



# WASSUP??

January 2012

Although we have postage paid and preaddressed feedback cards available at our Gift Shop, very few visitors to our Museum and Air Park take the time to tell us how we are doing. But everyone once in a while we get feedback like that below:

18 October 2011

TO: Selfridge Military Air Museum  
127 WG/MU  
27333 C St, Bldg 1011  
Selfridge ANG Base, MI 48045

FROM: The Dave Chaney Family  
539 S Charity St  
Bethel, OH 45106

SUBJECT: Letter of Thanks

On 1 October my wife and I had the pleasure of visiting your fine facility. We were both impressed with your collection of aviation history. As an old beat up infantry soldier and retired guardsman who served in some unusual locations, it was a real hoot to put my wife aboard the C-130 to let her see where I got to spend some web seat time.

Also, as a big fan of Lockheed P3 aircraft, seeing the old B model out in the air park brought back some fond memories of serving TDY out in the in the Aleutians at Adak NAS back in the 1980's.

Our special thanks go to your museum staff on duty that day. They were all very informative and friendly and we enjoyed a great conversation in the gift shop. Unfortunately I was so involved in the subject matter at hand that I have forgotten their names. I do remember the gentleman was one of the fellows that worked on the SPAD and his wife and another lady were on duty in the shop that day. They went out of their way to give us true VIP treatment and our sincere thanks go out to them.

Here's hoping the winter is kind to you all. Maybe we will cross paths next spring.

Sincerely,  
David & Jackie Chaney

**FROM THE EDITOR: Museum hosts on 1 October included Barb & Ray Taylor, Celia Knobelsdorf, Mike Evans, and Rocky Huddleston. My personal thanks to you all for creating such a great impression on the Chaney Family.**

## VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNERS

**Volunteer of the Quarter:** Bob Kozloff nominated **Ray Carpenter** for our Volunteer of the Quarter Award winner for October thru December 2011 and he has been selected for that honor. Ray joined us in May of 2008 and he's been a busy bee since then, making intake/exhaust covers for our display aircraft, redoing the seat/armrest covers for the C-130A/P-3B, repairing uniforms for Fred DeNault's collection, repairing flags, and a number of SPAD projects including making covers for it, and the wind sock for the SPAD Hangar. He even comes in on off days to finish "hot projects". Like I say, he's been a busy bee and well deserving of recognition. Thanks for all your help Ray...with your skills you've been a real find for us!



At our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on 9 December 2011, **Dick Soules** received our **2011 Volunteer of the Year** award. When next you see Dick, bow low at the waist and say "We're not worthy".



Also at our 2011 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on 9 December 2011, **Ed Young** received our **2011 Special Achievement** award. Regrettably Ed was a bit under the weather that evening so we didn't get the opportunity to present the award to him in front of his peers or take a photo of him receiving the award but we did bring it to his house that weekend where we saw what had to be the world's longest oxygen hose! And although we couldn't take a photo of Ed at the dinner, we do have a picture of him taken in 1952 when he was on active duty here at Selfridge!



Our photographer provided me with a disk that has all the photos taken at the 2011 Volunteer Appreciation so if you want a copy of the whole disk, I can make one up and mail it to you. If you want to look at the photos that were taken, just see me and we can set you up on a computer to see them all. It's way too big (103 MB) to send as an attachment to an email.

Team Chiefs are reminded that nominations for the Volunteer of the Quarter award for January thru March 2012 are due in Lou Nigro's office no later than 15 March 2012.

## 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:

**John Chandonais:** John is a high school student who lives in Clinton Twp, is a CAP MSgt, and is interested in football, camping, and riding around on his mini-bike. He officially joined us on 21 September 2011 and due to his school schedule he'll be joining our weekend Host Team beginning in 2012. *Welcome aboard John. We're always looking for young men and women to help us on weekends between April and October when we're open to the general public.*

## GOLF SHIRTS

One of the ways we say "thank you" to our volunteers **who do more than just say they want to volunteer and then either don't show up or come in one time and then leave** is to provide them with a golf shirt in a size of their choice with the Museum logo and their name embroidered on it. The initial golf shirt is free. If additional or replacement shirts are needed, we'll order and mail them to you with an invoice for just our cost for the shirt(s) requested.

It's hard to keep track of who wanted a shirt (some don't) and who received one already so until I hear to the contrary, **I'm going to assume that all of our current volunteers have already received their shirt. If my assumption is incorrect, and it probably is, please call me and we'll get it on order.**

## REQUIRED TELEPHONE ATTACHMENT

An Air Force directive requires that a DD Form 2056 dated May 2000 be prominently displayed on every telephone.

The DD Form 2056 is a red sticker that says "DO NOT DISCUSS CLASSIFIED INFORMATION – This telephone is subject to monitoring at all times. Use of this telephone constitutes consent to monitoring."

I went thru every room and every building to insure that the sticker is on every phone I could find but I may have missed some so the next time you're at your work site, please check your phone to insure the sticker is attached. If it's not, I have more stickers.

## TELEPHONE CHANGES

Our telephone PIN number for long distance calls has changed to 120156. If you need to call off-base, dial 991 plus the area code (even if it's a local number) plus the telephone number. If you hear five short beeps, it's a long distance number and will require that you then enter the PIN to get connected. **And if you dial 911 instead of 991, people with guns will soon arrive!**

The way we dial on-base numbers and manage our voice mail has also changed. To dial an on-base number from an on-base phone, you'll have to dial 239 + the four digit extension you are trying to reach. For example, to call Dick Soules in the Research Library, instead of dialing just 4080 you'll have to dial 239-4080.

## 2012 GOALS

It never ends...

- Purge our storage areas of assets that are excess to our current and future needs, a long-term and ongoing effort.
- Finish ongoing organization efforts in Bldg 1007. The stuff we were storing for STARBASE is now ours and we are working on deciding what is worth saving and how to divest ourselves of that which is not. Rob Sandstrom has put a lot of "stuff" that we don't need in the trailer next to the Museum and we're trying to figure out how to get rid of these items.
- Training more of our "full-time" volunteers on aircraft corrosion control.
- Restore and display a functional World War II LINK trainer.
- Cataloguing, digitizing, and filing historic photos.
- Acquiring and displaying an F-89 "Scorpion", an AT-6 "Texan", a DC-3/C-47/R-4D "Skytrain" and a High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV, commonly known as a Humvee) for display in our Air Park. The F-89 is an expensive proposition but we're working on ways to fund it, the AT-6 is also an expensive proposition and is on a back-burner until we can figure out how to fund other items, the C-47 is currently being negotiated for us by the National Museum of Naval Aviation with the FAA, and the Humvee is being negotiated between the Museum, the Army Donation Program Manager at TACOM, and the Army's Center for Military History.

## AN EDITORIAL

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

- I'll say it again and keep saying it until everyone gets the word! **ONLY THE CURATOR (DICK SOULES) OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (THAT'S ME) CAN ACCEPT A DONATION TO THE MUSEUM!** Do not bring anything from your home or from others that is to be donated to the Museum unless you first come thru me! We keep getting stuff that I have to back door thru the review, acceptance and inventory process and it's getting a little old trying to figure out what happened and when after the fact.
- **For those of you who have our Museum Master Card number memorized or on a piece of paper, it has changed!** See me or call me and I'll share it with you.
- Although membership in our parent organization, the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association (MAGHA), is certainly not a requirement to be an Air Museum volunteer, the membership donations we receive are a significant part of our yearly income and provide us with the financial wherewithal to reimburse you for purchases you make on our behalf and to fund needed improvements to our operation. We presently have over 110 volunteers on our rolls and over 50% have chosen **not** to become members of MAGHA. Please consider joining our Historical Association...a membership application is on the last page of this newsletter.

## VISITORS PASS RENEWAL

**All of those who use the AF Form 75 Visitors Pass to gain access to the Base should get their passes renewed to show an expiration date of 31 July 2012!**

I sent an updated list of all volunteers to Security on 14 December 2011 so your name should be at Pass & ID in the new Visitor's Center (Bldg 901) at the intersection of Hall Road and Jefferson. The Pass & ID section is open from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Tuesdays thru Fridays. They are closed on Saturday, Sundays, Mondays, and Federal holidays. Their phone number is 586-239-5161, ext 2. The list I sent to Security is attached.

An updated list of Museum volunteers will be sent to Security again in mid-July 2012 for the period 1 August 2012 thru 31 January 2013.

**And speaking of visitor's passes, if you want to bring any folks over the age of 18 other than yourself or your wife to the Museum and their name is NOT on this list, I will have to sponsor them on to the Base and I'll need about 48 hours to make that happen! Security tells me that minor (as in under the age of 18) children accompanying you do not have to be individually sponsored.**

# MAGHA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I believe that my support for the goals of the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association and the Selfridge Military Air Museum will attest to my commitment to the Michigan Air National Guard, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, and the thousands of dedicated men and women who have served our great nation and the State of Michigan. I wish to demonstrate this commitment by becoming a member of MAGHA as follows:

- NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
- RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
  
- PATRON MEMBERSHIP (\$1,000.00)
- SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP (\$500.00)
- LIFE MEMBERSHIP (\$250.00)
- REGULAR MEMBERSHIP (\$25.00)
- DONATION ONLY

RANK & NAME \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT OF AFFILIATION (ONLY ONE PLEASE) \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER OF THE MI ANG (YEARS ONLY) FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

HOW WOULD YOU PREFER TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER (check one)

- BY EMAIL     BY US MAIL     OFF THE WEB SITE ([www.selfridgeairmuseum.org](http://www.selfridgeairmuseum.org))

Complete your payment information below and mail to 27333 C St, Bldg 1011, Selfridge ANG Base MI 48045.

Your support of MAGHA is gratefully appreciated and **REMEMBER** your membership donation is **100% TAX DEDUCTIBLE.**

MICHIGAN SOLICITATION LICENSE NUMBER: MICS 26603

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed. Checks should be made payable to "MAGHA".

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 MASTER CARD  
 AMERICAN EXPRESS CARD  
 DISCOVER CARD

Account # \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_