Recent spectacular donations to the Aviation Museum of N.H.

Please consider making a donation to help us fulfill our mission

On Nov. 30, 1954, a Northeast Airlines DC-3 on approach to Berlin, N.H. crashed near the summit of snowbound Mt. Success. Two died, and five survivors were forced to spend two nights in sub-zero conditions without food before the downed plane could be found, prompting their rescue.

The story of NEA 792 stands as one of the legendary tales of N.H. aviation---a story that continues to amaze all who hear it. (Today, the fuselage of the wrecked plane remains on the mountain, just a short distance off the Appalachian Trail.)

So we were in awe this year when the family of NEA 792 pilot Capt. Peter Carey, who was severely injured in the crash but survived, donated his personal collection of artifacts from the accident.

Among them: the DC-3's first aid kit, still carrying blood stains from the ordeal! Also donated were Capt. Carey's scrapbook, a large collection of high quality photo prints, rare drawings and documents from the crash investigation, and a trove of other items, including Carey's actual NEA wings. It's a remarkable and priceless collection that will form the basis of a future exhibit, and will also be made available to scholars and researchers.

Help us support this core part of our mission: to preserve the storied past of New Hampshire aviation. It's a job we take seriously, and we're reinvigorating our curatorial function to make sure we can continue to do it right. As you can imagine, this takes money: money for storage materials, for record-keeping, for research and so much more.

And the simple fact is that grant money for basic museum functions is extremely hard to come by. Yes, grant money is available for our educational outreach and other programs, and we work hard to get every dollar we can.

But funding for basic museum operations---keeping the lights on, controlling the humidity levels---is as rare as a flight-worthy L-1049 Super Constellation. To keep going, we depend on our members and supporters.

So as the year ends, please consider contributing to the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire.
Your gifts are the main source of revenue we have to continue to preserve the amazing stories of our state’s rich aeronautic history.

A tax-deductible donation will help us continue preserving invaluable documents, photos, and artifacts so future generations understand the efforts and stories of those who have flown before us.

You can donate online, or mail a contribution to the Aviation Museum of N.H., 27 Navigator Road, Londonderry, NH 03053. Thank you for your generosity!