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THE BOHRERS Legends of Aviation



Walt Bohrer

magazines, *Tale Spins*, *Rank 'n File*, and *In-Flight*. He served as a columnist for several others, *Western Flying*, *Popular Aviation*, and *The Sportsman Pilot*. His humorous cartoons have appeared in *Life*, *Saturday Evening Post*, and *Colliers*.

Nancy Bohrer was the first, if not the only pilot, male or female, to fly under the Interstate Bridge when the Columbia River was at flood stage, making it with only inches to spare. Presently she devotes considerable time and talent to promoting aviation groups.

The Bohrs received their training at the Tex Rankin School of Flying in Portland back in the days when the planes were frail and fragile with open cockpits. Landing fields were scarce



Ann M. Bohrer

which was started by Tex Rankin in 1926. They promoted aviation by looking at the lighter, humorous side. The book proved to be very popular and was a must for those in flying circles. It was the first magazine for passengers carried by major airlines, both domestic and foreign.

Frank Hawkes and Admiral Byrd encouraged the Bohrs to enter the book writing business. The first four books were *Twenty Smiling Eagles* in 1962, *A Pictorial History of Tex Rankin* in 1966, *Tails Up* in 1971 and *This Is Your Captain Speaking* in 1975. They are a collection of cartoons and amusing incidents experienced by pilots as told by them or "on" them.

Two more books will be out soon, "*Black Cats and Outside Loops*" on Tex Rankin who flew with a black cat and was a world record holder for outside loops, and the other "*Safen your Fasty Belts*" not yet completed.

The Bohrs made many friends in aviation, they barnstormed with Wiley Post, greeted Lindbergh when he landed in Portland, helped outfit Byrd's Antarctic expedition, Jimmie Doolittle launched their first book, Douglas "Wrong Way" Corrigan wrote the forward to their third book. Amelia Earhart introduced Walt to Mary Pickford, and met with Ann, probably the only Oregonian with whom Earhart met before her last flight.

The Bohrer's 60-year love affair with aviation has spanned the transition from Jennies to Jets and is still going strong.

Three members of one Portland, Oregon, family have participated in aviation for more than 60 years. They made history barnstorming with the greats, in making local "first" flights, and in promoting aviation with their writings of magazines and books.

Walt Bohrer soloed in 1926; his sister, Ann, in 1928; and his wife, Nancy, in 1933. All three are members of the OX5 Aviation Pioneers.

Ann Bohrer set many "first" records. She was the first woman pilot to solo off Swan Island, the first woman to land on Swan Island and Portland International Airports, first woman in Oregon to make a parachute jump. She has been a published writer on aviation ever since.

Walt Bohrer is better known as an editor, writer, and cartoonist. As a pilot, he flew with Tex Rankin who did set many records. Walt edited three aviation

with poor lighting, if any. Weather forecasting was just getting started and not very accurate. There were no gauges or instrument panels. Flying, as the saying goes, was "By the seat of your pants." Most pilots learned by trial and error, many were lost or injured, and many planes were wrecked.

But there was a lot of humor in those days, and this is where the Bohrs excelled by recording the funny and novel stories. Walt and Ann took over a little magazine called "Tale Spins"



Nancy Bohrer

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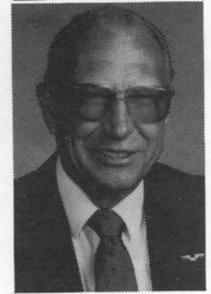
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*Deceased

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring has sprung and it is time for you "snow birds" to migrate back home. Spring is my favorite season as it makes me feel like things are looking up and getting better. I hope it does the same for you.



Elmer Hansen

The delinquent membership list, that I spoke of in our February NEWS, turned out to be about twice the magnitude that I had estimated. The final total was 2015 delinquent members, some dating back to the 1960's. Each Wing is now working on their list to get these members reinstated. Early reports reveal that a small percentage had folded their wings and were not previously reported, however, their names will be published in the NEWS as this information is received. Also, we found some of our good members are now incapacitated in nursing homes, etc., but the greatest percentage had either lost interest or lost contact. I am happy to report that, so far, a good percentage of these members are reinstating.

You will note on page ten the selection of the 1989 Chairpersons for the Nominating Committee, Hall of Fame Screening Committee, and the National Awards Committee. To provide continuity, several committee members from last year were asked to serve again this year. Secretary Bob Lang will be sending the standard forms and instructions to the Wing Officers and hopefully your Committees will be ready to submit candidates. I urge each eligible Wing to submit a candidate to be placed on the forthcoming National Governors Ballot.

Don't forget our new membership drive contest and please make use of the membership application that was included as a fold-out in the February NEWS.

I call your attention to an article in this issue by Ev Welch and his committee. They would appreciate any comments or opinions you may have.

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST RULES

New membership applications must be submitted on the standard membership form. Forms may be obtained through your local Wing or by contacting the National Office.

Only applications that have been received and approved after January 1, 1989 and before June 30, 1989 will be considered in this contest.

Members who sign the application under "sponsors" will be given credit for the new members. Be sure to include your membership number. In cases where two sponsors sign the application, both members will be given credit.

First, second and third prizes will be awarded the winners.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS TO MARCH 31, 1989

Savings Income.....	\$ 169.68
Checking Income.....	1,043.82
Total Income.....	1,213.50
Expenses.....	(5,775.23)
Net Loss.....	(4,561.73)
Prudential-Bache Net Earnings.....	\$ 762.00

1989 REUNION UPDATE

Arthur L. Sparks, President of the Kansas Wing and Chairman of the 1989 National Reunion, brings us up-to-date on plans for the Annual Reunion.

Art reports "We have the Reunion booked into the East Hilton Inn for September 20-21-22-23, 1989. The hotel is centrally located with the largest shopping mall in Kansas across the street. McConnell AFB, Beech, and Boeing are close by. The hotel provides bus service from Mid-Continent Airport, and there is courtesy service from Jabara Airport at 37th and Webb Road, just three miles directly north of Beech. All services are available to those who wish to fly in.

"A detailed program will be provided for you in the NEWS in June. We are sorting out slots for a tour of Beechcraft to see first-hand the Starship; Chance Manufacturing Company, the largest manufacturer of circus and carnival rides, trolley car buses, parachute drops, etc.; Botanical Gardens; nationally known Cowtown with Theatre; Boeing Tour and the crack Air Force Exhibition flight of the Thunderbirds on Saturday, September 23rd. Also, the Beech Activity Center has one of the most interesting displays of all planes, old to new, in model form with hundreds of historic pictures and stories of progressive achievement.

"Hotel rooms are very reasonably priced at \$50 single or double."

PERPETUATION

As you are all now aware, "Father Time" has eroded our membership, and the rate of attrition continues to rise. If our organization is to continue to function, ways and means must be found to add new members. Our National Board of Governors passed a motion requesting that our President appoint a committee to investigate all possibilities that might provide an acceptable means to perpetuate the aims and goals outlined in our By-Laws. If you feel that the accomplishments of those who have gone before us are worth preserving, we ask your assistance in finding a way to do so. Do you feel that our Hall of Fame, National Awards Program, Museum assistance, and the maintenance of a National Headquarters and Wing Organizations are worth preserving? Please send your comments, and suggestions, to the members of the Committee, i.e., Eldon W. Cessna, Box 862, El Segundo, California 90245; Richard V. Hawker, R.R. #2, Box 135A, Kankakee, Illinois 60901; or Everett H. Welch, 140 Highland Avenue, Dunedin, Florida 34698.

Be assured that a draft of these suggestions, and any proposed additions to our By-Laws would be published in the OX5 NEWS for your edification. You may then voice your opinions to members of the National Board of Governors, who are solely responsible for either acceptance, or rejection of any plans. Your Board Members are your representatives, and they will vote *your* preferences.

We ask for your patience in this matter. Despite rumors to the contrary, nothing will be changed unless a majority agreement is reached, so do not be stampeded by unsubstantiated "gossip." Reserve your judgement, and your decision, until any *official* proposals are presented. There is no intent to change the "Name," or to alter existing By-Laws, and any additions will be made by popular consent.

Respectfully,
EVERETT H. WELCH
Chairman

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The snow and ice problems that some have experienced are just about a thing of the past, as we go to press with the April issue of the OX5 NEWS.

There are several important dates for all Wings to remember as Reunion time draws near. Our National By-Laws are quite specific as to lead time on names of candidates for the various categories that are submitted to the chairperson of the selection committees. Those dates are:

National Governor	June 22, 1989
National Awards	June 22, 1989
National Hall of Fame	June 22, 1989

Wings should be prepared to submit their selection(s) of candidate(s) to the appropriate Chairperson for consideration as soon as the Wings receive the proper forms for 1989. The names of the various National Chairpersons are listed elsewhere in this issue of the NEWS.

Other OX5 activity continues to be reported. Most Wings have been quite busy with plans for their Spring and Summer meetings.

If I can be of assistance to any Wing or member, please let me know.

Remember: "*Nothing will come of nothing.*"
SHAKESPEARE



Robert F. Lang

DELINQUENT MEMBERS

In connection with our delinquent membership campaign, the Wings were furnished with a list of their delinquent members, or delinquent members residing in their area. The list is as follows:

Alabama.....	25	Maryland	58
Alaska	21	Michigan	43
Arizona.....	77	Midwest Florida.....	38
Big Sky	8	Minnesota.....	97
Carolinas.....	40	Ohio	76
Central Texas.....	16	Oklahoma.....	52
Colorado Mile Hi	27	Orange/San Diego.....	108
Glenn Curtiss	50	Oregon.....	62
District of Columbia....	21	Pennsylvania.....	70
Florida.....	224	Southern California....	121
Golden Gate.....	79	Southwest Florida.....	17
Illinois.....	120	Texas	251
Indiana	57	Washington	73
Iowa	47	Western Pennsylvania	38
Kansas	39	Wisconsin.....	35
Long Island	25	TOTAL	2,015

Please check with your Wing President or Secretary to offer your assistance in getting some of the delinquents back into the fold.

WING STRUTS

ILLINOIS WING

By Glen E. Courtwright, Secretary

Thirty-two members and guests attended our February 19th meeting. President Lange greeted the membership and after a few opening remarks, introduced some of those present.

Past President Dick Hawker gave a report on the last National Reunion. He also spoke of the various members of different Wings who contribute their time and energy to the activities at the Sun 'n Fun Fly-In and to the Oshkosh show.

Mike Rezich, Wing Historian, gave a brief review of the Pancho Barnes movie shown recently on TV. He pointed out the lack of research and some production errors.

Edward Jasunias, author and aviation pioneer, briefly discussed the aviation career of Mr. Sopwith.

ORANGE/SAN DIEGO WING

By Leo J. Dorney, Governor

At our March 5th brunch meeting held at the El Camino Country Club in Oceanside, Calif., Capt. J. Royden Stork, one of Doolittle's Raiders, presented an interesting and informative program relating to the World War II air raid on Japan on April 18, 1942. His personal tales of the raid and a 16mm film of the take-off from the Hornet were among the highlights. This enjoyable affair was arranged by Program Chairman, Chuck Taylor, Governor. A fine crowd of 127 members and visitors attended.

GOLDEN GATE WING

By Ben Donahue, Editor "Ground Loop"

The Golden Gate Wing gathered for their first meeting of 1989 on February 18th. The weatherman was not too kind to the membership with the inclement weather that was in the area. But! Some hardy souls traveled some distance to join in the fellowship that prevails at all OX5 functions. The dinner was very tasty, as usual, and bountiful. Our new President, Roland Klawitter, presided and kept things on a roll. He introduced an intriguing puzzle for the members, with a prize of a bottle of bubbly. No one was able to solve the puzzle and win the bottle.

Jim Sorenson gave a most interesting story of he and his lovely wife flying from California into eastern Canada and the Arctic Circle, where they had a delightful time fishing and sightseeing. The fish stories were truly unbelievable. A 5-6 lb. trout on every cast.

The members were also entertained by our perennial guest, legerdemain Minetti. His sleight of hand tricks kept us guessing as to how they were done. He claims to have gotten many a drink by his magic. We all enjoyed.

OKLAHOMA WING

By Martin C. Casey, Secretary

A luncheon meeting was held on March 25 at the Oklahoma Aviation and Space Hall of Fame and Museum, in Oklahoma City.

Several members of the Wing had planned to attend the joint meeting of the Texas and Central Texas Wings in Brownsville, but the inclement weather caused some of them to cancel. Those who were brave enough to make the trip were the Bill Joneses and the Wes Brubakers, who had a wonderful time.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WING

By John Clark, Publicity Chairman

Most of the 85 OX5ers, guests and friends at our first 1989 Wing meeting had a great time enjoying the usual pattern of our events — reunions and telling tall stories around the bar, and the cementing of new and old friendships in conversation around the Sunday luncheon tables. But the programmed movies at the February 12th round-up at the Covina Bowl Restaurant made us stretch our imaginations and memories. We saw nostalgic glimpses of Frank Hawks, Wiley Post, Amelia Earhart, and Howard Hughes, among others, as these pioneers tested their record-breaking aircraft, and then passed on into the post-World War II time when jets from the U.S. Air Force engaged in contests of pilot skill and machine reliability. The final short film took us into the sky regions above 80,000 feet and at three times sonic speed, to learn of the amazing capabilities of the SR-71 "Blackbirds."

This was the first meeting presided over by our new Wing President, Vincent Burke, with the able assistance of our new First Vice President and Program Chairman, J. Frank McDonald. Vince has long been a loyal member of the Iowa Wing, supporting them for years after his move to the West Coast. After much soul-searching, he decided to affiliate with the Southern California Wing, and we wish him well during his tenure on our Board of Governors, during which he can display the management skills he exercised during his terms as an Iowa State Senator.

Our Annual Airport Meeting will be held on May 7 at the Cable Airport hangar of our member, Lane Leonard. Two more restaurant meetings/luncheons will be held, one August 13 and one in mid-November. Advance notice of each meeting will be circulated with our "Tale Winds" Newsletter, now operating under a new Board-approved policy of distribution through yearly subscriptions only.

TEXAS WING

By Bob Gettelman, President

The joint meeting of the Texas and Central Texas Wings in Brownsville was another big success, thanks to the leg work of Ralph Brichta. The tours proved to be very popular — the Mexican program with folkloric dancing, the trip to see and fly the Geshwender Ford conversion, and the extra trip to Rebel Field to see a Russian Yak in restoration. The video program by Lyn Wright, on the last flight of Amelia Earhart, was most interesting. Marie Davis commented on a letter she received relating to Amelia.

Among the VIP's present were: Harry Buerschinger, President, Central Texas Wing; Paul McCully, Past National President; Robert Gettelman, President, Texas Wing; Bob Lang, Past National President, and present National Secretary; Doc Crawford, Past President, Texas Wing; and Marge Harris.

The Gettelmans are planning another Social Hangar Party for Saturday, May 13th, at Municipal Airport, Mineral Wells, Texas 76067. The menu will include bratwurst (the good Unsinger kind flown down from Milwaukee) and corn roast, plus beer and soda. Fred Ridenour will bring his cooking wagon. Everyone is welcome — contact Bob at the above address for reservations.

FLORIDA WING

By Bob Beilman, President

The Florida Wing held their second meeting of the year at the Harris Imperial House at Pompano Beach on February 25th. We had 82 members and guests present and all enjoyed a fabulous lunch and a fun and informative meeting. After the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and the Invocation, a moment of silence was observed for all departed members. All Board Members, Past Presidents and Hall of Famers were asked to stand and be recognized. Our President then introduced each person present. A letter from National President Elmer Hansen was read congratulating the group on their promoting aviation and its history.

A letter with best wishes from National Vice President Everett Welch was read along with his ideas as Chairman of the committee to look for a solution to perpetuate our organization. This was discussed at length by our group. If any of you Wing members have any thoughts or suggestions on this, please let me know.

I don't expect the April Newsletter will be out before Sun 'n Fun at Lakeland, but, we are planning to get together at the OX5 Building there on Thursday afternoon, April 13th.

The Florida Wing now has a list of old members and we are starting a campaign to contact them all.

The Florida Wing will have a noon luncheon at the Country Club of Coral Gables on Saturday, April 29th. We will have a "Throttle Bender" and reservation forms out to all members. Our next fall party will be on December 2nd. Mark your calendars.

I want to hear from all of you. Send me your thoughts and ideas for the good of our Wing. Let's keep in touch. Bob Beilman, 728 Navarre Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida 33134 — Phone (305) 448-4660.

CAROLINAS WING

By W. H. "Burk" Burkhalter, President

With the arrival of April, a number of our members made plans to go to Lakeland for the Sun 'n Fun Fly-In. We always look forward to meeting at our OX5 Hut and the get together on Friday night. This gives us a chance to see and renew old acquaintances in the spring as well as at the annual Reunion in the fall.

Our Carolinas Wing will be meeting at 12 noon on May 6 for our regular Spring Meeting. We will be gathering in Burlington, N.C., along with the EAA who will be having their big fly-in that weekend.

We are very fortunate this year to have Jack L. King from Baltimore as our speaker. Jack is not only an outstanding pilot, but he has some well deserved fame as an author and a speaker. He helped to establish Professional Pilot Magazine and served 11 years as managing editor. He wrote "Wings of Man — The Legend of Captain Dick Merrill" which was voted the best non-fiction book of the year.

We hope that some of our friends from other Wings will plan on being with us in Burlington on May 6th. We like visitors!

We will be meeting at the Best Western — Burlington and they are giving us a special rate (\$38 double or \$32 single) if you will identify yourself as being in the OX5 group. Their telephone number is (919) 584-0151. You need to make your reservations early!

WISCONSIN WING

By Arlene Hay and Charles Dewey

Ninety-two members and guests were in attendance at our Winter Meeting. It was a sad meeting since Mabel Dewey, wife of President Charles Dewey and Secretary of the Wisconsin Wing for the past eight years, lost her battle with cancer. She will be sorely missed by her many friends in OX5, the Judicial Society, Fire Service, Sun 'n Fun, and Oshkosh.

After a delicious dinner, President Dewey introduced the speakers for the evening: Mr. Barry Bateman, Manager of Mitchell International Airport at Milwaukee; and Mr. George Hardy, commonly known as "Wisconsin's Aviation Historian." Mr. Hardy's talk was on "Where the Airport, Known as Mitchell Field, Came From" and Mr. Bateman's reply was "Where Mitchell International is Going in the Future." It was an extremely interesting program.

There was more socializing after the meeting — and we celebrated the birthdays of the Crites twins, Dale and Dean, who turned 82, and President Dewey, a mere 73.

ARIZONA WING

By Joseph P. Krieg, Secretary

G. Harry Stine was our guest speaker at a dinner meeting held at the Deer Valley Airport on February 12. In the early 1950's, he was involved at White Sands, New Mexico, with high altitude rockets, range flight safety, and rocket motor testing. He has testified before Congress three times concerning the need for and directions of future space studies. He is presently conducting several studies for a major aerospace company and the Joint Program Office of the X-30 National Aerospace Plane (NASP) program, and has authored more than 48 books, numerous scientific and technical papers, and hundreds of magazine articles since 1951.

Mr. Stine stresses that fast transportation pays and fast turn around time is essential. He believes hypersonic flight studies were stopped too early and we have some catching up to do to maintain air superiority. It is his belief that by September 1990, a contractor will be selected to build the X-30. It has been projected that the X-30 could be readied for its maiden flight by 1994 followed by orbital flight by 1996.

Soviet film was shown of their first shuttle flight which clearly points to a design copy. What was remarkable, however, was the fact that no human was on board and radio control was used throughout the entire flight.

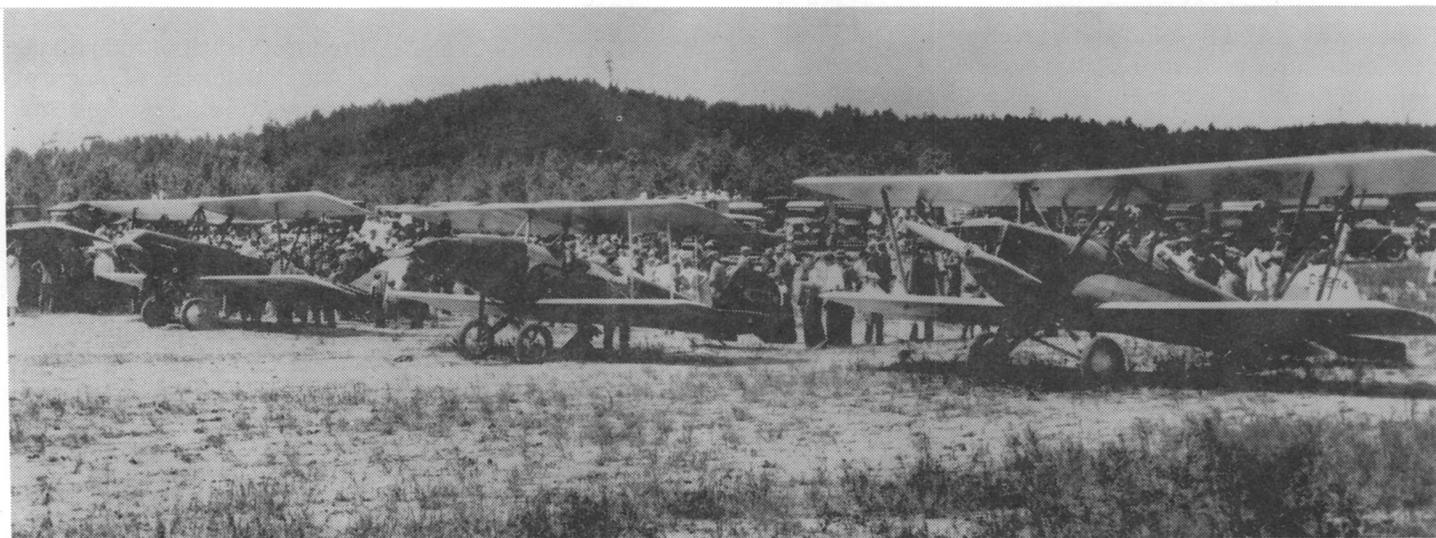
CURTISS WING

By Walter A. Rutski, President

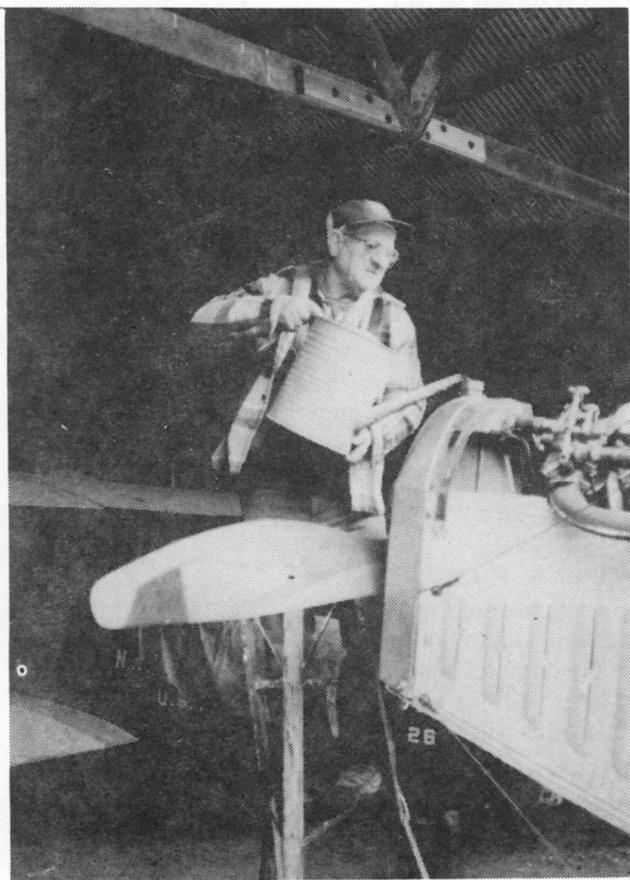
The Spring Meeting will be held at the Glenn E. Curtiss Museum in Hammondspport on May 20, the day before Glenn Hammond Curtiss' birthday, at 10 A.M. Get there early, meet with the rest of the OX5ers. We do not get to see each other very often.

The Glenn H. Curtiss Museum Curator, Lindsley Dunn, will present the program "Power, Lift and Control . . . From the Beginning," a film narrated by Dave Fox, pilot of the "June Bug II." We will meet in the Community Room of the Curtiss Museum.

OX5 Scrap Book



Dedication of the Coleraine, Minnesota Airport, July 4, 1929. OX5er George K. Newstrom flew the OX5 Eaglerock shown in full on the left of the picture. He believes "Speed" Holman was one of the other pilots. Dusty Rhodes was flying a sister ship to the "Spirit of St. Louis." At 76 years of age, Newstrom is still actively flying and has a current IFR. He has written a book "Fly a Seaplane" which is being sold all over the world.



"Skeeter" watering the OX5

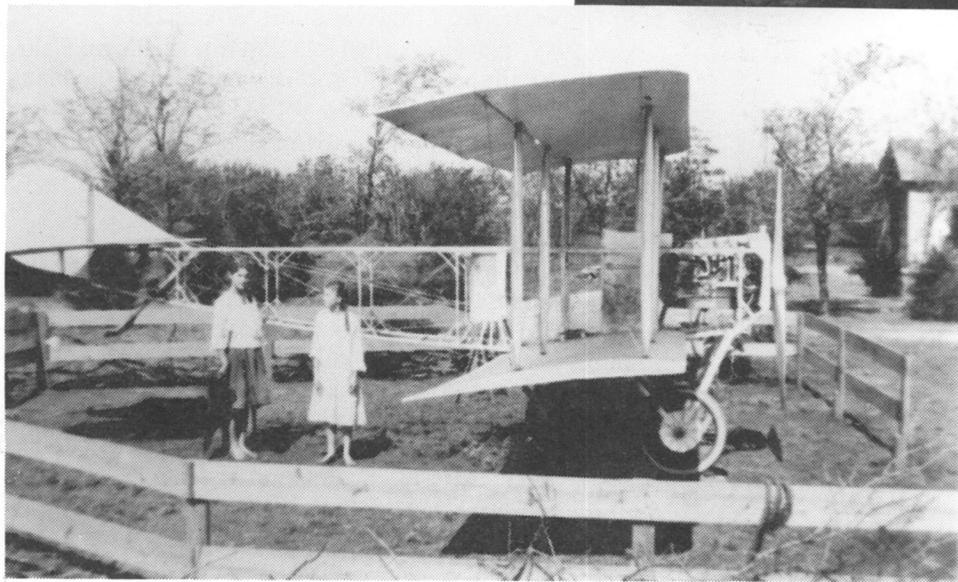
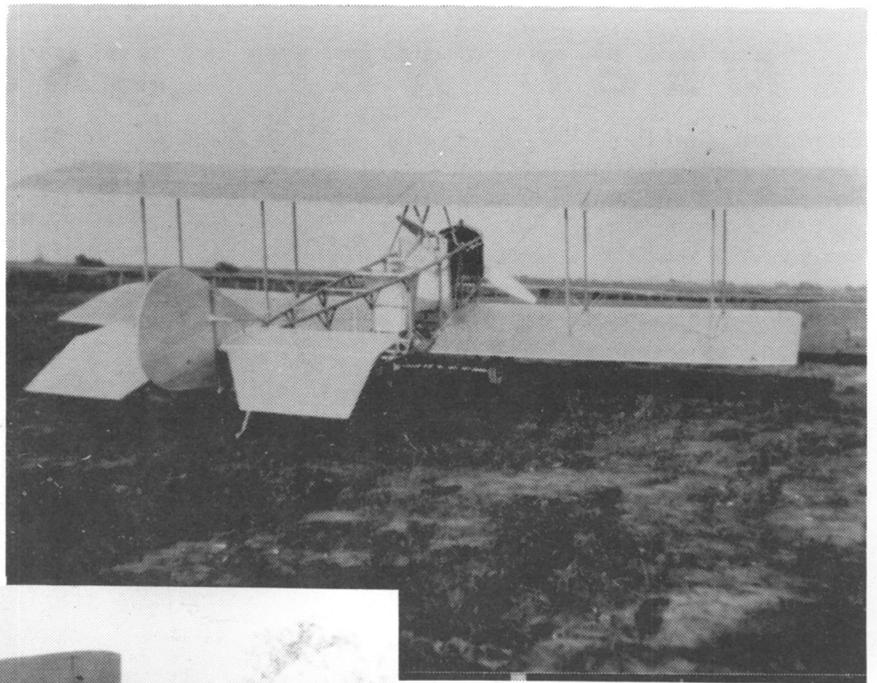


OX5 CURTISS CANUCK JENNY #1122

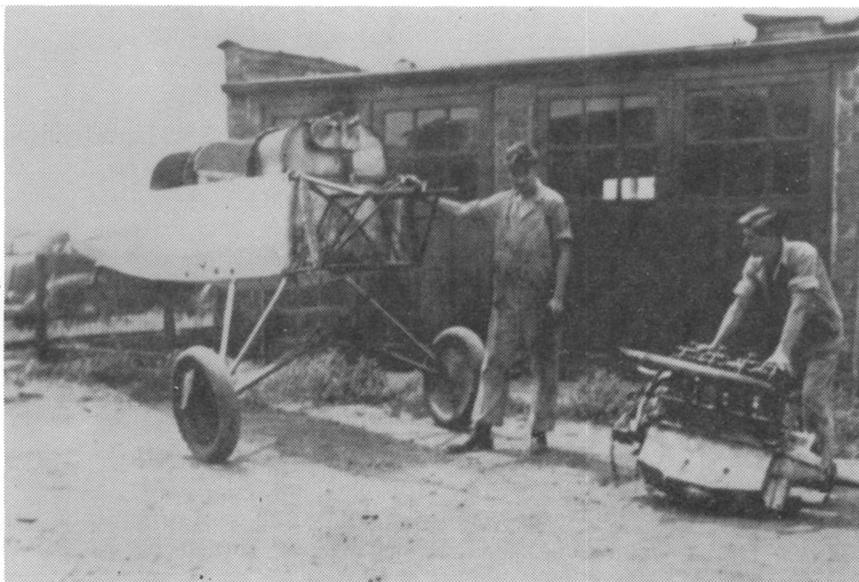
Ed "Skeeter" Carlson, S. 7824 Cedar Road, Spokane, Washington 99204, acquired this bird in 1954 in a trade with Paul Mantz, who bought the plane in the early 1950's from Cole Palen. Palen purchased her from the Roosevelt Field Museum in a group of planes and does not know her early history. Perhaps an OX5er knows something about this Canuck.

"Skeeter" replaced very little in rebuilding the plane. He made new landing gear legs, the center section needed some work, and he replaced the OX2 engine with an OX5. Rather than finish the plane as World War II military, he chose to make her a barnstormer as he first remembered the Jennys.

Built by a farmer, John Prazak of Hennessey, Oklahoma, in 1927, using a Ford Model T car motor for the plane's engine. Prazak taught himself to fly and had many successful flights. The plane was sold to Ross Holmes, who it is believed, replaced the engine with a Ford Model A car motor.



Photos submitted by Ernest Randall, Westfield, Massachusetts, who saw the plane while barnstorming in Oklahoma in 1928 and who has recently corresponded with the kin of John Prazak.



Mike Rezich, Illinois Wing Historian, submits this photo of himself (left) and his brother, Nick (right), removing their OX5 from Mike's Travel Air, August, 1935. Mike calls it "The Croation Engine Change."

MEET NEW MEMBERS . . .

Blomquist, Carl E.

125 Glen Myra, Daytona Beach Shores, FL 32018
Soloed 1932, T. P. Swallow OX5 C 8163. Wurstboro Airport, Wurstboro, N.Y., William H. "Ted" Hallock, instructor. Also flew OX5 American Eagle NC207H and OX5 Commandaire NC 239E.

Sponsors: William H. "Ted" Hallock and Richard M. McCoy.

Buck, Robert N.

P.O. Box 462, Moretown, VT 05660
Soloed 1930, Fleet, Kinner engine, Westfield, N.J., Cledith D. Bowyer, instructor. Dual instruction in Waco 10 at Hadley Field, N.J., 1929. Hilary Watts, instructor. Retired Airline Pilot.

Sponsor: Robert A. Wittke.

Douglas, Kenneth F.

P.O. Box 3029, Brownsville, TX 78520
Soloed Curtis Robin, 1940, Grand Saline, Texas, Archie Able, instructor. Worked on Curtis Robins, helped rebuild Lincoln Trainer. Jim Miller and Archie Able were the owners. Owner Southmost Aviation.

Sponsors: E. K. Nold, Jr., and R. H. "Bo" Grundy.

Gerhardt, Edward H.

2060 Kingston Street, Aurora, CO 80010
In exchange for assisting the owner of an OX5 powered Jenny operating off a turf field at Old Mission, Michigan, was taken on hops in this aircraft and given in-flight control of the aircraft, 1934. Retired Vice President, Public Relations, Frontier Airlines.

Sponsor: Oliver V. Phillips.

Grier, Baxter

P.O. Box 609, Boerne, TX 78006
Soloed 1939, Aeronca, San Antonio, Texas, Stephen Paul Daily, instructor. Also flew OX5 Standard, 1938.

Sponsors: W. B. Matthews, Max A. Krueger, Jr., and Robert F. Lang.

Jacobs, Floyd Thomas

1010 South Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables, FL 33146
During summers of 1938-39, barnstormed around North Carolina. OX5 Standard, flew with John Wesley Dickens. Worked on plane, did odd jobs, took up tickets, etc. Retired Airline Pilot.

Sponsors: Jerry Wood and Bob Beilman.

Jannsen, Edward M.

2855 NW Saltzman Road, Portland, OR 97229
Soloed OX5 Waco 10 in 1939 at CAA Emergency Field, now Portland-Troutdale Airport, Troutdale, Oregon.

Sponsors: Robert M. Sturges and Thomas C. Krum.

Johnston, Brooks, Sr.

395 101 Avenue, SE, Bellevue, WA 98004
Worked on OX5 engine in Mechanical/Manual Training in high school, 1933, Minneapolis. Serviced various OX5 aircraft engines, Cedar Airport, Minneapolis, 1938-40.

Sponsors: Elmer Hansen and Merrill L. Kuehn.

Milner, Marcia W.

8 Knoll Lane, Ocean Reef Club, Key Largo, FL 33037
Purchased OX5 plane with five friends. Took instruction from Ed Burns in the 30's. Served in the WASPS, World War II, flying all types of aircraft.

Sponsors: Thomas E. McDonald and Everett Welch.

Moore, Edward R. "Ned"

617 Hillside Drive, Kerrville, TX 78028
1933-36, El Paso Municipal Airport, serviced local and transient aircraft. Obtained A&E license 14193 in 1935 including OX5 aircraft.

Sponsors: Ben J. Cumnock and Harry A. Turnpaugh.

Rader, Frank E.

3120 Upper Drive, Friday Harbor, WA 98250
Soloed 1935, Travel Air 2000 (N.C. 6116), Coalinga, Calif., O. B. Freeman, instructor. Bob Devault owned the plane. Also owned an OX5 Swallow with Clare Coe.

Sponsors: Elmer Hansen and Bill Blake.

Simpson, Bishop D.

3317 Myrtle Street, Hapeville, GA 30354
Worked for Blevins Aircraft 1929-30 as mechanic, later at Curtiss-Wright Flying Service in Atlanta. Received A&E license in 1930. Went to work for Eastern in 1932. Obtained pilots license in 1936. Obtained Ground School Instructors License on Aircraft, Engines, Instruments and C.A.R. Regulations in 1940. Flew Waco 9, 10, American Eagle, Commandaire, Travel Air, Pitcairn PA 4, Robin. Retired Superintendent Aircraft Production, Eastern Air Lines.

Sponsors: Orestes J. Dio Guardi and William E. Feast.

Tinsley, Calvin W.

9849 SW 62nd Court, Miami, FL 33156
Soloed 1933, Karl Voelter's All American Airport, Miami, Fla., Charles F. Darnes, instructor. Flew OX5 Bird (NC 978V) 1936, Travel Air 2000 (NC 377Y) 1940.

Sponsors: Bob Beilman and Lawrence DeMarco.

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4431 Brookfield, Houston, TX 77045
Soloed 1935, Minor Stewart Airport, R. S. "Hap" Johnson, instructor. Flew OX5's 1936-37.

Sponsor: Ewell K. "Sonny" Nold, Jr.

Tuttle, Robert B.

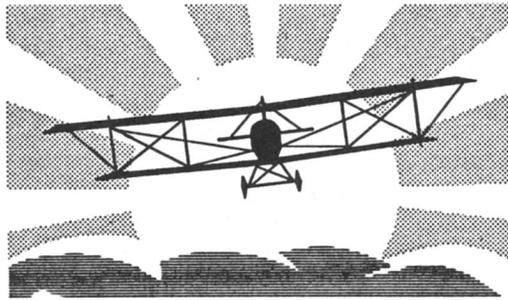
5877 Millstone Run, Stone Mountain, GA 30087
Soloed 1939, Waco (NC 6925) Pikes Airport, San Diego, Calif., A. H. Peik, instructor.

Sponsor: Norman Orloff.

Weber, Walter L.

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CORRECTION:

In the February issue of the OX5 NEWS, the name of Harold J. Hansen, 20602 13th Avenue, S., Seattle, Washington, was incorrectly listed under Folded Wings. We extend our sincere apologies to Harold for this error. It was Harold R. Hansen, listed above, who folded his wings.

In Memoriam

LILLIAN BOYER WERNER of San Diego, California, took off on her last flight on November 9, 1988. From 1920 to 1928 she thrilled thousands of spectators at 352 air shows in 41 states and Canada. Billed as "Aerial Sensationalist," "Queen of the Air," "Girl of Nerve," "Empress of the Skies," she performed many aerial stunts. She was the first woman to transfer from a speeding car to an airplane by grabbing and climbing a rope to get into the plane. She hung by her teeth on a cable below a Curtiss Jenny, climbed around on the plane, stood on the center section of the upper wing while the plane was looped, did handstands on the wing, and many other breath-taking stunts. She was honored in 1982 by the OX5 Aviation Pioneers as the winner of the Pioneer Woman's Award, an honor richly deserved.

E. A. "PETE" GOFF, JR., of Edgewater, Maryland, passed away on February 11, 1989. His aviation career began in 1912 when he had his first soaring flight. He won his military wings in World War I, then followed the pattern of most OX5ers as a barnstormer, fixed base operator, flying with circus teams through Michigan, etc. He organized the Battle Creek Air Service, and Michigan Air Service, later joining Eddie Stinson as a salesman for Stinson Aircraft. When the Bureau of Air Commerce was established, Pete was employed as an inspector assigned to the Pittsburgh area. Elected President of the OX5 Club, he served in that capacity from 1962 through 1965. He was also an Early Bird. Pete was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

CLARENCE PAGE of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, died on February 13, 1989 at the age of 91. His interest in aviation began when he witnessed the first airplane flight in Oklahoma City in 1910, flown by Charles F. Willard. He enlisted in the Signal Corps in 1918, becoming a Second Lieutenant. During World War II he conducted primary training schools at Cimarron Field (now named Clarence Page Airport) and Mustang Field at El Reno, Oklahoma. Founder and President of the Oklahoma Air Space Museum in Oklahoma City, he spent the last ten years building it into one of the finest air and space museums in the country. We bid this Early Bird and OX5 Hall of Famer CAVU on his journey West.

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President Hansen Appoints Committee Chairmen for 1989

ROBERT GETTELMAN, Chairman NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Robert Gettelman, 1700 N.W. 5th Avenue, Mineral Wells, Texas 76067, has been appointed chairman of the all-important Nominating Committee.

As any member of the National Board can be selected, after one year's service on the Board, to serve as National President, it is suggested that you exercise good judgement in your selection of candidates.

Please send your nominations for National Governor to Bob at the above address. All nominations must be in triplicate, using the form mailed to each Wing for that purpose. You must clearly state the reason for submitting the candidate.

WILLIAM H. CONRAD, Chairman HALL OF FAME SCREENING COMMITTEE

William H. Conrad, P.O. Box 22833, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33310, accepted the Chairmanship of this very important committee assignment.

Five members, each experienced and knowledgeable and in a widely separated geographical area will comprise the Hall of Fame Screening Committee. For obvious reasons, the names of other than the Chairperson 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.

MARGUERITE M. LAWRENCE, Chairman AWARDS COMMITTEE

Marguerite M. Lawrence, 6132 East Harry, Wichita, Kansas 67218, will serve as Chairman of the Awards Committee.

This committee is one of the very important committee assignments, its purpose being to receive and carefully screen the qualifications of each nominee for the annual OX5 National Awards. Nominations must be submitted through the Wing and on the form provided for that purpose. Supporting material for these awards must be prepared in quintuplicate and sent to the Chairman of the Awards Committee.

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 presented 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 contribution to the cause of General Aviation.

LEGION OF MERIT

May be awarded to a current or deceased member who has continuously participated in aviation over a period of forty 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.

LEGION OF HONOR

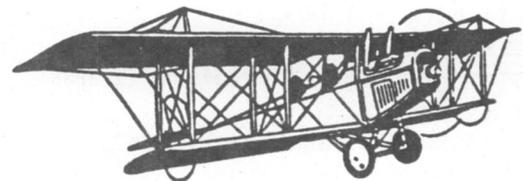
A pioneer in aviation whose contribution as Wing President has made an extraordinary contribution to the progress of the OX5 Aviation Pioneers.

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 goes to the Editor of the Most Outstanding Newsletter published by any Wing during the year. 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.



PLEASE NOTE . . .

According to our By-Laws, any member whose dues for the current year are not paid by April 1st is considered delinquent.

Please make sure your dues are paid — you won't want to miss a single issue of the OX5 NEWS.

If your dues are not paid, we must remove your name from the OX5 NEWS mailing list after the April issue.

In Memoriam (Continued)

MARY WEST of Gladwin, Michigan, passed away while visiting a son in Wisconsin on March 13. She and her husband, Arlington, operated the airport at Clio, Michigan, where they provided charter service, flight instruction, and aircraft maintenance. She taught her two sons to fly, both of whom are experienced pilots today. Mary will be remembered as the "star" of the Ladies' Night Banquet at the OX5 Reunion in Charleston where she entertained the group by playing her harmonica. She was the oldest licensed woman pilot in Michigan. A. B. passed away in 1985.

REGINALD SINCLAIRE, a survivor of France's World War I Flying Corps and a Colorado rancher since 1921, died at the age of 95 on February 15 in Colorado Springs. Son of the co-founder of Corning Glass Company, he went to France when World War I broke out, joined the Foreign Legion, and began training on a Bleriot. He was assigned to Spad Squadron 68, winning France's Croix de Guerre. During World War II, he was a Navy Commander and taught aerial gunnery to fighter pilots. He will be missed by his many friends in the aviation world.

OLIN M. LONGCOY of Orlando, Florida, folded his wings on March 11, 1989, after a month long illness. He learned to fly in 1928, was a plane owner and barnstormer. During World War II he was Test and Research Pilot for the government after having been an instructor for many years. He invented and manufactured aerial spraying equipment. He was the first civilian pilot to be issued a license for flying a helicopter, and was instrumental in the establishing of Sun 'n Fun at Lakeland. He will be missed by his many friends and associates.

HENRY E. "JIM" HIX of Long Beach, California, passed away on March 12, 1989. Born in Melbourne, Arkansas on December 29, 1904, he served in the Navy during World War I. After the war he flew for several airlines in South and Central America. During World War II he was a captain and pilot with Consairways, ferrying troops and planes to Africa, Europe, and the Pacific. He left a record of having flown a DC-4 from Teterboro, New Jersey, non-stop to Vienna, Austria in 1956, in 17 hours and 35 minutes. The 4,500 mile flight used 3,200 of the 3,600 gallons of fuel on board. Jim was inducted into the OX5 Aviation Pioneers Hall of Fame in 1987. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Maxine, his widow.

ANONA D. HANSEN BROWN of Reseda, California, passed away on January 25, 1989. Her aviation association spanned more than 60 years, beginning in 1928 when she was hired as Secretary of the California Air Race Association by Cliff Henderson, Managing Director. In charge of the Exhibitors Building, she had the opportunity to meet many entrepreneurs and pioneers of the Golden Age of Aviation. She served as Executive Secretary of the Aero Club of Southern California, and later worked for Century Pacific Airlines. An organizer and active participant in the Aviation Breakfast Club, throughout her life she maintained her interest in aviation.

W. H. "Burk" Burkhalter reports the death of **ROBERT L. MCKEE** of Riverdale, Georgia, a very active member of the Carolinas Wing, who folded his wings on January 17, 1989. Bob had a long, distinguished and varied career in aviation. He started as an auto mechanic, quickly switching to airplane mechanic and pilot. He did barnstorming, was a fixed base operator, worked the Air Mail, and had a long career with Delta ranging from the DC3 to the big jets when he retired as a Senior Captain. Like most very capable and competent people, he was always quiet and unassuming, just doing his job extremely well! Bob was always a willing worker on any project we asked him to do. A good friend, he will be sorely missed by all of us.

WING STRUTS (Continued)

WASHINGTON WING

By Marian Galvin, Secretary

A Spring Meeting was held at the Burien Elks Clubhouse on April 1st. A total of 104 members and guests were present. Gil Cook presided.

Perhaps the tradition of April Fool's Day influenced us to have "A Funny Hat" as the theme for the meeting. Most of us wore some kind of headgear — silly or old-fashioned or personally meaningful, and of course, helmet-and-goggles made up a large contingent. Ribbons were awarded for prizes, and almost everybody competing got one.

Our Wing is fortunate in having our National President, Elmer Hansen, and his wife, Dorthy, at all our meetings. Elmer reported on his recent trip to California to attend the conclave of Early Birds, which, by virtue of its nature, is becoming very much reduced in numbers. Elmer is trying to keep this from happening too soon to the OX5 membership and he feels that a good way to do it is to reinstate delinquent members, of whom there are 2015 nationwide at present.

The Wing Bulletin announcing our next meeting will have a list of "Unable to Locate Names," and we are hopeful that some of us may know a little more about these people.

PENNSYLVANIA WING

By Bob Ishler, Secretary

A business meeting will be held at 10:15 A.M., followed by a Dutch Treat Lunch at 12:00 Noon, on Saturday, May 6, at the Dutch Colony Motor Inn, 4635 Perkiomen Avenue (Route 422 East), Reading, PA.

The speaker will be Lt. Col. Edward J. Wronkoski, a B-17 pilot shot down in a bombing of the Fiat plant at Turin, Italy. He and his crew landed by parachute in a small town about 30 miles from Turin, and were held prisoners in Stalag #1 for one year.

All OX5ers are invited to attend. Please contact Kathryn Hackenburg, P.O. Box 66, Montoursville, PA 17754 to let her know you are coming.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WING

By Ed Hanlon, President

Our first meeting of 1989 was held on March 13th with 15 members and guests meeting at the Roma Restaurant.

A roster of members was included in the notice mailed to each member announcing this meeting.

Cole Morrow announced that the Military Order of World Wars has named the Washington DC Chapter as the Leigh Wade Chapter in honor of one of our members. Fay Gillis Wells gave a talk on "The Golden Age of Aviation" at the Virginia Aviation Museum recently.

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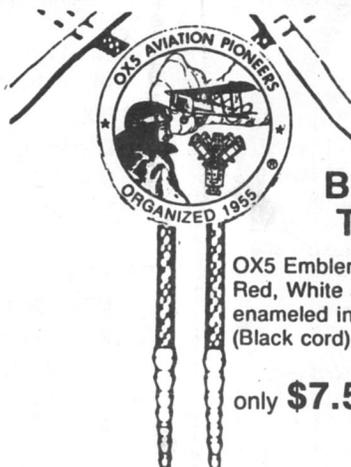
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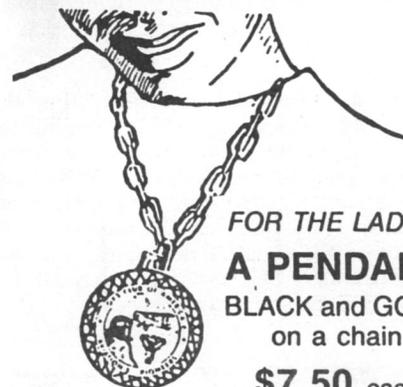
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