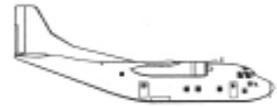




AIR AMERICA FOUNDATION

THE Provider Weekly



Greetings! As the New Year arrives I thought a new image was in order. I thought I would try to put the "Provider Weekly" into an actual newsletter format. This is in anticipation of ever being an actual mailed publication and should be easier to put online into our new website.

Yes, you read correctly. I am currently working with a designer on a new and updated website for the Air America Foundation. We are very excited about it, but it is still several months away. We will be sure to keep everyone up to date.

As 2010 leaves us, we would like to remember those we have lost in our personal and professional lives as well as give thanks for those new folks we have met.

We want to thank our past volunteers for their service, and we can all be proud of the work and progress that has been accomplished on 674. It is slow going, underfunded and we are often short handed, but we have continued to move forward. We are nothing if not persistent.

We are also hoping that the new year will bring in some new volunteers and visitors. We are always happy to show off the aircraft and we are in serious need of some volunteers to help with the restoration work.

Don't think you have the necessary skills? Don't worry, we have plenty to do and we can train you.

Thanks to everyone who has sent emails, links and information. Some of the more interesting things we have passed along and we look forward to more. I am enjoying getting to know all of you through your emails and I can't wait to put faces to all your names.

On a more urgent note...

We have an awesome opportunity available for us. There is an H34 in Everett, Washington that we can purchase as a restoration to static display aircraft!

We are in negotiations with the owner and he is offering us the fuselage, blades, skids and other parts to turn her into a great display that we can paint in Air America colors. We are in need of \$5000.00 to purchase everything and then funds to have it shipped to Titusville, Florida.

If you are thinking that is easy, well wait, there's a catch. Isn't there always? Ok, the catch is, the owner needs the birds out of the property by February 28th as he has to vacate the property.

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**Happy
New Year!**



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Some of you have seen the original ad which listed the price as \$1000.00 but that is the busted up hulk version. No blades, or extras at all. Nothing to make a decent static display out of.

If we want to do this we need to act fast!

This is probably not a bad price, but I am not an authority. The owner also has a flying H34 with everything timed out that has sat for 10 years, and needing all annuals for \$35,000. So five thousand is probably attainable if we can find the donors.

If you would like to contribute, please call Josh Eiting at 1-937-623-3940 - You can email me at emkindle@bellsouth.net but I will be unavailable January 9th through January 16th, but will respond as soon as I return.

In other news, I have included a few paragraphs from the Valiant Warbird Museum's airshow announcement. This year's airshow celebrates the 70th anniversary of the AVG. We will have the C123 on display and hope that if you are available, you stop by and hang out with the AAF crew. We will also be putting out a request soon for volunteers to "work" the airshow.

Remember, we are at the 123 every Saturday except holidays and when it is just too hot to work. We really love to have guests visit and hang out with us and we are always looking for extra hands to become part of the restoration crew.

The board would also like to take a moment to thank everyone who sent in donations in 2010 to assist with the restoration of 674.

It is a huge help and keeps us supplied and working. When we don't have supplies, Cal makes us clean.

I would like to take a moment to express the board's thanks to Michael Powell, the director of the airport authority for his hospitality allowing us room to house 674 and also for his generous offer of a lift to use when we get ready to paint the final exterior coat.

Well I am just about out of news for this edition of the "Provider". I hope everyone likes the new format. If for some reason you have trouble viewing the PDF let me know. I will try to add photos here as we take them. This will mean that each issue could grow or shrink each time to accommodate the number of photos available.

If you have any suggestions or feedback I would like to hear that as well. Please be gentle though.

Historically Yours,

Don't forget to keep checking the link for the Air America Foundation page on Flickr. This is where I post photos, articles and other items related to Air America. Feel free to browse the rest of the sets there as well.

http://www.flickr.com/photos/ed_kindle/sets/72157624712147513/

VAC Airshow in March...

*(from the VAC website)...*The Valiant Air Command will hold the 34th annual 3-day airshow 11, 12 and 13 March 2011. It will be dedicated to the memory of "The Flying Tigers," and the 70th anniversary of their first combat mission in China.

It promises to be a very special airshow with some 75 vintage aircraft on display and flying in the show; great warbirds such as the B-25 Mitchell, P-51 Mustang, P-40 Warhawk, F-104 Starfighter, F-8 Crusader, Grumman Wildcat, Avenger, F-4U Corsair and many, many more.

We will have as special, honored guests several of the original "Flying Tigers" who belonged to not only the American Volunteer Group (AVG), but also the 14th Air Force, who served during the war to support and defend the Chinese people.
<http://www.nbbd.com/festivals/warbird/>

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