



WASSUP??

JANUARY 2008

VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNERS

At our November 17th Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, our Board President, Brig Gen “Rudy” Rudolph presented the following awards:

Volunteer of the Quarter for July thru September 2007: **GEORGE JOSEPH**

Volunteer of the Year for 2007: **BOB KOZLOFF**

Special Achievement Award for 2007: **DICK ROTS**



Left to Right: George Joseph, Brig Gen Rudolph, Bob Kozloff, and Dick Rots

In a special ceremony held at the Museum, the Volunteer of the Quarter award for October thru December 2007 went to **TOM BIDDLE**.

Team Coordinators are reminded that nominations for the Volunteer of the Quarter award for January thru March 2008 are due in the Executive Director’s office no later than 15 April 2008.

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:

Russ Valeri, a neighbor of Darrell Rohrbeck and a former Huey crew chief. Russ’ experience (besides fighting Charlie in ‘Nam) is in wood and plastic pattern making so he’s a perfect fit for our SPAD Restoration Team. Russ lives in Harrison Township and officially joined us on September 25th. *Thanks for joining us Russ and we promise not to hold the fact that you’re a friend of Darrell’s against you.*

Ray Taylor, an aircraft mechanic during the Korean War with an expertise in fabricating metal so he's perfect for our SPAD Restoration Team. As a matter of fact, it was Ray who fabricated the two replicas of the Vickers machine guns that we displayed with the SPAD during this summer's Air Show. Ray lives in Richmond MI and officially joined us on September 28th. *Thanks for joining us Ray; the SPAD is making great progress and your past and future contributions to the effort are truly appreciated.*

Kevin Flood, a young L'Anse Creuse Central high school student who will be helping us as a weekend host beginning in 2008 to fulfill his Community Service requirement for graduation. Kevin lives in Harrison Township and officially joined us on September 5th. *Thanks for becoming part of our Student Team Kevin. Many of our student volunteers stay with us even after they've graduated from high school and if you feel like helping out during the week when you're on vacation from school, I'm sure we can find something for you. Most of our volunteers are getting on in years so when a young man wants to help out, everyone sends up a loud hurra!*

Tyler Zdybel, another young high school student who will be helping us as a weekend host beginning in 2008 to fulfill his Community Service requirement for graduation. Tyler lives in Macomb and officially joined us on September 26th. *Thanks for offering to help out Tyler...if you're as dedicated as your friend Steve Pineo, we'll be in great shape. But if my grandson, Tyler Kosalski, helps us again in 2008 like he did in 2006 and 2007, we'll get confused when someone yells "Tyler" and two young men respond!*

Keir Sagan, a Production Manager at the Motor City Brewing Works and a Detroit Enterprise Academy 5th grade history and social studies teacher. Keir lives in Roseville and officially joined us on November 6th. Given Keir's background and interest in history, I've asked him to help us prepare for the centennial of Lt Selfridge's death in September of next year by developing appropriate ways to commemorate the event, write the "definitive" biography of Lt Selfridge, and develop a PowerPoint presentation for use at various events. *Hmmm...Keir works in a brewery and teaches history. What more can we ask for? Keir has a "real job" so I suspect he'll help out like Celia and Jeanine did, i.e., in the evening and at home. And I just love his name...Keir (as in Keir Dullea, the star of 2001, A Space Odyssey) Sagan (as in Carl Sagan) Why he didn't become an astrophysicist is the question of the hour. Thanks for offering to help out Keir. The centennial of our Base's namesake will be a big event for us and with your help we can make it a memorable one.*

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.**

MODEL AIRCRAFT KITS FOR SALE

Thanks to the generosity of one of our Museum volunteers and the widow of a professional model maker in Westland, your Museum has acquired a large number of plastic model kits for resale.

And thanks to the attention to detail of five volunteers at the Museum, these kits have been catalogued to show the manufacturer, type aircraft, scale, Gift Shop selling price, MAGHA member price (25% less than Gift Shop price), and condition of these kits.

If you would like us to mail you a copy of this catalog, please advise Lou Nigro by email to louis.nigro@miself.ang.af.mil, by phone to 586-307-6768, or by mail to 27333 C St, Bldg 1011, Selfridge ANG Base MI 48045.

The kits are being offered on a first-come, first-served basis, the list is a moving target, the price does not include Michigan sales tax (which is not applicable to items purchased by and shipped to purchasers outside of the State of Michigan), and, if you want us to mail your order, shipping charges will be added to the invoice that will accompany shipment of your order.

On February 1st, these kits will be sold to a bulk buyer and will no longer be available to MAGHA members.

PIN NUMBER CHANGE (YES...AGAIN!)

Effective Thursday, 19 July 2007, 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.

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.

2008 GOALS

It never ends...

- Completion of the SPAD Hangar. Most of it was completed contractually in 2007 but the finishing touches need to be made before we can move the SPAD out of Bldg 1008 into the new 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’s located west of the Museum building (Bldg 1011) in the area now occupied by military vehicles. Heating/air conditioning and security issues need to be addressed before we can move the SPAD and we hope to have everything up and running so guests can view this display by late 2008.
- 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 eventually (**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 so that it shows an expiration date of 30 June 2008!

I sent an updated list of all volunteers in early November so 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 to Security in early May 2008 for the period 1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

1. The default method of getting the quarterly WASSUP newsletter to you will be as a .pdf attachment to an email.
2. The file will be named using the following convention: WASSUPyyyymm.pdf. For example, the January 2008 issue will be named WASSUP200801.pdf.
3. If (a) the email doesn’t show an attachment or (b) you cannot open it or (c) the file size is too big for your Internet Service Provider, or (d) you have a dial-up modem and don’t want to wait all day for it to download, you can view or print it (and back issues of the WASSUP that have been loaded) from our website, www.selfridgeairmuseum.org. Click on the “Volunteers Only” link at the bottom of the left hand side of the home page then click on the issue you want to view.
4. Adobe Acrobat Reader is required to view the newsletter on your computer. If you don’t have that software installed, instructions on how to download the free version of it are at the bottom of the page linked to the “MAGHA Members Only” link on the website home page. Use care to install the correct version for your computer’s operating system, e.g., Windows 2000, Windows XP, or Windows Vista.

5. If you have one or more of the four situation noted in paragraph 3 above **and** don't want to go to the website, **please advise us and we'll mail you a copy.** You can advise us by sending an email to air.museum@miself.ang.af.mil, calling us at 586-307-6768/5035, or by writing us at 27333 C Street, Bldg 1011, Selfridge ANG Base MI 48045.

2007 MUSEUM GUESTS

Well, all the numbers are in for 2007 and we did better than we did in 2006 but not as good as we did in 2003 and 2004. The graph of our attendance figures is below and over the last five years we have averaged 11,783 guests per year.

