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**Dedicated to preserving, in flying condition, a vintage PV-2 Harpoon in memory of all who fought in the air on behalf of the United States of America**

**News Letter April 2016**



Greetings to members & friends of the AMHF,

April Already!

Somehow I thought we might get a break and some nice weather for a change. So far that has not worked out very well. It seems to think it is still March and insist on windy conditions causing problems being able to safely secure the airplane in order to remove stress panels and install the fuel tanks. Even with all of this we were able to get two tanks installed. Several other maintenance items have been accomplished.

The props arrived back from the prop shop and a bit of amazing work in the realm of Harpoon work took place. The props arrived early on a trailer. We were able to borrow the fork truck from Indy Jet and we had adequate people there to do the job. Even had some fresh workers come in later to help finish up. However, here is the unheard of thing in the world of Harpoon maintenance, in one afternoon we installed both props and signed them off in the D check. It involved no cursing or invoking the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> commandments. No blood was lost, skinned knuckles, or mashed fingers. These propellers went on just like they were happy to be home. If you have any doubt about this you can check with Paula, she was there to witness this historical event. So just maybe April will not turn out to be as bad as it started.

Also we are happy to have Tom Lapinski back with us. He has completed his basic training and then advanced training on maintaining the Blackhawk Helicopter. Told me he was happy to be

back working on the Harpoon so we may want to keep an eye on this boy. However, we do thank him for his service to our country. I believe he is stationed with the aviation group at Shelbyville.

**“We cannot change the cards we are dealt, just how we play the hand.”**

*Randy Pausch,  
computer scientist and writer*



### **Fuel transfer Valve**

The above picture on the left shows the home of the fuel transfer valve in the left wheel well. No fancy computer controls here. You will notice a cable drum and cables leading out the right side. These run up and through the leading edge inboard of the engine to a location below and between the pilot and copilot where the knob resides that allows you to control the valve. No rocket science here. However, Rich may have reached the 12<sup>th</sup> commandment by the time he had it removed to the bench where we were able to rebuild it. A nice clean rebuilt valve is shown on the right.

I would like to remind all of you that we still have some positions we need to fill. At least two of these can be accomplished via the internet and would be great for some of our millennials since they love to use technology.

Membership

Inventory/Manuals

Historian/Librarian

Public relations

As I mentioned at the start of this newsletter it is now April and we are a full three months into the year. There are many exciting things coming up in the future. To mention just one there is going to be a War Bird weekend at MQJ on Father's day weekend and there is rumor of another in September. So there is a lot of motive to get Hot Stuff back in the air. We still have much work in front of us not to mention getting crews trained.

There are also several members who have not paid their dues for 2016 so if any of you could see your way to pay them it would help out our finances. We still have to keep our bills paid and prepare for the air show season.

Well that just about does it for this time.

Be safe enjoy life and help someone out,

Gaylon

**"If you are going to achieve excellence in big things, you develop the habit in little matters. Excellence is not an exception, it is a prevailing attitude."**

*Colin Powell,  
military leader and statesman*