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Heritage Foundation

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

January 2017 newsletter

The New Year has certainly come in with just about any kind of weather you can imagine. I would have to say that is just about normal Indiana weather. I have been studying my crystal ball to see if there are any great things coming forward in 2017. It doesn't look all bleak and shows promise. However, it will require the organization as a whole to become more active in all phases of operation.

We had a board meeting in December and tried to lay out a plan of action for the upcoming year. There were several ideas presented and talked about. Just to mention a couple we need to have a membership drive and bring some more people on board who like the smell of gasoline, engine oil, and spots that will never come out of their clothes. We also discussed having a couple of fund raisers, other than air shows, during the year. Nothing has been set hard and fast but several ideas have been mentioned. We will be having another board meeting in February with more discussion on what we can do to become more proactive so as not to have a panic attack every time a bill comes in.

The new facility is still on the table and we are trying to move forward so as to get the plane under roof. I still believe we can get the job done. However, it may be we have to take more of an initiative and try to better control our future. With all of the rough weather we have been through I can only think how nice it would be to be under roof with doors and lights so we could work any time. Think about that for starting some of our restoration projects. You do understand the senior citizens are much wiser and no longer work in the weather conditions that Hot Stuff is sitting in at the top of the page.

The D check is almost complete and we just have a few items to finish up. With that said we should be ready to have a first flight in late March or early April. I am sure we will have some squawks to work on after engine runs and taxi test. However, the maintenance people have been very thorough and diligent with all of their work. If this all goes well we will be into crew training getting every one qualified for the upcoming air show season.

We would like to start some regular work days so that members would know in advance what days we would be working. We know Saturday will be one of them and maybe Wednesday. If anyone has a specific day that would work for them let us know and we will try to make it work.

There is a considerable amount of work that we can accomplish inside and out of the weather during February and March. There is also some work on the plane if we get some warm weather.

I have also received some requests for shirts and jackets. Jackets can be ordered individually and we have two styles available. One has a small embroidered harpoon with AMHF on the front. The other has Lockheed PV-2 Harpoon on the back in bright gold letters and AMHF on the front. Both jackets are light weight fleece. On shirts, due to the silk screen process, we have to order a minimum of 30 and it can be any combination. If you are interested in any of these please let me know with quantity and size.

“Sometimes we have the dream but we are not ourselves ready for the dream. We have to grow to meet it. “

Louis L'Amour, writer

Have a great year,

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