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The Big Move



September 14th saw the start of a big move of aircraft and displays in the museum. Thanks to those volunteers who worked hard to make this happen. So why was this done?

With winter approaching we wanted to get as many aircraft inside as possible. This will protect them from the weather, allow better visitor access, and refurbishment work to progress in comfort. It is planned to give the Viscount some TLC and to polish the bare metal before applying a protective coating.

We have now themed aircraft in the Main Hangar with all the seaplanes and all the WW1 & WW2 aircraft co-located. The Trigull is now sitting on its wheels. A surprising amount of water that must have been retained inside for years is draining out. The Seabee is now located beside the Trigull.

The first exhibit that visitors will see on entering the museum is the unique Sea Rover in a diorama setting. The replica SE5a and Nieuport 17 have been moved back one row with the military aircraft in the Main hangar.

Changing exhibits around will attract repeat visitors especially as there are few tourists in town. As always you may supply feedback to any board member. Thank you,

*David Jackson,
President*



Museum Re-opening Update

The Museum reopened its doors on July 4, beginning with Saturdays and Sundays, and quickly moving to Thursdays and Fridays. Since that date we have had a steady flow of visitors, with many families with children who have enjoyed our scavenger hunts. Thank you to the greeters, hangar monitors, cashiers and tour guides who have helped to maintain a safe and healthy environment. We have provided regular sanitizing of high frequency areas, and have been diligent with the contact tracking process. Volunteers are required to “beep” in using the new volunteer RFID cards, and if they don’t have one, they must sign the Volunteer Log. Guests are required to sign the Visitor Log, and to indicate where they are travelling from. Visiting members, people dropping off donations and delivery people are also required to sign the Visitor Log. In other words,

anyone who walks in, signs in. We will continue to remain open four days a week until the weather changes and when we see a drop in attendance numbers.

Many thanks to those who came by to help with the huge task of moving the aircraft inside. It was a mammoth task and the place looks great! Now inside, the Viscount can be entered by small groups but only with a tour guide who feels comfortable doing so. Visitors are directed not to touch anything while inside the plane. There is a chain across the bottom of the stairs which must be replaced upon exiting. The rear air stairs will be reinstalled after some remedial work. The T33 cockpit is still out of bounds, but visitors can go up the stairs to look inside. ☐