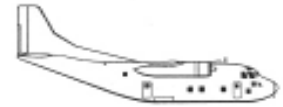




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Greetings all! As you can see the Provider is still a bit late. My apologies. I missed a Saturday due to the sudden need to have my appendix removed. Even with advances in modern surgery, you really don't feel like sitting at a computer for a while afterwards.

We are still here and plugging away. I have updated the website with past "Providers" and hope to be able to keep up on things. We are still working towards our goals even though progress can be frustrating slow at times.

A couple of weeks ago we sealed leaks on our con-ex container that has our spare parts in it. We patched and coated the entire roof. We need to put a second coat on to make sure things stay sealed.

The new difficulty we have encountered with the container is large amounts of condensation gathering on the ceiling and dripping down. We are trying to figure out a way to ventilate the container.

We are in need of a new battery for the forklift. When we don't run it for two or more consecutive weeks it needs to be recharged. We have held off on buying a new battery because of the cost.

While I was out a couple of weeks ago, the guys took the spoilers off and cycled the flaps.

I was told everything functioned as required. This is great news as the flaps have not been moved in a long time.

A new project is to pull the APU down and see if we can replace it or to get it running. At some time in the past, the starting mechanism return spring was damaged and it did not recoil the spring. Hopefully this won't be too difficult of a fix and we can get it running.

We are still chasing that hydraulic leak. We have installed a new accumulator, but we are not sure it is a good one. The original accumulator was torn down after we removed it and Cal found it was just an empty tube. It is supposed to have a bladder and piston inside it.

We are thinking of capping off most of the system so we can stem the leaks until we get the accumulator and the flap control valve rebuilt.

This would help stop the leaks for the time being and save us hydraulic fluid.

A couple weeks ago we pulled another long lost piece of equipment out of the weeds to try to salvage it. We had a large set of stairs buried behind the VAC hangar. We now have them at the C123 and can start to refub them to make them useable.

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We are also going to be having to inventory all of the spare parts. We are needing to locate parts and are not able to do so. We also need to have an idea of just what we have in spare parts.

We are also looking at some of the antique items such as avionics that are not needed or are not actually part of the C123 and maybe putting them on eBay as a fund raising idea.

Cal and I went to the Veterans Museum on Merritt Island. It is a really nice museum with great displays. Some of the local Air America vets have loaned some items to them. I recommend making the trip to see it if you are in the area.

Don't forget to stop by the website. We are at www.airamfoundation.org. It is shaping up as a nice site in my opinion and I am still trying to add things to it.

We are also on facebook if you have an account. Please stop by and "like" our page. Then recommend us to all your facebook friends. We are up to about 78 "likes" so far.

We need all the press and publicity we can get. We were featured in Senior Life last month or so and we really enjoyed that. George wrote a pretty good story. If you have contacts with anyone in the media, we could sure use some good press to spread the word.

Onto another item...

We are sad to announce that John Plotnicz has stepped down as the secretary of the foundation. We are sorry to see John go, but are wishing him all the best in his new endeavors.

Thanks again John for all your service and we hope you will visit when you are back in town. We would love to see you.

So, we are looking for a new secretary for the foundation. This would be a board position, so would have some extra obligations over and above just being the secretary.

If you are interested, please let me know and we can get together and talk about what the requirements are and we can have you to the next board meeting.

I guess that is all for this issue of the "Provider Weekly" I appreciate your patience and interest in our organization and our efforts. Please feel free to redistribute this to anyone who may be interested.

If they like, I would be happy to add them directly to our email data base. Remember, we will never sell or give out any personal data to anyone, for any reason what so ever. I hate spammers and getting unsolicited emails as much or more than you.

Stop out to the C123 if you are in town. We are there usually every Saturday by 10 am, and work until lunch. We would be happy to give you the nickel tour.

Historically Yours,



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

**Got a question?
Ask us!**



Top of the leaky con-ex box before the patchwork.

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Getting ready to unload stairs from my trailer.
It was pretty close getting under some of the power lines around the airport.



For a brief time Fairchild experimented with various forms of landing gear. Some just never lived up to expectations.



Hydraulic system reservoir.

Looking up at the leaky flap control valve. We think it was rebuilt once with the wrong o-rings. That could be the reason for the new leaks.





Flaps full down



Flaps on their way up



Flaps back to normal

Thanks to Trevor for taking the photos for me while I was out.