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RUTH M. REINHOLD Arizona Executive Pilot — Historian

Ruth M. Reinhold's mark on Arizona aviation history began in 1933 when she moved from Los Angeles to Phoenix and began to fly out of a cow pasture that later became Sky Harbor Airport. Her 52-year career ended with her death on December 17, 1985 at the age of 83.

Paul Odneal, operator of Copper Clad Airways, taught Ruth to fly in 1933 at Sky Harbor in exchange for running his office. After Odneal's death in 1936, she worked with Cary "Pappy" Knier, Sky Harbor's manager, until 1946.

Ruth flew charter service, sold airplanes, and was an instructor in the Civilian Pilot Training Program prior to World War II. From 1941 to 1953 she was a captain in the Civil Air Patrol, flying courier missions from Phoenix to Tucson and Blythe, California. In addition to teaching instrument flying to B-24 pilots during World War II, she was also a pilot or co-pilot for Senator Barry Goldwater for 20 years.

In early 1950, Ruth was returning from an elk survey for the Arizona Game and Fish Department in northern Arizona when the engine of her Aeronca failed, and she was forced to land and spend the night in her plane. She landed on a dirt strip at Hay Lake, but the runway had thawed enough to become muck, and the airplane flipped over. Rescue planes dropped clothing, magazines, bedrolls, and food for Ruth and her passenger until they were rescued by an Army vehicle.

In 1968 Ruth became the first woman appointed to the Arizona Aeronautics Board where she served for six years, followed by a term with the Arizona State Department of

Transportation.

One of her prime interests was the Powder Puff Derby. Not only was she a contestant, she also served the race for many years as Chief of Impound Inspections and later as an Enroute Timer.

A charter member of the Arizona Wing of OX5, she served as Wing President, and was winner of the OX5 Woman of the Year Award in 1969. She was also a charter member and former chairman of the Phoenix Chapter of 99's.

In 1982 she published a book "Sky Pioneering, Arizona in Aviation History" which was published by the University of Arizona.

The recipient of many awards and trophies for her outstanding contributions to the advancement of aviation in Arizona, she was also honored for her achievements which included 50 years of flying with only one significant accident.

Last June, Ruth was honored at a dinner by the Phoenix Sky Harbor Auxiliary, and in July, she and Senator Goldwater were honored by Sky Harbor Airport for their service to Arizona Aviation.

From her first flight, she was completely devoted to aviation. Ruth attained her goals, made her contributions to aviation,

yet remained a capable, charming and modest person, loved by all.

Ruth recently told a reporter, "I haven't done very much really. I'm not anyone special." But her accomplishments tell a different story.

Ruth is survived by her husband, Robert, also an OX5er.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the Holidays behind us, it must be time for most everyone to get into the "Ready for Spring" routine. In my part of the country the weather has been decent — just enough "cool" to make it enjoyable.

All of the Wing Presidents have received my "year ending" and "year beginning" memorandum. It is my wish that we can involve more members in Wing activities during 1986. Perhaps a real concentrated effort by all members to secure one new member is in order, and at best a challenge. There must be many — truly qualified — Pioneers out there that should be a part of our organization.

Keep in mind the dates for Sun 'n Fun at Lakeland, Florida are March 16th through March 22nd. Try to attend, for there will be many OX5 Aviation Pioneers there, and I plan to be among them.

The new membership roster is progressing well, and I feel sure that our National Secretary will have important statements and requests that will involve the Wing Presidents and Secretaries in order to secure accurate information prior to the printing. I urge each member to make certain the Wing officers have the correct address information.

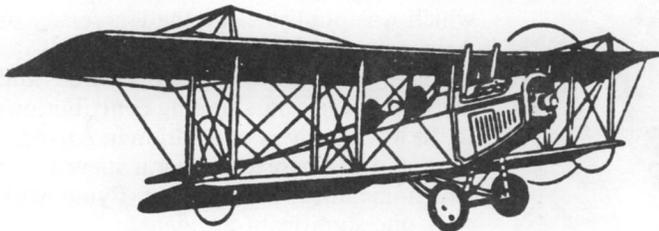
Permit me to acknowledge the many Holiday Greetings that were received, and became an important part of my Holiday Season. Your thoughtfulness was certainly appreciated.

It's not too early to make plans for the 1986 National Reunion that will begin September 4th, 5th and 6th in Seattle, Washington. I will be there . . . will you?

"Defeat is for those who acknowledge it."



Robert F. Lang



SUN 'N FUN FLY-IN MARCH 16-22, 1986 LAKELAND, FLORIDA

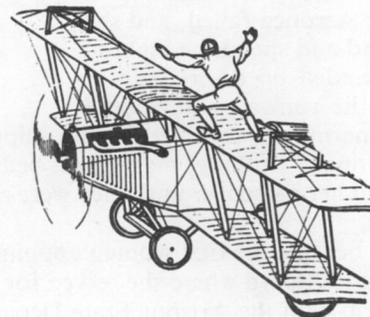
It is expected that this year's Sun 'n Fun Fly-In will be one of the largest and best efforts the local group has put on to date.

Headquarters for all OX5ers attending the Fly-In will be the OX5 Fun Center, a permanent building located right in the middle of all the activity. For the first time, this year the Center will be hosted by a different OX5 Wing each day.

All Aviation Pioneers are invited to attend Pioneers Day on Friday, March 21, as guests of Sun 'n Fun. Free admission for the entire day. Admission must be paid at the outer gate — and the ticket turned in at the OX5 window for a rebate.

Gathering of the Eagles, hosted by the ladies of Sun 'n Fun E.A.A., will be held in the Ladies' Pavillion, starting at 5:30 p.m., Friday, March 21. There will be a cash bar and a delicious buffet dinner at a slight charge.

Sun 'n Fun has gone all out this year to provide the biggest and best air show ever. Top aerobatic talent and equipment can be counted on to put on an unforgettable show. If you have ever been to Oshkosh in August, you get the idea — this one isn't quite as big — but it's good! Try to get down! You will be welcomed!



ATTENTION, PLEASE

A new membership roster will be printed in 1986 — marking the 31st anniversary of the OX5 Aviation Pioneers. Due to the high cost of printing and mailing, the roster will have to suffice for several years and will contain **only the names of current members**. Likewise, distribution will be limited to these same members.

As we do not want to miss anyone whose name should be included, we urge you to be sure your 1986 dues are paid. Dues are \$10.00.

BRIEFS

The College of Wooster in Ohio has named a large Seminar Room after Dr. Sherman Wengerd, 1040 Stanford Drive, N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico, retired professor of Geology at the University of New Mexico. He retired in 1976 after 29 years of teaching and research, having come to the University from exploration research with the Shell Oil Company in the Mid-Continent Region. In 1982, the University named him Distinguished Professor of Petroleum Geology for the year. Wengerd was the 1971-72 President of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, largest geological society in the world. He has lectured widely on petroleum exploration geology and has worked for several major companies in the U.S.A. and foreign countries. His publications in scientific journals total over 250. One of the founders of Public Lands Exploration predecessor of Rio Petro Ltd in Dallas, he is a limited partner of that oil and gas company. Congratulations, Dr. Wengerd.

Mrs. Allen H. Meyers, President of the Al Meyers Airport at Tecumseh, Michigan writes to inform us that there will be a 50th Anniversary Fly-In at the Al Meyers Airport, Tecumseh on July 3, 4, and 5, 1986. For more details, call (517) 423-7629.

Foster Lane, Ohio History of Flight, Columbus International Airport, Columbus, Ohio 43219 writes to say that he would like to obtain a Robertson Aircraft or Marine Engine that was manufactured in Sandusky, Ohio. They have a 1911 model Curtiss that flew with a Robertson engine. If you can assist Foster, please write him at the above address.

Babe Weyant Ruth of 14645 Airport Road, Lansing, Michigan, 48906 has been appointed Chairman of Aeronautics Committee for Michigan's Sesquicentennial (year 1987). She is collecting Michigan aviation memorabilia and aviation history. The material can be donated or sent on a "loan" basis. Babe Ruth will personally be responsible for the return of the material. Contact Babe Ruth at the above address for further details.

OX5er Don McVicar, Box 2087, Dorval, Que., H9S 3K7, Canada is the author of several books about flying. "Ferry Command" and "North Atlantic Cat" describe the exploits of civilian pilots who delivered planes across the ocean during the war. His "A Challenge of Wings" recounts postwar adventures in the Caribbean and northern Quebec. "Mosquito Racer," his latest book, tells about the spectacular air shows of the late forties, and particularly the legendary Bendix cross-country race which in 1948 covered a distance of 2,048 miles from Long Beach, Calif. to Cleveland, Ohio. It contains descriptions of the operations of World Wide Aviation, a company McVicar formed after World War II to find jobs for former Ferry Command and Military Pilots. Write to Don McVicar at the above address for information as to how you can obtain copies of his books.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT



Oliver V. Phillips

May good health and happiness be yours throughout the coming year. Some important information is as follows—

If you are one who ordered an OX5 Aviation History Book, you are probably concerned about your advanced payment and the pictures you loaned to the publisher. The reason for such a long delay is a problem over which OX5 has had no control. Although we have a contract, with the publisher, which covers the project, we have found it necessary to go along with the delays.

Mr. Dave Turner, former regional director for Taylor Publishing Company and with whom our agreements were made has severed connections with the Taylor Company. All material was transferred to the Taylor Publishing Company headquarters at Dallas, Texas. A lot of necessary rewriting and proof reading has taken place since the change.

However, in my last conversation with our present representative on the project, Mr. K. N. Kimmel advises me that the books will be mailed from the factory late in February and the memorabilia furnished by the members, pictures, etc., will be mailed directly to the owners shortly thereafter. We are indeed sorry for this long delay.

At the 1985 National Board of Governors Conferences, the staff was requested to publish an updated and corrected national roster. You, OX5 members, are requested to report to the National Office any changes, additions or deletions that would update this new 1986 roster by April 1, 1986. Our printing time schedule requires all changes be at the Pittsburgh Office by that date.

The roster format and material will be substantially the same as the 1980 issue. A donation check which will cover the cost of printing and mailing has been received and dedicated to the roster project by a gracious and devoted OX5 Aviation Pioneer supporter. The donor, Mary B. Voelter, wishes this roster to dedicated to the memory of her late husband, Colonel Karl E. Voelter.

The National Board has also voted for an addition to our jewelry department—a new sterling silver lapel pin, with an OX5 emblem at the lower level section of a shield. We would hope to have the pins available from the OX5 jewelry department at Pittsburgh. Look for picture and price in a later OX5 News.

Remember: *It is more difficult to be simple than to be complicated.*

We are assisting one of the nations leading mining engineering schools in collecting information related to aviation involvement in the world-wide mining industry.

Please respond to Oliver Phillips, National Secretary, OX5 Aviation Pioneers, 10405 W. 32nd Avenue, Wheat Ridge, Colorado 80033.

WING STRUTS

ALASKA WING

By Bud Seltenreich, Treasurer

Tillie Reeve, wife of the late Bob Reeve of Reeve Aleutian Airways, hosted a Christmas Party for the Alaska Wing on December 27th, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Good food, good drinks, and good socializing was enjoyed by all. We thank Tillie for a good time.

Our election results were as follows: Bill Gould, 4510 Spenard Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, President; John A. Williams, P.O. Box 4-1901, Anchorage, Alaska 99509, Secretary; and Bud Seltenreich, 2136 Loussac Drive, Anchorage, Alaska, Treasurer.

ARIZONA WING

By Herman A. Zierold, Secretary

A dinner meeting was held at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant on December 8, 1985. The dinner was well attended and Roger K. Myers of Delta Air Lines gave a talk on the past history of Delta Air Lines.

The newly elected Wing Governors were introduced. The new President is Anthony Oddo.

The next dinner meetings will be held in February and April at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant.

OX5 members and guests visiting the area are invited to call H. A. Zierold, 974-8262 for information and reservations.

CENTRAL TEXAS WING

By Norman Orloff, Secretary-Treasurer

The December meeting and Christmas Party was held in the Officers Open Mess at Fort Sam Houston, the site of beginning military aviation in the United States. Ballots were tallied and Governors Richard Downing and Norman Orloff were returned to the Board for another term. The Board then met and elected the following officers for 1986: Harry Buerschinger, President; Jim Fidler, 1st Vice President; Harry Kentner, 2nd Vice President; and Norm Orloff, Secretary-Treasurer.

National President Bob Lang gave us a run down on "the book" progress and other matters.

An excellent meal was served and a real hangar flying session continued for some time. Our next meeting will be the joint Texas Wing Reunion in the Rio Grande Valley in February.

Since the Valley is a favorite gathering place for snowbirds, we look forward to seeing a lot of OX5 friends.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WING

By Harold Hoekstra, Secretary

Tuesday, January 14 in Washington brought an inch of snow and with temperatures just below freezing created the usual bag of slippery traffic problems. Instead of our expected 26, only 16 persevering members and guests made it to the friendly glow of the Roma Restaurant.

President Ed Hanlon provided slides and an interesting commentary on his recent trip from Hawaii to California on the carrier Okinawa on which his son is a helicopter pilot. Also aboard for the trip were two grandsons.

Our speaker for the February meeting was Malvern Gross of Price Waterhouse and prominent in aviation circles.

GLENN CURTISS WING

By Walt Rutski, Secretary

A good turnout of members and wives met at the Statler Inn on the Cornell University Campus at Ithaca, N.Y. on October 5. With the map provided to each member, all found their way to the Inn. A lengthy and informative meeting was held in a private meeting room followed by a very fine luncheon. A model of the proposed memorial to Glenn Curtiss was shown by the designing architect. Considerable discussion about its construction followed, led by our National Governor, James Allen, Chairman.

An important meeting was held at the Curtiss Museum in Hammondsport at 12 noon on February 13. This meeting covered the proposed memorial, its design, cost and responsibility of upkeep, budgets and fund raising.

The United States Navy is planning a celebration the last week of June to celebrate the 75th year of the purchase of the first hydroplane from Glenn Curtiss. It is also the celebration of the 25th year of the Curtiss Museum. The Navy has asked the Wing to help in the planning of this event. The float for Dale Crite's Silver Streak is under construction at the Mercury Plant at Hammondsport. Dale says he will fly the Silver Streak at this Anniversary.

GOLDEN GATE WING

By Ben L. Donahue, President

President George Penny called a meeting of the Board of Governors for the purpose of electing a new President and replacements for the outgoing Board Members.

Ben L. Donahue was elected as the new President and Robert Lockness as Vice President. Elected for a three year term on the Board were Robert Lockness, Doris Lockness and Edward Petrere.

Our outgoing President, George Penny, was very grateful to have such a large turnout for his last official function as Wing President.

Several subjects were discussed regarding future projects and functions. An important one was the creation of a Museum of Aviation. Our Wing members desire such a facility to bring to the public's attention the important role the San Francisco Bay area played in the development of aviation on the West Coast. More information will be reported as our plans progress.

Sunday Brunches have proven very successful, so plans were discussed for future brunch meetings in the Spring and Fall.

Officers and members of the Golden Gate Wing extend our best wishes to OX5ers everywhere for a good year in 1986.

ILLINOIS WING

By Glen Courtwright, Secretary

The weather was good, but the turnout for the Christmas Party was not as good as we had expected, with only about 40 members and guests in attendance. However they were a very happy and compatible group and a good time was had by all.

After dinner and introductions from each table, President Dick Hawker discussed the National Reunion. It was suggested and agreed that the February dinner meeting be cancelled because so many members head for warmer climates after the holidays, attendance in February is always poor. In April or May we will try to arrange to have a meeting at the McGraw Wildlife Center which was a big success a couple years ago. President Hawker expressed our regret at the absence of several members who were under the weather.

Vic Grahn from Coloma, Michigan joined us as a guest of Secretary Glen Courtwright. Vic is a retired airlines captain — American. Bob McDaniels gave an account of the restoration progress on his Canute.

All 1985 officers were reinstated for another year.

MICHIGAN WING

By Leslie Steen, Governor

An election of officers, conducted by mail balloting, was held with the following results:

Laurence E. Davies, 4918 Lyncott Drive, Lansing, Mich. 48910, President; Darel B. Kuster, 15758 Whitby, Livonia, Mich. 48154, Secretary; and Roland Amos, 213 S. Holmes, Lansing, Mich. 48912, Treasurer. Carl W. Drebing was elected Vice President.

MIDWEST FLORIDA WING

By Everett Welch, President

On November 16, 1985 at Lakeland, Florida, the following members were elected to serve the Wing in 1986: Everett H. Welch, 633 Jacaranda Street, Dunedin, Fla. 33528, President; J. Wade Coleman, Vice President; and Walter K. Jaros, 1198 Moore Street, Tarpon Springs, Fla. 33589, Secretary.

MARYLAND WING

By Bob Wallace, President

It was a very active year for the Maryland Wing. The recent newsletter recapped the events that took place during 1985. It started off when several members of the Wing took part in the Sun 'n Fun Fly-In at Lakeland last Spring. Then they held a joint meeting with the District of Columbia Wing in May at the Roma Restaurant in Washington. Early July found them at Cumberland and the Mexico Farms Airport where they enjoyed a picnic meeting. And late July many convened at the EAA Fly-In at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Then George and Mary Allen put out the latch string in August when they enjoyed a day on the Island. And the finale was a gala 30th anniversary celebration at the Greenspring Inn near Baltimore.

OKLAHOMA WING

By Carl A. South, Newsletter Editor

The snows came as did the Polar cold. The two combined to reduce the number of members and guests who enjoyed the December 14th pre-Christmas luncheon in the attractive Hall of Fame Room of the Oklahoma City Aviation and Space Museum. Former CAA/FAA Inspector Frank "Chilli" Miller gave us a run down of his adventurous early flying career — his experiences handling in-flight failure of such major aircraft components as power plants, lifting surfaces and the separation of a main landing gear following take-off. Frank numbers his being among the first to bust up another man's airplane and then get paid in full for putting it back together.

ORANGE/SAN DIEGO WING

By Leo Dorney, Past President

The Orange/San Diego Wing held their Christmas Party on Sunday, December 1, 1985 at the El Camino Country Club, near Oceanside, California. There were 115 present, including members, spouses and guests.

The program was two pronged. First, a few words from Rev. James Flohr, managing director of the San Diego Rescue Mission, who, with his wife, were our guests of honor. Next, we were entertained by the Harbor Lights Singing Team and the Memory Lane Dancers including Christmas oriented numbers.

The atmosphere was happy and the results of our efforts to help the poor produced ten large boxes of food-stuffs plus several hundred dollars in cash and checks for the San Diego Rescue Mission. The committee in charge of the event was made up of our President, Chuck Taylor, Ed Schadeck and myself . . . with, as always, the help of our wives.

The next meeting will be held on the first Sunday of March, 1986, with CDR. Lester Petrowsky and Cliff Pleggenkühle in charge.

OREGON WING

By Walt Bohrer, 2nd Vice President

The Oregon Wing's first get-together of 1986 was a huge success with 76 OX5ers enjoying a dee-lightful beef stroganoff luncheon topped off with a calory-laden dessert of ice cream and cookies.

The new slate of Wing Officers for 1986 were introduced by National Governor Peter Amonson. They are: Lowell Moore, President; Ward Grove, 1st Vice President; Walt Bohrer, 2nd Vice President; Peter Amonson, Secretary; and Robert Potts Schmidt, Treasurer.

Also introduced was William H. (Bill) Blake, President of the Washington OX5 Wing, down from SKY-attle to report progress is being made on the 1986 National Reunion scheduled for the first week in September, Wednesday thru Saturday. They are just taxiing now but will really be taking-off by April.

"Bloody Yank" Bob Sturges introduced our guest, former Lieutenant Ray Winterbottom of the British Royal Air Force, now a Portland area resident.

A beautiful model of a Curtiss Jenny built by Past-President Billy Lytton was raffled off and won, coincidentally, by Past-President Genevieve (Bunny) Grecco.

The session was held at the highly aero-bedecked Red Baron Restaurant at the Portland-Troutdale Airport. Host and Hostesses were Walt and Nancy Bohrer and "Bunny" Grecco.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WING

By Lee Higbee, President

Saturday, February 1st, was the date of the Winter Meeting of the Southwest Florida Wing. The event took place at the Spanish Main where a delicious luncheon was served.

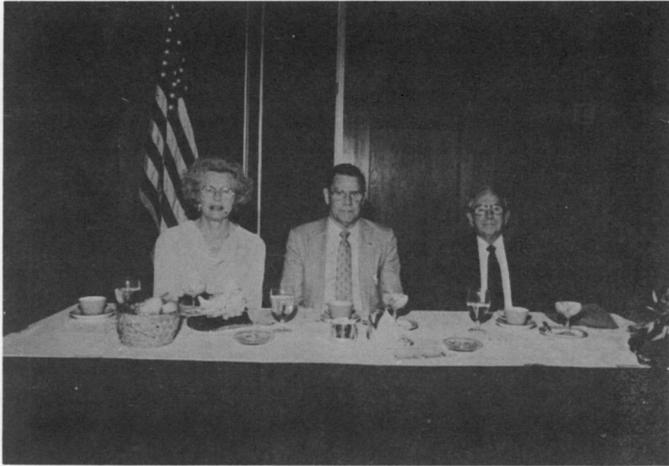
The entertainment consisted of the showing of the 1927 silent movie "Wings," starring Richard Arlen and Buddy Rogers. This was the first movie to win an Academy Award.

The dates for the 1986 Sun 'n Fun Fly-In are March 16-23. Our Wing is in charge of the OX5 Hospitality House on March 22nd. We are looking for volunteers to help in this endeavor.

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OX5 Scrap Book

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1985 REUNION AWARDS BANQUET



National Vice President and Mrs. J. Max Freeman;
National President Robert F. Lang



1985 Reunion Chairman and Mrs. Ralph O. Majors
National Secretary Oliver V. Phillips and Mrs. Phillips

EARLY BIRDS BANQUET



LADIES' NIGHT BANQUET





WING STRUTS *(continued)*

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WING

By Todd Gallighen, Publicity

Three Hall of Famers, Tony LeVier, Tony Bitetti and Eldon Cessna were among the 92 members and guests attending our January 12th luncheon at the Altadena Country Club.

W. E. "Slim" Larned won a prize for the lowest pilot's license number. Both his license and A&E numbers have only three digits. (Slim, an Air Mail Pilot, flew a Douglas M2, similar to the one in the National A&S Museum which was refurbished largely by our local OX5. Then he flew a Liberty-powered Ford, Ford tri-motors, NAT to UAL, where he retired as captain.)

Ray Mitchell was introduced by Todd Gallighen. Ray with his tractor leveled a rice field and created Los Angeles East Side Airport. He converted his fees into flying lessons, and was soloed by Carol Chidlaw in a Long Wing Eaglerock. Los Angeles East Side then became the roost for such notables as Tony LeVier, John Nagle, Mickie Bodell, Frank Bowman, Don Reese, Jack Kahlo and Spud Manning (world champion delayed parachute opening).

Cliff Robertson narrated a National Air & Space film, "A Place of Dreams." Cliff, pilot/actor (AT&T video) kindly allows us to use his Santa Paula Airport hangar for an occasional luncheon.

WASHINGTON WING

By R. R. "Bob" Dickson

Art Walker, newest member of the OX5 Hall of Fame, was the guest of honor at a dinner meeting of the Washington Wing of the OX5 Aviation Pioneers. Art was elected to this august body of outstanding pioneers in the field of aviation in recognition of his nearly 50 active years as a commercial pilot and pioneering efforts in the development of in-flight refueling. While on leave from Northwest Airlines, he served as an experimental pilot in research and development projects in the military.

Maurice McGregor gave a short talk on the aviation displays that will be on tap at the Vancouver Expo '86. Elmer Hansen, National Governor, announced that the 1986 National Reunion will be held in Seattle, September 4-6.

Ash Bridgham conducted the election of three Board of Governors. Two Governors, Marion Galvin and Jim Dilonardo were re-elected; and Pat O'Grady was elected for the first time.

The Board of Directors then retired and re-elected the current slate of officers for the coming year. These officers are: President, Bill Blake; Vice President, Jim Dilonardo; Second Vice President, Elmer Kangas; Secretary, Betty Blake; Treasurer, Red Slaughter.

Appointees Eddie Lepenske, Chaplain, and Bob Dickson, Historian, also agreed to serve.

WISCONSIN WING

By Mabel Dewey, Secretary

A well planned, sit down family style dinner was enjoyed by the members and guests of our Wing at Jackson's Club Pointe II, East Troy, Wisconsin on Saturday, January 18th. As they do every year, the Club left up their beautiful Christmas decorations which people travel many miles to see.

After dinner, a business meeting was held followed by an interesting session of Hangar Flying.

BRIEFS *(continued)*

Walt Bohrer, 1209 N. Springbrook #27, Newberg, Oregon 97132 writes:

"I am getting many inquiries from all over the U.S. as to the fate of my latest book, 'Tex Rankin — Pilot and Legend.' As many know Aero Publisher, publishers of the book, burned flat to the ground just prior to the 1985 National OX5 Reunion. The fire was arson-caused by burglars apparently attempting to cover their tracks after making off with computers and other items. The loss was well over \$1,000,000 to say nothing of the scores of manuscripts being readied for publication. The Tex Rankin book, for which Jimmy Doolittle has written the Foreword, was NOT destroyed by the fire. However, it was soaked by water to the extent that all the pages were stuck together and must be re-typed, which is now being done and 85% of the very rare photographs were saved. So, other than a publication delay all is well with the book. Aero had just been taken over by TAB Books of Pennsylvania and will now be known as TAB-Aero, Inc.

The Rankin book will consist of over 60,000 words in 14 chapters and illustrated by scores of photographs."

Congratulations to Dr. Herbert O. Fisher of Smoke Rise, Kinnelon, N.J., who was honored recently by receiving a large American flag that was flown over our Nation's Capitol this past Flag Day, June 1985. He received this honor as a noted and former Curtiss-Wright Chief Engineering Test Pilot of the Airplane Division in Buffalo, New York and the Propeller Division at Caldwell Wright Airport, N.J., which is now West Essex County Airport.

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Andrews, George T.

3561 State Route 39, Shelby, Ohio 44875
Mechanic 1939-40 on OX5 Commandaire and Waco 10.
Sponsors: Gordon Morkel and Charles F. Bookwalter.

Booth, Robert W.

5517 East 5th Street, Tulsa, Okla. 74112
Pilot, mechanic — soloed 1934 in OX5 Robin at Broken Bow, Callaway, Neb. Instructor was Jack Jefford.
Sponsors: Millard Gossman and Wesley Brubaker.

Brinck, George W. "Bud"

665 Beach Street, Costa Mesa, Calif. 92627
Instruction time in OX5 Curtiss Robin at Utica Municipal Airport, Utica, N.Y., 1934. Instructor was Dick Botsford.
Sponsors: John F. Wales and Miles Sanders.

Dickman, Arthur

7262 Ballinger Avenue, San Diego, Calif. 92119
July 1930 soloed Waco 10 at Mt. Healthy, Ohio. Instructor was Wade Jones. Maintenance and repair.
Sponsors: Leo Dorney, Charles Taylor and T. R. Ohman.

Dinkel, Richard A.

2429 Springdale Road, Lansing, Mich. 48906
Dual instruction Waco 10, July 1940. Soloed 1-3 Cub, October 1944 at Bellview, Ill. Instructor was Harold Finke.
Sponsors: Gerald Francis and Leslie Steen.

Egbert, Herbert L.

419 West 63rd Street, Indianapolis, Ind. 46260
Soloed 1935 in Travel Air at Indianapolis, Ind. Instructor was Al Hall.
Sponsor: Trueman T. Rembusch.

Eikenberry, Wilbur G. "Ike"

RR-1, Tipton, Ind. 46072
Soloed OX5 Travel Air at Kokomo, Ind. 1934. Instructor was Mike Murphy.
Sponsors: Ivan E. Rohrer and Weldon Coles.

Indrizzo, Victor

129 6th Street, North, Lindenhurst, N.Y. 11757
Soloed 1928 at Barren Island, N.Y. in an OX5 Jenny.
Instructor was Paul Rizzo.
Sponsors: Paul Rizzo and Edward Gardyan.

Jones, William D.

25 Country Club Road, Shalimar, Fla. 32579
Dual in OX5 Eaglerock, cross-country in Waco GXE — OX5 powered. Instructors were Dr. William Price and Mr. Chick Soule. Soloed by Martin Jensen in a DH Moth.
Sponsors: W.H. Burkhalter and Julian Dendy.

King, L. Jo

P.O. Box 29, Chitina, Alaska 99566
Soloed OX5 Travel Air at Craig, Colo. 1940. Instructor was Victor Follett.
Sponsor: Teresa D. James.

Penne, Harold "Hal"

2106 Belle Haven Road, Alexandria, Va. 22307
Mechanic 1932-34 on Curtiss Wright Robin at Winner, South Dakota.
Sponsors: Harold Hoekstra and Cole Morrow.

Shulenberg, J. G. "Bud"

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IN MEMORIAM

Belatedly we report the death of **ARTHUR EARL JENKINS** who passed away July 24, 1985. Mr. Jenkins retired in 1965 as special assistant of research and development of the FAA's Flight Standards Service after a 25-year government career that began in 1940 when he joined the CAA in New York. He was a former chief of the CAA's flight inspection division. He owned and operated a transcontinental charter flying service during the 1930's. Art will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

HENRY W. LaROSE of Anchorage, Alaska, took off on his last long flight on December 28, 1985, at the age of 65. He started his flying career in Bethlehem, Pa., where he flew OX5 powered aircraft. A fighter pilot during World War II, he brought the first jet squadron to Alaska. He was assigned to the Arctic Coast area providing search and rescue, and transportation to the Ice Island near the North Pole. Upon retirement from the Air Force as a Lt. Colonel, he was manager of the Anchorage International Airport and was an FAA operations inspector. Well known in Alaska aviation circles, we wish him CAVU on his journey West.

Aviation Pioneer **STUART J. DAVIES** died January 1, 1986 at the age of 87. A native of Utica, New York, his association with aviation began in France in 1917 when he trained with American ace, Billy Mitchell. However, he never flew in combat. He developed a reputation as the city's noted flyer on Thanksgiving Day in 1918 when he thrilled observers by executing nose dives and loops in his Army airplane. The event that placed him in history books was on June 21, 1919 with the delivery of the first aerial edition of the Daily Press. About 600 newspapers carried headlines recording the event. He later worked for Bendix Corp and Grumman Aviation during World War II.

Members of the Oklahoma Wing attended the funeral of **CLAUDE W. GILLIAM** who died on January 11, 1986 at the age of 73. Mr. Gilliam was a civil service logistics officer at Tinker Air Force Base. He served the Army Air Corps in World War II in the atomic bomb crew where he supervised the loading of atomic bombs. Retiring in 1972, he was a private pilot in civilian life. He will be missed by his many friends and associates.

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Charles Taylor, President of the Orange/San Diego Wing, sadly reports the death of his personal friend of 65 years, OX5er **HENRY L. 'HANK' WHEELER**. Hank was well known as an engineer, developer, pilot and restorer of historic aircraft. His replica of the 1911 Curtiss A-1 Flying Boat, the Navy's first aircraft, first flown over San Diego Bay, is suspended in the main rotunda of the Aero Space Museum in Balboa Park. A Vice President and member of the museum board of directors, Hank worked more than three years on the plane and put more than \$20,000 into the project which was completed in 1984. The restored plane will serve as a lasting memorial to Hank's endeavors.

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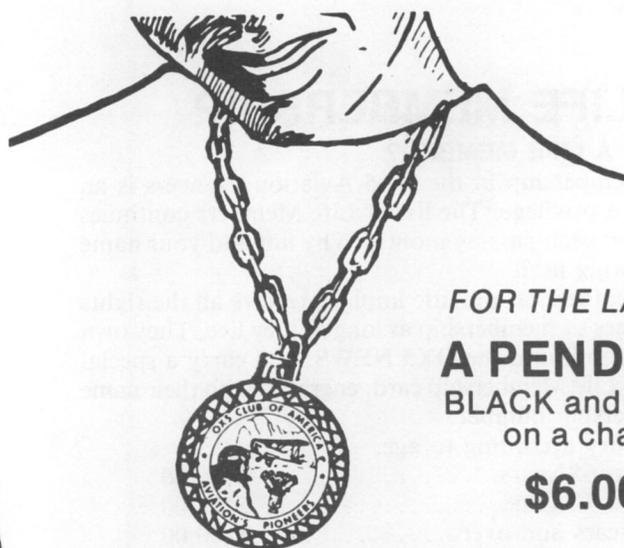
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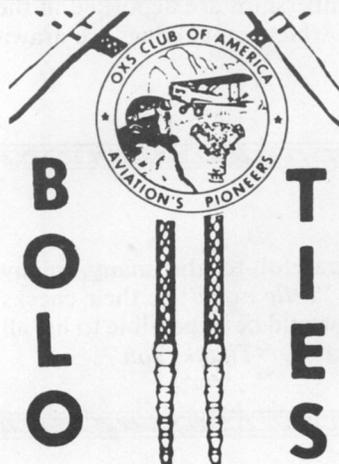


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