

NEWS & COMMENTS



ABOVE: The refurbished AAHS offices sporting a new coat of stucco and new windows.

BELOW: The Wright Flyer project across the street from AAHS HQ

The Move

It's official – AAHS has consolidated its activities to the Flabob office. Things are still a little disorganized but coming together. The Flabob is proving to be a great location for exposing the Society to like-minded aviation enthusiasts through activities hosted at the airport like this past Veteran's Day event.

We'll miss our wonderful Huntington Beach volunteers



that are not able to continue to support the AAHS activities in the Flabob office. We are looking to expand the local volunteers in the Flabob area. If you are in the area, stop by and get acquainted with other AAHS volunteers.



The John Turgyan Memorial Archives, climate-controlled fire-resistant vault containing image library and more.



Part of the AAHS library currently housed in the HQ conference room. This is a temporary setup.

AAHS Plane Spotter

With over a million images in the AAHS archives, we face the same challenge that any organization has of making a large collection accessible to its audience. The AAHS created a web based tool that directly addresses this challenge – AAHSPlaneSpotter.com. This tool allows volunteers to work from the comfort of their home with only the requirement to have internet access.

A volunteer is assigned a group of high resolution photos to catalog, as best they can, from the image content – make, model, registration number, s/n, etc. In this way, the searchable image database is expanded. Using this tool, we have been able to add over 30,000 images to the database with just a handful of volunteers. But, we could do more with more volunteers.

The Society has also used the tool to help introduce students to aviation. San Diego State University's Intro to Aerospace Engineering, taught by AAHS member Dr. Gary Fogel, has used AAHSPlaneSpotter as an extra credit opportunity. This year's class had 62 student participate resulting in almost 1,000 images being cataloged.

So, if you would like to help the Society with this project just point your browser at www.aahsplanespotter.com. Try the demo. Read the FAQ's. Then, send an email to Ivolunteer@aahsplanespotter.com indicating your would like to help.