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In an effort to keep the membership of the South Carolina Historic Aviation Foundation posted on what's happening the board decided at their most recent meeting to start putting out a monthly newsletter covering the foundation's various activities. By way of introduction I'm Dave McIntosh and I've been a member of SCHAF since 2011 and each month I'll be updating folks on what's going on with the SCHAF. I'll try to keep everyone posted on upcoming events, plans and anything that might be of interest to the membership.

Foundation Happenings-

The board of the SCHAF met on Thursday, February 21st in the conference room at Hamilton/Owens Airport in Columbia.

There is discussion of having a special meeting of board members and guests who might be interested in the work of the foundation and working toward the ultimate goal of a South Carolina Aviation Museum. Names of potential guests were mentioned and right now about 18 names are under consideration. The idea is to have a brief program on the work of the foundation then ask for ideas on reaching the foundation's goals. Sort of a 'think tank' meeting, if you will. It's hoped the meeting can take place sometime in March at Hamilton/Owens Airport.

Larry Yon is exploring the idea of a tour of the Boeing plant in Charleston where the 787 Dreamliner is assembled. Still very much in the formative stage. Will keep everyone posted.

Ken Berry reported that the tug owned by the foundation (it's used to move our B-25 bomber) has been moved to a workshop for upgrade and painting.

Also, discussion on the need to begin work again on establishing goals and developing a fund raising program for foundation activities.

Some upcoming events:

The Sparkleberry Country Fair takes place at the Clemson Experiment Station in Richland Northeast on April 27th. SCHAF will be there again this year. We were there last year, met a lot of great folks and were able to put out the word about the foundation's work at preserving the Palmetto State's aviation heritage. It's a fun event. Volunteers are needed to man the SCHAF table. If you would like to help contact Ron Shelton. His e-mail is sheltr@mindspring.com. Website for the Sparkleberry Fair is <http://www.sparkleberrycountryfair.org/>

The following weekend Armies Through Time takes place at Historic Camden Revolutionary War Site in Camden. Over the years this has been a very popular event for folks interested in military history. This year SCHAF will be taking part. The dates are May 3rd and 4th. Again, volunteers are needed to man the SCHAF table and get the word out. It'll be a fun day. (SCHAF hosted a lyceum program for Historic Camden last year at the Curtis/Wright hanger). If you would like to volunteer let Ron or one of the other board members know. Again, you can reach Ron at sheltr@mindspring.com. Other officers of the foundation may be contacted at www.schistoricaviation.org

Ron also talked about plans to visit Barry Avent's hangar sometime in April in conjunction with a film production company that wants to do some filming of Barry's C-47 Dakota.

Ron also showed some items and memorabilia donated to the foundation by Jack Starling (a World War II flyer). Included, a neat Zippo lighter, some insignia, and navigation training manuals from World War II.

Good read of the month-

A Higher Call By Adam Makos and Larry Alexander is the story of one of the most unusual encounters in the skies over Germany during World War II, an encounter and story of compassion that changed the lives of a number of people. I've read it and it's worth your time. I won't spoil things by telling too much, just pick it up and enjoy. <http://www.amazon.com/Higher-Call-Incredible-Chivalry-War-Torn/dp/0425252868>

Aviation website worth checking out-

The Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre in the UK is a private aviation museum started and operated by two retired farmers. It's very much of labor of love in memory of their brother who was a pilot in RAF Bomber Command who gave his life in the cause of freedom in the skies over Germany. They currently are refurbishing an Avro Lancaster and the goal is to make it airworthy (it is currently cleared for taxing). Fans of the BBC science fiction show *Dr. Who* will recognize their plane 'Just Jane' from the 2012 *Dr. Who* Christmas special. Worthwhile site and a 'thumbs up' to two gentlemen who appear to be doing a great job. <http://www.lincsaviation.co.uk/>

In closing- If you have news of upcoming events, items of interest, ideas, thoughts or suggestions, or just want to say 'hello,' please e-mail me or any of the board members for inclusion in future newsletters. 2013 can be a great year for the South Carolina Historic Aviation Foundation if we all pull together. Updates on Facebook as well.

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