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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 October 2016



Greetings to members & friends of the AMHF,

Well I do believe September went by just as fast as August and October is now here. So I am not going to think about what the next two months will be.

We finished up several more items on the plane and will be doing tires and brakes next. When that is done we will be ready for a return to service and maybe make one small show. It has been a long haul with all of the fuel tanks and the problems that went along with them. However, we can see some light at the end of the tunnel.

The Air Expo last month came off ok. It was rained out on Saturday, however, Sunday turned out to be a very nice day and we were able to earn some much needed funds. During the course of the show we were interviewed by three TV stations and the Greenfield newspaper. So it did generate some publicity for the organization.

Below is a picture of the group that came out to visit us from Forum at the Crossing. I will try to investigate some more on this group. There were a couple of WWII vets and one was ready to take off if we would just put in some fuel and get it started. Rich, Sandy, Roy, and I were there to show them the plane and talk with them about it. I believe one was 90 plus but she was going inside and check it out regardless. So with a little and I do mean very little help up the yellow stairs she was in and checking things out.



Below is a picture of our latest work stool. I don't know how many of you have enjoyed the privilege of working in the Bombay, wheel wells, or on the flap cables, but if so you will know the human body is never at the right height. You will be too tall when standing, too low if on your knees, and if you find a stool it will be the wrong height. This chair is designed so it can be raised or lowered depending on where you may be working. It has a tray for tools and on the opposite side is a holder for your drink. I thought that was all pretty good until our old safety person informed me there was not a seat belt on it. Then someone else thought a cooler would be good so they wouldn't have to go in the shop to get a cold bottle of water. I suppose next we will need to have it motorized with an automatic hydraulic lift for the seat. Not that we are creatures of comfort. It has already been used by a couple of people and their report was satisfactory other than the above mentioned items.



We are still trying to work with the consultants to find out what else we need to do in order to have funds start coming into the GoFundMe page. As of this date there is not much happening and winter is approaching again. We continue to push, ask questions, and try to make decisions to help us move forward.

Have a great month keep a smile and help someone out,

Gaylon

“After you've done a thing the same way for two years, look it over carefully. After five years, look at it with suspicion. And after ten years, throw it away and start all over.”

*Alfred Perlman,
Railroad executive*