SCHAF Newsletter for June 2025

Reminder: The next SCHAF Open House will take place Saturday, June 14, 2025, from 10am-1pm at Hangar Y-1 Jim Hamilton/LB Owens Airport.

Foundation Happenings

Our May open house was in contention with other events such as USC graduation but we still had a steady crowd of visitors. Several young soccer players stopped by after their game. The youth were thrilled to be able to view the Dauntless Air Fire Boss which is a single engine amphibious air tanker used for firefighting operations. The two planes recently assisted with the fires in Myrtle Beach.



Restoration Progress

All holes are drilled, clecos are in place and riveting has begun in the area around the lower turret. The rail for the floor in the radio operator's area is drilled on one wall. Working in this area is almost like putting a puzzle together, taking it apart, and riveting it all back together again.



Top part of angle aluminum ready for riveting



Holes ready for floor angle aluminum

Now that the trailer axle has been repaired, work has begun anew getting it ready for future parades. Lanny took the trailer tailgate home, cleaned off the rust and welded repairs. Now the cleaning of the trailer bed will begin.



John and West have been working on the 500 pound bomb replica. One more round of sanding and it will be ready for painting. The final coat of paint looks great on the fins.





Sam was able to get propellers 3D printed for the B-25 model. These looked so good that Ron did nothing but drill the holes to mount them. He is currently working on the propeller hubs. Looking good!



High School Graduation Party

Lizzie has been a volunteer at SCHAF for several years. In the fall, she will attend the Savannah College of Art and Design. This summer she will be working on ground school for flying. She hopes to be a pilot one day. Good luck Lizzie!





Lizzie at her graduation party

Donation to SCHAF

Anne Schneider donated her husband's amazing aviation items to SCHAF. Lt Col (retired) James P Schneider, a Columbia native, served as a fighter pilot in the Air Force (1965-1970) and later with the SC Air National Guard (1971-1991). During his service, he flew the F-102 Delta Dagger, F-4 Phantom, A-7 and F-16. Among the many items are flight coveralls, flight jacket, helmet, patches, insignia and beautiful dress uniforms.



Anne with the helmet



Beautiful A-7 D patch

McEntire Swamp Fox Family Day

SCHAF was invited to set up a display at the McEntire Swamp Fox Family Day. We always enjoy seeing the planes, helicopters, parachute demonstration and other activities. This year they had the F-16 Demo Team which was amazing and loud!





Hanging Out at the Hangar

We hope Logan is not on hold as long as the other guy!



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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