

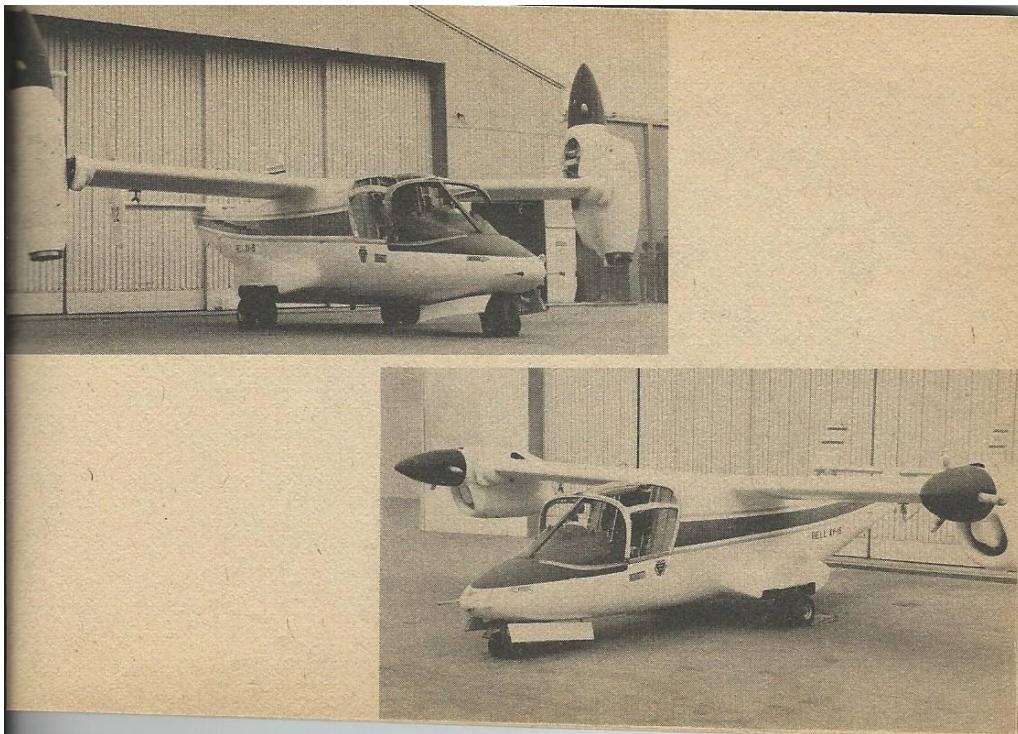
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Dedicated to preserving, in flying condition, a vintage PV-2 Harpoon in memory of all who fought in the air on behalf of the United States of America

News Letter January 2016



Greetings to members & friends of the AMHF,



Can you identify this plane?

Greetings in the New Year 2016,

We have been very fortunate during the last twelve months and they are now behind us and we must continue to move forward. We are still waiting for a reply from IAA and we assume it will come in due time. Government agencies just don't move at any great rate of speed. In the meantime our consultant group has been working on a new web site for the AMHF and it is getting very close to going online. There are a few little glitches that need to be addressed and other than that it looks quite presentable.

While all of this is happening in the background we cannot sit around and do nothing. You have read about all of the things we are trying to get done and all of it takes funds (**money**) and bodies (**people**). We need the money to keep our bills paid and people to work on the plane or do other functions in the organization. Due to delivery on the tanks we were unable to get them installed before the nice Indiana cold weather hit. With that said we will have to have a very good plan of action for any decent weather we happen to get and then be well prepared when spring hits with the first warm weather. It will need to be an all hands on deck to finish up the tanks, complete the D-check and get a crew/crews qualified before the first air show. Keeping in mind next year we should be in a hanger protecting both the plane and the workers. This opens up many things that are not currently available to us.

We understand there are those of you due to your jobs cannot always commit to a work day. However, if you could donate a certain day we would sure try to find something you could help do depending on weather. There are some of you that due to distance or other circumstances may never be able to work on the plane. However, you might be able to make a financial donation or fill in one of the jobs that could be taken care of via e-mail. The bottom line is we need each and every member to help as much as they can with either work, money, or both.

In a couple of weeks you will be getting a membership notification that dues are due. It will also have two forms to fill out so please take the time to complete with all of your information. Also, if you will make a \$50 donation above your dues we will send you either a Harpoon hat or a Hot Stuff tee shirt (whichever you choose).

Below is a list of jobs that we could use help in if anyone is interested in filling one of the positions. You will notice the treasurer's job is now gone. I would like to thank Donn Starkey for taking that over for us; it is greatly appreciated. However, that still leaves five positions that are available to anyone wishing to help out.

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Some 10 plus years ago the Harpoon showed up at Shelbyville airport for their open house. I met three members that day: Jenny, Paula, and Glen, and the story varies on which one you ask as to how I became involved. I like my story and I am sticking with it and my life has not been the same since. In the time since that meeting I have seen many things happen with the organization, both good and bad. So if I sound like a plus-seventy frustrated male, you would be correct. As with several of our members, I am also a veteran, Army, and that puts me in the minority, especially working on a Navy plane. I do have a passion for aviation and thanks to the AMHF I have been given the opportunity to fly with the group to many air shows and I was also prodded to get my SIC endorsement. My wife did question some of the fuel bills on my credit card. Something about she didn't realize we could put 200 gallons of gas in the 182. Therefore, I hope when you read the newsletter each month you understand the passion I have for the organization to succeed. Currently we have many positive things taking place and it would be my hope our members would become excited about it and help to push through to the final goal, which has been on the burner for many years, of a hanger and museum.

“Hard work spotlights the character of people: Some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all.”

*Sam Ewing,
baseball player*

Best wishes to all of you in the New Year,

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