



WASSUP??

(June 2006)

VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNERS

No one was nominated so no one was selected as our Volunteer of the Quarter for the period January thru March 2006. Team Coordinators are reminded that nominations for the VOQ award for April thru June award are due in Lou's office no later than 24 June 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:

Celia Knobelsdorf: Celia lives in Macomb Township, is the Administrative Assistant to the Chairman of the Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Department at Wayne State University, is working on her Masters Degree in Education at the same university and has a BA from Wayne State, majoring in history. Celia's daunting task is to lend some degree of organization to our Technical Orders and historical reference files. And she carries a little notebook in her back pocket to document aberrant behavior for referral to her boss so she should have plenty of fodder helping at our Museum. Just kidding (I think).

Jeanine Pelt: Jeanine lives in Madison Heights, is a substitute teacher, and is working on her Masters Degree in Art and Teaching at Wayne State University. Jeanine, like Celia, is going to be helping me out in the Admin area getting our Technical Orders and historical reference files organized and looking neat and tidy so I don't have to hunt around when I get asked the trick questions. And Jeanine supervised special-needs children so she should fit in with us just fine!

Sarah Gaynier: Sarah lives in Woodhaven, manages a Mexican restaurant, and is working on her Masters Degree and currently studying Historical Preservation. Betcha can't guess where we're going to be asking her to help out? Organizing and preserving our historical files will be a monumental undertaking but it will sure enable us to care for the many documents and photos entrusted to our care and so vital to our historical research efforts.

MAIN GATE CONSTRUCTION

Information on the timetable and detours associated with the closure of the Main Gate are attached. The Main Gate will be closed and the Golf Gate can be used only by those volunteers who are entitled to a vehicle decal. All volunteers using the long-term Visitor's Pass must use the Joy Gate.

AN EDITORIAL

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

- I'm pretty good about writing checks to volunteers when they've purchased things for the Museum out of their own pocket. I make some giant leaps of faith – that what they bought was really needed and we didn't already have what it. Whenever I have to pay a bill for paint I always wonder, "We have so much paint in stock. Didn't we already have some that they could have used?"
- New projects are exciting but the lack of progress on projects that have been bubbling around for years is frustrating. See 2006 goals below.
- Membership in our parent organization, the Michigan Air Guard Historic Association, accounts for 21% of our revenue, well above that of Museum admission donations (13%) and Gift Shop sales (12%). We have 105 volunteers, including our Board of Directors. Only 49 of them (47%) are members of the Historical Association. While Historical Association membership is not a volunteer requirement, it sure helps maintain the positive cash flow required to keep us progressing.

2006 GOALS

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

- Place the F-14A in the Air Park (awaiting completion of demilitarization actions – estimate June 2006).
- Repaint the F-102 in Selfridge-specific markings. This will require some serious corrosion control before it can be repainted (**old project**).
- 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 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. The stuff we're storing for STARBASE will hopefully be moved out in by the end of the summer (**old project**).
- Motorize the R-2800 engine (**old project**).
- Training some of our "full-time" volunteers on aircraft corrosion control (**old project**).
- Get "new" golf carts and warehouse tugs. This is requiring some creative work on my part.
- Cataloguing, digitizing, and filing historic photos (**old project**).

VISITORS PASS RENEWAL

All of those who use the AF Form 75 Visitors Pass to gain access the Base should have their pass renewed this month! I sent over an updated list of all volunteers in the middle of May 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 31 December 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.

SPECIAL EVENTS IN 2006

The "Tactical Wings and Wheels" event we had scheduled for the weekend of June 17th and 18th has been cancelled but we still need help with our annual ***Golf Outing on Monday, August 14th*** and the ***Bath City Festival on Friday, August 25th, and Saturday, August 26th***. The good news on the Bath City Festival is that due to logistical and security issues, we won't be bringing in either the Jeep or the F-16 cockpit to the event. We'll still need two-shift staffing (11:00 am to 3:30 pm and 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm) on the event days. If you can help with either or both events, contact Lou Nigro.

CONSTRUCTION NEWS

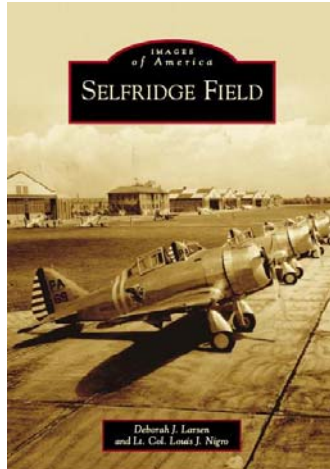
The remodeling of Bldg 1008 into our new Visitor's Center can begin once Air Museum funds become available. Once the remodeling is complete, we'll be moving the Gift Shop and Library into Bldg 1008 creating more display space in the Museum.

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 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 towing 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.



ACCESS TO THE SELFRIDGE MILITARY AIR MUSEUM AND AIR PARK DURING MAIN GATE CONSTRUCTION, AUGUST THRU OCTOBER 2006

The **Main Gate** to Selfridge ANG Base at the intersection of M-59/Hall Road/Rosso Hwy and Jefferson Avenue is scheduled to be **CLOSED** for construction from August 1, 2006 to October 31, 2006.

During this closure, guests to the Selfridge Military Air Museum and Air Park must access the Base thru the **Joy Gate** at the intersection of Joy and Irwin Roads on the west side of the Base.

If using I-94 from the north or south, exit at **Exit 237**. Proceed eastbound on North River Road to Irwin Road, and turn left (north) onto Irwin Road. The Joy Gate to Selfridge ANG Base will be at the end of Irwin Road where it intersects with Joy Road.

If using Jefferson Avenue from the north, proceed westbound on M-59/Hall Road/Rosso Hwy then onto westbound I-94 towards Detroit. Exit I-94 at the next exit (**Exit 237**) and proceed eastbound on North River Road to Irwin Road. Turn left (north) onto Irwin Road and the Joy Gate to Selfridge ANG Base will be at the end of Irwin Road where it intersects with Joy Road.

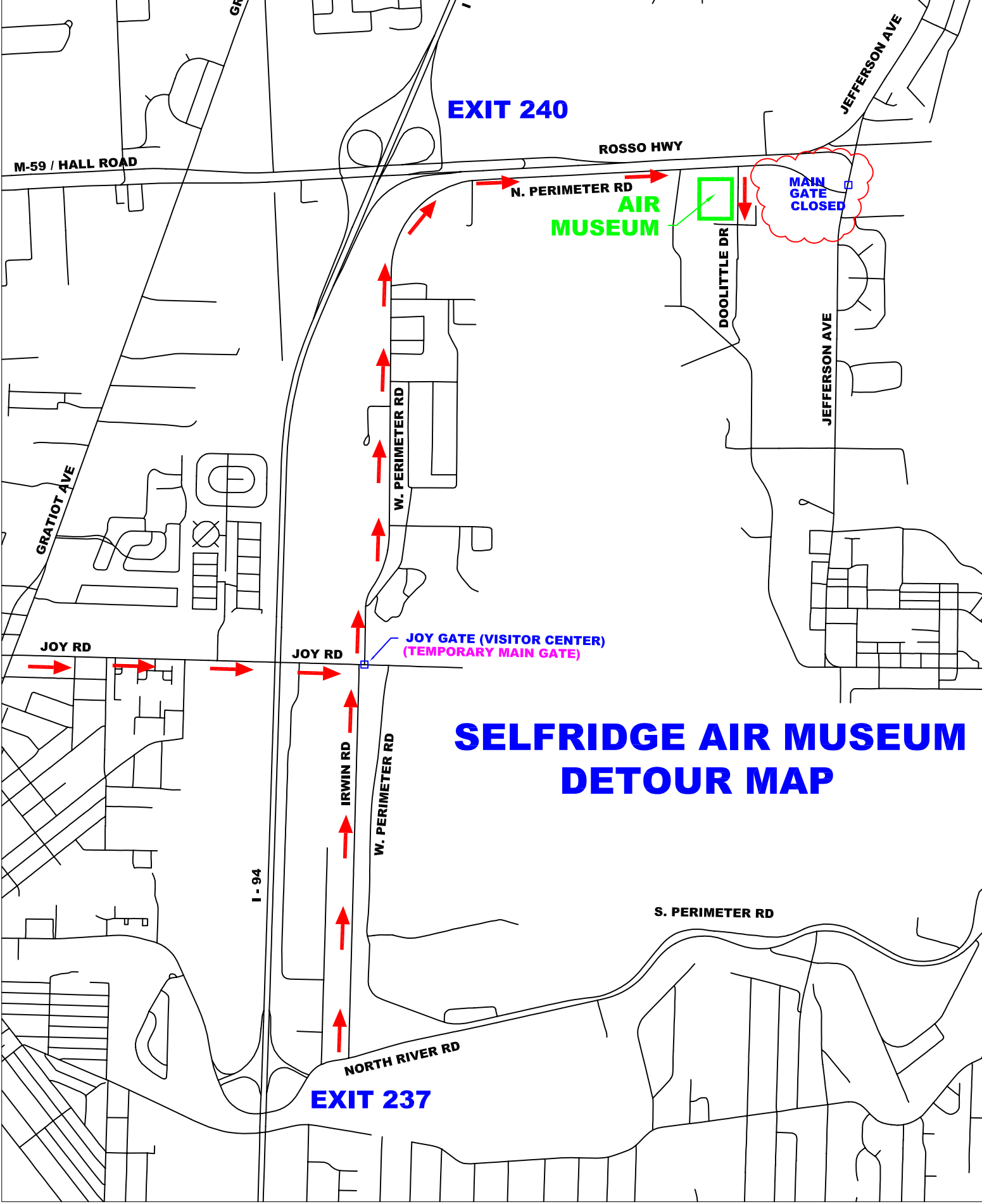
If using M-59/Hall Road/Rosso Hwy from the west, go south on Gratiot Avenue/M-3, turn left (east) on Joy Road, then proceed eastbound on Joy Road to the Joy Gate.

If using North River Road from the east, proceed westbound on North River Road to Irwin Road, turn right (north) on Irwin Road and the Joy Gate to Selfridge ANG Base will be at the end of Irwin Road where it intersects with Joy Road.

Once registered on the installation, proceed **northbound** on West Perimeter Road, past the end of the runway, to Doolittle Drive. The Museum and Air Park will be on your right. Turn right onto Doolittle Drive and Museum/Air Park parking will be on your left.

Guests to the Selfridge Military Air Museum and Air Park are cautioned that deviating from these on-base directions may take them into restricted areas and subject them to security intervention.

A map is on the reverse.



EXIT 240

M-59 / HALL ROAD

ROSSO HWY

JEFFERSON AVE

AIR MUSEUM

MAIN GATE CLOSED

N. PERIMETER RD

DOOLITTLE DR

JEFFERSON AVE

W. PERIMETER RD

GRATIOT AVE

JOY RD

JOY RD

**JOY GATE (VISITOR CENTER)
(TEMPORARY MAIN GATE)**

SELFRIDGE AIR MUSEUM DETOUR MAP

W. PERIMETER RD

IRWIN RD

S. PERIMETER RD

NORTH RIVER RD

EXIT 237

I-94