



## SCHAF Newsletter for August 2024

**Reminder: The next SCHAF Open House will take place Saturday, August 10, 2024, from 10am-1pm at Hangar Y-1 Jim Hamilton/LB Owens Airport.**

### Foundation Happenings

SCHAF is extremely sad to announce the passing of long-time member, Alton Blanks. A WWII Navy veteran, Alton was a SCHAF landmark at our monthly open houses sitting in the white chair talking to visitors both young and old. He will be greatly missed.

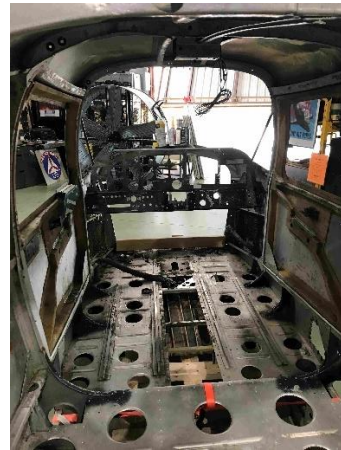


Even though the July open house was a hot one, we still had visitors stop by the hangar. By the end of the open house, SCHAF volunteers, Lanny and David were sitting on the couch in front of the fan drinking lots of water! We love our dedicated volunteers.



## Exciting News

SCHAF recently acquired this fuselage of a Beechcraft Sport from the upstate. This fuselage will be converted into a display to be used with a flight simulator. Visitors will be able to sit inside a real plane while using the simulator. A big thank you to Ken and Ron for driving to the upstate to pick up the fuselage.



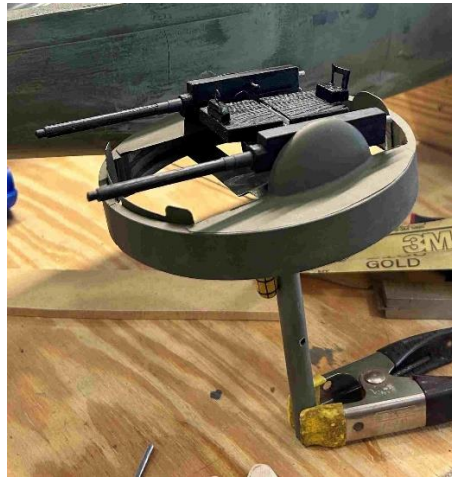
## Restoration Progress

The second bomb bay door is nearing completion. The number of rivets in each door is staggering! The tired hands from drilling, putting in clecos then riveting can attest to the number of rivets. Very soon work will begin installing the rods and motor to operate the doors. As has been mentioned in previous emails, these are about 1/3 size of the original doors. Visitors will be able to stand inside the bomb bay area to watch how the doors operate.





Ron has been putting many details into the large-scale model B-25. He is scratch building an upper turret. The detail in these guns is beautiful. The turret is pictured on the left below. On the right, Lanny started working on repairing the fuselage for the simulator. We have lots of plans for the simulator. It is going to be a hit with both the young and old!



## Travels This Summer

SCHAF member, Niall, attended an air show in Canada. He sent the pictures below of some of the planes at the show. There is nothing better than standing on a field watching/hearing planes taking off.





SCHAF volunteers, Logan and Gary, attended the huge EAA Air Show in Oshkosh, WI, It looks like Logan was having an especially good time when he was dressed as a WWII pilot. We were commenting that at 19, Logan is the same age as many WWII pilots. Pilots in their mid to late 20's were considered "old men".



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

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