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## ARLINGTON B. and MARY WEST 57 YEARS OF FRIENDLY SKIES

Arlington B. West, fondly referred to as "A.B." and his lovely wife, Mary, have been flying since before the Great Depression of the 30's and are probably the oldest husband-wife team of licensed pilots in the United States. They were married for 57 years, and their combined flying experience totals 111 years.

A.B. became interested in flying at the age of 6 when he saw his first airplane at Standish, Michigan. The pilot wanted somebody to go up with him and A.B. was more than willing until his mother grabbed him by the collar. That's when he told her he was going to be a pilot.

A.B. has been flying since 1925. Mary, taught by her husband, learned to fly in 1930. Both are still active pilots and Mary maintains her own single-engine airplane out of Gladwin Airport, only a couple hundred yards from their home.

A.B. grew up on a farm near Columbiaville, Michigan—Mary hails from Standish. They were married in 1928 while A.B. was taking aviation classes at Greer Technical Institute in Chicago. In 1929, they returned to Columbiaville so A.B. could manage his father's apple orchard. He also gave flight instructions and barnstormed evening and weekends.

During the Great Depression, the Wests owned an old Curtiss Jenny, World War I, training plane. They gave flight lessons, carried passengers for hire, and made Michigan's County Fair Circuit. Many times, they would give a ride in exchange for five gallons of airplane gas.



During World War II, A.B. taught Army Air Corps fighter pilots to fly. After his military service, he and Mary bought a farm near Clio, Michigan and developed Westport Airport, now Cagney Field and still in operation. They expanded and improved the airport, giving chartered flights, providing flight instructions and teaching aircraft maintenance.

Mary owns a 1953 Piper Pacer in "mint condition." She credits this to her husband who was also a licensed airplane mechanic. "It is better than it was when it came out of the factory," she said.

Their oldest son, Jay, learned to fly and is an experienced helicopter pilot in Texas—their second son, Graden, who is a biologist in Iron River, Wisconsin, also is a licensed pilot. Mary West taught both sons to fly. One of their granddaughters is also a pilot.

Mary summed up the couple's fifty-year love affair with flying. "Flying's a different world," she said. "If something bothers me, and I want to relax, I still fly. Up there, you're not tied down to worldly things. But, when I hit ground, it's back to ironing, dishes, and meals. I'd rather fly."

EDITOR'S NOTE—Since this article was prepared for publication, Arlington B. West took off on his last flight, on June 1, 1985. We express our sincere sympathy to Mary and her family and say farewell to a fine gentleman and a true Aviation Pioneer.



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you read this message, there is approximately 60 days before the curtain "goes up" on the 30th OX5 Aviation Pioneers National Reunion. Everyone needs to be aware of the excellent tours and programs that have been planned by Ralph Majors, Reunion Chairman, and his great committee. Reunion information, hotel reservation and program information is available in this issue of the OX5 NEWS. I really urge everyone to make an effort to attend this one.



Robert F. Lang

A "bushel" of thanks to all of the various committees that accepted my appointments. Their untiring and diligent effort will make their assignment a successful one. Most of these committees will have reports to present the National Board when it convenes at Reunion time. Most of the reports will deal with issues that have previously been voiced and a few that I feel should be voiced. Hopefully, a mutual resolve can be forthcoming from the reports. We plan to keep you advised.

My term as your National President will shortly be history, but I will save my final remarks for the October NEWS column. See you at the Reunion.

"Making a FOOL of yourself is not so bad,  
if you realize who did it."

## NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE NAMES CANDIDATES FOR 1985 ELECTION

The 1985 Nominations Committee, Robert A. Helms, Chairman, has certified the list of candidates whose names appear on the 1985 ballot for election of National Governors.

National Board of Governors consists of fifteen members from which the national officers are elected. Each year five governors are elected.

In compliance with the National Bylaws, Article VI, Section 2, reads, "Each Governor will be elected for a term of three years, and no more than one National Governor may be elected from any one state."

The list of candidates for this year, on which members will cast their ballots for a total of five, is as follows:

#### CANDIDATES

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New York  
Oregon  
Indiana  
Virginia  
Texas  
Montana  
Colorado  
Ohio

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## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

I, Robert F. Lang, National President OX5 Aviation Pioneers, do hereby request an Amendment be made to the By-Laws of the OX5 Aviation Pioneers.

The request is to amend Article VI, Section 2. It now reads:

"The National Board of Governors shall consist of 15 members elected by a general ballot of the members in good standing. Each Governor will be elected for a term of three years and no more than one National Governor may be elected from any one state."

The requested amendment would change the above to read:

"The National Board of Governors shall consist of 15 members elected by a general ballot of the members in good standing. Each Governor will be elected for a term of three years. Any state having two or more Wings, and each in good standing nationally, shall be authorized a maximum of two National Governors if they are duly nominated and elected."

# OX5 30th ANNUAL REUNION

AIRPORT HILTON HOTEL

Los Angeles, California

October 17-19, 1985

## WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA WING CELEBRATES OX5's 30TH ANNIVERSARY

The Western Pennsylvania Wing will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the founding of the OX5 Aviation Pioneers with a luncheon and meeting at Latrobe Airport on Saturday, September 21st, in conjunction with the Westmoreland County Annual Air Show. This is the spot where it all began 30 years ago.

Bob Mullin, Wing President, Bill Kahler and Jim Taylor are coordinating plans for this gala affair.

Bus transportation to Latrobe Airport will be arranged leaving Allegheny County Airport at 9:30 A.M. A membership meeting will be held followed by lunch at noon at the Blue Angels Restaurant located on the second floor of the Westmoreland County Airport Administration Building. It is expected that TV personality, Don Riggs (Channel 11 Pittsburgh), long time friend of OX5, and Bob Hoover, Rockwell International air show performer, will drop in during the luncheon for a few words. Don is the official announcer for the Latrobe Air Show.

From 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. we will be entertained by the Air Show which is one of the biggest and best in the United States. A section of the Latrobe Aviation hangar will be reserved for seating of our members and guests during the Air Show. Chairs will be provided.

During the course of the day, a marker honoring Charlie Carroll, first owner of the airport and one of the founders of the OX5 Aviation Pioneers will be unveiled in front of the administration building. Our OX5 engine will be prominently displayed during the show, and Lloyd Santmyer, our OX5 Hall of Fame member, will be duly recognized.

We hope as many of our members as can will attend. A notice will be sent to all members of the Western Pennsylvania Wing as soon as all details are finalized. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!**

Let's rally 'round for this annual reunion and a rededication of that OX5 pioneering spirit.

## 11th ANNUAL SUN 'N FUN FLY-IN

Everett Welch, President of the Midwest Florida Wing, reports that the 11th Annual Sun 'n Fun Fly-In was a huge success, and much of the credit goes to Billie Henderson, Executive Director. He, and his "volunteers" did another outstanding job. There was an increase in all the "numbers" as compared to previous years—more people, more aircraft, more activities, and a greater economic impact on the City of Lakeland. The daily airshows were of top quality, and the addition of new buildings, and procedures, combined to contribute greatly to the pleasure and edification of all who attended. Aviation Pioneers who have not taken advantage of this wonderful "experience," should start to plan now on attending the 12th edition of the Sun 'n Fun Fly-In in the spring of 1986. This is the second largest event of its kind in the world! Don't miss it next time!

## SECRETARY'S REPORT



Oliver V. Phillips

Report time again—Up goes the input time with paper, pen, pencil and typewriter.

First returns are from the National Governor Nominating Committee. We have 8 candidates and that is more than usual—you have a choice. Bob Helms must have twisted some arms . . . Good job, Bob.

These names will be published in this OX5 News, look for them. They will also be placed on the soon to be printed ballots which you will receive shortly thereafter. Please vote, don't put it off, let's see if we can get a larger vote in this year. Be certain that you vote correctly and you will not cause your ballot to go into the illegal ballot box. Vote only 5.

A word from the OX5 History Book Editor. The hope is to have it out by reunion time in October. Don't blame the editor or the printer for the delay. Some members just did not get with it and some resumes came in after the cut-off date, some are impossible to read and others are worse. Some have come on tape which are not very understandable, so again I say—don't blame the editor. He has done everything in his power to accommodate everyone involved.

As we have said many times before, we continue to get applications for membership which are without the required OX5 information on the form or that do not meet the qualification requirements. Please read the membership qualification requirements as stated at the bottom of the application blank. The fact that one had a ride in an OX5 powered airplane does not meet the requirements, being a retired airline captain does not necessarily qualify one for membership. Years ago the National Board added to the qualifications the FAA required licensable age of 16—it still stands. The application refers to only OX5 experience—other data is most welcome on the back of the application form or on an extra sheet added to the form. Please add backup OX5 material if possible—copy of log book, school attended, etc. Answer the questions on the application blank. The screening committee and the applicant can save time if the procedure is followed.

Hope to see you at Los Angeles—it'll be a grand reunion. It takes both rain and sunshine to make a rainbow.

## OX5 HISTORY BOOK

Dave Turner of the Taylor Publishing Company spent two days in the headquarters office (June 20-21) in order to obtain additional background material for the OX5 History Book. He also went over many of the pictures in the files which will be printed in the book.

Turner reported that all the biographies were in Dallas at that time for typesetting. The proofs should be available in about 4 or 5 weeks. He also said that many of the biographies were poorly prepared—many too voluminous and had to be edited, some were poorly hand written and hard to decipher, others were on cassettes, one was written on a paper grocery store bag, etc. This, of course, meant a lot of extra unexpected work which resulted in a set back of the delivery date of the book.

The Publisher is striving to get the book completed and delivered in time for the 1985 reunion.

# WING STRUTS

## **GOLDEN GATE WING**

**By George Penney, President**

Our meeting of May 18th at Francesco's was high-lighted by an interesting program provided by Verne Shrewsbury. Somehow he acquired access to a film library and brought an extremely interesting one, showing some of TransOcean Airlines early post-war operations in Saudi Arabia. Considering the current focus on Middle Eastern problems, the film was quite timely. Many of us are looking forward to attending the REUNION in Los Angeles next October. We sincerely offer our best wishes to Ralph Majors and all of the Southern California members for a successful gathering.

## **LONG ISLAND WING**

**By Lawrence W. Micalizzi, President**

Our annual picnic was held on Sunday, June 23 at the Presbyterian Church facility in Sweet Hollow, Melville, Long Island. Ed Gardyan, our past President, coordinated the use of the facility. The complex includes a large meeting hall and a beautiful picnic area adjacent to the hall so we can provide for a rain or shine activity. We had hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, salads, hot and cold drinks, etc., all home made by our Wing ladies.

About fifty OX5ers and guests attended, and from all indications, everyone had a good time.

## **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WING**

**By John F. Clark, Publicity Chairman**

On a hilltop near the site of early-day glider-club flights by our current 1st V.P. Todd Gallighen, Southern California Wing held a summer Luncheon Meeting at the Quiet Cannon Restaurant in Montebello, near Los Angeles. Sunday noon, June 30, we served up great food and entertainment to 106 members and guests on a hot and smoggy day which didn't seem to slow down the hangar flying a bit.

All but one of our nine Governors were present to hear President Ralph Majors introduce honored guests and report on the progress of plans for our projects as host of the 30th OX5 Reunion in October. Ralph asked our "Ladies' Night" Co-Chairperson, Marian Henderson, to fill us in on the activities planned for Thursday, October 17. He announced that members Jim apRoberts, Lincoln "Pete" Lathrop, John Nasal, Fawn Peck and William Wiggins will be the five candidates in our August election to replace three retiring Governors.

Our member Abby Haddaway was introduced as the incoming President of the prestigious Aviation Breakfast Club, which will soon celebrate its 50th anniversary. Maxine Hix acknowledged her appointment as Coordinator for Ladies' Activities at the OX5 Reunion, and our Secretary Mickie Bodell conducted one of his infamous "Roving Microphone" series of member interviews among the seated and helpless throng.

"Lost in Space" was the theme of the talk given by our guest speaker Jack Juraco, Project Engineer from Hughes Aircraft, who was the man heading up the team which was assembled when two Shuttle-launched satellites failed to achieve proper orbits. The team successfully planned and executed a rescue operation over a seven-month period, which ended with the capture and return of the errant satellites in a later Shuttle flight.

## **OHIO WING**

**By R. E. "Duke" Iden, President**

Thirty-five members and guests enjoyed a nostalgic weekend at the National Waco Fly-In, June 29th, at Hamilton, Ohio.

While the ladies enjoyed a get-acquainted luncheon at Murray's Restaurant, the men enjoyed rides in the restored Wacos. A general membership meeting was held followed by a Board meeting. Ward Wooster of Strongsville, Ohio was selected as Ohio Wing's candidate for National Governor. David Binns of Columbus was selected Chairman of the 1986 Nominating Committee.

Our next meeting is in the planning stages. It is to be held in Mansfield, Ohio, with Dr. Gordon Morkel serving as host.

## **OKLAHOMA WING**

**By Carl South, President**

A luncheon meeting was held on June 8, at the Oklahoma Aviation & Space Hall of Fame & Museum, Oklahoma City.

Our group was entertained by Clarence "Andy" Anderson's account of his flying career, which consisted of more than a half century of "star-studded" civil and military flying.

Our guests included Mrs. Lurlene Stewart, one of thirteen original United Air Lines stewardesses. The then Miss Lurlene Gillum, a newly graduated registered nurse (an employment prerequisite then) served as stewardess on United's Ford Tri-Motors and Boeing 247's operating from Kansas City to Chicago and Dallas.

Those present were indeed complimented by the appearance of Mrs. Stewart, widow of the late Capt. Edward A. "Eddy" Stewart, who navigated scheduled air transports for 39 years prior to his retirement in 1967.

## **COLORADO MILE HI WING**

**By Beverly Phillips, Editor**

Our regularly scheduled Sunday Luncheon was held on June 23rd at Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge. A social hour was planned for Noon, with lunch to follow at 1 P.M. Roz Brown, autoharpist, provided some fine folk music as the entertainment portion of the program. Our next meeting will be the annual Pot Luck picnic in August. Details will be published in the BARNSTORMER, our wing newsletter.

## **GLENN HAMMOND CURTISS WING**

**By Walter A. Rutski, Secretary**

The Fall Meeting will be held on October 5th at the Statler Inn on the Cornell University Campus at Ithaca, N. Y. National Governor James W. Allen, who is an Alumnus of Cornell University, is the Chairman of the luncheon to be held in a private dining room at the Inn. After the luncheon, those interested may attend the football game between Cornell and Lafayette Universities.

President Darrel D. Rippeteau states there will be a Governors' meeting before the luncheon.

More information will follow in the Wing's September Newsletter.

## **SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WING**

**By Lee Higbee, President**

As this is being written, our wing is conducting an election of Board members to serve through 1988. Results will be announced in the next issue of the NEWS.

A special tribute was paid, through the wing publication, "Lying Around the Hangar," to two active ladies of our wing—Veda Tennent for her generous contribution to the wing—and Ethel Middlekauff for her many years of service as Secretary-Treasurer of the wing. Ethel has created, in cross stitchery, a beautiful copy of our wing logo, which will be on display at our November meeting.

## **CENTRAL TEXAS WING**

**By Norman Orloff, Secretary-Treasurer**

Central Texas Wing met on May 25th at the home of President Harry and wife Joan Buerschinger for the annual swim party. As usual, unusual weather the day before created a flood in the area and cooled off the water in the pool. However, preparations were completed on time and power restored so that meeting went as scheduled. Turn out was good and food was superlative. Our Governor, National President Bob Lang, told of the plans for the National Reunion in Los Angeles, and it sounds super.

The National Awards program was discussed, and President Buerschinger will have more on this later in the year. Included is our plan to participate with Texas Wing in a visit to the Oklahoma Wing on September 14th.

Our next Wing meeting will be at the Orloff home in San Antonio, August 24th. Details to follow.

## **CAROLINAS WING**

**By Max Freeman, President**

The Carolinas Wing held its annual "Spring Reunion" at Roanoke Rapids, N.C. near the Virginia border the first week-end of May or "Derby Day." We always have our odd-numbered year spring reunion at Roanoke Rapids and the even numbered years at Burlington, N.C. This enables us to serve our membership which includes those in Virginia and the Eastern Shores. In the fall we meet the third week of October in historic Camden, S.C. so that our members from Georgia and Florida can attend. We have a very good attendance and a good program of professional quality since we co-ordinate with the Antique-Classic division of EAA Chapter #3. This includes a fly-in and air show in which many of our members participate.

This year we were pleased to have Steve Wittman as our banquet speaker. We had some very rare planes come in also. We were very pleased to receive a brand new water pump assembly for our OX5 engine from the estate of Pappy Ellis of Virginia. Mrs. Rachel Ellis, the widow of Pappy, made the presentation.

Our Luncheon meeting was held on Saturday at noon. A very fine sit-down meal was especially prepared for us. Rex Anger was the noon speaker.

## **WISCONSIN WING**

**By Mable Dewey, Secretary**

Sophie and Karl Schaarschmidt hosted our Spring Meeting at Aero Park Airport on May 18th. Sixty-one people were present to enjoy a lovely "Pot Luck" dinner, complete with dessert and coffee.

A business meeting followed.

Steve Hay explained a part of a Manley Engine he is building and gave a good report of his duties as our "Wisconsin Wing" representative on the National Board of Governors.

Dean and Dale Crites were honored at the War Memorial Center in Milwaukee on June 8th, receiving the annual Billy Mitchell Award.

After the business meeting was adjourned, many members and guests stayed around for a social hour and some "hangar flying."

## **MARYLAND WING**

**By Jack L. King, Secretary**

Members of the Maryland Wing and their guests enjoyed a delightful two day outing at the Mexico Farms Airport near Cumberland on July 6 and 7. The grass runways, surrounded by the majestic Western Maryland mountains, provided an excellent setting for our outdoor informal business meeting and picnic style banquet. Activities were scheduled to coincide with the local EAA chapter's annual Fly-In and there was plenty of flying to round out a real grass roots aviation weekend.

The Wing had planned a special celebration for one of our members, 82 year old George Allen, who had just flown the North Atlantic with his flying buddy, 78 year old Bill Morris, in a single engine aircraft. Unfortunately, they were delayed on the return trip, so we issued a rain check for the delayed ceremonies.

Our hosts were Harold, Martha and Bob Armstrong, Dr. Bob Piling and the Johnson family. Wing President Bob Wallace noted that it had been many years since the Maryland Wing had scheduled a meeting away from the Baltimore area and he believed the concept of moving future meetings around the state should greatly enhance membership attendance. Distinguished guests were Jessie Woods and Glen and Mary Rankin of the Florida Wing.

## **ORANGE/SAN DIEGO WING**

**By Leo Dorney, President**

The second quarterly meeting of the Orange/San Diego Wing was held on June 2nd, at the El Camino Country Club in Oceanside, Calif. This meeting place has proven to be the most suitable for the membership due to the location being near geographical center of the area covered by the Wing. The program, under the direction of our own Rex Robinson, featured the history of T. Claude Ryan and the Ryan organization and was expertly presented by William P. "Doc" Sloan, also a member of our Wing. Attendance was slightly low due to the summer vacations and other local activities however, 80 members and guests enjoyed the fine food, fellowship and the wonderful program.

Charles S. Taylor, 6047 Lomond Drive, San Diego has been elected President of our Wing for 1985-86. Vice Presidents are Cdr. Lester A. Petrowsky and Clifford Pleggenkuhle. Thorsten R. Ohman, 4444 Sheldon Drive, La Mesa was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. Rounding out the board we have Leo J. Dorney, Edward W. Schadeck, Kenneth Kirkwood, George F. Schiller, and Maure Solt.

## **OREGON WING**

**By Evelyn Waldren, Secretary**

Sixty-four OX5ers and guests attended our May 19th Brunch meeting for a get-together with long-time friends, an excellent meal and program at the Red Baron Restaurant at Troutdale Airport.

Our guest speaker, Earl Van Valkenberg, gave an interesting account of his 23 years as a crew member aboard Air Force One, from which he recently retired. "Van served under four presidents, Nixon, Ford, Carter and Reagan. We learned that when the President is on board, the aircraft is called Air Force One. When the Vice President is on board,

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# OX5 Scrap Book

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National Governor Mary Alice Beatty sends us this photo of Ann Bohrer, Oregon, taken in 1933 with Admiral Byrd in Cleveland, Ohio. Ann and Walt were promoting the first edition of "Tail Spins." Ann is the designer of the AVIATRIX, PIONEERS OF AVIATION pin—an organization dedicated to women who flew airplanes before the year 1939.



National Governor and President of the Carolinas Wing, Max Freeman, in the dark glasses, renews his friendship with his old instructor Mayo Hefner at a recent Wing meeting.



Paul "Pete" Young, of Bethany, Okla., built this beautiful Christen Eagle from a kit, as a memorial to his wife, Dottie. He built his first airplane when he was 16 and is an A&P mechanic retired from the simulator section of the FAA Aeronautical Center. Dottie had an illustrious career in aviation. She was one of 25 women pilots selected in November 1942 to report to Houston, Texas, for military training, designated as Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs). Squadron commander of the first class (43-W-1), she was the first woman to receive an Army Diploma and Wings. The holder of many "firsts," she was a long time member of the 99s, past editor of *The 99 News* and administrative assistant to the President of the 99s.



Ohio Wing OX5ers in front of an OX5 Waco 10, at a Wing Meeting, June 29, 1985, at the National Waco Fly-In, Hamilton, Ohio.



Edna Gardner Whyte and Bite Livingston, Oshkosh, Fly-In, 1984.



Mr. & Mrs. A. B. West, Gladwin, Mich., May 1985 just prior to A.B.'s death. (See story Page 1)



Glenn Curtis Wing—May 18, 1985, courtesy Bob Wallace.

## WING STRUTS (continued)

it's Air Force Two, and when neither is on board, the aircraft is called only by its identification number.

We welcome a new member to our Wing: William "Bill" Carter, a transferee from the Oklahoma Wing.

Ed Ball, one of our most illustrious members, has been at the Hillsboro Airport since 1929, when he became Hillsboro's first Fixed Base Operator. Ed faithfully attends Wing meetings and National Reunions. We're proud of Ed.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WING

#### By Cole Morrow, President

Members of the DC Wing met at 6:30 at the Roma Restaurant in Washington on July 10. Twenty-three members and guests were present.

Our speaker, Col. Carl Ousley, gave a most interesting talk about his activities and experiences during the atomic bomb testing in New Mexico and later in the South Pacific. Col. Ousley and others actually flew through the mushroom cloud immediately after the explosions. He stated that these flights were really "blind flights" since they were required to wear completely black glasses. Even with these, it was like looking at the sun when the explosion occurred.

Col. Ousley flew 72 missions in B17s during WW II, was responsible for setting up flight training for the Berlin Airlift at Great Falls, Mont. He was program manager and test pilot at Edwards AFB and was in the space program based at Vandenberg, AFB. From 1962 to 1983 he was a VP of Control Data.

We were pleased to welcome a new member, Mr. George Cronin, who learned to fly in Italy in 1917.

### BIG SKY WING

#### Emily Newcomer

The spring meeting was held in Shoshoni, Wyoming, on May 18, 1985, with members present from Montana, Wyoming and Idaho. It was a very good meeting with a number of important issues discussed. Our fall meeting will be held in Twin Falls, Idaho, November 8-9, 1985. Hosts will be Helen and Willard Mineau.

## • BRIEFS •

Anyone wishing to obtain a copy of the "1925 Hand Book and Repair Manual for the Curtiss OX5 Aeronautical Engine, 90 H.P. at 1400 R.P.M." please contact John T. Brennan, Star Route, Darby, Montana 58929. Telephone number (406) 821-3528.

Walt Bohrer, 1209 N. Springbrook, #27, Newberg, Oregon 97132, a member of the Oregon Wing, is kept busy showing his slides and memorabilia and presenting his aviation talks to various service clubs and organizations in the local area. At the 1985 Petticoat Derby, Willamette Valley Chapter, he delivered his program, "The Quirks and Boo Boo's of Famous Flyers," which was very well received. In addition, he is part of a group attempting to start the Northwest Aviation Breakfast Club, Tex Rankin Chapter, patterned after the famous Aviation Breakfast Club in Southern California. Anyone interested in Aviation can join.

## LINDBERGH'S FLIGHT RELIVED BY TWO GREATGRANDFATHERS

OX5er George Allen, 82, and Nathan Morris 77, of Baltimore, Maryland were the oldest participants in an international air rally from North America to Europe. Morris' 12-year old Cessna Skylane was one of 71 airplanes in the rally, which landed June 23 at LeBourget Airport, where Lindbergh ended his nonstop flight in 1927.

The pair of aviators have flown about 60,000 miles together in the past 30 years, flying as far away as Alaska and South America. The two men say their age and experience will help in the sub-zero weather of the 4,226 mile Journey over the Arctic Circle and the ice caps of Greenland.

"We don't talk about retirement," said Morris. "Nature will retire us when she wants to."

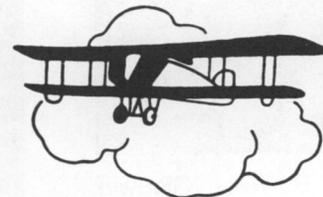
Allen called the rally, sponsored by the International Air Rally Organization, "just another fun trip, as far as I'm concerned."

The aviators left Maryland on Friday, June 15th, 1985 for Morristown, N.J. to join pilots from Great Britain, Germany and France in circling the Statue of Liberty. The planes then flew to Montreal where the rally officials administered written tests to check the qualifications of participants. Then on to Baffin Island, Greenland, Iceland and Scotland before ending with a fly-by of the Eiffle Tower in Paris. The 71 pilots who paid \$3,000 for a chance to win a trophy and a \$20,000 purse will garner points both for speed and for navigational skills.

Though Allen and Morris have been flying on and off for many years, the rally included some pilots with more actual flying hours and with faster planes.

"We don't consider it anything to win. If we successfully cross and come back, I would consider that good," Allen said before departure. "We'll just pack a bag and go, that's all. I'm sure if this had happened when I was 20 or 25, I would have been a little more excited about it."

Virgil Wilhite, P.O. Box 29368, Los Angeles, Calif. 90029 is looking for copies of SPORTSMAN PILOT as follows: Jan., Nov., 1932—May-June, Oct., Nov., 1933—July 15, Sept. 15, Dec. 15, 1934—Jan. 15, Feb. 15, 1935 and Aug. 15, 1936. In order to obtain these copies, he is willing to pay as much as \$50 each. He also is looking for "Air Trails," May 1947. Contact Virgil Wilhite at the above address if you are interested.



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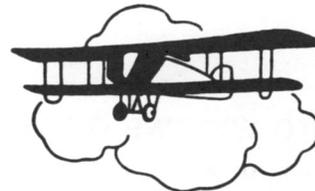
Word has just reached us of the death in May, 1984, of **WILLIAM EGAN**, of Anchorage, Alaska, former Governor of that state. Mrs. Egan writes that her husband was proud of his membership in OX5 and enjoyed the association with other members. Governor Egan is sorely missed by all his friends and associates.

**JOHN C. RAY** of Miami, Florida died on June 10, 1985 at the age of 90. Known as "Mr. E. A. L. Maintenance" he was the first mechanic hired at Eastern Air Lines and was known worldwide for his mechanical genius when it came to fine tuning an airplane engine. He was inducted into the OX5 Hall of Fame in 1982. We bid this Aviation Pioneer a fond farewell.

**WILBUR G. STEWART** of Fern Park, Florida, died on May 5, 1985 after a long illness. Stew was a retired airport planning specialist for the Civil Aeronautics Authority retiring as Chief of property management division. We bid him CAVU on his journey West.

**DAVID D. CORRINGTON** of Lake Andes, South Dakota, an early aviation pioneer in South Dakota died recently. An early barnstormer and air mail pilot, he was an inspector on the B-29 project during World War II. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

John Underwood of Glendale, California reports the death of **ART MANKEY** last April at the age of 90. While not a member, Art will be remembered by many OX5ers. He built a Chanute glider from Popular Mechanics plans in 1911. He shared a drawing board with Donald Douglas at the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics in 1920 and later had much to do with the infant Douglas company's success. Art moonlighted for Ryan (with Jack Northrop) and later helped JKN get into production on his own. Among his design credits is Martin Jensen's "Aloha" and the Breese-Bennett light transport. Art held posts with Martin and Bell as an engineering executive. Art was a shy man who avoided the limelight, otherwise, his name would probably be well known today.



### CORRECTION

The name of Anona D. H. Brown, 19045 Armin-ta Street, Reseda, California 91335 was erroneously listed in the Folded Wings column in the June 1985 issue of the OX5 NEWS. We are sorry for the error and are extremely pleased to report that Anona is in good health and very happy. She keeps active as Historian for the Aero Club of Southern California an organization of over 700 members. She is also Historian for the Aviation Breakfast Club.

PROPOSED PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**OX5 AVIATION PIONEERS 30TH ANNUAL REUNION — OCTOBER 16, 17, 18, 19, 1985**

Southern California Wing, Inc., RALPH O. MAJORS, President (714) 892-7849

**Wednesday, October 16, 1985**

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Registration  
Reacquaintance Day  
and at leisure.  
9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Shopping Mall  
2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Hospitality Room Open

**Thursday, October 17, 1985**

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Registration  
8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. Ladies' Champagne  
Breakfast **\$8.00**  
Mary Alice Beatty, Ann  
Bohrer, Hostesses and  
Maxine Hix, Coordinator  
10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Universal Studios Tour  
**\$18.50**  
12:00 Noon to 1:15 P.M. National Board Luncheon  
1:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. National Board Meeting  
2:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Hospitality Room Open  
6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. No Host Bar  
7:00 P.M. Ladies' Banquet **\$20.00**  
Marian Henderson,  
Edna Gardner Whyte,  
Chairpersons and  
Maxine Hix,  
Coordinator

**Friday, October 18, 1985**

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Registration  
9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Free transportation to Shop-  
ping Mall  
10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Spruce Goose and Queen  
Mary Tours with lunch on  
the Queen Mary **\$29.50**  
2:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Hospitality Room Open  
6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. No Host Bar  
7:00 P.M. Early Birds Banquet **\$20.00**  
Forrest Wysong,  
Presiding

**Saturday, October 19, 1985**

8:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. Wing Presidents Breakfast  
9:00 A.M. to Noon Registration and Saturday  
Night Banquet tickets  
9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Shopping Mall  
10:00 A.M. to Noon National Membership  
Meeting  
2:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. National Board Meeting  
6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. No Host Bar  
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| 10:00 A.M.       | 10:15 A.M.                           |
| 1:45 P.M.        | 2:00 P.M.                            |
| 3:45 P.M.        | 4:15 P.M.                            |
| 5:45 P.M.        | 6:15 P.M.                            |

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

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|------------|------------|
| 12:00 P.M. | 12:15 P.M. |
| 2:45 P.M.  | 3:00 P.M.  |
| 4:45 P.M.  | 5:00 P.M.  |

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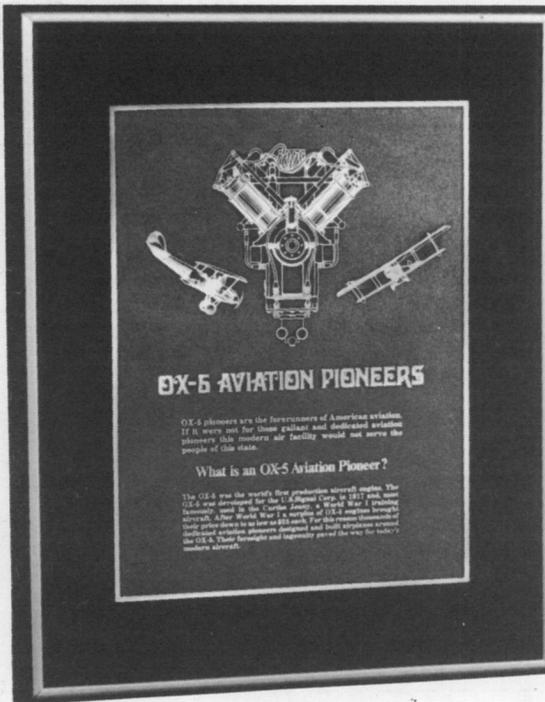
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