



# WASSUP??

(March 2006)

## VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNERS

**Ron Gullede** was nominated by Bob Bondy and selected as our Volunteer of the Quarter for the period October thru December 2005. Ron was instrumental in completing the New Grounds Team office in Bldg 1045 and his willingness to help whenever and wherever the need arises is much appreciated. Ron's efforts on our behalf have been extraordinary. Nominations for the VOQ award for January thru March 2006 are due in Lou's office no later than 24 March 2006.

## NEW VOLUNTEERS

We are so blessed to have so many people volunteering their time to help us here at the Museum. Since the last WASSUP, we've added the following:

**MSgt Fred Goettsche.** Fred was one of my C-131 crew chiefs, flew with me as a Loadmaster on the C-130A, was a Boom Operator on the KC-135s that will be flying over our Museum for the foreseeable future, and has worked for over three decades with the phone companies. What a find! Fred's availability is limited during the week because of his contract work and his distance from the Base (he lives in Brighton) so, with his concurrence, we've added Fred to our Host Team. When he's out here, any "trick" questions about our Air Park C-131 and C-130A can be directed to Fred.

**George Moomaw.** George and I have a special kind of relationship as I had the distinct pleasure of working with his Dad during my many years in Base Operations. George works for the company we use for our HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning) needs (Engler Heating & Cooling), is a very active member of my church (St Mary's in New Baltimore), is a licensed builder and can drive trucks. Because George has a "real job" so we've added him to our Host Team.

## AN EDITORIAL

I need a place to vent. Please don't take these ramblings personally...they are things that get under my thin skin.

- Help keep me out of jail. The email system I use at the Museum is a Government system that's for official business only. Jokes, prayers, funny stories, etc. are not considered official business so please, if you feel compelled to forward those kinds of things to me, use my home email address, [freighterpilot@comcast.net](mailto:freighterpilot@comcast.net).
- Four events on tap for this year...a Golf Outing, the Bath City Festival, the *Images of Aviation*, *Selfridge Field* book rollout, and the 1996-2006 issue of the Ten Year History of the Michigan ANG booklet. Lots of things to keep my hands out of my pockets!

## 2006 GOALS

2006 is shaping up to be another busy year. To list but a few of our goals for this year:

- Repaint the F-102 in Selfridge-specific markings. This will require some serious corrosion control before it can be repainted and Gerry Bryce is working on that as other things in his life will allow.
- Repaint the RF-101. George Joseph has this on his dance card.
- Purge our storage areas of assets that are excess to our current and future needs, a long-term and ongoing effort.
- Developing and installing an Air Traffic Control display. Chuck Halt has been working on this as his "real job" will allow and once the display is done, it will be cosmic!
- Finish ongoing organization efforts in Bldg 1007. The stuff we're storing for STARBASE will hopefully be moved out in the Spring.
- Motorize the R-2800 engine.
- Training some of our "full-time" volunteers on aircraft corrosion control.
- Get "new" golf carts and warehouse tugs. This is requiring some creative work on my part.
- Organizing the many aircraft technical orders (TOs) we need to answer trick questions.

## 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 in December 2005.** I sent over an updated list of all volunteers in the middle of November so your name should be at Pass & ID (Bldg 906) next to the Main Gate. Their hours are from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, Tuesday thru Saturday, but they're closed on Federal holidays. The big change is that 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, **I'm going to ask Pass & ID to have all our volunteer passes expire on 30 June 2006.** So instead of only having to renew your Pass once a year, you'll have to do it twice, once in June and again in December.

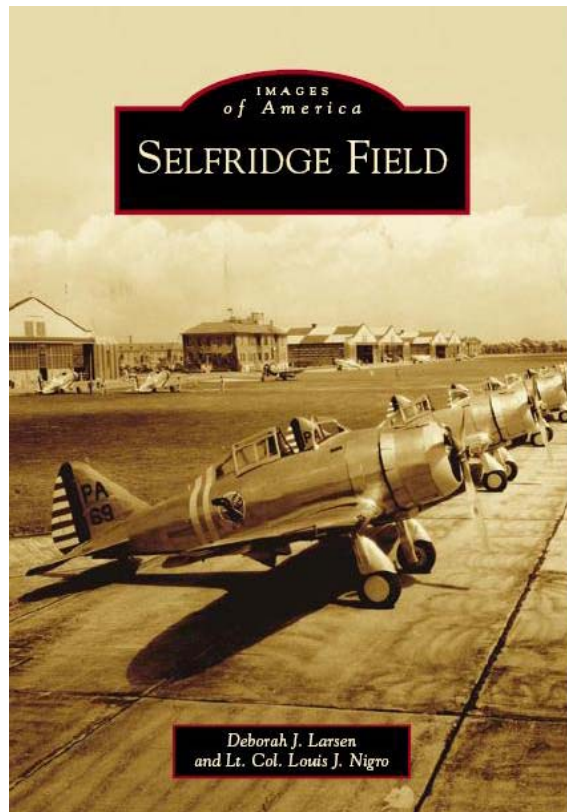
## LONGEVITY AWARDS

There's still a bunch of volunteers (39% of our 120 volunteers to be precise) who haven't called me (800-645-9416, ext 6768 or 586-307-6768) or emailed me (louis.nigro@miself.ang.af.mil) with the year they first started volunteering at our Museum. If we're going to start recognizing years of service, I need this information. If you're wondering if you're part of the 39%, just ask. Hiatuses for whatever reasons don't count...I'm just interested in the year you first signed on to be one of our valued volunteers.

## EMAILS TO MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

I've found that when I send an email to our volunteers with an attachment, many cannot open up the attachment to read it because I use Windows XP as an operating system and Windows 2003 software while many volunteers are using older/different operating systems and software. Fortunately, there is a solution but it will involve downloading some free (yes, I said free) software from Adobe called "Adobe Reader". Once the software is installed, you'll be able to open, read, and print anything sent to you as an Adobe Portable Document Format (.pdf) file.

To download the software, go to [www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html](http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html). **Windows XP is the default operating system for the download. If you're using a different operating system, e.g. Windows 98, click on the "Get Different Version" link and follow the instructions**



The Mount Clemens Public Library and the Selfridge Military Air Museum have collaborated on a book entitled *Images of Aviation, Selfridge Field* to be published by Arcadia Publishing. We expect the book to be available in the late spring/early summer of 2006.

Through nearly 200 captioned photos, the book will cover the story of Selfridge ANG Base from its tenuous start in the mud flats along Lake St Clair to its present-day form as an exemplary joint military community hosting units from all of the US armed services.

Photographs, many never before published, from the Research Library at the Selfridge Military Air Museum along with images from the *Macomb Daily* newspaper archives at the Mount Clemens Public Library and other sources, will chronicle the role of the installation as both a community and military asset.

The book will retail for \$19.99 plus tax (\$1.20) through the Selfridge Military Air Museum, the Mount Clemens Public Library, local bookstores, and local/national retail outlets and organizations. Shipping and handling charges (\$1.96) will apply if you request the book be mailed to you by the Selfridge Military Air Museum.

Advance copies can be reserved by contacting the Selfridge Military Air Museum by phone (586-307-6768), mail (27333 C Street, Selfridge ANGB MI 48045) or by email ([air.museum@miself.ang.af.mil](mailto:air.museum@miself.ang.af.mil)). The following information will be needed for reservations: name, mailing address, telephone number, email address, and number of copies requested.