



SCHAFA Newsletter July 2018

Reminder: The next SCHAFA Open House will take place Saturday, July 14, 2018. 10am-1pm at Hangar Y-1 Hamilton-/Owens Airport.

Foundation Happenings-

My apologies for the brevity of our newsletter but health issues have made doing the newsletter a little more difficult. Thanks go out to my daughter Carrie for helping put together recent editions of the SCHAFA newsletter.

The board met on Saturday, June 9th, before the Open House. Board members present were Ken Berry, Ron Skipper, Katherine Cuddy and Chris Gillam. There were two main topics discussed. The first is the need to send renewal reminders on a quarterly basis rather than annual. We have not had very many renewals this year. You will be getting more information regarding renewals in the next few months. The second topic discussed was the future of SCHAFA and the hope of finding a permanent home for our museum. There will also be more information regarding this topic in the next few months.

Even though it was very hot, we had a good open house in June. We were pleased to have SCHAFA member, John Tokaz visiting from California. We had fans going on the visitors and plenty of bottled water. Even though it is summer in SC, we hope you will come see the hangar at one of our open houses.

On Thursday, June 14, two SCHAFA members, Ron Skipper and Katherine Cuddy drove to Patriot's Point to install an antenna loop on the top of their B-25, Furtle Turtle. The antenna is the football shaped instrument on the top of the plane over the navigator's area. Sorry for the blurry picture but it was so hot that they felt blurry themselves! If you are vacationing in Charleston this summer, definitely make a stop by the Yorktown. They have some amazing planes on display.



We will have some exciting news to debut this fall. SCHAF has received a wonderful plane on permanent loan from the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum in Hamilton, Canada. We have been busy getting the plane ready for its' big debut this fall. Below is a teaser picture of our new plane. An interesting tidbit about our new plane is that over 100 of these were repainted with German markings and used by the Luftwaffe in WWII. We will never be able to repay the kindness of CWHM in giving us this plane on permanent loan.



Historical Notes-

It has become probably the most successful airliner ever produced: the Boeing 737. Here's a look at the first 737: <https://airwaysmag.com/archive/an-in-depth-look-at-boeings-very-first-737/> .

From LIFE magazine in 1942, the Flying Tigers: http://www.cbi-theater.com/flyingtigers/flying_tigers.html . Another article from LIFE, this one in 1943 about Bill Pawley's aircraft factory in India: http://www.cbi-theater.com/flyingtigers/flying_tigers.html . Pawley played a role in the formation of the Flying Tigers, the American Volunteer Group- though Claire Chennault did not get along with him. He was also a graduate of Gordon Military in Barnesville, Georgia, where I went to high school. He was the speaker at my graduation ceremony. He was also a South Carolinian. He grew up In Florence.

A couple of postings about the legendary Supermarine Spitfire. First: <https://airscapemag.com/2017/03/18/spitfires-1/> and then: <https://airscapemag.com/2017/03/22/spitfires-2/> .

An interesting video about the first Air Force One: <https://www.youtube.com/embed/ehwvZXVKmPU> .

In 1943 the Battle of the Bismarck Sea where the Allies showed what it would take to defeat Japan: <https://www.avgeekery.com/a-battle-of-the-skies-proved-that-the-allies-had-what-it-took-to-beat-japan-in-wwii/> .

During World War II it seems the Nazis were trying to develop a stealth fighter: <http://nationalinterest.org/blog/the-buzz/the-terror-weapon-nazi-germany-never-built-its-very-own-19708> .

Of course during World War II the Nazis developed very effective anti-aircraft defenses: <http://warfarehistorynetwork.com/daily/wwii/german-antiaircraft-defenses/> .

A piece about the man who helped develop the autopilot; Lawrence Sperry:
<http://www.historynet.com/lawrence-sperry-autopilot-inventor-and-aviation-innovator.htm> .

Good Reads-

[Somewhere In England American Airmen in the Second World War:](#)

A great photographic book of American airmen in England during World War II from the Imperial War Museum. Worth having in your collection!

Odds and Ends-

This month's trivia questions concern two famous World War II airplanes with similar nicknames. One was known as whispering death. The other was known as whistling death. Can you name the planes? Here are a couple of hints: One was a British multi-role combat aircraft. The other was a carrier fighter flown by the US Navy and the US Marines. Can you name the planes? Will be answered next month.

SCHAF member Emerson Smith says South Carolina's future is in the sky:
<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/op-ed/article140532363.html>

Here is an article on why the phrase "roger that" was established:
<http://theflightblog.com/heres-why-pilots-say-roger-that/A>

A pilot profile of Prince Phillip; right that Prince Phillip: <http://theflightblog.com/5404-2/>

A posting about the Polish variant of the MiG-17: <https://shortfinals.wordpress.com/2011/03/23/a-polish-mig-17-the-lim-6bis/> .

A World War II hero gets his 103rd birthday wish. <https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/world-war-two-raf-hero-12053480> .

Interesting story of the only man to fly in space and also climb Mount Everest: [only-man-to-climb-everest-and-fly-in-space/#4f7faaab5905](#) .

Could it be the world's coolest restaurant? It's made from what was once a DC-10 airliner:
<http://www.askthepilot.com/dc10-restaurant/> .

A strange and amazing story. The plane that landed itself: https://www.wearethemighty.com/history/this-air-force-jet-landed-itself-after-the-pilot-ejected?utm_content=buffer18b7b&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer .

In Closing-

If you have something you would like to share please [e-mail](#) me or any of the board members for inclusion in future newsletters. **Oh, and by the way, if you have not renewed your membership, do so at your earliest convenience. [Go to the SCHAF membership page on the foundation's website.](#)**

Now is the time to re-up. Your support of SCHAF is needed and is important and greatly appreciated.

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