

President's Message

2018 is proving to be a year of new experiences for AAHS, both challenging and rewarding. This year we have expanded options within Ebay and Paypal Giving Funds, allowing sellers to donate a portion of their eBay sales to AAHS. We have received over \$5,000 this year so already through this venue. These funds are already hard at work; we are contracting out digital scanning and indexing of over 100,000 35mm slides, adding them to our online photo database. This will vastly increase the number of digital images electronically available to our members, but is taking additional volunteer effort and time to integrate this new process into our in-house workings.

We're reaching out to re-acquaint AAHS HQ with the long-active Phoenix Wing, as we work together to host the 2019 Annual Meeting in Tucson, Arizona (see the 'Save the Dates' article, this issue). It's been 25 years since AAHS HQ has partnered with the Phoenix Wing for an Annual Meeting (the last one was 1994) and, it is going to be a great opportunity to share aviation history with new friends and refresh long-standing relationships. It is shaping to be a great event that we're all excited about.

We are moving to outsource the generic layout effort to publish the AAHS Journal. This will free up our long-suffering Journal Editor's time, away from basic publishing functions to focus more valuable time on the aviation history content that makes our Journal unique.

AAHS, long headquartered in the Orange County area of Southern California, is taking the significant step this year of moving operations 60 miles east to historic Flabob Airport, in Riverside, California. This move (see more details in the related article, this issue), the first of its kind for AAHS, will undoubtedly bring frustrations and hiccups that will take patience and fortitude on all our parts to manage successfully. But success as an organization is exactly the reward we plan to achieve, and will make the occasional trials and tribulations well worth the effort.

New experiences never turn out exactly as planned, so we look to you for your patience and understanding as we work through them. We always appreciate your feedback and input. We have many ways in which you could assist the Society in implementing these important changes.

These are exciting times for our organization, thank you for being a part of it!

Jerri Bergen
AAHS President

New AAHS Headquarters

It's official! AAHS is moving its headquarters from Huntington Beach, CA, to historic Flabob Airport, in Riverside, California.

AAHS has had a number of homes in its 60-plus years; a member's home, a P.O. Box, and a strip mall unit to name a few. Now AAHS has the unique opportunity to join a larger, aviation friendly environment, thanks to the financial generosity of member John Turgyan, the enthusiastic support of Jon Goldenbaum (President of the non-profit Tom Wathen Foundation that runs Flabob) and the aviation community there.

For more information see *AAHS FLIGHTLINE #198* on the AAHS website (www.aahs-online.org).

TOP: The new AAHS Headquarters at Flabob - our sign has been photoshopped into this picture. BOTTOM: "X" marks the spot. The location of the soon-to-be AAHS Headquarters. The arrow indicates the main entrance road to Flabob Airport. Everyone visiting the airport will drive by our new office!



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