



AIR AMERICA FOUNDATION

THE Provider Weekly



Greetings from the Air America Foundation. May is almost over and the summer heat will soon be upon us full force. As if that was not bad enough, hurricane season is closing in on us as well.

We are in pretty good shape for the storm season with the C123 as we put new spoilers on top of the wings early this year. We got a bit creative and instead of building something out of wood that would just rot again after getting wet, we got some ten foot lengths of PVC pipe and put two eye hooks on each end.

We then attached a ratchet strap on both sides of each end and voila, a wing spoiler that will never wear out or rot away. So far they are working out great.

This technique of thinking outside the box is one that we will need to employ many times and in many situations in the future. This will allow us to do more with less in all areas of the foundation.

Last Saturday was a hot but pretty productive day for the three of us. It was Brad B. Ed B. and myself. Cal is roaming around Canada and points north so we will be without his wit and wisdom for a while.

One of my main goals is to get us organized in all areas of running the foundation and the restoration of 674.

We worked last Saturday to eliminate most of the broken and unusable items we have been hanging on to as well as neatly consolidate our equipment in a smaller area.

Since we don't have a building, we have to get creative on where to store things that have to remain outside to protect them as much as possible. This includes our forklift, air compressor, pre-oiler, torches, jacks and other items.

It would be nice someday to have an equipment storage facility in which to keep some of these large items so they are accessible while working on the aircraft.

On another note, the foundation was given an R2800 engine last summer. The engine is completely disassembled and we are looking for someone who might be looking for either a complete engine or parts. We have been keeping this engine in a storage locker in Titusville. If you know of anyone who could use this, please let us know. We can make them a great deal on the engine.

This Saturday will be another work day at the C123, but again we will be over at the semi trailer/office.

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What's

NEW This

Week

- ◆ Message from the editor
- ◆ Warbird radio
- ◆ Work update
- ◆ Facebook page
- ◆ Flickr link
- ◆ New website's up and running!

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We will meet at the C123 between 9:30 and 10 am and then head over to the other side of the airport. We need to continue the cleanup and move a couple of pieces of equipment around.

We will be trying to get our prop hoist rebuilt. It works, but has issues and eventually, we will have to use it. So, I thought it would be good to get it rebuilt before we need it instead of when we need it so as to not waste time.

Another project is to get our equipment relabeled and stencilled. This is again just another step towards getting the foundation better organized.

We are always looking for some folks to come out and visit for the day, or come out and get their hands dirty. We are down on our compliment right now, so we could really use some hands. We have jobs of all sizes and experience levels so I am sure we can find something for you to do. And besides, where are you going to find such a great group to hang around with? (Sorry no autographs)

This is going to be a quick provider as I am trying to get back on schedule with the newsletter. Thanks for all the stuff you have been sending. Some of the links I have been posting on facebook so if you have a facebook page, get on over to ours and click on "like"! Also you can check out some of the cool stuff I have been posting.

Until next time,

Historically Yours,

National Museum of the U.S. Air Force
Wednesday, May 18, 2011 3:31 PM
Subject: CIA Symposium

SPECIAL EVENING EVENT

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) will present a symposium recognizing the sacrifice and dedication of Civil Air Transport (CAT) and Air America (AA) personnel on June 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

During the symposium, nearly 900 recently declassified documents from 1946 to 1978 will be released from Civil Air Transport (CAT), Air America (AA), and CIA files. The event will also mark the public debut of a film detailing the ordeal of two American prisoners in communist China.

Speakers will include CIA historians Dr. Tim Castle and Dr. Nick Dujmovic, and former Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), Honorable Craig Duehring, the event's keynote speaker.

This event is free and open to the public. No tickets are necessary but seating will be limited to the first 1,000 people. Seating will open at 4:30 p.m. on a first-come, first served basis. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by May 31 at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CIA2011> or (937)255-1670.

Checkout warbird radio at <http://www.warbirdradio.com/> to hear our own Neil Hansen talk about the foundation and our goals. Look for the search box and type in Air America - The show aired April 14th, 2011.

Thanks for the plug Neil!



Air America stuff online to check out!

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



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**Got a question?
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