

# PREFLIGHT

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## Huey 823 Restoration Progress



Here's a picture of Mike (is that my helmet?!), testing the VHF radio and intercom system. Didn't have a lot of luck that day, but after correcting for a helmet loose connection and a bad CONTROL, INTERCOMMUNICATION SET C-1611D/AIC, (that's a mouthful), we ended up with a working intercom system and VHF radio. The radio was a surprise! Surprise that something that old would still be working—but hey, that's true about a lot of us working on Huey 823! One of the

major issues with historical preservation and restoration of equipment that belonged to the US government is a ream of documents that govern the maintenance, safety and continued use of the item. When it comes to Huey 823, it gets even more complicated as some organizations continue to fly UH-1H helicopters for business, continuing the historical hours logged, and increasing the opportunity for things to fail or break. When this occurs, the FAA may send out a message, or



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Airworthiness Directive, that requires extra maintenance or verification of parts. Also in the mix are a series of Aviation Safety Action Messages (ASAM), Safety-of-Flight messages (SOF), Maintenance Advisories, as well as Technical Manual (TM) changes. If you thought the actual maintenance on Huey 823 was daunting, the paperwork is much worse! Next month, the tail rotor control tube saga.

## POINTS OF INTEREST

- The "Over the Top" Club
- See Above & Beyond
- Check Upcoming Events
- Join us!



**Love your country? Want to support our VETs? Think you might have something to contribute? Well, come on over and see us on any Saturday. We have been a little light handed lately and could sure use your help. Know anyone else who may have some aviation maintenance skills? Send them over too. Don't think about helping get this venerable Viet Nam veteran into the sky, DO IT! We can and will use you! Contact us at : [info@libertywarbirds.com](mailto:info@libertywarbirds.com)**

### Over the Top Club

Our 2017 Over The Top club membership continued to grow this month! The Club now stands at 38 members for a total of \$90,000 in donations! Many thanks to our wonderful supporter Sherry Morris who joined the club again this year. So what are the benefits of membership? There are a few associated with access to 823, but also there is the satisfaction in recognizing the service and sacrifice of the military men and women who served

in the Vietnam War. And honoring the 58,272 men and women listed on the Vietnam War Memorial killed in action and those still missing in action. And in helping to ensure the legacy of service by both the veterans and the aircraft that flew them is not forgotten. Plus, we'll send you a nice framed certificate for your office/wall and one of our challenge coins.

We need YOU to help us finish the job. Please Donate! today if you can.

### Upcoming Events:

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| Visit us on any Maintenance Saturday! | 4/15,22,29 |
| Salute to Veterans, Lancaster, PA     | 5/19/17    |
| Harleys and Hueys—Bikes and Blades    | 6/17/17    |
| Lancaster Airport Community Days      | 8/26/17    |
| Pottstown Veterans' Community Day     | 9/23/17    |
| Huey Hustle III—5K on the Runway      | 10/21/17   |

### Above and Beyond

Many thanks to our public speakers, Don Beatty and Ed Garza! They're getting the word out about our organization and our mission to many local groups, and doing a fine job of it. Thanks Gentlemen!