



# WASSUP??

## OCTOBER 2007

### VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNERS

Bob Bondy and Bob Kozloff both nominated **Richard Straughen** for the Volunteer of the Quarter award for April thru June 2007. With two different Team Coordinators nominating the same person, how could we not select someone like Richard who so epitomizes our cross-functional efforts. Whenever and wherever there's a need for help, Richard is one of the first to stand up and be counted.



Team Coordinators are reminded that nominations for the Volunteer of the Quarter award for July thru September 2007 are due in the Executive Director's office no later than 15 October 2007.

### NEW VOLUNTEERS

It's been a banner three months as 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:

**Devyn DePeter**, a student at L'Anse Creuse High School North who is helping out at our Museum to fulfill her high school's Community Service requirement. Devyn lives in Chesterfield, joined us on 16 June 2007 and will be helping her Mom Carin as one of our weekend hosts. I've known Devyn since before she was born and feel free to ask me or her Mom about "arranged marriages". *Thanks Devyn for being so proactive about fulfilling your community service requirement...you have 4 years to fill the square!*

**Justin Pinchot**, another L'Anse Creuse High School North student helping us while fulfilling his community service requirement. Justin lives in Chesterfield, joined us on 26 June 2007, and is a friend of Museum Volunteer Tyler Kosalski so we have him helping Bob Bondy keeping the Museum Grounds and RV Storage Area looking neat and pretty. *We're glad to have you helping us out Justin...now you and Tyler stop talking about girls and cars and get back to work!*

**Tom Biddle**, a former Test Equipment, Design, and Fabrication Supervisor with Daimler Chrysler with three years of experience before that installing HVAC systems. Tom lives in Clinton Township, joined us on 5 July 2007...he likes to fix things so we've asked that he help Jim Galvin on the Maintenance Team. *Thanks for volunteering to help out Tom...we have plenty of things that need fixing and HVAC is part of the SPAD Hangar equation so I'm sure we'll keep you busy!*

**Mike Gallas**, a student helping us as a weekend host unless we can also get him out on a Tuesday or a Friday to sweat with our weekday students helping Bob Bondy take care of our grounds Mike lives in Chesterfield, joined us on 7 July 2007 and is Don and Carol Hussey's grandson; he's accompanied them on weekends so often that we kind of expect to see him here when Don and Carol host...kinda like Max who comes out with his dad, Todd Holleman. *Welcome aboard Mike...now you can start getting community service credit for all the times you come out.*

**Robert Vincent**, a "young" man who lives in Sterling Heights. Robert was a Combat Photographer in the USAF from 1963 to 1967 (interestingly enough those were the same years that I was on active duty), he joined us on 29 July 2007, and due to his availability we've made him part of our weekend Host Team. *Welcome Robert...we can sure use the help on weekends!*

**Michael Evans**, a Program Manager for the Schaller Corporation who lives in Addison Township (near Leonard MI in Oakland County about 38 miles from our Museum). Mike's interests include scuba diving, running, fishing, and military aircraft. A graduate of Michigan State University with a BS in Science & Technology, Mike joined us on 3 August 2007, and due to his availability we've made him part of our weekend Host Team. *Welcome Mike...although we don't have a bunch of runners among our volunteers, we do have some fishermen. And my son was an MSU graduate so I know all about the wild parties!*

## PHOTOGRAPHY AT OUR MUSEUM

While cameras are welcome at our Museum, the provisions of the loan agreements we have with our displays owning organization requires that **photographs can only be used for personal, non-commercial purposes unless the express and written permission of the Air Museum's Executive Director is obtained to use these photographs for non-personal, commercial purposes.**

## PIN NUMBER CHANGE (YES...AGAIN!)

Effective Thursday, 19 July, the PIN number to use for long distance calls from the Museum changed to **801598**.

If you need to call off-base (991 + area code + telephone number) and hear five short beeps, it's a long distance number and will require that you then enter the PIN to get connected.

Please be gentle as we get charged for these long-distance calls.

***And if you dial 911 instead of 991, people with guns will soon arrive!***

## AN EDITORIAL

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

- If you charge something to the Museum, please insure that I get a copy of the receipt. It's awfully hard to confirm the validity of a bill if I have no clue that something was charged to our account.
- The default method of getting this newsletter into the hands of the folks who have email addresses will be as a .pdf attachment to the email. If the file extension (.pdf) gets stripped off, the title of the attachment will be in the body of the email. If the file cannot be opened, it will be on our website ([www.selfridgeairmuseum.org](http://www.selfridgeairmuseum.org)) under the Volunteers Only link on the left hand side at the bottom of the home page. **Those of you with email addresses who can't open the attachment and don't want to go to the website to get it, please advise me and I'll code your name so that you get a printed copy.**
- I'm going into a new publication cycle for this newsletter so I can mail it to those who either don't have email addresses, those who can't open the attachment to the email, and those who don't want to get it off the website so we can avail ourselves of the bulk mailing permit we use for distribution of the MANGBANG to those MAGHA members similarly inclined.

## FILING OF HISTORICAL DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL

The following is of relevance **only** to those Museum volunteers who have a reason to use the historical reference files in the Library/Research area.

The following was extracted from the recently revised Operating Instruction 84-13:

- Historical documentary material (newspaper articles, documents, and similar items) are filed and maintained in the Research Library.
- The files are in date order, 1917 to present with the file drawer labeled as appropriate.
- Most files contain a sub-folder labeled MI ANG and the year. This sub-folder contains historical documentary material regarding the Michigan Air National Guard unrelated to Selfridge for the year in which it is filed.
- All files are arranged in date order to make for the easier retrieval of information.
- A filing tray has been placed on top of the filing cabinet. If something is removed from the historical file, it can be placed in that tray for subsequent filing or it can be returned to the file from whence it came insuring that the date order is maintained.

Jim Koglin is working on an appropriate and usable way to file historic photos.

## 2007 GOALS

It never ends...

- Construction of the 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 will be located west of the Museum building (Bldg 1011) in the area now occupied by military vehicles. The “plan” is to have the pad poured, the building delivered, and the building contractually erected this year...we’ll worry about insulating it, and installing the HVAC/security system next year. We’ll then move the SPAD construction effort from Bldg 1008 to the SPAD Hangar (designated Bldg 1014 if you care) and press on towards completion in the SPAD Hangar. Then we’ll start working on how to raise the \$\$ to turn Bldg 1008 into a Visitor’s Center joined to the Museum building with a covered walkway.
- Repaint the F-102 in Selfridge-specific markings. This 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**).
- 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 year (**old project**).
- Motorize the R-2800 engine (**old project**).
- Training more of our “full-time” volunteers on aircraft corrosion control (**old project**).
- Cataloguing, digitizing, and filing historic photos (**old project**).
- 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 in December so that it shows an expiration date of 30 June 2008!**

I'll be sending an updated list of all volunteers on in mid/late November 2007 so in December 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 again to Security in May 2008 for the period 1 July thru 31 December 2008.

## OLD MUSEUM PHOTO

For those of you who are still wondering when the photo below was taken, it was in 1999.

