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News Letter August 2016



Greetings to members & friends of the AMHF,





Greetings from a very hot July,

You might notice the lead in pictures do not look anything like MQJ and you would be right. Sandy and I took a small vacation and went to EAA Air Venture for a couple of days. We had only attended once before and that was 45 years ago so we decided to check it out this year. Needless to say it has grown considerably since we were last there. We met up with Glen and spent the first day just looking at planes and watching the air show. The second day Sandy more or less told Glen and I to do whatever we wanted and she would meet up with us later, and you don't argue with your boss. That being said Glen and I spent a large part of the day checking out the various buildings, talking to various people trying to identify some of the things that have been donated to us that aren't any part of a Harpoon. I believe we made some steps forward and have more future contacts. Met back up with Sandy, then we departed for the seaplane base. Had a tranquil boat ride looking at all of the seaplanes and was able to get the above picture of the Mars, for size reference I believe that is a Cessna 182 going by.

If you remember in June we had a soft ball team, HC Flight, come out to have their team picture taken by the Harpoon? Mr. Fetz sent me a copy of the final picture they used. This is to be on their banner at their games with our web site showing on the banner. I hope they have/had a successful season.



July turned out to be either one hot or wet month depending on which day you wanted to talk about. We continued to work on the plane as weather and time permitted. Naturally in the world of a Harpoon nothing goes as fast as we think it should. With that said we did finish off several items on our list of things to be done. If we can get some decent weather and a crew we might even be able to run engines sometime next week. Oops, probably should not have said that, maybe the plane didn't hear me.

I understand it has been two years since we have been able to fly and it is hard to stay interested when you know each work day is another day of attacking problems and finishing up items. None-the-less, that is the reality of the situation at this time. If we look at the bright side of things none of us will ever have to change fuel tanks again even though we are intimately acquainted with each of the sixteen cells.

The BOD is continuing to work with Daugherty Teagarden & Partners on a strategy for a hanger and funding the AMHF into the future. I still prefer to be positive and look at the good things

that have happened over the past two years. What the BOD would like is input from its members on ideas that could possibly help us fund the organization, get the hanger, and a museum so to better serve as an educational facility for the surrounding area. I know that some of us are military and some are not. However, if you agree with our mission statement, and I have copied it below, perhaps you can come up with some ideas for the BOD that would do one or more of the following: increase membership, create cash flow, or have more volunteers available to work, and I am sure there are more.

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To be successful in our mission statement we have a considerable amount of work to accomplish and it will take time and effort on the part of everyone to be successful. Therefore, if you have an idea that you think might help let it be known so it can be considered or given a try. Please note we still have three positions we would like to fill if anyone is up to the challenge.

Inventory/Manuals
Historian/Librarian
Public relations

Have a great month and enjoy life,

Gaylon

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

*Randy Pausch,
computer scientist and writer*