



# WASSUP??

(September 2006)

## 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:

Our "dynamic duo" of **James Sklut** and **Jason Thompson** came back for the summer of 2006 to be used and abused by Bob Bondy on our Grounds Team.

**Bob Kozloff**, has already been out helping work on the F-14 move, the RV storage area, and doing whatever needs doing as part of Jim Galvin's Exterior Display's Team

**Brittany Davisson**, a student at L'Anse Creuse North High School, has been helping as one of our hosts for her Community Service requirement.

**Tyler Kosalski**, another student at L'Anse Creuse North High School, will be sweating with James and Jason as part of Bob Bondy's Grounds Team.

**Nick Marturano**, a substitute teacher and real estate agent, will be helping George Joseph and Darrell Rohrbeck keep our Air Park display aircraft looking pretty.

**Warren Vernier**, the retired Fire Chief of St Clair Shores and a World War II gun turret specialist, will be helping out the Library/Research Team.

**Richard Straughen**, a retired Korean War era veteran who worked on Nike fire control systems, will be helping our Grounds Guys keeping the place looking pretty.

**Matt Tumminello**, one of Tyler Kosalski's buddies, will be sweating with James, Jason, and Tyler as part of Bob Bondy's Grounds Team.

**Howard Ryskamp**, a personal referral from Roger Krings and a US Navy veteran, will be helping Jim Galvin and his Outdoor Displays 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.

- Although we have almost 100 volunteers on the rolls, I would be shirking my security responsibilities if I told our Security Police personnel to renew **all** of their Visitor's Passes for 2007. Of that 100, there are over a dozen that we haven't seen in many, many, many months who will be deleted from our volunteer roster when I send the new list over to Security Police in mid-November. If you think your name won't be on the list anymore, you need to call me as soon as possible!
- Many thanks to **Don Hussey** and **Juanita Hammond** for helping to staff our annual Golf Outing and Bath City Festival area. It's these "special events" that provide us with the exposure and financial assets to keep the Museum running and thanks to these type of events, everybody enjoys having the financial backing of the Museum to reimburse them for things they "need" for Museum projects.
- Our plea for our volunteers to join our Historical Association had disappointing results.

## 2006 ACCOMPLISHMENT/2007 GOALS

2006 was another busy year and 2007 looks like it will be no different from years past.

To list but a few of our 2006 accomplishments:

- Our Technical Orders have been organized into binders and the ones we don't need have been purged.
- The roof on Bldg 1011 has been replaced.
- The F-14 was demilitarized and put in place in the Air Park.
- Work on the SPAD project proceeds apace. A special fund drive has been established to see it thru to fruition.
- Our *Images of Aviation, Selfridge Field* book was published and is in its third printing.
- The RF-101 should be repainted in the very near future and corrosion control on the F-106 has begun.
- Once we square away a minor Fire Department issue, our plans for Bldg 1008 will be approved by Base Civil Engineering.
- We've broken the code on how to plug up the holes in our outdoor displays to prevent birds and bees from using the displays as home.
- The soffits and fascia on Bldg 1011 have been repainted.

To list but a few of our 2007 goals:

- Repaint the F-102 in Selfridge-specific markings (**old project**). This will require some serious corrosion control before it can be repainted.
- Purge our storage areas of assets that are excess to our current and future needs (**old project**), a long-term and ongoing effort.
- Developing and installing an Air Traffic Control display (**old project**). Chuck Halt and Darrell Rohrbeck have been working on this and once the display is done, it will be cosmic!
- Finish ongoing organization efforts in Bldg 1007 (**old project**). The stuff we're storing for STARBASE will hopefully be moved out before the snow flies.
- Motorize the R-2800 engine (**old project**).
- Training some of our "full-time" volunteers on aircraft corrosion control (**old project**).
- Cataloguing, digitizing, and filing historic photos (**old project**).
- Finish plugging up the holes in our outdoor displays.
- Complete the SPAD.
- Fund and remodel Bldg 1008 into a Visitor's Center with a covered walkway to connect Bldg 1008 to Bldg 1011 and construct a SPAD hangar to connect with the walkway.

## VISITORS PASS RENEWAL

**All of those who use the AF Form 75 Visitors Pass to gain access the Base should have their pass renewed in December!** I'll be sending an updated list of all volunteers in the middle of November so your name should be at Pass & ID in the new Visitors Center north of the new 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 this round of volunteer passes expire on 30 June 2007.** 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.

## AND SPEAKING ABOUT THE VISITORS PASS

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! The bad news is the guy that told me that is filling in for the "regular crew chief" so the rules may change again. 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.

## LONGEVITY AWARDS

I give up. Despite repeated pleas, many folks haven't bothered to share with me the year when they first started.

## CONSTRUCTION NEWS

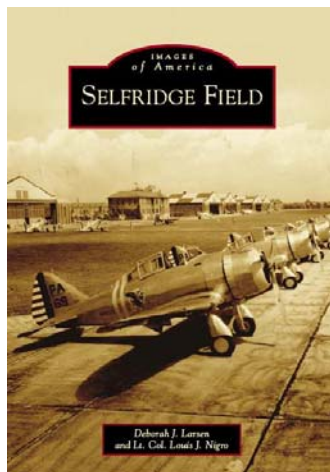
The remodeling of Bldg 1008 into our new Visitor's Center can begin once Air Museum funds become available. Once the remodeling is complete, we'll be moving the Gift Shop and Library into Bldg 1008 creating more display space in the Museum, complete the covered walkway between Bldg 1008 and the Museum, and erect a SPAD hangar next to the walkway

Repairs to the roads around our buildings have been designed and are an "option" for repair by a contractor (if Government funds permit) in Fiscal Year 2007 (October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007).

Removal of the trees west of the Museum outside our fence will be done by a contractor (if Government funds permit) in Fiscal Year 2008 (October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008). Removal of these trees is required for our plans to acquire a C-130E to replace our C-130A to proceed. Our request for the C-130E has been approved by the National Museum of the USAF and can proceed in earnest when (a) the trees are removed, (b) STARBASE acquires the acreage where the old Communications building south of us used to be, (c) STARBASE installs a security fence and landing gear pads in that acreage, (d) a C-130E becomes "excess" to the needs of the Government, and (e) the C-130E destined for us is demilitarized. Once all those hoops have been jumped thru, we'll be towing our C-130A into the fenced-in area south of the Museum and north of STARBASE and tow a C-130E from the west side of the field into the spot that was vacated by the C-130A.

A new street light has been installed at the intersection of Doolittle Drive and C Street and the street light outside of Bldg 1010 has been repaired.

## BOOK AVAILABLE



The Mount Clemens Public Library and the Selfridge Military Air Museum have collaborated on a book entitled Images of Aviation, Selfridge Field published by Arcadia Publishing that is now available in our Gift Shop. Through approximately 170 captioned photos, the book covers 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, chronicle the role of the installation as both a community and military asset. The book retails 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 Museum staff. Due to our contract with the publisher, discounts are not available.



## SELFRIDGE SPAD PROJECT

### SELFRIDGE MILITARY AIR MUSEUM

The Selfridge Military Air Museum is an outreach effort of the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association (MAGHA). Volunteers at the Air Museum have begun construction of a full-size replica of a World War I SPAD, an aircraft flown by the First Pursuit Group in World War I and at Selfridge Field when the First Pursuit Group moved to the Field in 1919.

As the replica will be historically accurate and have fabric-covered wings, it is critical for the preservation of the SPAD that we display it indoors. Existing floor space is inadequate inside the Museum building so our plans include the construction of a SPAD hangar that is accessible to our guests.

We estimate that it will cost approximately \$7,000.00 in material for our volunteers to build the display and an additional \$30,000.00 to construct the SPAD Hangar. As both MAGHA and the Air Museum are IRS-recognized 501c(3) non-profit organizations with an all-volunteer staff and no federal or state funds for the operation of our Museum and the maintenance of our buildings and displays, public and corporate support for this project will be critical to its success.

**All donations to this project are tax-deductible per Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Service Code and a receipt for all donations will be provided. Further, donors who contribute a minimum of \$100.00 will be formally acknowledged inside the SPAD Hangar as being critical to the success of the project.**

If you would like to participate in this worthwhile effort, please complete the form below and mail it, along with a check payable to "MAGHA", to the Selfridge Military Air Museum, 27333 C Street, Bldg 1011, Selfridge ANG Base MI 48045.

### **SELFRIDGE MILITARY AIR MUSEUM SPAD PROJECT DONATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount of Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Information about our Museum can be obtained by emailing [air.museum@miself.ang.af.mil](mailto:air.museum@miself.ang.af.mil), visiting our website at [www.selfridgeairmuseum.org](http://www.selfridgeairmuseum.org), calling 586-307-6768, or by writing to us at 27333 C Street, Bldg 1011, Selfridge ANG Base MI 48045.