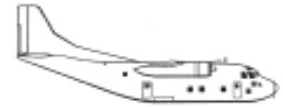




AIR AMERICA FOUNDATION

THE Provider Weekly



Greetings everyone. Welcome to this installment of "The Provider Weekly". We are still here!

I am happy to report that Cal is finally back from, "The Great White North" and I am looking forward to both seeing him again and also turning the "mechanical management" duties back over to him.

We are working on multiple fronts right now. Last Saturday, Denis S. was working on rewiring the prop hoist. It is a difficult task made more difficult by time and weather. This is what happens when vital components are left to the weather and sun here in Florida. He is however, making progress.

We left Denis to his fun on the prop hoist and went to Merritt Island to pick up our rudder from Dick Hart. Dick has been the sheet metal master who has been re-working our flight control surfaces.

Dick is a master craftsman and has restored the flight controls to flight ready status. All we need now is a class and materials on how to cover them in fabric. (Hi Linn!)

I have the rudder on my large flatbed trailer and all the trim tabs in my truck and will be delivering them to Cal's hangar in Edgewater tomorrow. This is so we can keep them safe and to protect them.

We will be crafting a new pin for the top of the prop hoist. We didn't know it, but there was only a temporary one with no nut on it. As I was towing it across the airfield, the pin fell out and the vertical support bar for the top boom fell backwards. I was relieved it fell that way, as it could have done serious damage to my truck.

To create this part, it means the big fat guy (yours truly) will have to climb back up and take some measurements so Cal can fashion a new bolt. Maybe by the time we get this part completed the wiring will be ready to test.

The previous weekend we got absolutely nothing done. We had a sort of a semi-surprise from one of our supporters. Linn Walters was at the EAA breakfast at Dunn Airpark and then flew into Space Coast Regional in his Pitts to visit us.

We spent the day listening to and telling great stories about aircraft, and various other topics. We then had a great lunch and then went back to the C123 and hung around there telling more outrageous stories. It was a fun day.

In other news, we are looking at doing a few fun activity days in the future. Sort of a reward for good behavior.

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What's

NEW This

Week

- ◆ Message from the editor
- ◆ Prop hoist update
- ◆ Work update
- ◆ Visitor photos
- ◆ Flickr link
- ◆ New website's up and running!
- ◆ New scans

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One of the things the board has talked about is getting some folks together to take a field trip over to “Fantasy of Flight” and just gawk at airplanes all day. I for one have not been there yet and am looking forward to the trip.

Another fun day is the possibility of organizing a big picnic at the C123. We would bring a grill and have everyone bring a dish to share and we can all sit around and have a great big time of it. I would like to plan this for when the heat breaks as an end of summer celebration.

If you want to help plan and organize it, let me know. It could turn into a really cool yearly event. If you have any other ideas for what we can do to get together and have some fun, let me know. We are open to suggestions!

This weekend will be a workday at the plane, but I would like to concentrate on a few house keeping jobs. We need to start the forklift and Buda tug to keep them running smooth. I would like to get the C123’s batteries on charge for the day and bring them up to a full charge.

Another task that needs done is the air pressure in all the tires need checked and filled if necessary. This includes the plane, the tug and the Caribou trailer. I am thinking we can get these tasks completed even though it is pretty hot right now. We should be able to get at it before the real heat of the day comes on.

If you are interested in what we are up to or if you have not seen the plane in a while, stop on out! We would love to see you and have you come to lunch with us. We love visitors and new volunteers.

On another note, I attended the Airport Authority’s board meeting today. It was very interesting and energizing to watch a group of people work together to accomplish a common goal. Our community is very fortunate to have this group working to grow and enhance our area, and to have such great advocates for aviation at work for them.

Today was a great day for our airport as it played host to two great events. First, we welcomed the dedication of the new terminal building for the Space Coast Regional Airport. The building was named after Representative Poppell, (who was in attendance), and is a longtime friend and supporter to this area.

Second, we enjoyed the ceremony dedicating the new Vietnam era hangar at the Valiant Air Command. The ribbon was cut and the doors opened to welcome everyone inside out of the heat. During both events we were treated by a flyby of vintage warbirds, T28’s I believe. I always enjoy the flybys at the airport because this is music to our ears and no one ever complains about the noise.

Once again I have been guilty of getting online and finding little treasures about either the Flying Tigers, CAT or Air America. This month brings you some scans of menu cards from CAT flights.

I hope everything is well with everyone and all are safe. I look forward to getting together each weekend with “The gang”. I started out slow, not making every Saturday in the past, but I was always welcomed with smiles and a big handshake.

Our Saturdays at the C123 have become very important to me as the last two years have progressed. The work we do, even though not always a lot, is enjoyable as are the friendships I have made. Our luches together are as important to me as working on the plane. I hope we can continue this for a long time. Until next time, I remain,

Historically Yours,



Air America stuff online to check out!

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



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

**Got a question?
Ask us!**





Just a wee bit of
difference in size!



Linn Walters
came to visit in
his "Pitts"
Nice to see you Linn!

Hey Linn, What's
with that
crazy prop?!

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How ya gonna
fly with that?



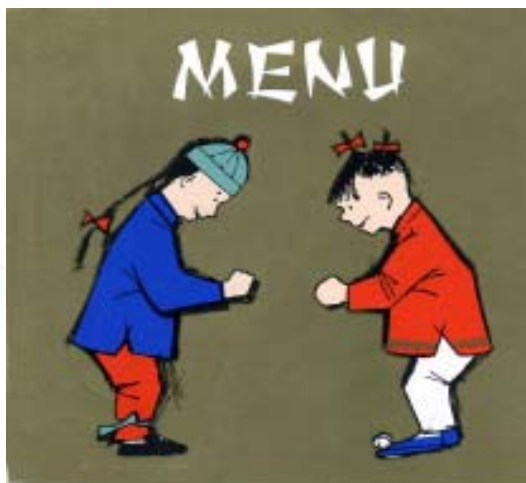
The illustration on the other side of our postcard shows a scene from one of the paintings in "The Thousand Buddha Cover" in Sheng Princes of China and is a classic example of art of the 3rd Dynasty (285-419 A. D.). This painting depicts a flying all-weather postbox symbolizing a long life.

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Breakfast

Fresh Fruit Compote
Eggs du Jour
Ham
Tomato
Breakfast Rolls
Butter Marmalade
Coffee Tea Milk



MENU

Snack Service

Fancy Cakes
Assorted Sandwiches
Coffee Tea Juice



MENU

Continental Breakfast

Breakfast Roll
Hot Meat Roll
Coffee Tea Juice