Greenwood. We are so appreciative of a group of pictures sent to SCHAF from Lynn Guzenhauser who is the daughter of Dan Rossman, the student pilot when the plane crashed. We put the pictures in a photo album to be stored at the hangar.

We love pictures like this one below that shows how the original serial number was printed on the fuselage. Early planes started with A.C. for Air Corps. When we repaint the outside of the plane, we are thankful for these types of references. We want to restore her exactly as she looked on the day she went down. Note the curved navigator's window used on the C model.



Here is another picture from Lynn. You can see this one shows the fabric on the rudders. If you look close under the tail, you can see the rear hatch is open.



RESTORATION PROGRESS

Even though the hangar is starting to heat up for the summer, we are steadily working on GF2. We are currently trying to obtain some instruments needed to restore the navigator's area. We are also making great progress in the bombardier's area. The main landing gears are repainted and shining like new. Stop by the next open house to see the progress!

John has been looking thru manuals and pictures to see exactly how to restore the navigator's area. In the picture on the left, you can see shelves used to hold instruments. In the one on the right you can see the map case to the right. In the middle you can see the rebuilt shelf to hold the folding navigator's table. Pictures do not do justice. Come see it in person!



SCHAF Members Traveling Around the World

In June, SCHAF member, Ted Podewil, participated in the official 75th commemoration of the invasion of Normandy. Quote from Ted "I was in the 1st Stick, 5th man out door. Was Released too early and missed DZ entirely---could not see DZ and any land marks that I recognized. Quite similar to many of the Troopers situations on D-Day. Landed in Farmers Field where there were horses and an irrigated area where I got SOAKED. Road March in wet boots is not good."



Ted in front of C-47 he flew in for his jump

Ted talking to French people after jump

Note that the C-47, That's All Brother, is the same plane that was the lead aircraft in the main body of the 101st infantry division for the Normandy invasion. The airplane is currently owned by the Commemorative Air Force.

GOOD READS

In June a new book, "War in the Air: The Second World War in Colour" was released. While I was disappointed there are no pictures of B-25s, this book does have some great color pictures of aircrafts from both the RAF and USAAF. If you like WWII aircraft in general, then you will enjoy this book.

Since last month was the anniversary of D-Day, we wanted to recommend one more item:

Another new book released in June is "D-Day Girls – The Spies Who Armed the Resistance, Sabotaged the Nazis, and Helped Win World War II". This book is about the extraordinary women recruited by Britain's SOE (Special Operations Executive). From the cover "Together, they destroyed train lines, ambushed Nazis, plotted prison breaks, and gathered crucial intelligence- laying the groundwork for the D-Day invasion that proved to be the turning point in the war".

Odds and Ends:

If you have something you would like to share in a future newsletter, please send an email directly to SCHAF at info.schaf@gmail.com.

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