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GENERAL UPDATE 02/2020-
The NHF Project- Progress Report-WEEK ENDING 12 Jan 2020

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Hi to all our supporters, and It is again my pleasure to again update you on the progress we are making on the range of NHF airframes, thanks to a lot of very enthusiastic people! Once again, I would like to send our best wishes, and where appropriate, condolences for anyone reading this bulletin who is suffering from the prolonged drought and terrible bushfires we are currently having.

I would again like to express our admiration for, and appreciation of, all those involved in dealing with the terrible fires and also express our condolences for all those being affected

Here is a summary of each current NHF project-

Tracker 844 at HARS Albion Park Rail

Tracker 844 has settled into its new 'home' at HARS Albion Park Rail airport and is safely in Hangar 1 awaiting the routine checkups from our Tracker Team In essence it will undergo regular maintenance checks over the Feb./Mar 2020 period at least

*Tracker 845 at Air Affairs

- 845 is in open storage at our major sponsor AIR AFFAIRS, and our short-term intent still is (courtesy of our major sponsor Air Affairs) move it to HARS Albion Park. Our longer-term intention is to repaint it externally at HARS Albion Park, and then use it as the first display aircraft on the block of land next to the FAA Museum when this is granted by EIG.

*Trackers 842 and 845(G)

* As first reported in last week's update, these two airframes have been burnt one (845G) and damaged (842). This is most unfortunate, as Keith Boundy (the owner) had donated 845G to the Vietnam Vets Museum at Philip Island to assist with the restoration of their existing Tracker, but they had not been able to get a truck up in time to take the air frame off site before the fire went through! Again, let's hope it is still salvageable enough to be of use to the Vietnam Vets Museum, and Keith is keen to see the other airframe(842 - which is a genuine original E model) saved and displayed somewhere so anyone got any good ideas please (PLUS the sponsorship to make the idea happen)?

*Dakota C47

We are still planning to move the C47 fuselage to HARS Albion Park asap, with the generous sponsorship of Chris Sievers at Air Affairs.

*Wessex

- Wessex 832 is on display at HARS Albion Park in HARS Hangar 3 and being continually updated by our enthusiastic HARS volunteers. (This week I have deliberately included some photos of its extensive cockpit instrumentation
- Wessex 813 is at HARS Parkes - no update received this week

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Our longer term plan is to restore the ASW configuration inside the airframe Wessex 832, and 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.

***Sea Venom**

The enthusiastic project team continues to reassemble the Sea Venom and it is looking very complete. This week we have included photos of the progress being made in restoring the cockpit configuration, 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 we have rearranged its location and the attached photos show the Sea Fury on display in HARS Hangar 1 including a photo of the excellent A-V display that is now provided to show the history of these impressive machines in service.
- ***A specific request this Sea Fury has no cockpit instrumentation can anyone out there assist with some items from a Sea Fury cockpit you have and could donate / loan back to us please?***

We continue to promote our major Sea Fury appeal- help us with your donation(s) to fund and develop the engineering analysis which is the start the rebuild of this magnificent Sea Fury historic airframe back to flying status!

***Other Historic Navy airframes**

FAA Tracker 845 and replica ex FAA Auster, and please again enjoy photos of these airframes in this NHF report- in particular some shots of the Auster cockpit

A Firefly?

In a separate HARS President's Report issued this week our President Bob De La Hunty has referred to some very tentative and initial dialogue occurring about acquiring an ex RANFAA Firefly airframe from overseas, so I have included that brief 'factoid' into this week's report but can confirm that there are NO definite plans or commitments at this stage.

***Our future home adjacent to the FAA Museum**

We are continuing the dialogue with EIG to negotiate the allocation to HARS of the block of land adjacent to the FAA museum reconfirmed for the building of a future hangar and admin complex for the HARS Navy Heritage Flight.

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**

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In the meantime, enjoy the accompanying photos of each ex FAA airframe remaining at HARS Main base, plus some historic photos - courtesy of the FAA Museum archives
Enjoy!

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PHOTOS:-

A number of NHF airframes photos attached- all are copyrighted with permission to use in non-profit usage - given by M Hough, and the remaining airframes in service photos are from the FAA Museum archives. Enjoy!