Hey 456th & Castle Guys,

While getting ready to write our next newsletter I thought it was time to toot your horn a little.

Former 456th pilot Dick Stultz heads up the McClellan Museum F-106 project team. Here's some update on their progress from Erv Smalley's (former 456er) web site.

http://www.convairf-106deltadart.com/590010Page.html

Dick and former 456th Electrician Lee Nellist have been involved in getting a Six back to KI Sawyer in Michigan for the 87th FIS. The fuselage is there now and the wings are still in Tucson waiting for more fundraising. See arrival pics here on Erv's page.

http://www.convairf-106deltadart.com/560461Page.html

I sure am proud of all the 456th and Castle involvement that have been helpful to the saving and restoration of Sixes at Castle, Hill in Utah, Warner Robins in GA, KI Sawyer in MI, Pacific Coast in Santa Rosa, McClellan at Sacramento, Yanks at Chino, Edwards AFB in CA and Pima at Tucson. There may be more I haven't heard about from our alumni.

The Evergreen museum in Oregon is working to get their Six home but still lack main landing gear. There is only one Six left at AMARC. It was going to the New Jersey Air Guard but they are trying to renew funding interest and are not having much success. We could only hope that if NJ can't bring her home that she may find a home in the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum some day or some other deserving museum before being lost to the scrap heap.

When we started on the Save-A-Six Project at Castle in 2001 there were about 20 of them left in the AZ desert at AMARC. Except for 8 or so that were put on the Gila Bend bombing range, the 456th and Castle Air Museum have been helpful in saving all the rest. Through donations, fund raising ideas, technical and transport assistance we have helped to preserve the F-106 history and we can all be proud that we made a difference. And finally we need to send a big THANKS to Pat McGee (Webmaster Pat's World) and Marty Isham (historian) for all their help along the way!

Proud to serve with you! Pat Perry