



SCHAF Newsletter August 2018

**Reminder: The next SCHAF Open House will take place Saturday, August 11, 2018. 10am-1pm at Hangar Y-1 Hamilton-/Owens Airport.**

### **Foundation Happenings-**

We are thrilled to announce our newest acquisition, a North American Yale. The Yale is the Canadian version of the BT-14 trainer plane. The Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum in Hamilton, Canada has graciously given us this plane on a permanent loan basis. SCHAF members, Bill Rouw and Niall McLaughlin were instrumental with our new acquisition. Bill is a volunteer at the CWHM and is also their B-25 crew chief. Bill and Shirley graciously hosted SCHAF members twice during the disassembling of the Yale and loading the plane on a trailer for the trip home to us. In March, SCHAF members, Ron Skipper, David Moxley, Niall McLaughlin, Pierce McLaughlin and Katherine Cuddy spent a week in Canada removing the wings and tail in preparation for the trip. In April, Ken Berry and Ron Skipper drove a trailer from Columbia to Hamilton to load the plane. They then spent 19 straight hours driving the plane from Hamilton back to Owens Field. Each time they stopped during the drive home, they had flocks of people coming over to look at the plane. Ken said "People don't usually see an airplane pull up to a gas station!" The entire SCHAF restoration crew has worked for several weeks putting the Yale back together again here in hangar Y-1. We are all very proud to show off our newest addition to the family. We know our Yale will bring many new visitors to SCHAF. Come to the next open house to see the Yale in person. In the coming months, we will have a big celebration to unveil the Yale and show off the progress on GF2.

While the airplane tickets and housing were graciously donated by Niall and Bill, we did encounter some monetary expenses to transport the plane home. For instance, we had to pay border fees, trailer rental, insurance on the new plane, etc. The total expenses so far have been over \$3000. If you would like to help offset the cost to transport our plane to her new home, please mail a check to SCHAF with a note that the money is to go towards the acquisition of the Yale. If you would like to renew at the same time, just add a note saying how much you would like to put towards the Yale and how much you would like to put down as your membership renewal. All donations whether to help offset the cost of bringing down the Yale or as your membership renewal are tax deductible.

Speaking of renewals, we are going to start a new process regarding membership renewals. Some people are confused regarding when they last sent in their membership dues. Therefore, we are going to send out renewal reminders quarterly based on when members last sent in their membership dues. For instance, if you renewed in May of 2018, then you will get a renewal reminder in March of 2019. Once we receive your renewal, we will not send another reminder until the following year. Thank you for your donations to the restoration of GF2. We look forward to the many exciting plans for the future of SCHAF.

Besides the names already mentioned, a big thank you goes to the many hands that helped put the Yale back together again: Ron Skipper, David McIntosh, Niall McLaughlin, Pierce McLaughlin, Katherine Cuddy, Joe McDonagh, John Chamberlain, Edwin Scott. And Gary Byrd.

This is a picture of the Yale the morning after it arrived here at Y-1. The entire restoration crew was on hand to help unload the plane. It took ALL of the restoration crew plus a few others to safely take her off the trailer and tuck her into the hangar. I took a picture at 1:30 am when Ron and Ken arrived at Y-1 but unfortunately all you could see was the headlights of the truck! They both looked exhausted but happy.



All of the pictures that I have tried to take of the Yale since she is back together again just haven't turned out very well. Joe is our official photographer but I haven't been able to get any from him. You really need to see the Yale in person to see the beauty of this plane. Therefore, I am attaching a picture of the Yale when it was temporarily outside at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum basking in the sun. That is SCHAF member, Niall McLaughlin, admiring the old girl. I will have a better picture in the next newsletter.



## Historical Notes-

It was in August of 1945 that World War II came to an end with the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, thus forcing the Empire of Japan to sue for peace. Here are pictures of the final preparations for the nuclear attacks on Japan: <http://www.businessinsider.com/declassified-photos-of-atomic-bombs-2017-8/#soldiers-check-the-casings-on-the-fat-man-atomic-bomb-multiple-test-bombs-were-created-on-tinian-island-all-were-roughly-identical-to-an-operational-bomb-even-though-they-lacked-the-necessary-equipment-to-detonate-1> .

A forgotten campaign of the U.S. Army Air Forces, the 49<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group over Darwin: <https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/usaaf-49th-fighter-group-darwin-forgotten-campaign/> .

Something about nose art on planes in World War II: <http://www.royalaviationmuseum.com/10962/article-on-the-nose/> .

I know, I know, these days when one refers to tweets the reference has to do with a social network platform on the internet. But there was a time when the USAF took a jet trainer from Cessna, armed it and came up with a great little counter-insurgency fighter. Everyone called it the "Tweet": <https://www.avgeekery.com/they-beefed-up-a-tweet-and-made-themselves-a-great-little-fac-aircraft/> .

"From Hell, Hull and Halifax, may the Good Lord deliver us": <https://shortfinals.wordpress.com/2014/01/14/from-hell-hull-and-halifax-may-the-good-lord-deliver-us/> .

This isn't a B-29. It's German: <http://worldwarwings.com/isnt-b-29-germans-designed-frightning-mission-mind/> .

Ahhh yes, the good old days when airline travel was a bit more civilized: <https://paleofuture.gizmodo.com/what-international-air-travel-was-like-in-the-1930s-1471258414> . On the same subject: <http://www.formerdays.com/2014/11/flying-1920s-style.html> .

## Good Reads-

Many of you remember Bob Russell and his love for flying. His wife, Patty, graciously donated some books, pictures, and model airplanes to SCHAF. I borrowed one of the books during my trip to the beach. I highly recommend reading, "Lt Bill Farrow: Doolittle Raider" by John Griffin. Farrow was born in Darlington, SC and was the pilot of plane number 16 during the Doolittle Raid. He was captured by the Japanese and executed on October 15, 1942. I am not sure if this book has been mentioned in previous newsletters but even if it has, it is worth mentioning again. We would also like to thank Patty Russell for her generous donation to our library at SCHAF.

## Odds and Ends-

Last month's trivia question was about two war planes with similar nicknames. The first was the Bristol Beau Fighter. Learn more about the Mighty Beau: <http://warfarehistorynetwork.com/daily/the-mighty-beau/> . Another article about the Beau Fighter. <https://www.baesystems.com/en/heritage/bristol-156-beaufighter> . The second plane we were looking for was Whistling Death. We were referring to the F4U Corsair. More about the Corsair: <https://fightersweep.com/5378/whistling-death-corsair-nickname/> . Another link about the Corsair <https://www.plane-encyclopedia.com/ww2/us/chance-vought-f4u-corsair/> . Kudos to Henry Kyle for getting the right answers.

Now for this month's trivia question: In the 1950s, one of the more popular TV shows was Sky King. What kind of plane did Sky King fly? Here's the link to the show's intro to give you a hint: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f2dknmA4YrM>

It's a subject I return to again and again, but only because it's important: the need to get young people interested in the technical side of aviation. A good posting regarding aviation mechanics and technicians: <http://theflightblog.com/look-aviation-mechanics-technicians/> .

Earlier this year I included a link to an episode of Jay Leno's Garage about the Rolls-Royce Merlin aircraft engine. Folks seemed to like it so here a link to the Kermie Cam series where Kermit Weeks checks on the restoration of V-12 aircraft engines: <http://aerodynamicmedia.com/kermie-cam-vintage-v-12s/#more-15527> .

Strange days in Soviet aviation. A human powered glider: <https://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/the-birdlike-soviet-flying-machine-that-never-quite-took-off> .

Something from an interesting Polish blog called The Bad Pilots Blog. It's about the ten largest bombers: <http://thebadpilotsblog.blogspot.com/2015/11/top-10-largest-bombers.html> .

I saw one of these at AeroFest at Hamilton-Owens Airport a few years back and talked to the owner. An interesting aircraft: <https://shortfinals.wordpress.com/2013/11/11/diamond-aircraft-industries-da-20-c1-a-pretty-trainer-indeed/> . Now, wasn't that a sneaky way of reminding you that AeroFest 2018 is around the corner. Will keep everyone posted.

Anyone who knows me knows that I'm a dog person. I've said it before it's not family if you don't have a dog. And if your family just happens to be your squadron: <http://www.vintagewings.ca/VintageNews/Stories/tabid/116/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/293/In-Praise-of-The-Squadron-Pooch.aspx>

## 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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