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## David D. Jameson and his Pretty Lady

Never is it unusual to meet interesting people around airports. For instance, David D. Jameson, founder of Jay Mfg. Co., sheet metal fabricators of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, is even better known in flying circles for his avid interest in antique and classic airplanes. The two best known planes he has owned and restored are the replicas of "The Spirit of St. Louis," made famous by Lindbergh's great flight, and the "Winnie Mae," that most will recognize as the beautiful Lockheed Vega flown by Wiley Post.

In 1937 Jameson soloed an Aeronca C-3 from the Pulaski, Va., airport, an event that touched off his love affair with airplanes. It was after that when he learned to drive a car. Enlisting in the Air Force during WW II, he went on to fly the B-17, B-24, B-25 and B-29. After the war his hobby became buying and often rebuilding and then flying antique and classic aircraft.

An early member of the Antique Airplane Association, Dave became a long time director of the group and was co-founder of the large Wisconsin chapter. A roll call of airplanes built in the twenties and thirties would disclose that Jameson either owned or flew many of them. The latter included a 1924 Travel Air 1000, the first plane built by Walter Beech, and which was later donated to the fine EAA Air Museum; the oldest Model 90 Monocoupe, rebuilt and then donated to the AAA museum. One of two OX5 Waco 9's owned by Dave is now displayed in the National Air & Space Museum, donated by the friend to whom Dave had sold the airplane. Another Waco, the 1928 Transcontinental Air Race winner, owned and flown by Johnny Livingston, was rebuilt and later donated to the EAA Museum. A movie-built copy of a British BE-20, a 1914 zeppelin fighter, caused Dave his only aircraft accident when he cracked it up on his first test flight.

Of the many, many planes he has owned he would still like to have a Curtiss Wright Jr., the first plane he took instruction in. At the present time he and a friend are rebuilding a 1935 Aeronca C-3 though, a plane he made his first solo in.

A close friend of Paul Poberezny, founder and President of the EAA, Jameson was an early member and is Vice President of the EAA Air Museum Foundation. In 1971, the EAA formed their Antique/Classic Division with Jameson as its first president. During the EAA convention in Oshkosh — the largest aviation gathering in the world, Dave is in charge of the International Visitors Center.

Jameson's Spirit of St. Louis was the Ryan used in the Warner Bros. movie of the same name starring Jimmy Stewart. It is the only replica of this famous plane that Lindbergh himself flew. After purchasing the plane at auction in California in 1967 Dave flew the plane back to Wisconsin, and later rebuilt the plane. At that time he was one of the few to ever fly the



David D. Jameson with one of the Grand Champion trophies won by his Lockheed Vega.

plane solo from the back seat, with all the aluminum covers on the front.

The Lockheed Vega was a six-year restoration by Jameson and was finished as a replica of Wiley Post's round-the-world Winnie Mae. It is the only privately owned, airworthy Vega in the world, and is also Lockheed's oldest airworthy aircraft.

Jameson likes to point out that the Ryan and the Vega designs were on the drawing boards during the same period in aviation history, namely 1927. The Vega was far ahead of its time, and even by today's standards is one of the most beautiful airplanes ever built.

It wasn't Dave's intention, when starting the rebuilding of the Vega to duplicate Wiley Post's Winnie Mae. It was help and information from many friends, during this period, that called attention to the many great contributions Post had made to aviation, so, as a tribute to this famous aviator, and to call other's attention to his greatness, Jameson changed the name of 'his' Vega from "Miss Stardust" to "Winnie Mae."

Over the years Dave has collected many stories and photos of these famous planes he has owned. He would like to invite readers to contribute theirs too. They all end up in one of the many scrapbooks he has, so when you see him ask if he's got them with him. If so you're welcome to go through them.

## EDITOR'S COCKPIT

From time to time we receive inquiries concerning the Veteran Air Pilot's Association (VAP's), especially as to the significance and meaning of the various "plateaus" (Brackets) as designated by gemstones set in the respective emblems.

I belong to VAP's. But as I didn't even know of the organization until after my return from the Pacific combat zone in the Fall of 1945, I must rely on people like the well-known James L. Wheeler, currently of Woodland Hills, Calif., for certain details relating to the organization.

Wheeler relates that in 1940, NAA held a meeting in St. Louis, nearby to which the Shell Oil Building was close and in which Jim Doolittle's office was then located. Jim Wheeler headquartered there too. And we learn that C.S. "Casey" Jones, O.M. "Red" Mosier, Benny Griffin and a few others went to Doolittle's office to discuss the feasibility of creating a fraternity of air pilots, based on their solo time, plus years spent in the cockpit. Shortly thereafter, Mosier invited some 50 or more "old-timers" to meet in New York City, where the name Veteran Air Pilots (VAP's) was approved.

And, although at that time certain desirable organizational plans were determined, and were to be effected, the declaration of war defeated the latter. Also, as a "no dues" policy had been declared, the VAP's became more or less a "floating" organization, with a steering committee consisting of Jim Wheeler, Jim Graham and a few others who could determine, and/or who already recognized the qualifications of prospective applicants.

The only cost to members in connection with VAP's was in ordering a uniquely designed gold emblem set with diamonds or sapphires, or both, to indicate classifications as follows: **1st Bracket:** a minimum of 10-15 years as a pilot AND at least 1500 hours: three sapphires. **2nd Bracket:** 15-20 years AND 2500 hours: 2 sapphires and 1 diamond. **3rd Bracket:** 20-25 years AND more than 3500 hours: 1 sapphire and 2 diamonds. **4th Bracket:** more than 25 years AND over 5,000 hours: 3 diamonds. (Some time later, the use of rubies instead of the sapphires is believed to have been approved). Each member's number was engraved on the reverse side of the emblem.

As above stated, my own knowledge of the organization did not occur until the latter part of 1945, at which time both Jim Wheeler and Jim Graham were urging me to join. And as I qualified for the top bracket, the VAP tie chain and emblem I now wear is significant in that regard.

Some few years ago, in order to try to find the jewelry firm in St. Louis that reportedly owned the original dies for the emblems, I wrote a letter to them at the address given me. But, my inquiry to them remains unanswered. And, as many of the original group has passed on, it seems safe to assume that VAP's is now only a memory.

So then, this generally is the story of VAP's, a fine organization and well-founded. Its members were necessarily qualified as old-timers, and its control was tight. Fortunately, the OX5 Aviation Pioneers came into being at an opportune time to supplant the former group. And at this time, the OX5 Aviation Pioneers is the largest group of pioneer pilots in the world. We should be proud of our heritage.



Karl E. Voelter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A philosopher once said "The future belongs to those who plan for it." With this thought in mind, mention was made in the last message concerning future financial planning for our organization. The idea was that this should be the initial key to preserving our solidarity and to helping us fulfill all of the requirements of Article III in our by-laws as a non-profit organization. Indeed, this cannot be done overnight, but we must start some place.



James M. Richter

With reference to the above, the February message proved to be a provoking catalyst. Your National Board of Governors was polled and the majority response was overwhelmingly positive on pursuing some alternative plans for boosting our finances by methods other than increasing membership dues, since many of our members are on fixed, dwindling incomes. Although these plans varied, the hope is to put them all into the hopper and come out with an organized focal point on the plan of attack. Many of the members have responded in a positive manner also. We will always be mindful of hidden dangers in accepting donations which could make us "beholden" to other interests.

Wing news reports have been coming in regularly and they are greatly appreciated and perused with interest to give us a handle on what is taking place nationwide. (To all of you who have forwarded news reports and personal messages, our grateful thanks.)

In another vein, if any of you get the opportunity to visit California, come out to see a wonderful collection of historic old aviation pictures at Tower Avionics at the Oakland International Airport, Hangar 8. These were gathered together with great care and expense by a philanthropic gentleman, Cliff Archer, the President of Tower Avionics, and assembled and disseminated by a young man named Gordon Werne, who is extremely interested in aviation history. For a good time in nostalgic OX5 memories, "You all come" - No commercial! Nothing bought, nothing sold.

### PLEASE NOTE

Gerald C. "Jerry" Francis of Grand Ledge, Mich., has been appointed to the OX5 National Board of Governors. Francis, well known throughout aviation for his design and manufacture of Instrument Flying Hoods, widely used for IFR instruction, will succeed Nick Rezych, formerly the Board and a Past National President, now deceased. Welcome Aboard Jerry!

## SECRETARY'S REPORT



Oliver V. Phillips

In the next several weeks, every Wing President and/or Secretary will be receiving three packets of material. The first will be the "general information" packet which will contain the Standing Rules of Order and Procedure book with all kinds of material and data along with forms you will be using this year.

Please use this book, it contains bylaws, P.R. material, life membership rates, history of OX5, awards information, wing election forms, nomination forms, etc.

Packet number 2 will be your Hall of Fame material and nominating forms. Packet 3 will contain your National Awards material. Please remember—both the Hall of Fame and National Awards forms must be returned to their respective chairmen on or before the deadline of July 1, 1981.

In the Standing Rules book will be a set of 3 forms for nominating one candidate to the National Board. All three forms are to be filled out and sent to the

Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Remember, only one governor from any one state may serve on the Board. The postmark deadline for these nominating forms is set by our National Bylaws and this year that date will be July 10, 1981.

If any Wing wishes to submit a bid for the 1982 reunion, advise our National President, Jim Richter, or the National Secretary of your intentions. The 1981 reunion will be in San Antonio — October 8, 9 and 10. It's a fun place to go and we hope many of you are making plans to attend.

The information required for forming a new Wing in Hawaii has been sent to Mr. C.W. Cartwright. We wish them well. Mr. Harry Crosby is interested in reactivating the New Mexico Wing. Members in that state should contact him at 813 Solar Road N.W., Albuquerque, N.M. 87107. We would like very much to have the Georgia members reactivate their Wing. That would add up to 36 Wings representing 31 states.

A smile can add greatly to your face value.

## SHORTS from THE EDITOR'S DESK

We gratefully acknowledge a check for \$105.00 to cover a Life Membership and a 25th Anniversary pin sent us by Anne Bishop, President of Bishop World Who's Who in Los Angeles. And accompanying Anne's letter was a most interesting tale depicting war episodes in France and Germany. One amusing line concerned the Nazi's belief that "Gen. Ike" was one of them—his name sounded "so German." We noted too that Gen. Charles DeGaulle was frequently seen flying in an OX5 Bird.

As a former owner/pilot of a Cessna DC-6-A (J-6-9) with which I flew cameras in many big-time production pictures such as "Flying Down to Rio" — "Wife vs Secretary" — and the like, and, having raced the "big" Cessna's to many victories (1929-30), it is always a pleasure to receive from Paul Norton (1297) the Cessna Skyhawk Association (CSA) Newsletter.

Does anyone have a "toothpick"? — that's what they called the old Jacuzzi (wood) props — remember? Frank H. Carson (5683) P.O. Box 975, Prescott, Arizona 86302 is looking for one.

We hear from our old friend and former associate Al K. Young, Sr., of Oklahoma City that the 1980 SUN 'N FUN Fly-In was responsible for him again meeting up with Forrest Welch, who nearly 50 years ago he taught to fly. At that time Welch was a student at the University of Florida. Later they barnstormed together. And it was in the OX5 hospitality tent at Lakeland, after all these years, that Young signed Welch's application for OX5 membership.

Wilber H. Gorst (9634) of 211 Peacock Lane, Coos Bay, Ore. 97420 has published a book, the title of which is "The Early Birdmen and Women." (Sounds interesting). The price is \$15, plus \$2.00 handling and postage. Autographs furnished if requested.

To those interested we suggest contact with Mrs. Jane McChesney, 107 Walnut Street, Montoursville, Pa. 17754, concerning a KR-31 with an extra OX5 engine she plans to auction on June 13. The auction will be held at Lycoming Air Service, Williamsport-Lycoming County Airport, Williamsport, Pa.

WANTED — Aviation lapel pins and OX5 memorabilia. Interested in corresponding with members who have these items. Sale or exchange. Foster Lane (255) 900 Fairway Blvd., Columbus, Ohio 43213.

Our congratulations to Jack Priddy (9668) in having completed 40 years as a scheduled airline (PAA) pilot. Priddy, who soloed a KR-31 (OX5) at the age of 14 has been honored by the Virginia State Legislature and in the Congressional Record for his unusual exploits. The latter includes his having piloted a hi-jacked 747 to Cairo where passengers and crew fortunately were evacuated before the aircraft was blown up by terrorists.

George H. Angle (10596) of 108 Horstman Dr., Scotia, N.Y. 10302 is interested in obtaining a 3-dimensional drawing of an OX5 Waco "10" or buying a model of the plane.

Clarence F. Cornish (2796), formerly Director of Aeronautics for Indiana plans to celebrate his 63rd Anniversary of solo on May 6, by flying a Cessna 172 that day.

The OX5 Hospitality Tent at the SUN 'N FUN Annual Fly-In at Lakeland, Fla., was again an extremely popular gathering spot for OX5 members and guests during the week of March 15-22. Funds for replacement of the tent, however, by a more permanent structure would be welcomed as donations from all sources. Please make checks payable to Jessie Woods, 500 Gillespie Ave., Sarasota, Fla. 33577, and mark on the top "For Building Fund."

# WING STRUTS

## LONG ISLAND WING

By Paul Rizzo, President

The Long Island Wing is one of many local aviation organizations sponsoring a Hangar Hoedown at Mitchel Field on April 26, 1981 at 2 p.m. Tickets (\$10.00 each) are tax deductible and available from Paul Rizzo who can be contacted at the Cradle of Aviation Museum, Mitchel Field, Garden City, L.I., N.Y. 11530. Food and beverages will be served.

## COLORADO MILE HI WING

By Richard McCoy, Secretary

Our latest meeting was held on Sunday, March 15 at noon at the Air Force Academy Officers Club, with thirty-seven members and guests on hand.

After a social hour and brunch, a business meeting was held, followed by the showing of a Navy film on aircraft carrier flying and operations.

## WASHINGTON WING

By Dorothy Hansen, Secretary

134 members and guests attended the March meeting at the Poodle Dog Restaurant in Fife, Washington honoring active and retired airline pilots. President Elmer Hansen opened the meeting, after which John Amundsen, retired Pan American Airline, presented a taped invocation recorded by N.D. Showalter before his passing. Patrick O'Grady, 1st Vice President, then presented the respective airline pilots, including a 3-generation flying family — George Soloman, Sr., George Soloman, Jr., and Rick Soloman.

Historical and membership reports were given by Elliott Couden and Bill Blake. Georgia Franklin presented an update on the Pacific Northwest Aviation Historical Foundation. And Ira Bortles, retired Northwest Orient Pilot, gave an interesting talk on "Flying the Weather."

Two films, one depicting the first route of Northwest Airways, St. Paul to Chicago, followed by "Take Off — the Airline Story" were shown.

Next meeting — June 13 — will honor bush pilots.

## SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WING

By Lee Higbee, President

On January 31, the Wing set a new attendance record with 88 members and guests showing for the meeting at the Spanish Main. Many were, of course, visitors from other areas.

Truman Miller, President of the Midwest Florida Wing, gave a preview of the 1981 Sun 'N Fun Fly-in at Lakeland, March 15 through 21, and urged all who plan to go to make reservations. George Dade and his wife from the Long Island Wing were also aboard and reported on the Cradle of Aviation Museum located on Mitchell Field on Long Island.

Past National OX5 President Foster Lane and wife Ruth were there too. Lane gave an interesting report on Glenn Curtiss during his early days at Hammondsport and he showed slides that were of great interest. And Jessie Woods, an honorary member of the Wing, spoke briefly about the OX5 Tent at Lakeland that has become a popular gathering spot for pioneer pilots.

Next meeting will be on April 4th at the Spanish Main, commencing at noon, with lunch at \$7.00 per person.

## CAROLINAS WING

By J. Max Freeman, President

The Wing is planning a Spring Reunion on May 1-3 at Burlington, N.C., with headquarters in the Ramada Inn on I-85 and I-40. This will be a joint meeting with EAA Chapter 3.

OX5 members will assemble in time for lunch at noon the first day, during which a singing trio will perform. Plans are for the men to come garbed in knickers, helmets and goggles. The ladies will come as "flappers." All will attend a square dance that night.

## OHIO WING

By Andy Leist, Secretary

On Sunday, June 21, a meeting will be held at old Miller Field, North Benton, Ohio. Plans are for the women of EAA Chapter 531 to cater a dinner, with proceeds to the chapter. EAA members are invited to display their aircraft, either completed or otherwise.

Prior to the meeting, ballots will be mailed for the election of Wing Officers.

## OREGON WING

By Walt Bohrer, President

Our first regular Sunday brunch meeting held January 25 at the Columbia Aviation Country Club on Portland's International Airport, was a huge success with well over 80 in attendance. The 1981 wing officers felt more members either couldn't, or were reluctant to drive at night. One direct result was that several members from different parts of Oregon and Washington who rarely attended the night sessions were on hand for the brunch, plus two new members being signed. These regular Sunday brunches will be held every two months.

A film, "The Blue Angels," was the featured program. New officers for 1981 were officially presented. They are Walt Bohrer, president; Charles L. Hayward, 1st Vice President; E.H. "Holly" Fletcher, 2nd vice president; Alzata Kruger, secretary; B.B. "Bill" Lytton, treasurer and Robert Pottschmidt, historian. Wing governors include Peter Amonson, Ted McGrotty, Lowell Moore, Ed Ball and Fred Norby. Official greeter is Nancy Bohrer.

A comedy monologue by wing president Walt will be a regular feature of each meeting followed by "F-Liar's Stories" for which a prize is given for the best "true" aviation story told, a feature which undoubtedly will set aviation back many years!

## ILLINOIS WING

By Glen E. Courtwright, Secretary

56 Members and guests attended this meeting which was called to order after a good dinner at Louis' Restaurant.

President Bill Truver introduced the guests present, then reviewed several letters received by the wing regarding our late members.

The engine project was discussed. The need of a rear case is holding up assembly. If anyone out there can help, please get in touch with one of the Illinois Wing officers.

Bob McDaniels entertained the group with some very fine slides of the picnics for the Illinois Wing held at the Rezych Ranch.



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## SCRAP BOOK

General Jimmy Doolittle, Honorary Member of the Southern California Wing, receives the Wing Honors Plaque from the then President Ralph Majors (right) for his lifetime contributions to aviation. (Photo courtesy of John F. Clark)

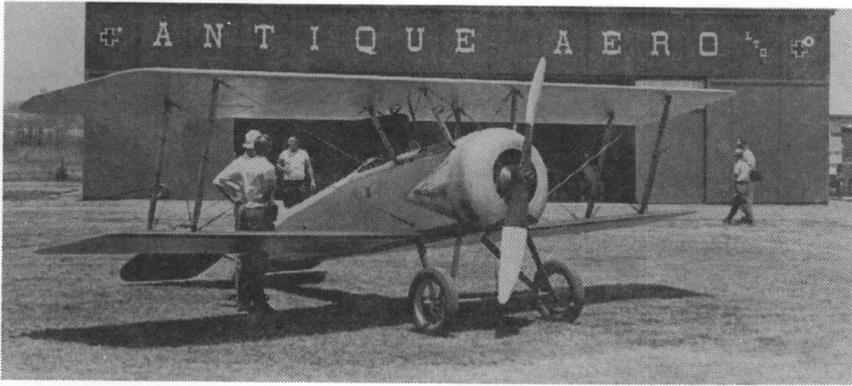


Southern California Wing member Ralph Wiggins jumps, at age 67, from the Hisso Standard used in the Robert Redford film "The Great Waldo Pepper."

(Photo courtesy of John F. Clark)



David D. Jameson at the controls of his Lockheed Vega over Wittman Field in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.  
Note: This is a replica of the former Wylie Post "Winnie Mae."

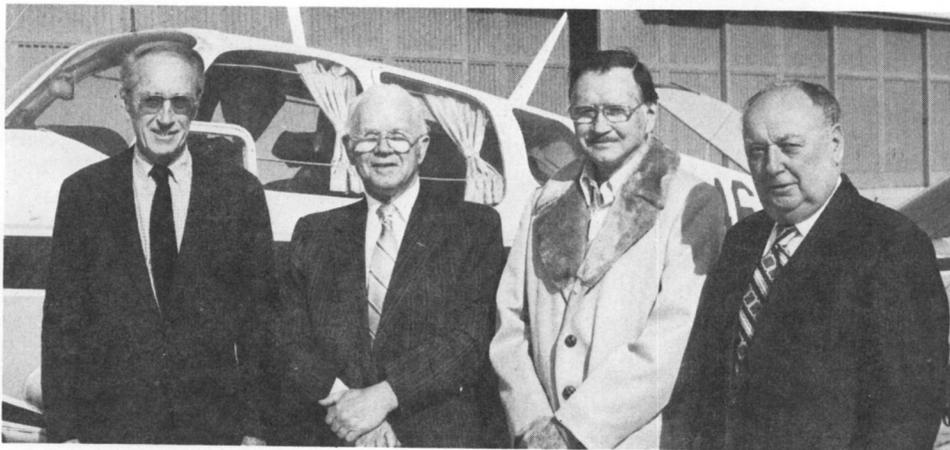


Real, live 1918 Thomas-Morse Scout (LeRhone Rotary) put on a fine aerobatic show, spraying oil and justifying a 14-year restoration span. Flown at Southern California Wing meeting, Flabob Airfield, Riverside, California, July 1979.

(Photo courtesy of John F. Clark)

Walt Addems, a governor of the Golden Gate Wing, celebrated his 82nd birthday recently by flying his home built replica of a 1916 World War I Nieuport. Most weekends find Walt at Meadowlark Field, San Francisco, where he entertains himself and his friends doing loops, rolls, Immellmanns, spins, and other aerobatics.

(Photo courtesy T.E. Peiffer)



Foster A. Lane, National Governor and Past National President, Ohio Wing President Russ Miller, Treasurer Clarence Potter, and Secretary Andy Leist as they met recently to nominate a slate of candidates to serve the Ohio Wing. Election will take place at a meeting at Miller Field, N. Benton, Ohio on June 21, 1981.

(Photo by Jack Dean)

This photo was made at the November meeting of the Golden Gate Wing, at which time the 1980 Hall of Fame Award for Ralph O'Neill was posthumously presented to Mrs. O'Neill following Ralph's untimely passing. From L to R are Hugh Coleman, President, Golden Gate Wing, Mrs. Ralph O'Neill and Jim Richter, National OX5 President.

(Photo by Jim Ricklefs)



# MEET NEW MEMBERS

## ANDERSON, CARL O.

300 Luman Rd. No. 99, Phoenix, Ore. 97535.  
Pilot, owner of OX5 Waco 10 in 1936 at Monrovia, Calif.  
Sponsors: J. Frank McDonald and Anthony A. Bitetti.

## BASTIAN, HERBERT L.

1414 17th St. W., Bradenton, Fla. 33505.  
Soloed 1931 in Curtiss Jenny at Seneca Falls Airport, N.Y.  
Instructor was Ray Aker. Owned, maintained and flew Curtiss Jenny.  
Sponsors: Ken Chalker and Everett H. Welch.

## BENNETT, ELMER FOSTER

Rt. 7, Box 87-Y, Ocean Springs, Miss. 39564  
In 1937 received commercial license in OX5 Robin; also half-owner of OX5 Command-Aire in 1936. Pilot, owner and mechanic.  
Sponsors: L. Rowe Davidson and Hubert H. Steinmeyer.

## BOGGS, ROGER T., Jr.

3412 Prince William Dr., Fairfax, Va. 22031.  
Soloed Waco 9 at Old Richards Field, Raytown, Mo. 1932.  
Instructor was John Tobiason. Pilot, mechanic – Waco 9, Waco 10, Robin and Travel Air.  
Sponsors: Harold D. Hoekstra and Stephen Rolle.

## BRETZ, DALE

1035 Wyandotte Road, Columbus, Ohio 43212  
Soloed OX5 Travel Air 2000, 1933 at Sullivant Avenue Airport.  
Russ A'Neal was the instructor. Pilot, mechanic and owner of above aircraft 1932-34.  
Sponsors: Foster Lane and A.B. Leist.

## CARROLL, WALLACE E.

900 North Waukegan Rd., Lake Forest, Ill. 60045  
Soloed 1929 in Travel Air at Brooks Field, Texas. Instructor was Lt. Douglas.  
Sponsor: William Truver.

## CHALMERS, DONALD

15209 Loch Isle Drive, W. Miami Lakes Fla. 33014.  
Soloed 1938 at Fitchburg, Mass. Instructor was G. Bancroft Hall. As A&E in 1933 had training on OX5 engines.  
Sponsors: Robert L. Hunt and Karl Voelter.

## DODGE, ROBERT L.

4734 College Ave., San Diego, Calif. 92115.  
1939-40 employed at Air-Teck Flying Service, Lindbergh Field, service and repair.  
Sponsors: Maure Solt and O.K. Sandaker.

## EMERSON, VICTOR F., Jr.

241 Garrison Road, Williamsville, N.Y. 14221  
Operation and maintenance of OX5—vocational training school in Philadelphia, Pa., 1933. Also flew Waco 10 Martinsburg, W. Va. 1937. Norm Rintoul, Chief Instructor.  
Sponsor: John Seal.

## GRUBB, ROBERT B. McC.

2238 Northfield Road, Nanaimo, B.C., Canada V9S 3C3  
1929 took flying course at Universal Flying School, St. Louis covering all phases of flying and maintenance of aircraft. Was student employee and instructor at school. Spent time at Pitcairn Field, Willow Grove, Pa. with Frank Banks learning rigging and OX5 maintenance, 1927.  
Sponsor: Arthur H. Swanson

## HAASE, WILLIS

Rt. 1, Box 44, Cable, Wis. 54821.  
Soloed 1928 in Waco 9 at Kenosha, Wis. Instructor was Albert Padags. Also flew Waco 10, Swallow, Command-Aire, Jenny, American Eagle, Curtiss Robin and Eaglerock.  
Sponsors: in lieu of other, membership screening—Oliver Phillips and Len Povey.

## HARRIS, RUSSELL B.

Pinecrest, Route 2, Charles City, Va. 23030  
Soloed 1939 in Eaglerock NC-4580 at Richmond, Va. Instructor was A.E. Nolan. Sponsors, in lieu of other, membership screening – Len Povey and Oliver Phillips.

## HINES, CLAYTON MARDONI

3414 Olive St., Huntington Park, Calif. 90266  
Dual and solo in OX5 Wacos 1923, OX5 mechanic at Air Activities Airport under supervision of John F. Jaenicke.  
Sponsors: Roy McLain and John Nasal, Jr.

LESTER, G.T., Jr.  
Rt. 2, Box 112, King's Mt. Road, Martinsville, Va. 24112  
Soloed 1937 at Lester Airport, Martinsville, Va. in OX5 Waco.  
Instructor was V.D. Lovelace.  
Sponsors: Wesley Hillman and T.E. Frantz, Jr.

LIGHTSTONE, CLIFFORD  
2451 S. Telegraph Road, Dearborn, Mich. 48124  
Dual instruction 1936 in Waco at Kansas City, Mo.  
Sponsors: Lloyd A. Parker and Robert N. Baron.

MILLER, JOHN F. "JEFF"  
14 Sunland Drive, Chico, Calif. 95926  
Flew Curtiss Robin NC-9243 in 1935, American Eagle  
NC-3706 in 1937 and Travel Air NC-9911 in 1939, all flights  
checkouts and solo.  
Sponsors: Harry C. Albert and Hugh Coleman.

MURRAY, BASIL D. "DUKE"  
406 Avenel Ave., Bedford, Va. 24523  
Soloed 1918 in JN4D at Rich Field, Waco, Texas. Instructor  
was Lt. Gray. Also attended School of Military Aeronautics at  
Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.—OX5 motors. Sponsors, in  
lieu of other, membership screening — Oliver Phillips and  
Len Povey.

NAEGELI, HAROLD L.  
7513 Wycliffe, Lawton, Okla. 73505  
Soloed at Bottineau, N. Dakota 1930 in Curtiss Robin NC-  
8378. Sponsors, in lieu of other, membership screening —  
Oliver Phillips and Len Povey.

OHLDAG, HENRY H.  
P.O. Box 1715, Avalon, Calif. 90704.  
Soloed 1928 in OX5 Clipped Wing Standard J-1 at Marshall,  
Mo. Also helped assemble OX5 engines and rig airplanes.  
Sponsors: Harry C. Albert and John F. Clark.

PAGE, PAUL E.  
5011 Rose Ave., Riverside, Calif. 92505.  
Dual instruction in OX5 Travel Air tank, solo in 1940,  
Corona, Calif.  
Sponsors: Joseph W. Greer and George E. Yates.

POST, CHARLES W. "CHICK"  
18 Scenic Drive, Worcester, Mass. 01602  
Mechanic 1935-39 Waco 9, Bird and Eaglerock. Sponsors:  
John R. Graham, Henry P. Knowlton and Robert L. Hunt.

RICKHOFF, EDWARD ARNOLD  
5846 Victorville, Wrightwood, Calif. 92397  
Soloed 1938 in Waco 10 at Arlington Airport, Calif. Instructor  
was Lt. Joe Brier.  
Sponsors: Joseph W. Greer and George E. Yates.

ROUSSEAU, EUGENE  
5075 King Krest Lane, Littleton, Colo. 80123  
1st flight in Curtiss Jenny, soloed Travel Air 1928 at Monessen  
Aero Corp., Monessen, Pa. Instructor was Lt. Ralph Schoaf.  
Won silver cup for spot landing 1929.  
Sponsors: Oliver V. Phillips and Beverly Phillips.

SIMON, JOHN JOSEPH  
1286 Valley Forge Dr., Daytona Beach, Fla. 32019  
Dual time in Travel Air 1928 at Detroit, Mich. Instructor was  
Bill Maycock. Sponsors: Robert M. Lee, Leon H. Tanguay and  
Melvin Jacobson.

SMITH, LLOYD MOSER  
570 Wedge Lane, Longboat Key, Fla. 33548  
Dual instruction 1929-32 in Waco 10 NC-4381 (family owned),  
American Eagle and Parks.  
Sponsors: Chauncey Davenport and Edgar F. Smith, Jr.

SNYDER, ROBERT B.  
4206 North 18th Street, Tacoma, Wash. 98406  
Dual instruction in Waco 10 at Sedro-Woolly, Wash. 1931.  
Sponsors: Robert A. Byrd and Harry Albert.

STANTON, RICHARD E., Jr.  
161 Sequoia Drive, Pasadena, Calif. 91105  
Soloed OX5 Command-Aire at Adams Airport, Burbank, Calif.  
1932. Instructor was Clarence Plegencool. Pilot, mechanic and  
owner.  
Sponsors: Tony Levier, John Nagel and Kal Irwin.

TAYLOR, KATHRYN FALL  
1481 East Beech St., Alliance, Ohio 44601  
Soloed 1928 in OX5 Standard at Stocker Airport, Alliance,  
Ohio. Instructor was C.O. Bell.  
Sponsors: Russel Miller and C.C. Wilhelm.

THOMPSON, ROBERT E.  
125 N.W. 43rd St., Boca Raton, Fla. 33432  
Soloed 1931 in Fledgling Challenger at Roosevelt Field.  
Instructor was Ted Hebert. Also flew Bird.  
Sponsors: Bob Beilman and Gilbert B. Smith.

TRAIN, J. BURT  
5109 Dapple Gray Drive, Redding, Calif. 96002  
Flew Travel Air C-9012 with OX5 engine 1932 at San Fran-  
cisco Bay Airdrome. Instructor was Fred Hammer.  
Sponsor: Leo F. Purinton.

TSCHANTZ, A. CLAYTON  
632 Manchester Road, Mansfield, Ohio 44903  
Soloed Waco 9 and Eaglerock 1930 at Sullivant Ave. Airport  
in Ohio. Sponsors: Gordon Monroe, Foster A. Lane and  
A.B. Leist.

WALSWORTH, CHARLES L. "RED"  
139 East LarPenteur, St. Paul, Minn. 55117  
Soloed 1939 in OX5 Travel Air at Winn Field, La. Instructor  
was T. B. Herndon.  
Sponsors: Arthur W. Noteboom and Niels Sorensen.

WELLS, CLYDE  
Star Route, Box 664, Cascade Locks, Ore. 97014  
Soloed Eaglerock, 1934, at Boulder City, Nev. Instructor  
was Jack Cody. Sponsors: Evelyn Waldren, Danny Grecco and  
Seth Davidson.

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## WING STRUTS

### ARIZONA WING

By **Herman A. Zierold, President**

38 members and guests were welcomed by Gen. William Gorton, C.O., when we enjoyed a special tour of Luke AFB on Feb. 6, where we saw their latest fighter aircraft and their newest simulators. Besides providing an excellent descriptive talk regarding the base and its great array of facilities, the General also expressed considerable interest in our OX5 organization. And we enjoyed excellent food at the Officers' Club.

The Wing took part in "The Ultimate Aviation Adventure" staged at Tempe, Arizona on January 17, also at the "Antique Aircraft Display" and show at Chandler on Feb. 7-8th where Melba and Bill Beard exhibited their OX5 engine.

Elizabeth Inwood has invited us to her home for our Spring Patio Party that will include a pot-luck dinner on April 12.

### KANSAS WING

By **Cecil Booth, Secretary**

The February meeting occurring on the 28th took place at McConnell AFB. New officers elected in January, including Dave Blanton, President, Jack Clark, 1st Vice President, Cecil Booth, Secretary and Clem Vail, Treasurer, were all in their assigned places. Happy Hour came at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 and the program at 8:00.

Accompanying the Wing report was four full pages of membership happenings that always is interesting and informative.

# In Memoriam

**JOSEPH P. FALLIN (10567)** of Oklahoma City, retired 30 year CAA/FAA General Operations Inspector and FAA Academy Pilot Instructor to GADO Inspectors, passed on in January. A fond CAVU to this fine old-timer as he flies to the West.

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Aviation notable **DONALD DOUGLAS**, creator of the famed DC-3 has passed on. Originally Chief Engineer at the Glenn Martin Aircraft Co., he later opened a factory in Los Angeles in 1930, where after two attempts, he came up with the DC-3. This was followed by a line of outstanding aircraft bearing the Douglas name. We mourn the loss of this great American aviation pioneer.

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We are saddened to report the passing of **ROY "AB" VENCILL** of Terrell, Texas, in March. Ab was formerly a member of the OX5 National Board and will be sorely missed by his many friends in the Texas Wing.

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**BILL BURALL (4388)** passed on as of February 28, 1981. He was a real Aviation Pioneer in the Maryland area, spending most of his life in some phase of general aviation. We wish him CAVU in his flight West.

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**ALBERT AXTMAN (1522)** died of burns received in a garage explosion where he was helping a friend. A mechanic, he worked with the Granville Brothers until they stopped making airplanes, the Martin Co., Air Force Inspection, Erco, and other aircraft concerns in the Baltimore area. He will be missed by his many friends in the aviation fraternity.

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**HARVEY C. TAFE** passed away recently of a heart attack. He was a member of the DC Wing. An executive of General Dynamics of San Diego, he was at the time of his death serving as their Washington representative. He will be sorely missed by a host of old timers.

## WING STRUT

### FLORIDA WING

By **Bob Beilman, President**

The Florida Wing is all geared up for another great party at the Country Club of Coral Gables on Friday, April 10. This will be a full-course sit-down dinner at the unheard of price of \$8 per person, tax and tip included. The club must have a count by April 7, at which time all checks and reservations must be in.

A distinctive and interesting program has been arranged. You can expect an enjoyable evening with good OX5 friends and guests.

Please note also, we have reserved Friday, Dec. 4, at the CC/CG for our Annual Fall Party. Please mark it on your calendar.

# President Richter Appoints Committee Chairmen for 1981

## **WILSON L. MILLS, Chairman NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

Wilson L. Mills, P.O. Box 556, Camden, S.C. 29020 will head up the Nominations Committee.

The terms of five members of the National Board will expire at the end of this term. They are: Richard H. Downing, Johnny Evans, Oliver V. Phillips, Alice Jane "Kelly" Quick and Karl E. Voelter.

As any member on the National Board can be elected to become the National President after a year's service on the Board, it is suggested that you exercise the best possible judgment in your selections of candidates.

Please send your nominations to Wilson at the above address. All material must be prepared in triplicate, and must state your reasons for the nomination. A standard nominating form will be supplied to the Wings.

## **WALTER O'CONNOR, Chairman AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Once again, Walt has been selected to administer this important task. And we are so fortunate that he has accepted. Walt is retired and is a Past President of the Pennsylvania Wing. His address is 412 W. Washington Blvd., Grove City, PA. 16127. Walt's assistant will again be L. McClure Lanning.

## **PAUL McCULLY, Chairman HALL OF FAME SCREENING COMMITTEE**

Paul McCully, Bluff Landing 2, Webbers Falls, OK 74470 has been named to serve as non-voting Chairman of this important committee assignment.

Six members, each highly experienced and knowledgeable, and in widely separated geographical areas comprise the Hall of Fame Screening Committee. For obvious reasons, however, the names of other than the Chairman are not released.

The decision of the Screening Committee will be final.

Nominees, to be eligible for possible enshrinement in the OX5 Hall of Fame must have, by the excellence of their nationally and/or internationally recognized achievements, contributed materially to the development of aviation, via their own personal contributions, and by their own efforts have excelled in the promotion of public acceptance in the use and safety of air transportation.

The total number of permissible nominations is determined by the following formula: Chartered Wings with one hundred (100) or less currently paid-up members, may nominate one (1) person for the Hall of Fame. Wings with more than one hundred (100) members, may nominate one (1) additional person for each additional one hundred (100) currently paid-up members or fraction thereof. In states where no organized Wing exists, one (1) person may be nominated when special authority is granted for this purpose. Nominees need not necessarily reside in the area or be a member of the nominating wing.

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## **ALICE JANE "KELLY" QUICK, Chairman — AWARDS COMMITTEE**

Alice Jane "Kelly" Quick, 1233 East Thomas Road, Apt. 18, Phoenix, Arizona 85014 will serve as Chairman of the Awards Committee.

This is one of the very important committee assignments, its purpose being to receive and carefully screen the qualifications of all nominees for the annual OX5 National Awards. Only those nominees considered — by this committee — best qualified, will be submitted to the National Board for final approval.

Material to support nominees for these awards must be prepared in TRIPLICATE and sent to the Committee Chairman.

National Awards include the following:

### **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

This award may be presented to a current or deceased member of the OX5 Aviation Pioneers in recognition of his or her leadership, devoted service and unselfish efforts in behalf of the organization, or for significant contributions to its progress and welfare while serving as a National Governor or a National Officer.

### **PIONEER WOMAN'S AWARD**

This award may be awarded to a current or deceased member on the basis of her nationally recognized reputation as a pioneer in aviation, or for her personal contributions to the cause of General Aviation, the operation, welfare and effectiveness of the OX5 Aviation Pioneers.

### **MR. OX5 AWARD**

May be awarded to a current or deceased member in recognition of his national reputation as a pioneer in aviation, prior to December 31, 1940, and his outstanding contributions to the cause of general aviation.

### **LEGION OF MERIT AWARD**

May be awarded to a current or deceased member who has continuously participated in aviation over a period of forty (40) years, while demonstrating unusual technical and safe flying ability, and the use of aircraft for betterment of mankind.

### **BRONZE STAR AWARD**

This award may be presented to a member, who, using an OX5 powered aircraft, distinguished himself by a successful "FIRST" which contributed to our progress in aviation.

### **OUTSTANDING WING PRESIDENT AWARD**

This award is intended for the Wing President whose wing made the greatest amount of notable progress during the past year. Recommendations for this award will originate only from the National Secretary's Office where familiarity with such activities and operations is most evident and best understood.

### **CLIFFORD BALL MEMORIAL AWARD**

This award came into being in 1975. It will go to the Editor of the Most Outstanding Newsletter published by any Wing. The decision for winner of this award rests with the National Secretary's Office in which each month, copies of the various Wing Newsletters are received.

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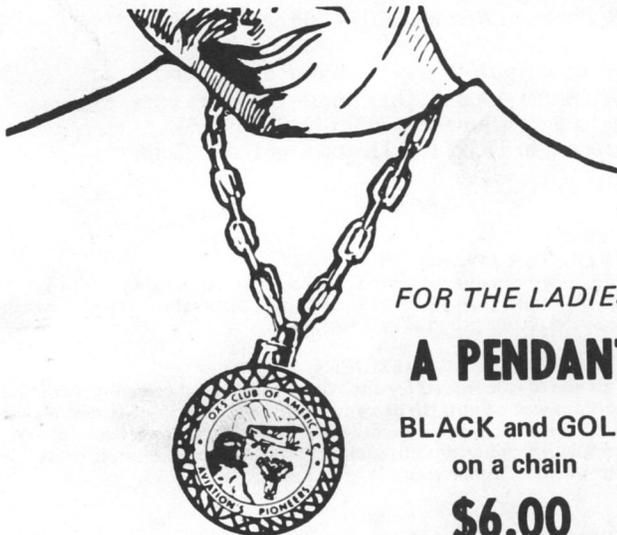
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