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~ What's Happening in the Collections Department

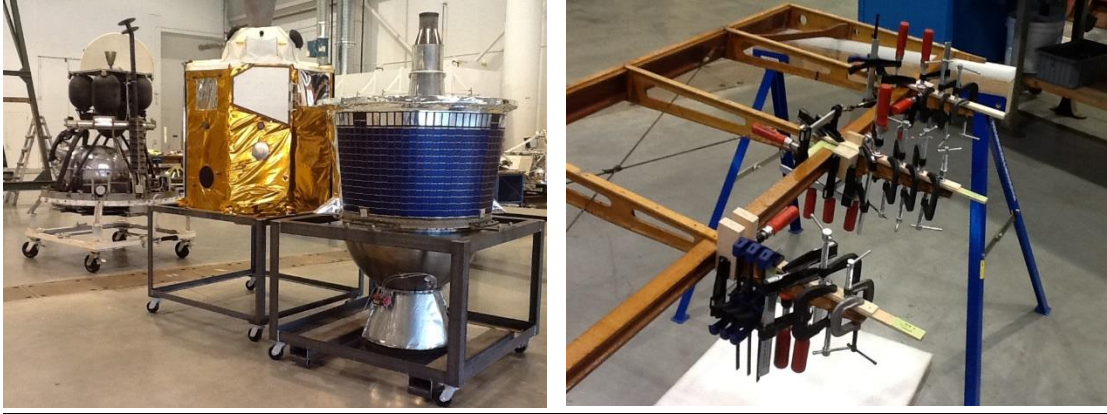
Changes at the UHC: The floats have been installed on both wings of the Sikorsky JRS-1 flying boat at the north end of the Aviation Hangar. Control cables were reattached to the right aileron to line it up better.



A new exhibit case, Military Avionics, is being installed in the north Aviation Hangar along the west wall (where experimental spacesuits were shown formerly). Radars, bombsights, and other exotic electronic devices are featured. One is the prototype Norden Mk XI bombsight from 1923 (photo, left), a device with a pleasing “steampunk” appearance. The installation will be substantially complete by the end of next week.

In the Restoration Hangar:

- Sonic Wind 1 was trucked to an abrasive-blasting contractor last week for heavy-duty paint and corrosion removal.
- Spacecraft Clementine and Lunar Orbiter were brought from the NMB for cleaning and conservation treatment (next page, left).



- On the Lincoln Standard biplane, numerous clamps hold the first glued capstrip repairs on the ailerons (above, right). One aileron tip bow has been glued up, and the second is ready for glue.
- The lifting fixtures for Intelsat II and the Mark IV re-entry vehicle are being fabricated, with rings cut from 3/8" plate steel.

Coming Soon: The wings, two propellers, and other components of the Olmsted Pusher will arrive soon, adding to this early experimental aircraft's display.

Congratulations: Jim Carey has been named the lead of the Medium Artifact move team.

Garber Facility updates: Preparations are underway for the removal of the Large Artifact Cleaning Booth (LACB), paint booth, and two Bally box storage units in building 24. The space will be converted to much-needed additional medium artifact storage.