



SCHAF Newsletter for Sept 2026

Reminder: The next SCHAF Open House will take place Saturday, Sept 12, 2026, from 10am-1pm at Hangar Y-1 Jim Hamilton/LB Owens Airport.

Foundation Happenings

Everyone thought July was hot then August said "hold my beer". It was such a hot month that we were not able to work a couple of the nights. When the temperature is over 100, the fans just cannot cool down the hangar enough for working. Unfortunately, we forgot to take pictures at the August open house. Sometimes we enjoy talking to the visitors so much that we forget to take pictures.

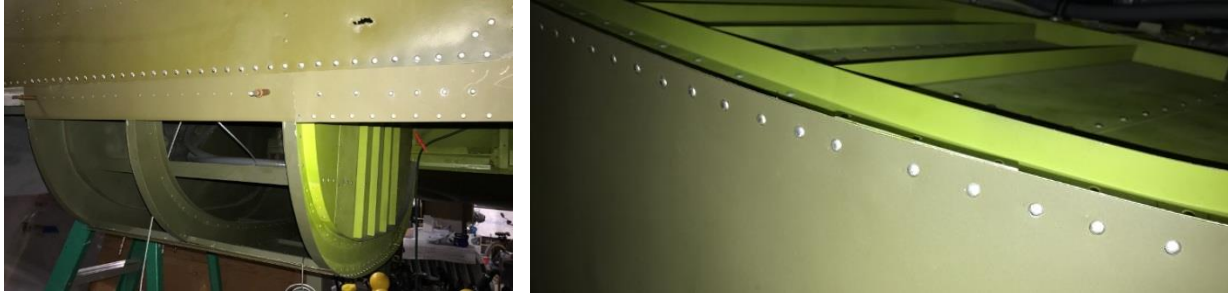
Calling Artists in Columbia

SCHAF would like to have a new display where people can put their face thru the wood to take a picture of themselves as a pilot, astronaut or other aviation person. Below is a picture showing an example of what we would like to do. If you know any artist who might be interested in painting these for us, please have them contact us. We will provide the wood and paint if they will draw the figures for us.



Restoration Progress

The riveting has begun on the area under the radio operator's area. When the area to rivet is hidden by a floor, it takes a lot of maneuvering to get the bucking bar on the back side of the rivet. You might notice these rivets are what are called button head rivets. They are not flush like the rivets used on the front of GF2. Engineers realized once the air is past the wings all aerodynamics are lost. Next time you are at the hangar, look closer at the different rivet types used on GF2.



The Bomb Release Sectors and Safety Lock are progressing along nicely. The abilities of the team to fabricate original instruments on GF2 are amazing to see. I am always in awe of what the team can make using wood, metal, dremel tools and lots of ingenuity. Pictures just do not do justice to the work being done on GF2.



Air Show Pictures

John attended an air show up north. He sent pictures of this Grumman TBM-3E Avenger that was flown by the Navy. These dive bombers are beautiful airplanes.



Speaking of air shows, our own Logan was at OshKosh this summer and won an award for his L-4 Grasshopper airplane. Congrats Logan!



New Acquisitions

The family of Robert Brutschy donated a huge collection of models to SCHAF. Robert was an avid and meticulous model builder. The family was very kind to deliver these models from Myrtle Beach to SCHAF. We are slowly going thru the boxes to uncover a wide variety of airplanes and other models.



WWII Jeep Model

SCHAF member, Bruce, is a collector of WWII items. Some collectors concentrate on one area to collect and some collectors pick up anything that catches their eye. Bruce definitely fits the latter collector type. He sent in pictures of this wooden, model jeep he acquired a few years ago. He has never seen one before or since so not sure if this is a one of a kind. Either way this is a really great model.



Be sure to come to our next open house to see the progress as well as these amazing new items on display. Lots to see and do in the hangar!

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.

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