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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

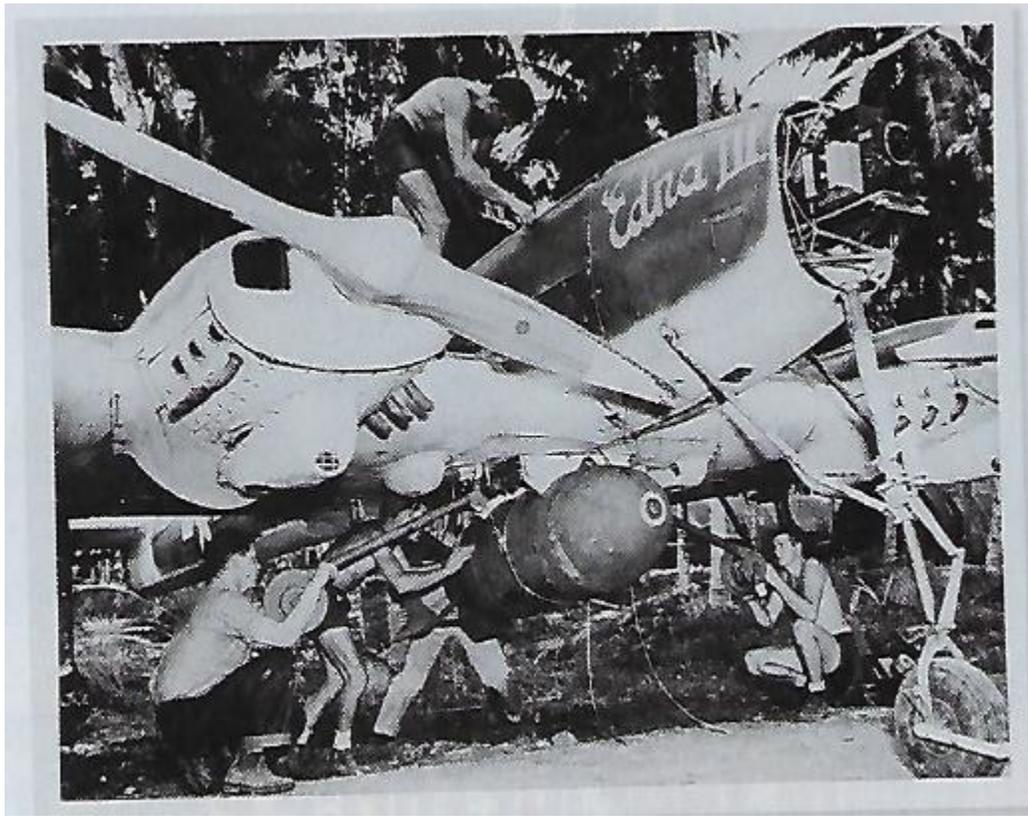
**November 2017 Newsletter**

It is hard to believe. However, we are only a few days away from Thanksgiving and a few weeks from Christmas and another year will be behind us. Then we will hear where did this year go and we never did get around to this or that. Well in the realm of the Harpoon it has been a trying but significant year. After almost three years we have all of the new fuel tanks in place and the D-Check is signed off. The only thing left to do before flight is to get approximately 500 gallons of fuel on board to check out the rest of the tanks to make sure all plumbing and connections are good. Next will be the final ground run and then check everything over. After that, first flight and start crew training to prepare for air show season. This year we should be ready for all of the air shows that are within our range.

In regards to continued maintenance we would like to get the airplane weighed in order to have a more accurate weight and balance. I am sure you can understand that after 72 years of flying with all kinds of equipment being taken out and other things being put in, and then removed, and all of the various repairs how weight and balance could change some. Therefore, we are looking for some place that might consider

weighing the plane and doing a new weight and balance. Maintenance and crew members are sure we are within the limits of the envelope. However, an actual weight would make things much cleaner.

Our immediate crisis is figuring a way to meet our obligations that are due by years end, **round figures \$13,000.00**, as well as create enough income to see us through to air show season. Therefore, I hope we have some financial genius setting in the background waiting to take over now that maintenance has the plane ready to go. So if you are that individual who can do this or know someone who has those abilities please step forward or push them forward so we can get this going. With that said please remember dues for the New Year will be coming do very soon. Therefore if you could pay those and maybe add some extra that would be greatly appreciated. Also, if you need another tax deduction we are a 501 C3 and contributions are deductible. Our treasurer will be happy to provide you with a receipt. Remember last month we had a member advise us that they would match \$1,000.00 donated towards the tanks and \$500.00 donated towards the hangar fund. Since they have made that offer we should see that they get to pay up.



**Can you identify this plane?**

As I mentioned at the start of this newsletter we are approaching Thanksgiving at a very fast pace. It seems we are living in a time where there is no time to visit, talk, or just enjoy a nice sunrise, for those who are up that early, or a beautiful sunset. We text, tweet, twitter, search the internet, do our banking on line then wonder what happened to our communication skills. How many times have you gone to a restaurant and seen a couple be seated and the first thing they do is pull out their smart phones and continually tap on them

during the entire meal. As you can tell I am not into this generation and many of my friends laugh at my flip phone and that is ok. I still enjoy a nice meal with friends and relatives with some good conversation on just about any topic. Naturally, aviation would be pretty high on the list. So I would ask you, no matter what part of the world you might be, to take time to enjoy a few of life's precious gifts this Thanksgiving and if you believe in a Deity it sure doesn't take long to just pause, look up for a second and say thanks that was great.

On a final note the board would like to have a pitch-in now that we have heat in the building. Would you like to do it on a Friday or Saturday evening or during the day or would you prefer an evening during the week.

Have a great month and be Thankful,

Gaylon

Note! We have received a donation of \$50.00 towards the tanks and \$50.00 towards the hangar fund. Can we keep it growing?