CLASSIFIEDS

Budget Administrator Wanted. Duties include managing the bills, quotes for jobs and channeling reimbursement claims. Successful candidate will be the L5 liaison to D’Marie. Qualifications include the ability to say “we can’t afford it” and willingness to help figure out how we can.

HIRING HISTORICAL INVESTIGATOR. The L5 revival team is looking for an investigator to contact institutions regarding the L5’s history. Passion for historical research is a plus.

Progress this week

Lightening/access holes in the leading edges are complete thanks to Darrel Cook who revived the air compressor. The wing tip braces are installed. Wing tip light harness is complete and ready for installation. Fuselage is nearly completely uncovered. Damaged ribs at the base of the vertical stab are repaired. Damaged aileron is disassembled and ready for repair.

Next week forecast

Wood surfaces on the fuselage will be stripped of glue. Search light doubler will be trimmed down. There is a 35% chance that the right wing spar will be drilled and ready for compression rib installation. Forms and jigs for the aileron repair will be made.

History Mystery

The L5 past is still shrouded in mystery. It is a Stinson L5 Serial number 42-14934, also identified as 76-137 Registration N65444 and later N59AF. One document in her files indicates that it might have belonged to the Princeton University Aero Engineering department in the late 1940s. Subsequently it became a glider tow and CAP aircraft in the 1950s and beyond. What was she doing from her birthday in 1943 to the end of that decade?

There are some historical records on the engine suggesting it was shipped all around Vermont and Florida starting as early as 1948. It is important to keep in mind that the military maintains separate records on aircraft and engines. The history of the engine does not always match that of the airframe.

AG1 member David Bieber suggested contacting the FAA, the Army and the Smithsonian for information. The L-5 revival team is seeking a volunteer, sleuth, detective, gumshoe, private eye, snoop or anyone at all willing to investigate.

Hero Makes a Difference!

Air Group One gets a badly needed band saw donated to our L-5 Revival program. Barron, the donor, was a Vietnam era fighter pilot in f-101 voodoo’s, F-4 phantoms and Bird Dogs. He earned the silver star for saving a special forces unit with his Bird Dog.

Credit: Kelly Rudolph AG1

Credit: Erich Moulder