



## SCHAF Newsletter for October 2015

**Reminder: The next SCHAF Open House will take place Saturday, October 10, 2015. 10am-1pm at Hangar Y-1 Hamilton/Owens Airport.**

### Foundation Happenings-

Greetings to the members and friends of the South Carolina Historic Aviation Foundation. Summer's over, football season is here and things are cranking up a notch. The foundation is making real strides and as more and more people become familiar with us more and more opportunities seem to be in the offing.

First off, made mention in the August newsletter about the SCHAF dance on October 24th. This is going to be even better than last year's successful USO dance. Already, a couple of planning meetings have taken place and things are beginning to shape up. The event will commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II and the theme will be a Hawaiian Luau. The food will be handled by Little Pigs Bar-b-Que and Ross Holmes and his band will provide the music which will include swing, beach music and other popular styles. There will also be an appearance by the Pin-up Dolls for Heroes. There will be a silent auction, EAA's Ford Tri-Motor will be there; there will be display of historic artwork from World War II by the late Reuben Gambrell; and a number of other things are being planned. It's going to be a great evening and during the day the Earl Yerrick Static Display will be taking place at Hamilton-Owens Airport. A number of historic airplanes will be present. The cost is \$25 per person and \$45 per couple. You can make advance reservations on the SCHAF website or at SCHAF's Facebook page. It is going to be a great evening and we want a really big crowd there. This could be the biggest fund raiser in the history of SCHAF. We also need volunteers to help in a lot of areas including set up, clean up, ticket collection and more. If you want to help out please e-mail me or one of the SCHAF board members. Again, want to see a good crowd and we want to get a lot of folks involved as volunteers. We're getting things set up so you can make advance reservations on-line.

**The South Carolina Historic Aviation Foundation**  
Presents The  
**2nd Annual 40's Style Dinner and Dance Fundraiser**  
Saturday October, 24th  
featuring  
Retro Dinner Show by "The Pin-Up Dolls"  
All Era Dance Music by "The Ross Holmes Band"  
40's Military, Civilian or Luau Dress is Encouraged  
In remembrance of the 70th anniversary of the end of WWII

**HANGAR PARTY**  
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JIM HAMILTON-LB OWENS AIRPORT  
HANGER Y-1 NEXT TO TERMINAL

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 FOOD SERVED AT 6:30**  
**DINNER SHOW STARTS AT 7:00**  
**BAND STARTS AT APPROXIMATLY 8:00**  
A DONATION OF \$25 PER PERSON AND \$45 PER COUPLE  
WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR.

To Learn more or purchase tickets online  
go to [SCHistoricAviation.org](http://SCHistoricAviation.org)

Jim Hamilton/LB Owens Airport (KCUB)  
1400 Jim Hamilton Blvd. Columbia, SC 29205

15 & UP EVENT

FLY-IN  
DRIVE-IN

A small open house on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. One of the reasons is that weekend the EAA's Young Eagles flights took place out of Pelion. However we had a good morning as a few SCHAF members were able to get together and talk aviation. SCHAF members present were Ron Shelton, Mary McIntosh, Katherine Cuddy, Niall McLaughlin and myself. We were also visited by Katherine's father, her sister and brother-in-law. A quiet but very enjoyable morning.

The high point of the morning was when Niall arrived with the replica .30 caliber machine gun he has donated for the restoration of GF-2. It is a really great looking piece and the donation is greatly appreciated. Some pictures below.



*.30 caliber replica machine gun*



*Ron Shelton inspecting machine gun*

That same day SCHAF was at Triple Tree Aerodrome in Woodruff for their annual fly-in. Ron Shelton was there the day before and on Saturday Ken Berry, Ron Skipper and Cantzon Foster were there to introduce folks to the foundation and the important work we're carrying out. Word is they met a lot nice folks who were interested in hearing the SCHAF story and finding out efforts at preserving the aviation history and heritage of the Palmetto State.



*Cantzon, Ken and Ron at Triple Tree*

In August EAA 242 celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Hamilton-Owens Airport and SCHAF was honored to take part in the festivities. Space precluded putting in more than one picture associated with that day, but, as

promised, here are some more. Got to see the F4U Corsair belonging to Barry Avant, a P-51 Mustang and a T-28 Trojan. Pictures below.



The board of directors of the South Carolina Historic Aviation Foundation met at Hamilton-Owens Airport on Thursday, September 17, 2015. Present were Ken Berry, Ron Shelton, Cantzon Foster, Scott Linaberry, Xen Motsinger, Richard Hill and myself.

The main item of discussion was the SCHAF Hangar Dance set for Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Things are shaping up for a really great event that should surpass last year's USO Hangar Dance.

There will be a big need to volunteers to help set-up, work during the event and also help with clean-up afterwards. At a couple of more planning meetings for the hangar dance will take place before the event. If you can, please get involved. Also discussion on the continuing restoration of GF-2. Board members were told that the restoration process is going well. There was also a report regarding SCHAF's successful participation in the Triple Tree Fly-In.

### **Historical Notes-**

Here's one of those historical items I wasn't aware. I seem to remember that Mexico declared war on the Axis during the Second World War but I wasn't aware that they actually took part in any combat. Turns out I was wrong. It seems the Mexican Air Force played a small role in the liberation of the Philippines. Here's a link to that story: <http://www.historynet.com/world-war-ii-mexican-air-force-helped-liberate-the-philippines.htm>

Good video piece sent in by SCHAF member Ted Podewil about the two pilots who fought back on December 7, 1941. Thanks Ted. Here's the link: <https://www.youtube.com/embed/zS8HWFwaga4> .

Another ad from the past; this one for Ireland's national drink, Guinness. This ad from the Second World War.



Have a pint and pass the ammunition. And on that subject in recent weeks the cousins over across the pond have been marking the Battle of Britain when "the few" turned back the Luftwaffe. Here are some links that might be of interest.

Prince Harry gives up seat in Spitfire for Battle of Britain vet:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/prince-harry/11865944/Prince-Harry-told-off-at-Battle-of-Britain-fleet-inspection-as-he-sports-birthday-beard.html> .

Good link to the home page of the Battle of Britain website: <http://www.battleofbritainday.co.uk> .

Speaking of the Battle of Britain, how it was 75 years ago:

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2015/09/07/london-75-years-after-destruction.html> .

Here's another good link. One of the last two living members of the Doolittle Raiders passed the century mark in September:

<http://americanmilitarynews.com/2015/09/dick-cole-last-of-2-doolittle-raiders-survivors-turns-100/> .

Congratulations and thank you.

### Good Reads-

[Pacific Payback: The Carrier Aviators Who Avenged Pearl Harbor at the Battle of Midway](#) by Stephen L. Moore. A really great read about the dive bomber and scouting squadrons of the U.S.S. Enterprise who luckily escaped the disaster at Pearl Harbor and then in the coming months unleashed their vengeance on the Imperial Japanese Navy culminating with the victory that Walter Lord (author of a *Night to Remember* about the sinking of the Titanic) would call the "miracle at Midway." You get to know the young men who flew and fought in the Douglas SBD dive bombers and every day put it all on the line in their quest to right the wrong of December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941. A fitting testament to the flyers of the "Big E." Well written; a good way to spend a weekend, curled with a good book.

Speaking of Pearl Harbor, here's a link to an interesting video about the Pearl Harbor boys who fought back that day: <https://www.youtube.com/embed/zS8HWFwqa4> .

### Odds and Ends-

Last month for our trivia question we wanted to know who the Heisman Trophy winner was who during the war would train at Greenville Army Air Base on B-25s from 1942 to 1943. One of the answers we received was

South Carolinian “Doc” Blanchard but no, it was not star fullback for Army. Blanchard would win the Heisman Trophy in 1945. The answer was Tom Harmon, who played halfback for the Wolverines of the University of Michigan. In 1940 Harmon would win the Heisman Trophy. He would survive a plane crash in South America in 1943. Later that year in China he would pilot a P-38 Lightning, shooting down a Japanese Zero before being shot down. He would be awarded the Purple Heart and the Silver Star. After the war he would play a season for the Los Angeles Rams. After that he enjoyed a successful career as a broadcaster. Thanks to John Tokaz for providing this month’s question.

Now here’s our question for this month. During World War II in bomb groups in the European Theatre of Operations there would be an airplane known as “Judas Goats.” What was the purpose of these planes. Give it a guess. Answer next month.

Last month an editing mistake on my part. In the middle of the paragraph about Eastern Airlines I inserted an unrelated link about a vet’s last raid over Japan. My apologies. It was a good article, so here’s the link again in its proper context: [http://www.roanoke.com/news/columns\\_and\\_blogs/columns/dan\\_casey/casey-roanoke-veteran-recounts-wwii-s-last-raid-over-japan/article\\_9abfae35-ae88-5d04-9101-cb8a5d7cd50e.html](http://www.roanoke.com/news/columns_and_blogs/columns/dan_casey/casey-roanoke-veteran-recounts-wwii-s-last-raid-over-japan/article_9abfae35-ae88-5d04-9101-cb8a5d7cd50e.html) .

Good article from Smithsonian Air & Space magazine about the adolescence of the F-16 Fighting Falcon: <http://www.airspacemag.com/military-aviation/outrageous-adolescence-f-16-180949491/?all&no-ist> .

Nice article about a woman in the UK who ferried Spitfires for the Air Transport Auxiliary during the Second World War. Now in her nineties she got to climb into the cockpit and take the controls of a “spit.” Follow this link: <http://www.neatorama.com/2015/05/10/92-Year-Old-World-War-II-Fighter-Pilot-Flies-a-Spitfire-Again/> .

Ever wondered what it would be like to be inside the world’s largest wind tunnel, the one at NASA’s Ames Research Center. Well, here’s a video that has the answer: <http://www.bbc.com/future/story/20150121-the-worlds-biggest-wind-tunnel> .

An interesting video on aircraft boneyards. Enjoy: <http://www.warhistoryonline.com/whotube-2/tube-yesterdays-air-force-boneyard.html> .

This is one of those items I should have passed along earlier but didn’t; space and just being too busy precluded it. An obit from earlier this year from the Daily Telegraph of London: the woman who was the model for “Rosie the Riveter” passed away. Here’s the link: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/obituaries/11568198/Mary-Doyle-Keefe-artists-model-obituary.html> .

Good article about two of the rarest privately owned airplanes in the world. Great pictures, enjoy: <http://theaviationist.com/2015/08/13/sea-vixen-seafire-air-to-air/> .

The French are well ... the French. What can you say, style, great cooking, arrogance and a way of looking at the world that can only be called French? Having said that here is a great TV ad for Citroen that shows one of their cars being launched off of an aircraft carrier. But then what would you expect of a people who think Jerry Lewis is an artist? Here’s the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3zzdzZxqbsE> .

Okay, I know among the community of pilots folks who fly transports are called “truck drivers” by the folks flying fighters and bombers but just remember this you can’t put food on the table if a truck doesn’t deliver it to the grocery store. In aviation terms you can’t a bomb on the target if an airborne truck didn’t bring it to the armorer. Having said that let’s now take a tour of the ultimate airborne truck, the mighty C-130 Hercules: <http://www.businessinsider.com/inside-c-130-cargo-plane-2014-9> .

In Closing-

Well, that wraps up this month’s SCHAF newsletter. If you have something you would like to share please [e-mail](#) me or any of the board members for inclusion in future newsletters. Also, get involved with the foundation. **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. And remember, our hangar dance takes place later this month. Would love for as many of you as possible to get involved in helping put it on and also we want as many people as possible to attend. It will be a great evening. See you there.

**Again, do not forget the SCHAF Hanger Dance on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at Hamilton-Owens Airport in Columbia. We will be honoring the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of fighting in the Pacific and the end of World War II and the courage and sacrifices of those who put it all on the line for freedom so many years ago. We will keep you posted. In a short time you will be able to make reservations on-line. We want a big turnout. See you then.**

Till next time

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