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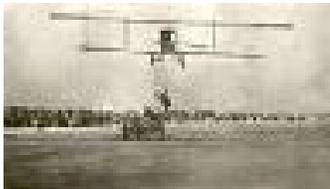
AVIATION PIONEER - CLYDE PANGBORN

Clyde Edward "Upside-Down" Pangborn made crowds gasp when he performed his daring aerial stunts during the Roaring Twenties. He was among the period's finest aerial showmen. As his nickname suggests, he was anything but a conventional pilot, and people loved him for it. But Pangborn was much more than an entertainer; he was one of the more understated aviators of the first half of the Twentieth Century. In 1931, he and a fellow aviator set a world record when they became the first people to fly nonstop from Japan to the United States. Pangborn also served as a test pilot in his later years. During his career, Pangborn not only knew the thrill of entertaining crowds and establishing records, but also the painstaking process of thoroughly testing a plane and making it safe for other pilots to fly.



Clyde Pangborn and plane

Clyde Edward Pangborn was born in Bridgeport, Washington near Lake Chelan. His exact birthdate is uncertain. He used 1893, 1894, 1895, and 1896 on various documents, changing his age to appear older or younger as needed. He graduated high school in 1914 and enrolled in the University of Idaho, where he studied civil engineering for two and a half years. Following college, Pangborn worked briefly as an engineer for a mining company before joining the Air Service during World War I. He completed flight training and was subsequently stationed as a flight instructor at Ellington Field in Houston, Texas. While teaching cadets how to fly the Curtiss JN-4 "Jenny" biplane, Pangborn learned to roll his plane onto its back and fly upside-down for extended periods, earning him the lifelong nickname "Upside-Down Pang" from his fellow pilots. He and his friend Lt. Reid were given an old Curtiss JN-4D. All they had to do was patch the Jenny up and get her in flying condition. They quickly became bored with flying straight paths and devised some mischief to relieve their boredom. Some of this mischief included diving on barnyards to make horses jump fences. They would even try to steal the hands of the clock tower and the knob from the flagpole in town. And to cover up the mischief they would paint over the plane's numbers with washable paint.



all sorts of tricks. One of the first stunts he attempted

was an automobile-to-airplane transfer at Coronado Beach, California in 1920. During the stunt Pang was supposed to hop on the back of a speeding car onto a rope ladder that was hanging from a cruising airplane and then climb up into the aircraft. Although Pang got hold of the ladder he lost his grip and plunged to the ground. Remarkably, he only sustained three dislocated vertebra and some muscle strains and bruises. This would be

the only serious accident of his career. During his time in the Flying Circus Pangborn flew with over 500,000 passengers and flew nearly 125,000 miles. He also met Hugh Herndon who would later be his co-pilot in the first trans-Pacific flight. The Flying Circus disbanded in 1929 and in 1931 Pangborn's barnstorming career ended.

Pangborn began looking for a new challenge almost immediately and decided to attempt a new around-the-world speed record. He believed he could easily better the previous mark of 20 days, 4 hours, established by the German Graf Zeppelin in 1929. Pang chose Hugh Herndon, Jr., a friend and former barnstormer, as his navigator. Herndon, an easterner from a wealthy family, was only an average pilot but more importantly he had the money to sponsor the venture. With Herndon's capital the two men purchased a Bellanca "Skyrocket" (the Miss Veedol) monoplane. However, while they were still planning their flight, the record was broken by Wiley Post and Harold Gatty and re-established at 8 days and 15 hours.



Soon they came up with another record setting option. At that time, a Japanese newspaper was offering a \$25,000 prize to whomever made the first non-stop flight between Japan and the United States (Post and Gatty had stopped over in Alaska during their flight). Focusing on their new plan, Pangborn and Herndon set out for Japan. They flew from Siberia to Japan in preparation. In the spirit of documentation Herndon took several still pictures as well as some 16mm motion pictures which included some of Japan's naval installations. Because of the photography, combined with their inadequate documentation
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to report that, as we complete the year from the last reunion, the status of our organization is good. Ivan D. Livi, who is completing his first year as Secretary, has kept me and all of us on our toes with his dogged persistence and attention to detail. Treasurer Tom Barruso has again taken us through another fiscally responsible year. One important accomplishment was the recovery of monetary assets as part of the transition of moving the headquarters office from Colorado to Pittsburgh, Pa.



A new web site, ox5.org, has been established that is bringing an excellent viewership response. As webmaster, I am continually expanding the content of the site and I urge you to view the site so that you can see how detailed the coverage of our organization is portrayed.

I want to thank our members Harold Walter for his work on Awards, Cheryl Dewey for chairing the Nominating Committee, George Vose for his continued work with new members, Mike Lawrence and Howard Benham for bylaws work and Norman Brush and the Curtiss team for hosting the 56th Reunion. See you in Hammondsport, NY.

Dennis G. Yerkey, President

NOTICE

**NEW REUNION DEADLINE
SEPTEMBER, 1, 2011**

REUNION REGISTRATION DEADLINE

is a reminder to all members that the Reunion deadline is Sept 1, 2011. Use the form in this newsletter and send it with your check to OX5 Hq in Pittsburgh. Do not delay !

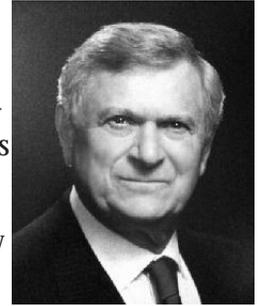
2011 OX5 REUNION

WILL BE HOSTED BY THE
GLENN CURTISS WING
HAMMONDSPORT, NY
SEPT 23,24,25, 2011

The 2011 National Convention is being hosted by the Glenn Curtiss Wing at the Glenn Curtiss Museum, 8419 New York 54, Hammondsport, NY 14840-9795 (607) 569-2160. Wing President Norman Brush and Curtiss Wing members are developing plans for a great annual meeting at one of aviation's most historic places. Begin making plans to attend this OX5 event in September. Watch your mail, the OX5 newsletter, and the OX5 web site for specific details and future announcements.

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

The National Reunion event is approaching quickly and I hope to see you all in Hammondsport. I have attended and conducted many reunion events during the past years but I am excited about this year's event because of the location and what the Curtiss Wing has to show us.



Although it might not be apparent, the past year has been a good one. We have established a good, stable operating base and we have made long strides in working and tending to the needs of the Wings. The National office is making every effort to assist the Wings with anything that will help increase their memberships and to generate interest in the OX5 organization. Please contact me with your request for assistance.

The continued decline in our membership due to the aging of our members presents a formidable problem. We must make concerted efforts to acquire new members by implementing interest-creating programs that attract younger members.

As Secretary, I vow to assist any member or Wing in these projects.

Ivan D. Livi, Secretary

NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS

If you have paid your 2011 dues and you have not received a new permanent membership card please contact Ivan D. Livi. Also, if you have received a card that has an error in your name or ID number please let me know so that it can be corrected. The new card is laminated and will not be replaced each year. This card will remain valid with the payment of each year's dues.

**Ivan D. Livi- Phone: 412-655-7187
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DUES REMINDER

Check your checkbook. If you did not pay your 2011 dues, please do so immediately. TJB

NOTE - CHANGES

**Send all Information of Address Changes,
Wing Officer Election Reports, Dues,
and New Member Applications to**

**OX5 Aviation Pioneers
Attn: Member Services
PO Box 18533
Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0533**

An Invitation To All Members

Dear Fellow Members,

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to our 56th Annual Conference hosted by the Glenn Curtiss Wing.

A lot of effort and planning is going into this conference which will be held at the Glenn Curtiss Museum in Hammondsport, NY. We would sincerely like to see you there on

September 23, 24, 25, 2011.

Registration:

The conference cost is \$110.00 per person. Please register early and return the registration form with your check payable to OX5-REUNION.

Mail to:

OX5

PO 18533 Attn TJB

Pittsburgh, Pa. 15236-0533.

Our 56th Reunion is shaping up to be something very special. Do not miss this wonderful opportunity to tour the Glenn Curtiss Historical Aviation Museum, their antique airplane collection and the restoration shop. At our trip to Corning Museum of Glass, you will see antique glass, glass blowing demonstrations and the Mt. Palomar 200" glass telescope disk. And of course, the singing Boogie-Woogie Girls and the wine tasting party should be a big hit. Please join us and take part in the camaraderie of fellow OX5 members in the Finger Lakes wine country of New York State.

Further information and details to follow.

**Norman Brush, Pres.
Glenn Curtiss Wing, OX5**

To all members and guests,
As President of the OX5 Curtiss Wing, it is my pleasure to invite you to the 56th National Reunion in Hammondsport, NY. Most functions will be held at the Glenn Curtiss Museum. We anticipate that this will be a once in a lifetime experience and that you will leave here with fond memories of the Finger Lakes Section of New York State.

Sincerely,

Norman E Brush, Pres.



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1967-68 Arthur Goebel *	1997 Clifford M. Pleggenkuhle *
1969-70 John P. Morris *	1998 Martin Casey
1971-72 Karl E. Voelter *	1999 Robert Gettelman *
1973-74 W. Buriel Barclay *	2000 Dorthy Hansen *
1975-76 Oliver V. Phillips *	2001 Jim Ricklefs
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1978 Foster A. Lane *	2003 Benny Benninghoff
1979-80 Wilson Mills *	2004 Oren B. Hudson
1981-82 Jim M. Richter *	2005-06 Robert W. Taylor
1983-84 Paul McCully *	2007-08 Harold Walter
1985-86 Robert F. Lang *	2009-10 George Vose
	* Deceased

2011 DUES

\$30.00

Effective January 1, 2011

HONORING OUR MEMBERS

A Letter from Joe

Dear Mr. Livi,



Thank you for your letter of May 3. I do confirm my age is 104, born November 2, 1906. Curtiss Wright Flying Services taught me flying starting in 1929. By 1930 I had my transport license #10124 and was operating the Clinton, Iowa Airport. In the winter months we formed the Barry Circus consisting of five people and a OX5, C.W. Robin and barnstormed in Mississippi. During the summer months we would contract with airport dedications, air meets and exhibitions and do all the crazy things done at air meets. I made 3 exhibition parachute jumps during that time.

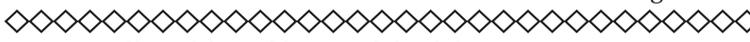
I have 1,000 hours of flying in airplanes with OX5 powered engines. In 1936 I joined North American Aviation with the intent of flying with them. At the time NAA was just forming and had about 1200 employees. The coming war caused NAA to expand rapidly to over 100,000 employees with plants in Dallas, TX (P-51), Kansas City (B-25), and the mother plant in Inglewood, CA (AT-6). I became Assistant Director of Contract Administration for NAA and held that position until I retired in 1956. Thank you for your inquiry and should you need more information I have a life time biography I wrote a few years ago.

Sincerely, Joseph B. Meyser, OX5 #13716



Sophie M. Schaarschmidt writes in a Thank You Card -

“What a wonderful gesture to be remembered by OX5 Aviation Pioneers.” She also sent a better photo with the caption that she was also surprised that these four sang Happy Birthday to her at the Waukesha Elks Lodge.



Marie Miller celebrated her 104th birthday on June 11, 2011

See her writings and thoughts below.

A Salute to OX5 Aviation Pioneers

OX5!! Sakes Alive!!

We flew when planes were few,

Over the trees with record news.

Fifty years ago-can we be that old ??

Our hearts are young, our bodies bold.

We can still fly, life passes by,

but here we strive to keep alive.

The spirit of the OX5!!

By Mrs. Truman W. Miller

An e-mail arrived from Allen Richter OX5 13679

It is to acknowledge your “Happy Birthday Wish” which arrived today (6/11/2011) I will be celebrating my 95th on June 16 with China-Burma-India friends who either flew the “hump” or provided ground support during WWII. Thank you for remembering!

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to enter the country (a fact they hadn't been aware of), when the two men landed Japanese authorities arrested them on charges of espionage and the men were jailed. Although the Japanese government detained them for several weeks, the U.S. Embassy successfully intervened on their behalf and Pangborn and Herndon stood ready to attempt the record. They were eventually released with a \$1000 fine, but they were allowed only one chance to take off in Miss Veedol; if they returned to Japan the plane would be confiscated and the men would return to prison. So the pair lifted off from Samshiro Beach October 4th, 1931 in an attempt at that record. Their destination was Seattle, Washington, just under 5500 miles (8500 km) away, a distance exceeding Charles Lindbergh's flight from New York to Paris by 2000 miles. Immediately after take-off a problem arose: the device intended to jettison the landing gear partially failed. Using skills Clyde learned as a barnstormer he crawled out of the plane barefooted and released the gear. This was done against one-hundred mile an hour winds and a cold ocean below. Additionally when the pair landed their craft they had to do so without gear. Their 4500 mile non-stop flight took 41 hours and 13 minutes, winning them the \$25,000 dollar Japanese award and Pangborn was awarded the Harmom Aviation Trophy for his achievement.

When the war broke out in Europe in late 1939, Pangborn joined the Royal Air Force and assisted in organizing the R. A. F. Ferry Command. Among other ventures, he recruited American fliers for the Royal Air Force (RAF) helping them violate the Neutrality Laws by getting them into Canada where they could legally enlist to fight the Nazis alongside the British. Several members of the RAF's Eagle Squadron, the unit made up of Americans that fought in the Battle of Britain, were recruited by Pangborn.

From 1941 through the end of the war in 1945 Pangborn served as Senior Captain, Royal Air Force Ferry Command during which time he made approximately 170 trans-ocean flights (crossing both the Atlantic and the Pacific). In 1942 he brought the first Lancaster heavy bomber to the United States for tests and later returned with the same aircraft and demonstrated it to the United States Army Air Forces and major aircraft builders throughout the U. S. and Canada. During his tour with the Ferry Command Pangborn flew almost every type of multi-engine aircraft used during the war.

He was discharged from the RAF in 1946 and continued his career as a commercial pilot. As part of his work, he pioneered commercial flight paths and helped to develop better aircraft, among other accomplishments. At the end of his life he was instrument-rated to fly any single or multi-engine land or sea plane and had more than 24,000 flight hours in the cockpit from his 40 years of piloting. The record-setting flights he made between 1931 and 1934 were highlights of his career, but his service in 1940 and 1941 on behalf of the British opposing Nazi Germany may have been his greatest contribution.

*Information and photos courtesy of:
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www.squidoo.com*



OX5 AVIATION PIONEERS REGISTRATION FORM

56th ANNUAL REUNION at HAMMONDSPORT, NY

Hosted by the Glenn Curtiss Wing, Norman Brush, Pres.

September 23-25, 2011

LODGING: DAYS INN BATH, Hammondsport

330 West Morris Street Rt 17 & Exit 38 Bath NY 14810 607-776-7644

Rooms are NOT included in the registration fee • Phone the hotel directly and mention OX5 for the best rate.

Call 607-776-7644 for reservations.

The cab from the airport to the hotel is an expensive 30 mile trip. Best to rent a car at the Elmira-Corning Airport (ELM) Avis-Hertz-National

Elmira Airport is served by Delta, US Airways and Allegiant Air

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Coffee / Tea / Iced Tea

Friday Sept 23 Registration--Lunch--Tour Corning Glass Museum--BBQ Chicken Supper--Museum Tour

Saturday Sept 24 Meetings--Lunch--Meetings--Dinner Banquet & Awards

Sunday Sept 25 Museum Breakfast--Farewell--Depart

REGISTRATION FEE \$110.00 per person _____ x \$110.00 = _____
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Reunion Schedule

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23 REGISTRATION AND TOUR DAY

It is 30 Miles from the Airport to the Hotel. It is 7 miles from the Hotel to the Glenn H Curtiss Museum

It is probably best to rent a car.

9-12:00	Friday morning check-in at: Register - Pick up your packet Coffee, Pastries, Fruit Socialize - View Aviation DVDs	Glenn H Curtiss Museum Museum Main Area Museum Main Area Museum eatre
12-1:00	Lunch Courtesy of the Curtiss Wing	Gathering area
1-4:00	Bus Trip to the Corning Museum of Glass 30 Min Drive to the Corning Museum Tour the Corning Museum of Glass 3 hour tour Return by Bus to the Museum	Departs Museum 1:00
4-6:00	Drive 7 miles to the Days Inn Hotel in your car. On Your Own Prepare for BBQ Supper	Casual Dress
6:00	Drive 7 miles to the Curtiss Museum in your car. Supper Chicken BBQ by Ed Bonicave Wine Tasting From Local Wineries - Red & White Beer Will Be Available	Served in Museum Main Area
7:00-7:30	Boogey-Woogie Girls WWII Style Singing Performance	
7:30	Join A Privately Guided Tour of the GHC Museum	
9:00	Return to Days Inn Hotel In Your Car	

SATURDAY SEPT 24 MEETING DAY AT THE MUSEUM

8-9:00	Coffee, Pastries and Fruit by GHC Wing	Gathering Area
9-10:00	Wing President's Meeting	eatre
10:00-11:45	National Governor's Meeting	Conference Room
12:00-12:45	Lunch Courtesy of the GHC Wing	Gathering Area
1-2:00	General Membership Meeting for All	eatre
2-3:00	Break time Run an OX5, Model A and Henderson Engine	Outside
3-4:00	Drive 7 miles to the Days Inn Hotel in your car (10 min)	
4-6:00	Hotel - Prepare for Banquet Drive 7 miles to to the GHC Museum in your car (10 min)	Dress-Business Casual
6:00	Arrive for Banquet -Pictures-Socialize	Gathering Area
6:30	Be seated	
7-7:45	Sit Down Dinner Next to the America, a twin flying boat	Gathering Area
8:00	Program Awards by Harold Walter, Chairman	Gathering Area
9:00	Adjourn	

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 Sunday 25th Breakfast-Farewells-Depart Curtiss Museum

Reunion information and Phones

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<http://www.glennhcurtissmuseum.org/>

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Items of Interest

PLACE YOUR ADS NOW IN THE REUNION SOUVENIR BOOK

56th REUNION SOUVENIR BOOK

A 50 page bound Reunion Souvenir Book is now under production by Pittsburgh.

The Reunion Committee has made ad space available to help cover the printing costs.

The fee is \$ 50.00 for a full page ad and \$ 25.00 for a patron or memorial name ad and receive a Photo DVD

All contributors will receive a copy by mail and be listed in the Reunion Book.

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<http://ox5.org>

The new OX5 Web Site was launched on May 17. Since that time, there has been 9,000 + hits on the site which is an excellent start. People are looking at it from all states and several foreign countries.

If you have a computer, give it a try. It's easy. Type in <http://ox5.org> in the top address box. On the white bar on the right side, click on "**recent announcements**". DGY

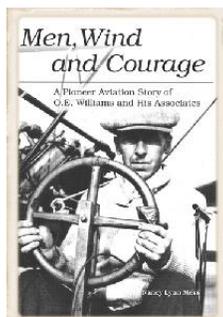
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The OX5 Aviation Pioneers is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) PA corporation that can provide a tax deduction letter.

To discuss a possible arrangement contact
Dennis G Yerkey, OX5 President
d.yerkey@comcast.net

N2574 is a prior restoration project that CBW has completed

We have several members who are actively rebuilding OX5 engines.

They are Beisner, Tilton, Brush and Oconnor. If you are still working on OX5 engines, please let Hqs know. Send me a list of parts you want to purchase, sell or give away.

I will create a database and put you in contact with each other.

DGY, Pres OX5 PO Box 18533 Pittsburgh, Pa 15236-0533

Would the person who ordered a book from Harold Walter, please contact him again and Harold will get it over to that individual immediately. In the process of moving, the information was temporarily lost.

Thanks - Harold Walter

REUNION SPECIAL OFFER

If you cannot attend the reunion,
DO the NEXT BEST THING.

Send us a donation of \$25.00 for a patron ad and we will send you a copy of the 60 page reunion souvenir book PLUS a DVD video of the events at the reunion.

Ivan D. Livi, Dept AD
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WING STRUTS

ALASKA WING

Bob Mellin, Secretary

The Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum was the site of the Alaska Wing's bi-monthly meeting on May 13, 2011, with a very good attendance including both members and guests. If you aren't currently a member of the museum please consider joining. Like our club, the museum depends on membership for support and to continue the Alaskan aviation heritage.

Treasurer Fred Richards chaired the meeting in President Oren Hudson's absence. Introductions of guests by members and stories by all were told.

The July meeting, which is our annual picnic, will be again held on Anchorage International Airport at Bill Hatel's Hangar No. 1, located on Aircraft Drive on the north shore of Lake Hood across the street from Floats Alaska (look for the OX-5 sign) on Sunday July 3, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. Please come to the picnic! Bill Hatel has generously offered to supply all the hotdogs, hamburgers, and chicken for the picnic! Thank you Bill and Joan for hosting the picnic once again!

For the September meeting we will be back to the Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum on September 9, 2011, at 11:30 a.m. Hope to see you at the July picnic and the September meeting. Have a safe, fun flying summer!

TEXAS WING

From their Newsletter

We had a very good Texas Wing reunion at Eastland the May 27-19 Fly-In and Air Show. A Board of Governors meeting was held on Saturday evening, with all board members in attendance. Treasurer Michelle Lawrence gave the Treasurer's Report along with an explanation of incorporating the Wing under the protective non-profit statutes of the State of Texas. The resolution to incorporate was passed unanimously. Although no definite plans are made for the next meeting, the proposal of the September Gainesville Fly-In of the Antique Airplane Association is a possibility.

CURTISS WING

Norm Brush, President

The OX5 Glenn Curtiss Wing meeting of May 21, 2011 opened at 10:45 by President Norm Brush. The Secretary's report was read and approved. Due to the illness of Jon Van DerHoof, the treasurer's report was omitted. A moment of silence was held for deceased member Jim Poel. Concerns were expressed for ill members, Herb Townsend and Jon Van DerHoof.

MID-WEST FLORIDA WING

Evelyn Latorre, Secretary

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Belated Happy Birthday to Marie Miller, who was 104 on June 11, 2011. She and her late husband, Truman Miller were the original fundraisers for the OX5 building. Thanks to all the great people who got things going in 1983.

We will be getting ready for our meeting Saturday, November 5, 2011 at the OX5 building. Hope you can all meet with us at 10:30 a.m. and of course, lunch is served. We are also reminding everyone of the \$5.00 dues for 2012 will be due. The local dues are for the upkeep on our building. Hope to see you in the fall!

OHIO WING

From Dennis Yerkey

The Ohio Wing held the April meeting at WACO Field Museum on April 30th. Election of officers resulted in Jim Beisner, President; Steve Boone, Vice President; Janet Barnard, Sec./Treasurer. OX5 pilot Marv Easter reported on his WACO 10 experiences. Greg Muir reported on his construction of a Curtiss P 40 that will be at Oshkosh. Ce and Rob Cary arrived from California with interesting stories. Steve and Marla Boone related their efforts to preserve more 'living history' of our early aviation pioneers. Bob and Pat Wagner reported on their 30 years of 'wing-walking' aerobatics and air shows.

Motion was passed to grant two full scholarships for students to WACO Summer Camp. Photos were taken of our members and guests with WACO 9 (Miss McKeesport). All present were treated to the sights and sounds of a beautiful running OX5 on green grass and under blue skies!

KANSAS WING

Harold Walter, President

The Kansas Wing met on July 2, at Newton, Kansas in conjunction with the EAA's Chapter 88 Fly-In. It was a 2 1/2 day affair with planes arriving on Friday and the meeting and formal Fly-In on Saturday. Members and guests had an exciting day.

The next Board meeting will be on August 13, at the home of Walter and Bobbie Walter.

CLIFFORD BALL WING

Ivan D. Livi, President

The Clifford Ball Wing held a membership meeting at Finleyville Airport on July 11, 2011. The meeting was held in Jim Kirk's hangar in the foreground of his beautifully restored Waco UPF-7. There were



thirteen members and guest in attendance.

The major items for discussion were the Latrobe Air Show, the National Reunion, fundraising projects for CBW, and Wing projects.

CBW is contemplating having Wing shirts made with the OX5 logo and the Wing name. If this comes to fruition it might be possible to provide other wings with similar shirts. Another project given serious consideration at this meeting was the restoration of an OX5 powered airplane. The CBW has the enthusiasm, facilities, and expertise to do a restoration such as was done with the Miss Pittsburgh Air Mail airplane which presently hangs in the airside terminal of the Pittsburgh International Airport.

Preparations were made to attend the Latrobe Air Show and the National Reunion in Hammondspport, NY. After the adjournment of the meeting, member Harry Bochter conducted a tour of Finleyville Airport where airplanes are being built and restored. Harry is more than midway through the construction of his "Finleyville Flyer". Also, the meeting group thanked Harry for providing the luncheon for this meeting.

Photos from the Tour



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Michael David McKenzie #23074
1605 Cullom St. S
Birmingham, AL 35205

Sponsor: Ivan D. Livi

My Grandfather, G.D. McKenzie was an OX5 member. I've spent the last three years chronicling his oral histories from when his flying career began in 1926 in Southern Mississippi.

Timothy Gary ompson #23075
5923 6th Place
Kenosha, WI 53144

Sponsor: Charles H. Heide

My father-in-law owns an OX5 engine and I have visited and volunteered my time at the OX5 tent in Oshkosh. I soloed at 16, private at 17, flew corporate (Lear35) at 25, airline pilot at 28 – currently Captain A-330 Delta Airlines.

Loren Charles ompson #23076
5923 6th Place
Kenosha, WI, 53144

Sponsor: Charles H. Heide

My grandfather owns an OX5 engine. I started flying with my dad at a young age, and soloed on my birthday at 16, and got private on my 17th birthday. I am going to school to be an airline pilot at Embry Riddell.

Carter Kent Fairchild #23078
296 Chatham O
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Sponsor: Wayne Gordon

My father was a Captain for American Airlines.

William Florence #23079
125 Deerfield Rd
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Sponsor: Wayne Gordon

My Dad flew OX5 aircraft and was an OX5 member.

James Edward Manning, Jr. # 23080
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Career information: U.S. Coast Guard 1958-1962 – Aircraft Mechanic AD-3, 1959-1962- Stationed GSCG Traverse City, Michigan, Grunman Seaplane and Helicopter- 34 years with Duquesne Light Co. Communications Department.

Ronald Robert Peters #23084
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I was invited to participate as an aviation enthusiast.

Charles N. Wilhelm #23085
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I am interested in aviation history.

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CHECK IT OUT!

There's more on Clyde Pangborn, plus some great photos.

Sylvia Cook - National Editor

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Belleville, IL 62220
Deceased 12/11/2010

Golden Gate OX5: 13759
Frank Betts
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Deceased 11/8/2010

Golden Gate OX5: 10811
Arthur R. Brashear
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Sunnyvale, CA 94087
Deceased 12/24/2009

Michigan OX5: 22438
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2530 S Shore Dr
Crystal, MI 48818
Deceased 2/2011

Southern California OX5: 20590
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Deceased 11/20/2010

Alaska OX5: L-10434
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Deceased 2/14/2011

Capital Area OX5: 4702
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Malabar, FL 32950
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Vancouver, WA 98684
Deceased 1/1/2022

Minnesota OX5: 21985
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Deceased 12/21/2009

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Barron, WI 54812
Deceased 1/8/2011

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Coral Gables, FL 33146
Deceased 1/31/2011

Big Sky OX5: 9298
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IN MEMORIAM

GEORGE D. LIVI

George began his aviation career as a high school student by enrolling in evening classes at the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics. Upon graduation, and prior to completion of his aviation training, he was called to military duty. He enlisted in the US Navy and was assigned to the South Pacific where he remained until his discharge. After discharge he completed his aviation maintenance training and was certificated as an A&P Technician. George accepted a position as an A&P technician with Mid-States Aviation located at Sky Harbor Airport, Northbrook, Illinois. While in Illinois he took advantage of his veteran education benefits and enrolled at the Aeronautical University of Chicago. He graduated as an Aeronautical Engineer and accepted a position with Goodyear Aircraft in Akron, Ohio as a stress analyst in Goodyear Blimps.

After 12 years of service with Goodyear he accepted a position as an Aeronautical Engineer with Martin Marietta in Orlando, Florida. While at Martin Marietta he worked on many highly classified projects that included the SR-71 airplane. He retired from Martin Marietta in December 1989 and then devoted his time to business of farming and cattle ranching. George was 85 years of age.

FLOYD THOMAS JACOBS



Floyd Thomas Jacobs served in the Army Air Force Reserves and was honorably discharged in 1945. He also served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict. He spent 30 years as an airline pilot primarily with Airlift International. He was active in the Airline Pilots Association, and served as the Master Chairman for a number of years with Airlift. He served as chief pilot, check pilot and Director/President of Operations with other airlines. Tom was proud of his first flight as a teenager in a WACO-10 out of Rocky Mount Airport in North Carolina. (The photo is of that plane in 1938)

WALTER H. OETINGERS

Walter H. Oetinger was retired from American Airlines as a mechanic. He was also one of the mechanics chosen to service the planes on the John F. Kennedy Campaign. He was a member of the OX5 Pioneers for many years.

MARY (CHANCE) VANSCYOC

Mary VanScyoc passed away on February 9, 2011. She was a member of the Kansas Wing of OX5 Aviation Pioneers. Mary's first airplane ride was with Clyde Cessna. At the age of 20 she obtained her pilot's license. She graduated from Wichita University and became the first female air traffic controller in June 1942. Mary wrote a book entitled, "A Lifetime of Chances" and was inducted into the Kansas Aviation Hall of Fame in 2002. Mary worked in control towers in Denver, Cheyenne, Hutchinson and Wichita. She recently visited a control tower in Florida where she was invited to talk to some of the pilots. She was a very active person. She learned to fly helicopters at the age of 64. She has been held in much esteem and many stories have been written about her in magazines and newspapers.

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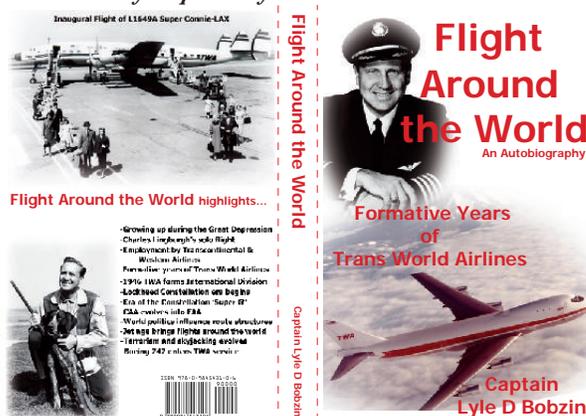
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