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Challenge: Shannan Hendricks and her team are restoring a unique post-World War II Fairey Gannet T5 airplane, nicknamed “Janet,” to flight-ready status. The last of her kind, the team faced pressure to ensure that no parts were damaged in removal or transport. The team realized that they lacked the proper lift truck equipment to get the job done.

Solution: Arnold Machinery Company donated a Hyster® H80FT lift truck, with an 8,000 lb. lift capacity, to safely move the aircraft’s heavy parts. The lift truck was also equipped with precise fingertip controls for exact positioning and extended forks for handling the disassembled pieces.

Impact: A valued and integral part of Hendricks’ team, the H80FT has moved up the aircraft’s restoration efforts. Completion is ahead of schedule.

BACKGROUND Aviation enthusiast, Shannan Hendricks, is restoring a one-of-a-kind and world-renowned Fairey Gannet T5 airplane to flight-ready status. The unique post-World War II aircraft, affectionately called “Janet” by Hendricks and her team, was built in 1954 as a three-crew, anti-submarine airplane for Great Britain’s Royal Navy. She was the world’s first dual-control T2 Gannet prototype. Having retired from military and civil service in 1978 with more than 24 years of experience, this aircraft is truly a rare piece of British aviation history.

In 2004, Hendricks purchased and relocated the plane to New Richmond, Wis., for restoration. In addition to being prepared for flight, the aircraft will be painted back to her 1978 military color scheme of silver with day-glo orange. Once her refurbishment is complete, “Janet” will fly in commemoration of retired U.S. and European servicemen and women as the world’s last flying Fairey Gannet T5.

For more than eight decades, Arnold Machinery Company has been a significant part of the Intermountain West’s growth and

expansion. A certified Hyster® lift truck dealer, Arnold donated a Hyster H80FT lift truck to Hendricks and her team for the aircraft’s restoration efforts.



A vintage photo of “Janet” on the ground in Great Britain circa 1960s.

CHALLENGE Disassembling and moving the plane’s heavy but delicate parts for inspection and a full paint strip proved to be a daunting task. Being the last of her kind, the team faced additional pressure to ensure that none of her parts were damaged in removal or transport. Hendricks and her team realized that they lacked the proper lift truck equipment to get the job done.

SOLUTION “Aware that Hyster Company is a world-leading lift truck provider, I hoped that they could provide us with a solution,” said Hendricks. “In an effort to keep our refurbishment efforts moving forward, I decided to reach out to Hyster for assistance.”

Hendricks contacted Jonathan Dawley, VP of marketing for NACCO Materials Handling Group, Inc. (NMHG), the parent company of Hyster, in January 2011. After discussing the scope of the project, Dawley connected Hendricks with Randy Sabatka, manager of Arnold Machinery Company in the greater Minneapolis-St. Paul area.

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Sabatka spoke with Hendricks about the plane’s specific needs. Four months after Hendricks’ initial contact with NMHG, her team received a Hyster H80FT lift truck. The truck, donated by Arnold Machinery Company, was more than capable of moving heavy parts due to its 8,000 lb. lift capacity. In addition, the H80FT was equipped with precise fingertip controls for exact positioning and extended forks for handling disassembled pieces.

Hendricks and her team immediately put the H80FT lift truck to use.



“Janet” prior to her refurbishment.

IMPACT “The Hyster® lift truck has made all the difference when it comes to delicate part removal,” continued Hendricks. “It is a very valued and integral part of our daily restoration



The Hyster H80FT moving pieces of “Janet” during the restoration process.



efforts. We feel 100 percent confident in its lifting capabilities and uptime.”

“Janet” is currently at the center of worldwide media and TV coverage and is even featured in an upcoming Discovery Channel documentary. Hendricks and her team anticipate complete restoration by late summer 2012.

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“After having witnessed firsthand how Hyster and its agents operate to help their clients, it’s no wonder that they are a leader in the lift truck industry,” said Hendricks. “As a result of Arnold’s donation, our restoration is more than on track – we are ahead of schedule.”