

SCHAF Newsletter for September 2016-

Reminder: The next SCHAF Open House will take place Saturday, September 10, 2016. 10am-1pm at Hangar Y-1 Hamilton/Owens Airport. Hawks and Hawgs to support Camp Kemo will take place that same day at Hamilton-Owens Airport.

Foundation Happenings-

A quiet open house on Saturday, August 13, 2016. Not a lot of visitors but the ones we had were interested in and enthusiastic about the work of SCHAF. Members present included Ron Shelton, David and Mary McIntosh, Katherine Cuddy, Ron Skipper, Ted Podewil, Harold Jones and Alton Blanks. It was also good to see Gary Trammell, who heads up the Young Eagles program of EAA chapter 242. As I have in the past I'm going to put in a plug for Young Eagles and EAA. Young Eagles introduces young people to the adventure of flight and remember it's important that we get kids interested in aviation. It's through the efforts of organizations like SCHAF and EAA that we're ensuring future generations of pilots and technicians and others who will be needed in the aviation industry.



Harold Jones and Katherine Cuddy

Alton Blanks and Ted Podewil

Ted Podewil and Gary Trammell

Also thanks to Ted Podewil for again bringing out his display of parachutes and other airborne related items. Everyone who drops by always has a great time looking over the display and learning about the bravery and heroism of American paratroopers. Thanks Ted.



Open house visitor in GF-2



Open house Saturday, August 13

The board of directors of the South Carolina Historic Aviation Foundation met at Hamilton-Owens Airport on Thursday, August 18, 2016. Board members present were: Ken Berry, Ron Shelton, David McIntosh, Scott Linaberry and Xen Motsinger. SCHAF members present were: Mary McIntosh, Niall McLaughlin, Katherine Cuddy, Valerie Anderson, Ron Skipper and David Moxley. Also present was a committee involved in planning for Hawks and Hawgs later this month and the Earl Yerrick Static Display which will take place on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at Hamilton-Owens Airport (same day as the hangar dance). Among those on the committee Peggy Robeson with Eagle Aviation which is spear heading the static display. Also there was Jim Herpst with EAA 242.

That weekend is going to be a very big weekend at Hamilton-Owens. SCHAF is bringing down the B-25 with the Canadian Warplanes Heritage Museum, EAA 242 is bringing down a Ford Tri-Motor. Peggy Robeson said that arrangements are being made to bring in a B-17, a DC-3, a couple of P-51 Mustangs, and a couple of F4U Corsairs. Might also be the possibility of a couple of T-6s. There is also the possibility, though not confirmed, of a fly-by featuring a C-17 and some F-16s. The Earl Yerrick Static Display will take place during the day on Saturday, October 15th and hangar dance takes place that evening. It will be a great weekend to come see some historic warplanes, meet with folks who share an interest in aviation and have fun. Also, remember this, the Earl Yerrick Static Display will raise funds for Camp Kemo, a really worthwhile organization. You can have fun and help out a good cause.



SCHAF Hangar Dance in 2014

As for the hangar dance, we are going to need volunteers. The CWHM's B-25 will arrive on Thursday, October 13th and will be flying through the following Sunday. Folks will have a chance to take pictures of the CWHM's B-25 for a donation to SCHAF. We need someone who will handle managing photo ops and scheduling. We are going to need volunteers in a number of other areas too. Planning meetings should be starting soon. This would be great time to step up and volunteer for SCHAF. I'll be sending out notices soon.

Also in the coming weeks SCHAF members will be receiving a membership renewal letter. Please choose the level of membership you're interested in. You'll also be receiving a flyer regarding the hangar dance. We're also working on setting up a PayPal account so folks can renew and purchase dance tickets on-line.

Again, the weekend of the 15th is shaping up to be something special.

Other items covered during the board meeting included the restoration of GF-2 which progressing well. Some new Plexiglas has already been installed in the nose and additional pieces should be in hand soon.

And remember that Hawks and Hawgs to support Camp Kemo will be taking place at Hamilton-Owens Airport on September 10th, the same day as the SCHAF open house. Would love to see you there.

One of the things I'd like to mention is that in the past a number of members of SCHAF as well as friends of the foundation were very good about sending in pictures and information which would then go into the newsletter. The contributions have dropped off recently and I would really like for more people to get involved in putting in their two cents worth. Send me something interesting and I'll include in an upcoming newsletter. I'll also make sure you get credit or attribution. Would especially appreciate stories of relatives who served in the military or had an experience of involving aviation. Maybe you have a story about a place you've visited or pictures you've taken of a particular airplane. It makes doing the newsletter easier and I also think it's important we include a lot of different voices as opposed to just mine alone. Thanks.

Historical Notes-

A nice piece. World War II airmen finally get their memorial:

<http://www.nationalreview.com/article/438964/world-war-ii-airmen-memorial-lest-we-forget> .

Another item of historical interest. There is now a second flying B-29 Superfortress. Some good video of the first flight of "Doc." Thanks go out to Anna Amick for alerting me to this: <http://www.b-29doc.com/2016/07/18/video-first-flight-success/> .

Well, what was the best warbird of World II. This gentleman puts in his vote for the DeHavilland Mosquito:

https://www.warhistoryonline.com/war-articles/seen-this-soviet-ekranoplan-aircraft-carrier.html?utm_source=revcontent&utm_medium=referral&utm_term=none .

Now, here's something to imagine. You're on a cruise liner. It's December 7th, 1941. You're headed to Hawaii and looking forward to a few weeks of sun-drenched, tropical leisure. What more could you ask for. Lounging on the beaches, drinking unusual new drinks in an exotic location. How much better can it be? Then the news comes through, America has been attacked and the attack was where your cruise liner is headed. What next? Here's the answer:

<http://cruiselinehistory.com/pearl-harbor-december-7th-1941-matson-lines-ss-lurline/> .

A piece about the first of the legendary "Tuskegee Airmen" to down an enemy plane:

<http://www.thisdayinaviation.com/2-july-1943/> .

Do you get chills at the sound of historic warbirds? If so, follow this link for the sound of some World War II airplanes that are still flying: <https://www.warhistoryonline.com/war-articles/listen-wwii-aircraft-engines-mitchell-mustang-tomahawk-hellcat-zero-etc.html> .

We, of course, are familiar with the Wright Brothers, but did you know there was a Wright sister? It's true. Here's the story: <http://www.mentalfloss.com/article/79186/did-you-know-there-was-wright-sister> . Also here's an interview with the noted historian David McCullough on what we can learn from the Wright Brothers: <http://www.historynet.com/interview-david-mccullough-the-wright-stuff.htm> .

Remember when sending a letter by Air Mail was something special, you know in the days before e-mail and texting. Want to know more about the really early days of sending a letter *Par Avion*. Follow this link:

<http://www.vintag.es/2016/03/history-of-us-airmail-service-29.html> .

One of the more popular TV shows of years back was *The Dukes of Hazzard* which aired on the CBS television network from the late 70s through the mid-80s. One of the stars was James Best, who portrayed Sheriff Roscoe Coltrane. Did you know that during World War II he was an air gunner and radio operator in the crew of a B-17. Here's the story: <https://www.warhistoryonline.com/world-war-ii/sheriff-rosco-p-coltrane->

[was-a-b-17_gunner.html](#) . After *The Dukes of Hazzard* went off the air Best made his home at Lake Murray near Columbia. He later called Hickory, North Carolina home.

Good Reads-

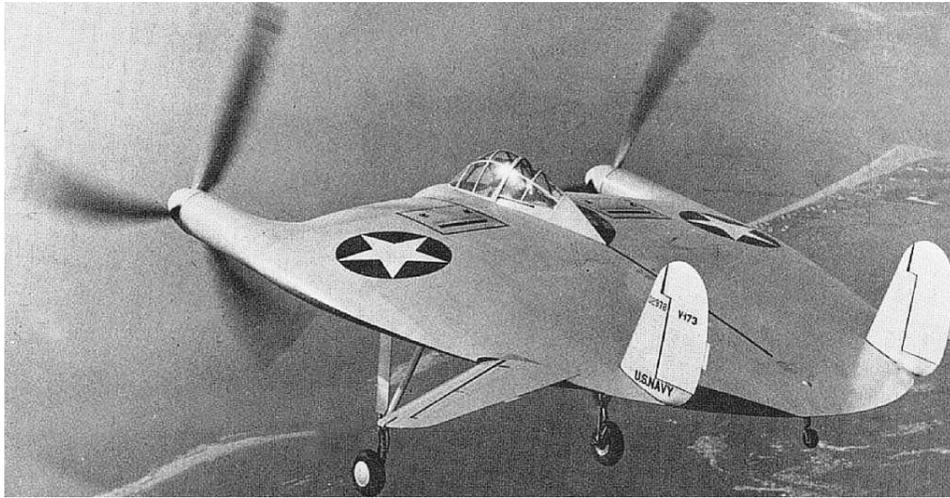
Our good read for this month is by the noted British Historian Richard Overy who teaches at the University of Exeter in the UK. [The Bombers and the Bombed: Allied Air War Over Europe 1940-1945](#) is not only a comprehensive history of the strategic bombing offensive from the side of the bombers but an examination of the experiences of those who were being bombed. Overy comes to some conclusions that some might find, if not controversial, at least eye-opening. While the bombing campaign played an important role in defeating the Axis, Overy argues that it did not live up to the promises made by the men who planned and led it. Proponents of the bombing offensive felt it deliver a knock-out blow by not only crippling Germany's industry but by also breaking the morale of the civilian population. He argues that while the bombing campaign played a vital role in handicapping German war production and affecting Germany's ability to wage war the example of the British public during the Battle of Britain should have served as a warning that bombing not only would not break the morale of civilians but could actually draw them together. He doesn't discount the bravery, sacrifice and contributions of the aircrew who fought and died in the skies over Europe but he also questions some of the tactics and methods of the men who commanded those aircrews. He goes into the politics of the bombing campaign and how political factors, not military, affected the course of the bombing offensive. In many cases politics determined the course of action, not military influences in how the strategic bombing campaign was approached. Not revisionist history that attempts to debunk previous scholarship but instead a cold, academic examination of the limitations of bombing at the time and reasons why the bombing offensive was mounted in the way it was. Overy is also the author of a number of other books including the outstanding volume [Why The Allies Won](#) . Overy is an author worth getting to know.

Odds and Ends-

Our trivia question last month involved 616 Squadron, the legendary "Dambusters," who mounted the mission in 1943 that resulted in the breaching of two dams and partial breaching of another in Nazi Germany. The motto of 617 Squadron is "*Après Moi Le Deluge.*" Now the question was what that means in English. Credit goes out to Nancy Stone-Cullum for the right answer which is "after me the flood." . Nancy heads up the Richland County Conservation Commission, which has done so much to support SCHAF. Also congratulations to Dr. John Moncure, headmaster of the Montessori School in Camden for coming up with the answer. He also provided some historical background. Louis XV was the author of the quote, which literally means "After me, the flood" (like Noah's flood, not an ordinary one). But he really was predicting the fall of the Ancien Régime and the revolution of 1789. Louis XVI was his grandson and successor.. I had three or four others with the right answer but somehow I can't find their names in the e-mails, though I seem to remember that John Tokaz was also in there with the right answer. So please forgive me if you sent in an answer and you're not getting credit. Things have truly gotten so busy lately that I'm starting to feel a bit scattered at times.



Now for this month's trivia question. We're looking for a plane. A picture is below. It's a rather odd looking aircraft; the sort of thing that a bunch of drunken frat boys might come up with for their idea of a UFO after a night of hard partying. Either that, or something that a group of engineers developed while trying to top each other in a contest for world's strangest looking flying machine. Anyone have any ideas on what this odd looking aircraft might be? Answer next month.



Speaking of trivia here's a bit of trivia you might find interesting. What is the shortest airline flight in the world? Hmm, that's a good one isn't it. Turns out it's a flight by a British airline named Loganair and it takes all of 47 seconds. Want to know more? Read on: <http://airlinegeeks.com/2016/03/16/the-shortest-flight-in-the-world/> . Here's another link: <http://www.amusingplanet.com/2013/08/worlds-shortest-commercial-flight-is.html> .

Speaking of airlines, even wondered what your pilot is doing in the hour before take-off? Want to know? Follow this link: <http://www.businessinsider.com/what-your-pilots-doing-60-minutes-leading-up-to-your-flight-virgin-atlantic-2015-11> .

Some of you who have called Columbia home for a long time may remember 1400 WCOS-AM which at the time was a Top 40 station that featured shows like *The Nightbeat Show* from Doug Broome's Drive-In as well as their overnight show *The All-Night Satellite*. Both of those programs were hosted at one time by Rick Wrigley, who then went on to enjoy a successful career in broadcast engineering in the midlands. Well, Rick has also been a pilot for a number of years. He also writes an entertaining blog called [A Boomer's Memories](http://aboomersmemories.blogspot.com) and he writes about how the radio business used to be and other subjects from days gone by. Recently he wrote a great post about rock and roll radio and airplanes: <http://aboomersmemories.blogspot.com/2016/08/rock-and-roll-radio-airplanes-and-quail.html> . You'll get a chuckle.

Here's the cute story of a dog at an airport in Michigan whose job is keep patrol the airport and keep wildlife and birds from presenting a hazard to the aviation community. Meet Piper the airport K-9: <http://www.neatorama.com/pet/2016/02/24/K-9-Piper-Wildlife-Control-Specialist/> . He even has his own website: <http://www.airportk9.org> .

Something from earlier year; a video released by Boeing that shows a 787 Dreamliner engaged in some amazing aerobatics: <http://www.businessinsider.com/boeing-farnborough-airshow-787-dreamliner-video-2016-7> . Speaking of Boeing, a posting from the Aces Flying High blog in Australia about the first 747: <https://acesflyinghigh.wordpress.com/2016/07/10/boeing-100-the-first-747-jumbo-jet/> .

One of the themes we return again and again in the SCHAF newsletter is the importance of preparing future generations by getting young people interested in a career in the aviation industry. Here's an article about the importance of youth aviation programs: <https://airwaysmag.com/avgeek/youth-aviation-trend-story/> .

And on the subject of aviation as an industry in late August *The State* newspaper ran an article regarding the aerospace industry in South Carolina. I would provide a link but the folks at The State choose to put everything behind a paywall. Anyway, the executive summary of the piece is that aerospace has become a very important sector in the Palmetto State's economy and many of the firms involved are small to medium sized businesses that are sub-contractors to the Boeing plant in North Charleston. Boeing's impact on South Carolina comes to some \$19 billion. Statewide there are some 400 firms involved in aerospace. Again, many of them small to medium size. If you are involved in any way with economic development or helping bring industry to South Carolina, remember aerospace and remember the smaller firms that are part of a larger economic eco-system benefiting all of South Carolina. We all are interested in airplanes and aerospace because we love it but we can't ignore the importance of the things we love to the well-being of the communities in which we live. I yield my soapbox.

In Closing-

Well, that wraps up this month's SCHAF newsletter. Now is a great time to get involved with SCHAF especially with events like the SCHAF hangar dance coming up on October 15th. Volunteers are needed to help plan and put on the event. Drop me or any of the board members a line if you're interested in helping out. Just get in touch. There's plenty that needs to be done and all help is appreciated. Also, if you have an idea or an area of interest let us know. Maybe you're interested in some of the South Carolinians mentioned in a newsletter and would like to research their lives and contributions. Do you have stories to share, remembrances or a friend or relative with a story? Write it down, contribute a few paragraphs to a future newsletter. Do you have a skill in wood or metal-working? That can be put to use in helping restore GF-2 or putting together displays.

Remember too, we will be sending out membership letters in the near future and also letters to friends of SCHAF who might be interested in becoming members.

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.](#)** Your support of SCHAF is greatly appreciated.

Finally mark down Saturday, October 15th on your calendar. That's the date for the SCHAF Hangar Dance as well as the Earl Yerrick Static Display It's going to be a great weekend at Hamilton-Owens Airport. You don't want to miss it. Hope to see you there.

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