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ED STOLL

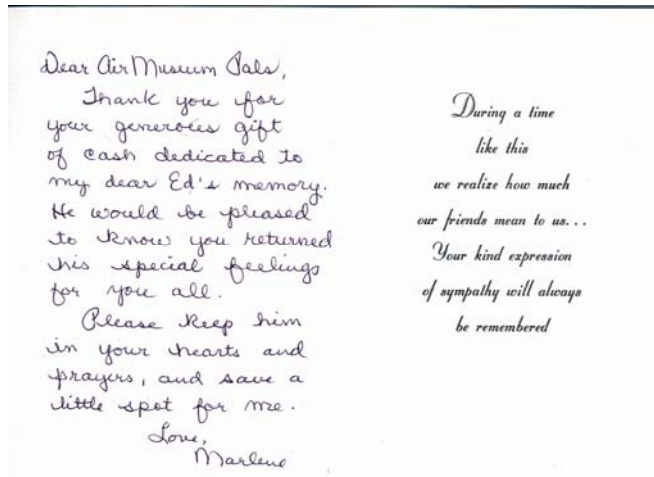
We were all saddened by the loss of our Curator, Mr. Ed Stoll, on January 25th. Ed was an integral part of our Museum for decades, he will be missed, and ways to permanently recognize his contributions to our efforts are being evaluated. To all who honored Ed in his passing, thank you.

Sleep well, our friend.

STOLL, EDWARD H. a resident of Harrison Township passed away at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital January 25, 2008 at the age of 80. Edward was born October 21, 1927 in Cook County IL and worked as an Adult Probation Officer with the Macomb County Court System. He is survived by his wife Marlene, brother William (Lorraine) Stoll, and is survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Edward was a world class competitor & champion of Model Airplanes. He was a founding member of the Detroit Balsa Bugs Model Airplane Club, the Cloud Busters Model Club, curator of the Selfridge Air Museum Exhibits and a pilot and glider instructor. Edward loved to travel, photography, and will be remembered as a true "people person" who loved to make people laugh.



Here's a short note from his wife Marlene:



VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNERS

None submitted, none awarded.

NEW VOLUNTEERS

We continue to be blessed with new people volunteering their time to help us here at the Museum. Since the last issue of the WASSUP, we've added the following:

Cliff Miller, a former Army Crew Chief familiar with Army fixed and rotary wing aircraft, a former US Postal Service mail carrier, and now a teacher, flight instructor, and aircraft maintenance instructor with the Detroit Public School system. Cliff has a BS degree from Embry Riddle, an MS degree from Wayne State University, is an FAA certified commercial pilot/flight instructor in single and multi-engine aircraft, and his hobby is aircraft model building. Russ has a "real job" so with his availability and interests, he's a perfect fit for our weekend Host Team. Cliff lives in Eastpointe and officially joined us on December 15, 2007. *Thanks for joining us Cliff...you'll be a real asset to our operation. With your credentials, we'll have another go-to volunteer for trick questions. We have lots of model builders and even a mail carrier (Roger Williams...also a weekend host) helping us out so you'll have plenty of folks to bond with. And we promise not to hold the fact that you're a friend of Doug Duchon against you.*

Roger Rehman, a man with many talents including a First Class refrigeration license, proficiency in welding, and a plastic fabricator. He even crewed for Glenn Lamont in his B-25J! Roger lives in Clinton Township, officially joined us on January 29, 2008, and I've asked him to become one of Bob Kozloff's Air Park Display Team. *Thanks for joining...now when our Curmudgeon Welder, Jim Galvin, can't handle a project, we have a fall-back!*

Fred Durr, a young (younger than me anyway) man with experience in motor control and electronics. Fred's hobbies include ham radios and golf (maybe another golfer for your group Boots?) he officially joined us on March 11, 2008, and I've asked him to become one of Bob Kozloff's Air Park Display Team. *Thanks for joining...our Air Park Display Team has a lot on their plate with display corrosion control and restoration and I'm sure that Bob will appreciate any help you can provide.*

2008 GOALS

It never ends...

- Completion of the SPAD Hangar. Most of it was completed contractually in 2007 but the finishing touches need to be made before we can move the SPAD out of Bldg 1008 into the new SPAD Hangar. The State Historical Preservation Office in Lansing would not allow us to put it where we wanted to in between Bldgs 1008 and 1011 because it would "detract from an intact collection of Cold War buildings" so it's located west of the Museum building (Bldg 1011) in the area formerly occupied by military vehicles. Heating/air conditioning and security issues need to be addressed before we can move the SPAD and we hope to have everything up and running so guests can view this display by late 2008.
- Repaint the F-102 in Selfridge-specific markings. We received the decals we need courtesy of our friends at the KI Sawyer Museum and this display will require some serious corrosion control before it can be repainted (**old project**).
- Purge our storage areas of assets that are excess to our current and future needs, a long-term and ongoing effort (**old project**).
- Developing and installing an Air Traffic Control display (**old project but underway**).
- Finish ongoing organization efforts in Bldg 1007. The stuff we're storing for STARBASE will hopefully be moved out eventually (**old project**).
- Motorize the R-2800 engine (**old project but underway**).
- Training more of our "full-time" volunteers on aircraft corrosion control (**old project**).
- Cataloguing, digitizing, and filing historic photos (**old project but underway**).
- Transformation of Bldg 1008 into a Visitor's Center connected to the Museum by a covered walkway.
- Once Bldg 1008 has been modified and the new covered walkway built, we plan to move the Gift Shop and the Library from Bldg 1011 into Bldg 1008, freeing up the space they occupied in Bldg 1011 for new displays.

VISITORS PASS RENEWAL

All of those who use the AF Form 75 Visitors Pass to gain access the Base should have had their pass renewed so that it shows an expiration date of 30 June 2008!

I sent an updated list of all volunteers in early November of 2007 so your name should be at Pass & ID in the new Visitor's Center (Bldg 901) at the intersection of Hall Road and Jefferson. Their hours are from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, Tuesday thru Saturday, but they're closed on Federal holidays. The good news is that Security Police has advised me that the Visitors Pass (AF Form 75) is acceptable for entry to the Base thru the Golf Gate on North River Road! If they don't accept the Visitors Pass (AF Form 75) at the Golf Gate and tell you that you have to go thru the Main Gate, please advise me so I can square away what the real rules are.

To insure that all of our passes expire on the same day and to insure that the information I provide to our Security folks is as accurate as it can be, an updated list of Museum volunteers will be sent to Security in early May 2008 for the period 1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

1. The default method of getting the quarterly WASSUP newsletter to you will be as a .pdf attachment to an email.
2. The file will be named using the following convention: WASSUPyyyymm.pdf. For example, the January 2008 issue was named WASSUP200801.pdf.
3. If (a) the email doesn't show an attachment or (b) you cannot open it or (c) the file size is too big for your Internet Service Provider, or (d) you have a dial-up modem and don't want to wait all day for it to download, you can view or print it (and back issues of the WASSUP that have been loaded) from our website, www.selfridgeairmuseum.org. Click on the "Volunteers Only" link at the bottom of the left hand side of the home page then click on the issue you want to view.
4. Adobe Acrobat Reader is required to view the newsletter on your computer. If you don't have that software installed, instructions on how to download the free version of it are at the bottom of the page linked to the "MAGHA Members Only" link on the website home page. Use care to install the correct version for your computer's operating system, e.g., Windows 2000, Windows XP, or Windows Vista.
5. If you have one or more of the four situation noted in paragraph 3 above **and** don't want to go to the website, **please advise us and we'll mail you a copy.** You can advise us by sending an email to air.museum@miself.ang.af.mil, calling us at 586-307-6768/5035, or by writing us at 27333 C Street, Bldg 1011, Selfridge ANG Base MI 48045.

SPAD FLIGHTS

We've decided that you have to be at least 90 years old to get a flight in our SPAD. Here's our first pilot, Floyd Brody!



AN EDITORIAL

I need a place to vent. Please don't take these ramblings personally...

- While operating the 700-Area Boat Marina and the RV Storage Area brings in badly needed revenue, administering those two programs significantly detracts from my ability to operate a Museum. There are also discussions underway about us managing the two RV Storage Areas that the Army Garrison is divesting themselves of. Anybody looking for a part-time job that would involve a reasonable amount of dedicated time here at the Museum?
- I need your help to keep me out of Fort Leavenworth...I get a lot of emails sent to my Government address (@miself.ang.af.mil) and our Computer Police get understandably concerned when Government computers are used for "unofficial" stuff. Please send "unofficial" stuff to my home email address (freighterpilot@comcast.net). I'm told that officers, even retired ones, get private cells at Leavenworth but I really don't want to either verify what I was told or run the risk of being put in a cell with somebody named Bubba. The other issue is even though we're not a Government organization, I convinced the Base that a Government computer on a Government network is critical to our success and they agreed. Use of it for other than "official" business might force them to take the networked computer away and we would be lost without this capability.

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER

Effective 25 July, the commercial prefix for Selfridge ANG Base phone numbers will change from 307 to 239.

No changes are anticipated to the area code (586), the extensions, or the DSN number.

For example, on 25 July, the phone number for Lou Nigro will change from 586-307-6768 to 586-239-6768.