

SCHAF Newsletter for March 2019

Reminder: The next SCHAF Open House will take place Saturday, March 9, 2019. 10am-1pm at Hangar Y-1 Hamilton/Owens Airport.

Foundation Happenings-

We are still busy cleaning the hangar and setting up our work area. Ron Skipper built a great work bench that is on wheels. John Chamberlain donated a work bench which is used to hold our drill press and other electrical tools.



Have any of you seen the display Ken made for our SCHAF shirts? It has really helped sell some shirts during our Open Houses.



SCHAF Wish List-

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, this will be a new section of our newsletter. These items do not need to be in mint condition. Please consider donating your unused items to SCHAF.

We would like to thank a few people for recent donations. John Chamberlain donated a work bench. John Chamberlain and Gary Byrd donated a drill press.

We still need the following items and have added a few more:

- Tool chest on wheels
- Plastic storage tubs
- Picture frames
- Glass display cases
- Metal shelves to hold airplane parts
- Unused bolts, nuts, screws, etc.

Throwback Pictures

Ron Shelton recently brought in a flash drive with a bunch of old SCHAF pictures. I thought some of you might like to see this one taken years ago in front of the Curtis Wright Hangar. One of those very rare years we got snow. Our Canadian friends at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum are probably laughing at us being amazed at so much snow here in Columbia!



Historical Notes-

Since this is Women's History Month, I thought you might like to see a couple of pictures of real Rosie the Riveters in action. The second one is a B-25!



SC Aviation Hall of Fame at Owen's Field

Have any of you ever walked thru the SC Aviation Hall of Fame inside the Owen's Field Terminal? It is amazing to see so many faces along the wall. Did you know that there are six women listed on the wall? If you have not seen the pictures, you must walk into the terminal the next time you are at the airport. Here are the six women on the wall along with a synopsis of their write-up on the wall:

Frances Bigham Miller – Miller began working at Owen's Field in 1948 where she earned her pilot's license in 1949 along with her Commercial and Flight Instructor's ratings in 1950. In 1951 she became a flight instructor for Hawthorne Aviation, and she became a FAA Pilot Examiner in 1957. In 1964, she started Miller Aviation of Columbia Metropolitan Airport where she taught almost 6000 people in some aspect of Aviation

Sylvia Roth – Sylvia Roth began flying in 1944, earning her private pilot's license in 1950. As a designated FAA Pilot Examiner since 1958, she personally administered 785 flight examinations ranging from Private Pilot to Airline Transport Pilot. In 1968, she became the first woman to be designated a FAA Airline Transport Pilot Examiner, having accumulated more than 20,000 flying hours and 24 years of aviation experience. She was a co-founder of Miller Aviation with Frances Miller

Caroline Etheredge Hembel – In 1939, Hembel was one of three women accepted for the Civilian Pilot Training Program at USC. The only woman to complete the program, she was the first woman in the 11 southeastern states to solo and receive a pilot's license. In 1940, she received her commercial pilot's license, and she became an officer in the Ninety-Nines. In 1941, she began training Navy V-5 aviation cadets.

Nettie Durant Dickerson – Dickerson was born in Jasper County in 1923. She served in the Army Nurse Corps on a hospital ship during WWII. She received her pilot's license in 1974. She is an icon for aviation in the banking industry because of her contribution to the development of air transportation for the rapid clearance of checks. In 1973, she and her family founded Bankair, Inc.

A Lee Orr – Orr entered the aviation field in 1950, and she obtained her private pilot certificate in 1965. A veteran of many air races, Orr has competed in the All Women's Transcontinental Air Race (AWTAR), the Air Race Classics and the Powder Puff Derby. With more than 25,000 hours of flying time, she has served as a role model for women in aviation.

Carolyn M Pilaar – Pilaar received her pilot's license in the college flying club at Western Michigan University. She began Carolyn's Flight Academy and taught aviation courses at Greenville Technical College. Over the years she has participated in such events as the All Women's Transcontinental Air Race Classic.

The Ninety-Nines

Have any of you ever heard of the women pilot's international organization known of as the Ninety-Nines? Founded on Nov 2, 1929, they provide networking, mentoring and flight scholarship opportunities to recreational and professional female pilots. As of 2018, there are 155 Ninety-Nines chapters across the globe. The organization is named for the 99 charter members.

Good Reads-

Since this is women's history month, I wanted to pass along some great books about women in aviation from my personal library. I did not realize that I have 20 books about women pilot's until I started pulling them off the shelf. There are probably a few more tucked in a corner! Is there a subject you like to read that you might want to pass along some recommendations?

Here are a few of my 18 books on women in aviation. Are any of you crazy like me and have more than 20 books on one subject?

"Amelia Earhart's Daughters" by Leslie Haynsworth and David Toomey

"The Female Few – Spitfire Heroines" by Jacky Hyams

"Fly Girls – How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History" by Keith O'Brien

"Girls Can't be Pilots" by Margaret J Ringenberg

"Shoot Like a Girl – One Woman's Dramatic Fight in Afghanistan and on the Home Front" by Mary Jennings Hegar (Recipient of the Purple Heart and the Distinguish Flying Cross with Valor)

Odds and Ends:

If you have something you would like to share in a future newsletter, please send an email directly to SCHAF at info.schaf@gmail.com.

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