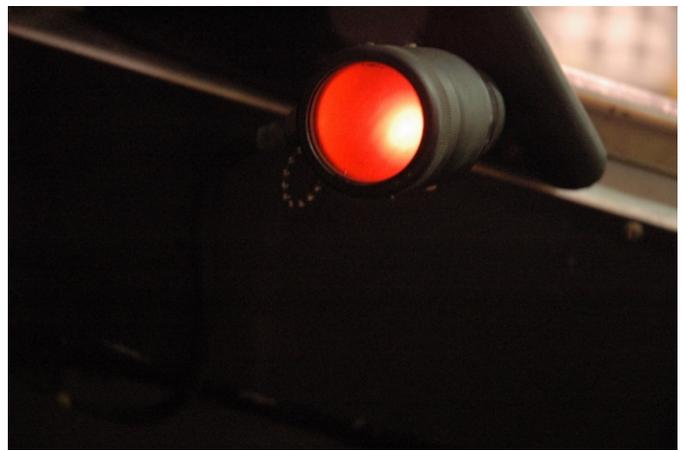


SCHAF Newsletter for February 2019

**Reminder: The next SCHAF Open House will take place Saturday, February 9, 2019. 10am-1pm at Hangar Y-1 Hamilton/Owens Airport.**

**Foundation Happenings-**

David Moxley has been busy working on the electrical system of the Yale. He replaced broken fuses, wiring, bulbs etc. and has both the external and internal lights working on the plane. He even has the red light used for night vision working. It is amazing to see the plane in her shining glory.



As you can see, we started our spring cleaning a little early. We now have an area dedicated to the restoration of our plane. We also are creating a seating area for visitors to sit, chat and/or read. We are making the hangar more inviting for hosting events.



## Foundation Business

Last month we looked back at our history. This month we want to look ahead to the future of SCHAF. Bear with us as we explain the inner workings of SCHAF. One of our goals this year is to spread the word of exactly who we are, and what we are doing to preserve SC Aviation History.

Since SCHAF was founded in 2010, two businesses have graciously shared the rental cost for the hangar - Berry's Air Freight Inc and Foster Law Office. Financially we could not have survived if it had not been for these two businesses. While we are so thankful for their generosity, SCHAF will begin paying more of their share of expenses so our annual costs will increase this year. **We would like to thank both the Foster Law Office and Berry's Air Freight for their support the past 9 years.**

We have many goals this year for SCHAF.

SCHAF GOALS this year:

1. Increase our membership: We cleaned our membership roll to portray an accurate number of active members which is currently 55 active members. We want to greatly increase this number this year. Each of us can help spread the word by sharing the newsletter, talking about SCHAF, and/or buying a SCHAF shirt to wear around town. One time I was walking down the street when a car stopped to ask me about my SCHAF shirt. You would be surprised how much just a little mention of SCHAF can help spread the word.
2. Find a permanent home/museum for SCHAF. While this has been discussed for a few years, we have been more proactive lately working on finding a permanent home.
3. Increase grants/donations to SCHAF: Did you know that one member's company donates to us based on his volunteer hours? Does your company have a donation matching program? Do you know any businesses that might like to donate to SCHAF? Let us know and we can provide you with a letter explaining how their generous contribution will help us in our mission to restore the B-25 and promote South Carolina's rich aviation history.
4. Use our facility to host events: Last year we hosted a wedding shower. This year, we want to rent out the hangar for even more events. Spread the word that the SCHAF hangar would be a great venue for parties, reunions and fundraisers. Where else can guests enjoy such a unique setting, surrounded by the history of aviation?
5. Donation of needed items to SCHAF: We try to use our money wisely. Often, we reuse and refurbish old items rather than spend money on new parts. We have become adept at "dumpster diving" for items we can clean and use on the plane. You would be amazed how many items can be accurately turned into a B-25 part. As our needs expand for certain items, we will begin posting a "wanted" list in the SCHAF newsletter.
6. Increase volunteers: Even if you do not wish to get down and dirty helping restore our B-25, there are many needs for the foundation. Are you good at PR? Are you interested in helping find a permanent home for SCHAF? While our current volunteers are amazing, we are a very small group. We need help expanding SCHAF's footprint around SC.

Your donation to SCHAF goes a long way in preserving the history of aviation in SC. Our hangar is a wonderful display area for many historical aviation items. Did you know that your donation does so much more than just help with the restoration of our B-25? While we do use your donation towards the restoration of our B-25, many people may not know how much it costs SCHAF per year to house, insure and maintain SCHAF. For instance, did you know we have to pay insurance, hangar rental, and basic business expenses totaling close to \$8200 per year? This year, our expenses will increase so we now have a greater need for expanding our fundraising. Without each one of you, we would not be able to house and display such iconic pieces of history as our Yale and our B-25.

### **SCHAF Wish List-**

As mentioned above, this will be a new section of our newsletter. These items do not need to be in mint condition. If you upgraded some of your tools, think about donating your hold ones to SCHAF. Do you have boxes of unused bolts, nuts or screws left over from a project? There are all sorts of items we can use at SCHAF. When you start your spring cleaning, please remember SCHAF.

We would like to begin this section by thanking a few people for recent donations. Berry's Freight donated an anvil and large vise. David Moxley donated a drill press. Bill Como donated a grinding wheel. Jim Cuddy donated an air compressor. We wanted to offer a huge thank you to these individuals.

Items needed:

- Tool chest on wheels
- Glass display cases
- Metal shelves to hold airplane parts
- Unused bolts, nuts, screws, etc.

### **Historical Notes-**

In last month's newsletter, we accidentally left out the picture of the leather Army mail bag. We apologize for any confusion caused by the missing picture. Here is the picture along with some of the text that went along with the picture.



The Army had their own heavy leather US mail bags with lock specially made for them from 1936 to 1940. It must have evolved from the Army flying the US mail when President Roosevelt directed the Air Corps to fly the mail due to an airmail scandal between the post office and airlines. Captain Tokaz would carry a bag on each shoulder, the Army version US Mail bag (reviewed by Alton Blanks) and walk a few blocks to a US post office annex in Lower Manhattan.

## **Good Reads-**

If anyone has any good book recommendations, please send us an email with your recommendation.

Also, come check out our new reading library. We have a huge series of “Fly Past” magazines that were donated by SCHAF member, Niall McLaughlin. These are filled with great articles about both American and foreign airplanes.

There is a recently released book about the Doolittle Raiders: “The Doolittle Raiders: What Heroes Do after a War” by George Nolta. From the review on Amazon: “This collection of biographical sketches tells us much about who these men were. Much of the biographical material was obtained from a private collection of Raider information and memorabilia that Ellen Lawson collected over a fifty-year period. Ellen was the widow of Maj Ted Lawson – a Raider and author of Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo.” This is one to definitely put on your reading list!

## **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](mailto:info.schaf@gmail.com).

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