April 30, 1993 – The Dawn Of Reason?

The United States Naval Institute has invited TIGHAR to present its evidence concerning the fate of Amelia Earhart before a distinguished panel at the Institute’s annual spring conference in Annapolis, Maryland on April 30, 1993. The general public, and TIGHAR members in particular, are invited to attend this three-hour session to be held in the institute’s 900 seat auditorium. For the first time, the results of four years, two expeditions and nearly a million dollars of investigation will be reviewed and critiqued, not by buffs and the media, but by scholars familiar with the principles of sound historical investigation.

Panelists are expected to include: Dr. Tom Crouch, Chairman of Aeronautics at the National Air & Space Museum; Rear Admiral Francis D. Foley, USN(Ret.), who participated in the 1937 Earhart search as a pilot aboard the U.S.S. Lexington; Hiroshi Nakajima, Executive Director of The Pacific Society; and Prof. Mark R. Peattie, of Harvard University’s Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, and author of several works on modern Pacific history. Presenting TIGHAR’s findings will be the foundation’s Executive Director, Richard E. Gillespie. The February 1993 issue of the Naval Institute’s highly respected journal Proceedings will feature an article by Gillespie entitled “An Answering Wave – Why The U.S. Navy Didn’t Find Amelia Earhart.”

Watch for more details about this historic event in a special mailing coming soon to TIGHAR members.

Going Dutch

The Military Aviation Museum (Militaire Luchtvaart Museum) of the Royal Netherlands Air Force in Soesterberg, The Netherlands, has invited TIGHAR to offer an expanded version of the Introductory Course In Aviation Archeology at the museum. June 11th – 14th (Friday through Monday), 1993 have been set as the dates for this first European offering of TIGHAR’s popular seminar which is expected to include participation in the recovery of a P-51 Mustang by the famous aviation archeological team of the Royal Netherlands Air Force.

TIGHAR has always enjoyed a philosophical kinship with the Militaire Luchtvart Museum, in part because of its pioneering policies regarding artifact conservation and interpretation, and also because the Dutch still have the only national government which routinely sponsors sound aviation archeological investigation and recovery.

In Soesterberg, a special team has been formed to organize logistical arrangements for the course and we anticipate being able to offer very attractive travel and accommodation packages to North American TIGHAR members who wish to participate in what promises to be a landmark international educational experience (and who can resist Holland in June?).

Pricing information will be available soon. Mark your calendar and watch for a special mailing. For those North American TIGHARs who’d like to take the course a little closer to home, we’ll be at The Museum Of Flight in Seattle, Washington on January 30 & 31, 1993; The New England Air Museum in Hartford, Connecticut on February 27 & 28; and in Dayton, Ohio, home of the United States Air Force Museum, on May 15 & 16.