

GENERAL UPDATE 22/2019-
The NHF Project- Progress Report-WEEK ENDING 14 JUL 19

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As usual, this week's NHF project report focuses on the actual activities occurring in this last week, which were:- Continuing to prepare Tracker 844 for flight/ rebuilding the fuselage of the Sea Venom/ the successful move of the C47 wings to HARS Albion Park Base, and adding to the inventory of the Wessex 832 support equipment.

In last week's NHF report, I published a current inventory of ALL HARS' aircraft including the HARS Parkes and HARS NHF airframes-and as a sign that our NHF Facebook page attracts genuine readers- we had a number of questions then posted about particular airframes, that enabled us to update and clarify the collection list- so thanks to all those sharp eyed readers!

It is my pleasure to now update you on the progress we are making, thanks to a lot of very enthusiastic people

Here is a very brief summary of each current NHF project-

***Trackers 844 and 845**

These are both still located in secure but open storage at our major sponsor Air Affairs at the Albatross Aviation Technology Park (AATP), where:-

- 844 is received its regular weekly runup and engineering checks by HARS volunteers, and the successful engine run last week continued the sequence of weekly checks with the Tracker running well!
- 845 is in open storage at our major sponsor AIR AFFAIRS, and our long- term intention is to repaint it externally, and use it as the first display aircraft on the block of land next to the FAA Museum when this is granted by EIG

***Dakota C47**

Last week we achieved our milestone goal of moving the C47 WINGS, and again with the generous sponsorship and support of Air Affairs, our HARS crews road moved the C47 WINGS to HARS Albion Park Rail last week.

I attach some photos of the wings in temporary storage at HARS Albion Park.

***Wessex .**

- Wessex 832 is on display at HARS Albion Park in HARS Hangar 3 and this week we received some storage covers for the Rotor Blades when folded- courtesy of the FAA Museum and I want to thank Stu Harwood for making them available Photo attached
- Wessex 813 is at HARS Parkes - no update received this week

We are still short of qualified/ knowledgeable Wessex support team members so if anyone out there can assist us, we would really welcome your enquiry about joining HARS and if accepted, coming to assist with a particular project such as the Wessex.

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***Sea Venom**

Once again, some continued **very serious** commitment and **effort** with much progress achieved in re-assembling the Sea Venom in the last week- as shown by the accompanying photos taken over that period.

So:- once again a big "Thank You Very Much!" to everyone who is helping with this challenging project.

***Hueys**

Iroquois UH-1B Numbers 893 and 898 are at Air Affairs at AATP in secure storage and there has been no change in their status this week.

***Sea Fury**

- Sea Fury WG 630 airframe is still on display in HARS Hangar 1 and is already a very popular display item, and this will be a BIG CHALLENGING Project and we invite your involvement and assistance please

We have commenced our major Sea Fury appeal- help us to develop the engineering analysis which is the start the rebuild of this magnificent Sea Fury historic airframe back to flying status!

We Request Your Support:-

Don't forget that donations to HARS of over \$2 are tax deductible so please act now and if **you can assist in any way-please email me at:- harsnhf@hars.org.au. or contact me through our HARS NHF Facebook page**

In the meantime, enjoy the accompanying photos of NHF related activities at HARS Albion Park (Wessex 832 Blade covers/ Sea Venom re-assembly- more significant progress/ Sea Fury and Tracker in Hangar 1/ C47 wings stored at HARS Albion Park Hangars
Enjoy!

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PHOTOS:-

A Number of shots attached-all are copyright free OR Permission to use is given:-

M Hough or Bob De La Hunty:-

Sea Venom in HARS Hangar 3- a series of photos of the reconstruction progress being made
Wessex Rotor covers

Sea Fury and Tracker in HARS Hangar 3

C47 Wings on the ground at HARS Albion Park