

Family Donates SBD Model

Des Rousseau family of DeLand recently donated an incredibly detailed model of a Douglas Dauntless SBD-5 Dive Bomber to DNAS Museum. SBD was among aircraft stationed here early in the 1940's. Along with their Model the Des Rousseau family also donated a quick fact sheet & detailed copy of SBD History from USN archives. It is now at the 910 Biscayne Blvd Location.

Although small in scale, model is large in other ways. Detail, quality workmanship, accuracy, time and skill involved are all VERY BIG.



Head on View of doanted Model Dauntless SBD Dive Bomber by Delandite Kevin Des Rousseau



Back L to R Catherine, Kevin, Front- Nathaniel, Gabrielle, Elizabeth Des Rousseau @ DNASM



Douglas Dauntless SBD-5 Model by Kevin Des Rousseau & donated to DNAS Museum. Attention to detail & incredible accuracy make this model appear to be almost real

DeLand Naval Air Station Museum Inc thanks the Des Rousseau family for their interest & their great donation. You must see this in person to believe it.

TBF Flies, Lands on Cradle

Our Grumman TBF-1 Avenger restoration Project Left the ground for the first time in years thanks to McMahon Construction of DeLand, who donated use of their mobile crane to lift our project on to a cradle recently purchased from CAF Florida Wing (Commemorative Air Force) at DeLand Airport. Our restoration crew and PTF-3 Restoration Personnel all pitched in to get the job done with ease.

Once our TBF was securely settled & set in place on the new cradle DNAS Resto' Guys went to work on the Main Landing Gear, readying it for spindles & wheels. They started on the tail wheel assembly also. We still must repair the shelter which was lost in a tornadic storm in late February 2010

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DNASM, TBF-1, BU 17147 Lands on Her New Cradle

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Greg Rohr operates McMahon's Crane to lift TBF-1 up



TBF off slab, cradle is put in position, TBF is lowered down



Lowenstein disconnecting rigging to release crane



After a days work here is end result, much better to work on.



Cal collapses Oleo Strut to Raise spindle for wheel

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With Oleo Strut partially collapsed Wheel is then trial fitted.

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