



AIR AMERICA FOUNDATION

THE Provider Weekly



Greetings! Here is a two in one "Provider Weekly" for August 20th and 27th, 2011. This is what we in the industry call a "Twofer". The reason for this combined issue is twofold.

The first reason is that we only did two things on the 20th. We recovered our propellers from storage and placed them next to the aircraft and then we had a board meeting.

The second reason is I am behind schedule on getting The Provider Weekly published. So I thought I would do them at the same time.

In regards to our board meeting, we had most everyone in attendance. George could not make it due to work schedules over in Louisiana and Rod who was traveling up east during the latest storm Irene.

The board meeting was to catch everyone up on foundation business and to start to discuss future plans. Some of the topics discussed were membership, maintenance schedules, restoration schedules, supply needs, budgetary needs, storage, and status of the aircraft.

This was a very involved meeting that lasted several hours. It was a very productive meeting and I thank our board members for attending.

We are hoping to relaunch our membership campaign during the next 30 days or so. When Josh took over from Paul in 2009 he decided that we should put the memberships on hold. Well, we really need to get back to them as this is our only means of fund-raising right now.

We are discussing all the options for the program, and as soon as a consensus is reached will make the program active and public. We hope that all of you will assist in this so we have some operational funding. Right now, the only funds coming in are what the board members can afford to donate.

This past week was a light day. It is still pretty hot outside, so we are not working full days yet. We had a pretty good crew this past Saturday. Paul H. from Georgia, Ed B., Cal C., Brad B., Dick H., and myself rounding out the group.

The priority was getting the props covered and out of the weather. We took some clear plastic sheeting and basically made some long plastic bags to put the blades in. We sealed everything up and then Cal found a huge waterproof boat cover we were able to cover both props with.

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August 27, 2011



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What's

NEW This

Week

- ◆ Message from the editor
- ◆ Saturday work update
- ◆ New work photos
- ◆ New gratuitous 674 image
- ◆ Lots of photos
- ◆ Website link

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If you think this sounds like an easy task, it took all of us, a set of stairs and the forklift to complete it. The tips of the props are about 15 to 18 feet in the air. We then strapped the prop cart to the C7 Caribou trailer as it is on wheels and we want it to stay put.

Dick H., will be the lead sheet metal worker on the repair/replacement of our damaged jet pod. We have several halves in storage and once the weather cools down, we can start this project. I think the pod was damaged a couple of years ago.

Another project that must wait for cooler weather will be our spare parts inventory. This will be led by Cal, as he is the only one who knows what this stuff is. I can't tell a flap from an aileron or a spar from a strut. Wait, I think I am okay on the last one. I do know a rudder from a wing, so that is a good start.

Well I think that is just about it for this dual edition of the Provider Weekly. I will finish it up with some photos of recent activities.

If you are in the neighborhood stop on out. We work most every Saturday and even if you are just looking to see what this crazy bunch of guys are doing stop on by. We will even give you a tour of the plane.

Take care and stay tuned. Don't forget our website and like us on facebook. We are up to 67 "likes" and we can use a lot more!

Historically Yours,



**Got an idea?
Let us know!**

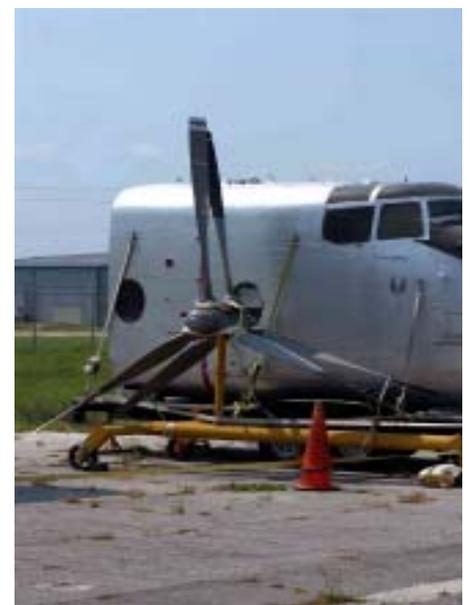
**Got a question?
Ask us!**



These little rubber band machines fly over us like 20 times a day at the airport.



Paul chasing old bird's nests out of the engine.



Props next to the Bou



John and Cal on prop hoist repair



Here is John P. working on our prop hoist.



You can see some of the rust and holes in the prop hoist here. We have it stabilized and it should be ready to go to work soon. We have a few more structural pieces to replace before we certify it safe to lift anything. The main pin still needs to be replaced.



John always brings his own tools.
He is always so organized.



Brad up on the wings putting the lube to the spoiler straps. This is a necessary but neglected task. After this hurricane season we plan on removing the spoilers to cycle the flaps and such. Need to make sure everything still functions with no leaks. Check the detail, you can see the wd40 exiting the can.

Trivia: What does WD40 stand for? Answer - Water Displacement experiment #40.



The new kid with the camera fetish. No photos from this week as he didn't show up and I didn't bring a camera. Hey Josh! We need ya at the plane!



Buda touchup continues



(Port to starboard)

Ed "I got a fast car" Bloom - Paul "stop calling me head case" Hedtke - Josh "I'm the new guy" Conti
Cal "moony man" Crocker & John "I just got in town" Plotnicy.
not shown - Ed "Somehow I inherited the title fat guy" Kindle as the photographer.



Valiant Air Command's

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DINNER AND SPEAKER

October 15, 2011

If you have not been by the Museum recently to check out the new Vietnam Hangar, this is a great time to get a tour, have a nice dinner and hear an intriguing speaker! If you have been by, then it's a perfect time to bring a friend or guest for an evening out.

Happy Hour 5PM - 6PM Cash Bar and Hors D'oeuvres **Dinner Buffet 6PM**

Speaker: John Piowaty, Retired Air Force Lt. Colonel

Pumpnickels Menu: Roast Sirloin, Twice Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Chicken Florentine, Wild Rice, Roasted Vegetables

Includes: Tossed Garden Salad w/house dressing, rolls, butter

Dessert: Assorted Mimi Tortes, Coffee & Iced Tea

Dinner price: \$16.00 Please call the Museum PX to purchase dinner tickets in advance by **October 12**. You may purchase by credit card or check mailed to the Museum, marked, "Attn: Dinner Tickets"

Speaker: Mr. John Piowaty is a retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel with 28 years of enlisted and commissioned service, including 102 missions over North Vietnam in the F-105. His civilian flying includes electronic jamming missions against top line fighters, running guns to the anti-communist rebels in Nicaragua, 500 crossings of the Andes in anti-drug flying in Peru and Colombia and 13 years of surveillance and security missions in Colombia, Angola, Kosovo, Bosnia, and Iraq.

No shortage of subjects to speak on here! Please come and join us for a special evening.

As a side note, Mr. Piowaty also flew C123's with Our Vice President George Simons. This might be a nice opportunity for us to meet and speak with John and to make a few contacts. It will also be nice to get together in clean clothes for once.