



AIR AMERICA FOUNDATION

THE Provider Weekly



Wow! Has it been several weeks since the last "Provider" went out? Yes, I am sorry to say it has. Many apologies for the delay. I have been very busy with a few other obligations down at the Historical Society.

We just put in new carpet in two rooms, so everything had to be moved and then the floor had to be fixed. Then after the carpet installation was done, all the artifacts had to be replaced and the displays recreated.

Lots and lots of work. I am glad it is done and it looks great, so we should not have anything else major like that for quite a while. We also received a new artifact - the control panel for the old Max Brewer swing bridge that has been replaced. So now that this is done, I can get caught up on all things for the Foundation.

We have had several work days the last few Saturdays. We have gotten a couple of important tasks done. First and foremost, we were able to relocate our port side tie-downs to the proper places. Thanks to Brad Byron, Dennis Sullivan, & Paul Hedtke. I helped a bit, but they did most of it. The tie downs are screwed into the ground about 4 feet, so they can be tough to move.

We are getting ready for the start of hurricane season, so we need to make sure everything is neat and tidy.

Thanks to Paul H. again for getting up on the wing and replacing the panel we had to take off to fix a leaky valve for the flap control. It is nice to have Paul around as he brings some great skills to the crew.

We are still running support equipment every couple of weeks. It is important to start and drive the forklift and Buda tug every so often as letting them sit seems to work against us. It is always a great sound to hear them fire up.

We are looking to work on the support equipment over the next few weeks. I would like to get some cosmetic things done to clean up our image while Cal is away on vacation in the great white north for a couple of weeks.

Another project is the cleanup of the area behind the VAC's restoration hanger where our trailer is located. We want to get things into storage and out of the weather and also to consolidate our equipment, so we know where everything is.

This will also help to preserve our items so we don't have to keep repurchasing items. The cash flow is pretty tight, so we have to conserve wherever we can.

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What's

NEW This
Week

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

*The Air America Foundation
is a 501 (c) 3 organization.*



The officers and board members would also like to thank everyone who has made donations in memory of Josh Eiting. We have let his family know about your kind words and donations.

Thanks to your contributions, we have some funds in the bank and some of the pressure has been relieved. We plan to be very frugal and good stewards of your generosity to move the foundation forward.

In other foundation news, I am happy to report that we are bringing much of the paperwork and behind the scenes items up to date and current. The foundation itself sometimes has taken a back seat to the C123 itself, and it is my hope that this does not happen in the future.

I am pleased to report that we are moving forward in almost every direction and making great progress. We are attracting some new volunteers, and our new website and facebook page are attracting people who are asking to be on the provider list and who are interested in the aircraft and the foundation.

Thank you to all who are reaching out to become involved. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Our continued list of things to do on 674 is long, but some of the current projects are...

1. the continued prep and painting of the interior
2. locating and repair of a hydraulic leak near the reservoir
3. continued work on the flight control surfaces
4. preventative maintenance of the aircraft preventing further decay

It can be a bit overwhelming at times when you look around to see all the work that needs done.

We are however breaking down all the jobs and trying to put them into a logical order to make sure we do things correctly.

We do need to be mindful that there is not a deadline for the completion of the restoration of 674. We need to remember the journey is as important as the destination and we need to be open to where this journey will take us.

We are here because of our love of aviation and our camaraderie, as well as telling the history and honoring all who were a part of Air America. We also want to have some fun while we are at it.

This is a group effort and all are welcome. We hope you will stop out and visit us and maybe take some time to get your hands dirty. I am sure we have a task or two you can work on.

As the summer heat approaches, we will be working a bit more slowly, but we will still be there.

Until next time, be safe, healthy and happy and we will see you soon.

Historically Yours,

Air America stuff online to check out!

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



Brad B. doing the ancient indian tie down dance. I tried this and got very dizzy!
Thanks Brad!



Finished tie down!



Paul on tie down relocation duty.



Brad and new volunteer Dennis S. on the first tie down move.



Ed B. on the eternal and never ending paint prep.



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

**Got a question?
Ask us!**

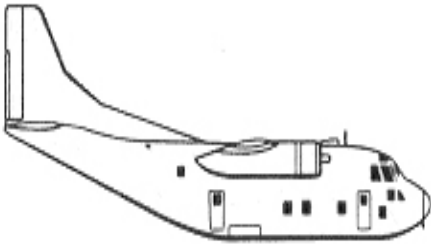


Volunteers are the heart of this foundation.

If you are interested in helping out, stop on by or give us a call.

If you are on facebook - look for us! we have a facebook page for the Air America Foundation.

Stop on over and give us a "like"! You can stay current on events in between Providers.



We have been invited to have a table at the Special Forces National Convention this June. The website is <http://www.sfachapter85.com/>
If you are interested in helping out, give us a call.

We are looking at this to be a way to make some new contacts, and spread the word about the foundation.
Hope you can join us.

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I guess radial engines make good places to live. Mama Mockingbird is getting ready to raise a family in 674's starboard engine. Maybe we should charge rent?



My forklift skills must be improving - Cal actually got on it with me at the wheel to look for hydraulic issues.