

Douglas DC-3

General History –

- 1934—DC-2 introduced, instant hit, first 6 months established 19 American speed and distance records. First time business traveler could go coast to coast without losing a day.
- 1935—December, DC-3 entered service as a DST-Douglas Sleeper Transport carrying 14 passengers for American Airlines. Quickly converted to 7 window/21 passenger configuration; crew of 2 with one stewardess
- 1939--90% of all airline passengers world-wide carried on DC-3s

AHM DC-3 N-1945

- 1941—Our plane was delivered here to TWA, one of the 40% of DC-3s that did not serve as a war transport. It flew for TWA 1941-1952
- Over 13,000 DC-3s/C-47s built, majority 7/21 configuration; ours one of the only 600 more rare 8 window/24 passenger configuration built (believed very few of this configuration left)
- 1993—AHM acquired and hauled here from Roswell, New Mexico
- Restoration began and airframe corrosion was found to be a big problem. New frames were built, much of the exterior skin replaced—essentially building a brand new plane.
- Over 500,000 rivets were used--if laid end-to-end, the rivets would cover a distance of more than three miles.

Current – June 2010

- Both engines are off, one in Arkansas for overhaul—4 weeks+ out from completion on that engine
- Second engine will need overhaul
- Props will be sent out for overhaul
- Next AHM plane projected to return to the air
- Currently fundraising to secure the needed funds for the completion
- Donations may be made through this site