



AIR AMERICA FOUNDATION

THE Provider Weekly



Greetings! Hello to everyone. Welcome to the second issue of the new "Provider Weekly".

I am sure that many if not all of you have heard about the passing of General Vang Pao Thursday at the age of 81. We would like to express our condolences to his family as well as to the Hmong people whom he served so faithfully.

Josh and I were welcomed to the weekly Air America breakfast at Jimmie's today. It was great to see everyone this morning. Hopefully I will start to remember more names each time I attend.

After breakfast, we headed back to 674 and got everyone caught up on what is happening. The crew today consisted of Ed B., Cal C. and Brad B. Josh and I got there basically in time for lunch and Pam C. joined us during lunch. I can't believe we ate lunch after that huge breakfast.

Brad worked on the forklift today. I was able to locate a fuel pump a couple of weeks ago and Brad got it installed today. The tractor dealer was a bit amazed he was able to locate us one on the first phone call.

The lift runs pretty smooth now. It is a testament to continental that their engines can run for 50 plus years. The big test will see if we can start it next week.

Ed Bloom worked on some additional paint prep aft of the center section to get it ready for paint. He does a great job except when he finds holes in the plane. Oops. Well, I guess we can fix it. I mean what is another hole in your fuselage between friends.

Cal picked up some trim tabs and small flight control surfaces that Dick H. has worked on and next week we will be picking up the finished elevator and taking it to storage.

Once we get all the sheet metal re-worked and all the corroded metal replaced, then we can look to having the flight controls recovered in fabric. Until then, we are keeping them safe and sound in an undisclosed secure storage site.

Work on acquiring the H34 is progressing. I spoke with the gentleman in Washington today. If you are interested in making a donation towards acquiring the aircraft, please contact Josh or myself. We are looking at plans to restore it for static display.

It seems pretty straight forward to get it, the challenge will be delivery. The owner says he would be willing to deliver it for a fee, which might be the most cost effective way to go so far. We will keep everyone posted.

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**Happy
New Year!**



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What's

NEW This

Week

- ◆ Message from the Editor
- ◆ Forklift repair
- ◆ H-34 update
- ◆ Whiskey November photo
- ◆ Flickr link
- ◆ AAM Breakfast

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We are going to add some photos this week. Let's see how this is going to work.

Thanks to Gene C. Tom K., and John P. for the donations. I will see you all soon!

Historically Yours,



Here is Weird Neil in Waihekie Island. I only included this because he is loyally wearing his Air America Foundation T-Shirt! Thanks for the photo Neil - Enjoy the view for us.



The nasty location of the fuel pump -
Not an easy thing to reach.



Brad installs the new fuel pump! Go Brad! Go Brad!

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**Got a question?
Ask us!**



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

Saluting the veteran's of Air America - The world's most shot at airline.



It was a beautiful day in
Titusville today!



Gratuitous 674 image

Jam packed AAM breakfast this
morning at Jimmie's



More sheet metal ready for paint -
Looking forward just aft of the center section.

That's all for now.
See you soon.
I hope everyone likes the
new format.