

**SCHAF Newsletter for November 2014**

**Reminder: The next SCHAF Open House will take place Saturday, November 8, 2014. 10am-1pm at Hangar Y-1 Hamilton/Owens Airport.**

**Foundation Happenings-**

The recent weeks have been extremely busy with Richard Hill and his crew of volunteers spending at least two evenings a week working on the restoration of GF-2. Thanks to all of the SCHAF members who have come by to help with the work. Here's another example of the progress being made in the restoration of GF-2. Below a picture of cockpit seats recently purchased.



SCHAF held its monthly open house on Saturday, October 11, 2014 and we were visited by some of the Air Force JROTC cadets from C.A. Johnson High School in Columbia. Was great to see all of you. Also met some young Civil Air Patrol cadets.



*C.A. Johnson Air Force JROTC*



*Ken Berry and CAP cadets (also A.J. Berry)*

Ron Skipper was there working on GF-2 and his wife Linda brought by her daughter and son-in-law and their children, great to meet them. Her grandsons are Benjamin and Dylan, both fine young men who seemed interested in airplanes. SCHAF member Bill Paulis dropped by and spent the morning with us. Bill was a radioman on a B-25 during World War II and served in New Guinea as a member of the "Air Apaches." He had some interesting stories to tell. Great to see you Bill. Also want to take note that Ken Berry brought by his nephew A.J. Last year A.J.'s first airplane ride was in the historic Ford Tri-Motor that paid a visit to Hamilton/Owens Airport. Seems A.J. is getting interested in aviation. Good sign.



*Ron and Linda Skipper's grandsons*



*Ron Skipper, Bill Paulis and Ken Berry*

Cantzon Foster was also there with his new son Knox, a fine looking baby. Congratulations Cantzon.



*Cantzon and Knox Foster*

It was a great open house with a real family day atmosphere about it. If you have kids or grandkids bring them to one of our open houses. It's a great way to spend a Saturday morning and they're never too young to develop an interest in airplanes and the history of aviation.

The Board of the South Carolina Historic Aviation Foundation held their monthly meeting at Hamilton/Owens Airport in Columbia on Thursday, October 16, 2014. Present were Ken Berry, Ron Shelton, Larry Yon, David McIntosh and Mary McIntosh. Ken Berry gave the financial report and said that the foundation currently has \$4480 in the bank.

Berry also reported that SCHAF's participation in the Southeast Aviation Expo in Greenville in September was very successful and that a number of people were introduced to the work of SCHAF and that a number of them

expressed interest in becoming involved at some time in the future. Berry also said that the quarterly report to the Richland County Conservation Commission, which earlier this year awarded a \$10,000 grant to SCHAF, has been delivered. Berry also said he plans to meet with town administrator of Springdale to brief him on SCHAF.

Ron Shelton reported on the continuing D-Day Plus 70 project and the establishment of a permanent collection of written recollections regarding veterans and their families about World War II. The permanent collection will be at the Richland County Public Library.

Ken Berry briefed those present on a combat dinner sponsored by the Air Force ROTC unit at the University of South Carolina on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The event will take place in the SCHAF Hangar at Hamilton/Owens Airport. Berry said that volunteers are needed to come help with the event.

It was also reported that a Canadian friend of SCHAF member Niall McLaughlin has donated a B-25 turret to SCHAF. Ken Berry said arrangements would be made to have the turret shipped to South Carolina.

Berry also reported on Richland County Runs, a run and walk which took place in early October and used the SCHAF Hangar as the start and finish line. Berry said there was a great turnout and that a number of people expressed interest in SCHAF.

A somber note, on October 9<sup>th</sup> Woody Randall, a member of SCHAF and a retired Brig. Gen. in the United States Air Force passed away. In addition to being a supporter of SCHAF Woody was also instrumental in making the Celebrate Freedom Foundation here in Columbia such a great success and important part of the education of future generations about the value of protecting the freedoms we hold dear. At one point Woody headed up the Celebration Freedom Foundation. He was a Brig. Gen. in the Georgia Air National Guard.



*“Woody” Randall*

On a happier note SCHAF member Scott Linaberry and Laura Rasmussen got married in Las Vegas in October. Congratulations Scott and Laura. We wish you many happy years together.

Article on the October 25, 2014 edition of the Columbia Star about the Capital City Salute: D-Day Plus 70 project and SCHAF's involvement. This is something worth getting involved with. If you know a veteran or have a story to tell you heard from World War II, please share it with Ron Shelton or Rachel Haynie. This is an important way of making that the contributions of an earlier generation are never forgotten. Here's the link: [http://www.thecolumbiastar.com/news/2014-10-24/News/WWII\\_Veterans\\_encouraged\\_to\\_submit\\_recollections\\_t.html](http://www.thecolumbiastar.com/news/2014-10-24/News/WWII_Veterans_encouraged_to_submit_recollections_t.html) . On Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> between 10am and 2pm volunteer journalists will be at the main branch of the Richland County Public Library to interview veterans and people with stories to share about those times. The accounts will be transcribed and added to the repository that the library will be maintaining. Please spread the word to folks you think might have a story to share. Information about participation is on the SCHAF website and further down in the newsletter.

Mentioned in last month's newsletter that the *Movie Memphis Belle* visited Hamilton/Owens Airport in late September. Here's a picture taken by Jim Kelly. Really great picture, better than any picture I've ever taken.



I had mentioned in the previous newsletter that one of the people we had the pleasure of meeting at the September SCHAf open house was Rick Endler from Aiken. Rick had mentioned that his father was a B-25 instructor during World War II. He was nice enough to send a picture of one of his classes.



His father is standing below the prop hub on the left engine as viewed in the picture (right engine if you're in the cockpit). Thanks for the picture Rick.

### Historical Notes-

Here's an interesting article about a great baseball player and a great pilot, Ted Williams. He played America's game and flew for America's team: <https://www.mca-marines.org/leatherneck/remembers-ted-williams-marine-fighter-pilot> .

Another in our series of ads from the Second World War, this one for Lockheed and their P-38 Lightning.



### Good Reads-

[Flying American Combat Aircraft of World War II](#), edited by Robin Higham. Ever wondered what it was like to fly a B-17 or B-24? Maybe a B-25 or a C-47. Want to know about flying the Douglas B-18 on anti-submarine patrol? Find out about piloting the P-40 or ferrying a Lockheed Hudson across the Atlantic to Africa. Read about being at the controls of a Waco CG-4A glider. Ever wanted to know about the types of aircraft American forces flew in World War II, then this is the book for you. It features remembrances by the men who flew these aircraft and more during the Second World War. You get the feel of being in the cockpit with the pilot. You'll enjoy this one.

### Odds and Ends-

Last month's trivia question was "who was the first woman to build and fly her own airplane?" The answer is Lilian Bland, who built and flew her plane called the "Mayfly" in 1910. She named her plane the Mayfly because she said "it may fly, may not fly." Lilian Bland was born in Kent to an Anglo-Irish family and was an unconventional woman for her time, a journalist and photographer as well as a crack shot and a woman who became entranced by aviation and decided to design, build and fly her own airplane. In August of 1910 Lilian Bland took to the air in the Mayfly becoming the first woman to pilot a powered aircraft. When she was young people called her "madcap Lilian" because of her thirst for speed and adventure. She would pass away in 1971 at the age of 92 having made her mark on aviation history and lived an exciting life. Here's a link to an article about Lilian Bland in the Belfast Telegraph: <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/life/features/journalist-photographer-crackshot-and-the-first-woman-to-fly-an-aeroplane-the-amazing-lilian-bland-28552187.html> and here's a story on the BBC website:

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/local/cornwall/hi/people\\_and\\_places/history/newsid\\_8956000/8956919.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/local/cornwall/hi/people_and_places/history/newsid_8956000/8956919.stm)



*Lilian Bland*

Here in the United States another woman was also blazing a trail in aviation history. Lillian Todd, a self-taught American inventor designed and built an airplane which flew in November of 1910. However she was denied a permit to fly it and the plane was piloted by Didier Masson.

Now here's our trivia question for this month. The first commercial jet airliners to go into service was the de Havilland Comet which first flew in July of 1949 and entered commercial service in 1952. What was the second jet airliner to fly? Hint: it was not the Boeing 707 or the Douglas DC-8. The answer may surprise you. Answer in next month's newsletter.

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. Remember if you've missed a previous newsletter visit the downloads page of the SCHAF website and catch up on things. Here's the link: <http://www.schistoricaviation.org/downloads.htm> . **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.

Till next time

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