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## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE - 2011



Thomas E. Hendershot was just seven when he took his first ride in a Piper J-3 Cub with Alice Gates, a well-known aviatrix. In his teens, he joined the Civil Air Patrol as a cadet and attended West Technical High School, where he specialized in Aviation. For more than half a century, he has been involved in the field of aviation beginning as a part-time Maintenance Apprentice for Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation (SAC) and joining the United States Air Force. In October of last year, Hendershot was inducted into the Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame.

From 1959-1963 Thomas Hendershot served in the US Air Force and worked his way as a mechanic through flight school, eventually becoming Chief Flight Instructor at General Aviation at Lost Nation Airport in Willoughby, Ohio. During that time he was also part owner and Vice President of Operations for Air-Motive Specialties Inc. at the Willoughby airport. Prior to his career at Air-Motive Specialties, he was a contract employee as a Line Pilot and Mechanic for Mohican Air Service, Ortner Air Service, Omni Air Service, Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation, and Firzgerald Air Ambulance. From 1967-1998 he served basically as Director of Operations/Compliance and Maintenance for Wright Airlines Inc., Corporate Wings, Inc., Mile High Aviation, Inc., Casper Air Service, and High Winds Aviation, Inc. In the late 1990s, he took a position with Frontier Airlines Inc. as a Quality Assurance Inspector, Maintenance Instructor, and Director of the AMT Program starting in 1999. Under his leadership, Frontier Airlines Inc. became the first FAR 121 certificated airline to receive the FAA Diamond of Excellence Award, and did so for nine consecutive years.

In January 2007, he assumed the role of Executive Director of AMTSociety. He currently serves on the boards of various industry associations including National Center for Aerospace & Transportation Technologies (NCATT), Aviation Technical Education Council (ATEC), National Business Aircraft Association (NBAA) Maintenance Committee, Redstone College, Northrop-Rice Foundation Executive Board (NRF), Joint Service Aviation Maintenance Technician Certification Council (JSAMTCC), Aviation Regulatory Advisory Council FAR 147, Chairman Emily Griffith Opportunity School for Aviation Denver Public Schools System, Chairman FAA/Industry General Aviation Awards Program Advisory Board, and Chairman of the FAA National Aviation Maintenance Technician of the Year Selection Committee, part of the General Aviation Awards Program.

His list of Achievement Awards is vast spanning many years throughout his career in aviation. Among them is the Haggan Aviation Diamond Award of Excellence 2005-2008, the Charles E. Taylor Master Mechanic Award 2005, the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award 2005, Friend of FAA Award 2006, FAA Meritorious Achievement 2010, and the Colorado Historical Society Aviation Hall of Fame 2010. Among his affiliations are AMT Society, AOPA, Civil Air Patrol, Colorado Historical Society, National Association of Flight Instructors, Society of Aviation and Flight Educators and the Northrop Rice Foundation. Besides these, he is involved in many community service organizations.

Thomas Hendershot has logged over 25,000 flight hours in 125 different aircraft and recorded over 6000 hours as an instructor – all with 100 percent FAR safety compliance record. These significant accomplishments have required a steadfast commitment to safety and aviation skills.



*Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hendershot*

Hendershot stated it is a tremendous honor to be inducted into the distinguished and prestigious OX5 Aviation Pioneers Hall of Fame along with the other individuals who have contributed and given so much to the aviation industry since 1903. "I have worked to improve the training, safety, and working conditions for our nation's air carrier maintenance technicians, and to provide much needed, otherwise unavailable, recurrent training for many of this country's general aviation mechanics. It is a true pleasure to have such a dedicated Board of Directors to work with and give back all we can to the aviation industry."

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you for electing me to a second one year term as President.

2011 has been a great year with the main reason for our success being the leadership of our Executive Board, Officers, support staff and members. Ivan D Livi is completing his first year as Secretary and has kept me on my toes with his dogged persistence and attention to detail.



Treasurer Thomas J Barruso has again taken us through another fiscally responsible year. His books balance to the penny and can supply us with up to the minute financial position reports at any time.

Among the Board of Directors' important tasks for the year was the recovery of monetary assets by Michael Lawrence and the update of our Club's Constitution and Bylaws by Co-chairmen Ivan D Livi and Michael Lawrence.

Pres. Norman Brush and the Curtiss Wing staff did a marvelous job of organizing a great reunion for us. I received comments that it was "one of the best".

Our new website ox5.org is off and running with a bang.

My master plan is to keep the organization on a sound financial footing, expand our accomplishments of 2010 and 2011, streamline and modernize where needed and to work toward our goals as recommended by the Officers and outlined in the mission statement and direction of the Board.

This organization is now flying straight and level and heading in the right direction. I intend to do my best to make 2012 another great year of progress.

**Dennis G Yerkey, President**

## TREASURER'S MESSAGE



Fellow members,

It has been a very interesting 23 months since I took office as National Treasurer. I want to report to the membership that the dues procedure is working well and has doubled the response for dues payments and donations. The investments have been transferred to PNC Bank-Pittsburgh and now reflect proper ownership and

signatures. Some adjustments have been made with an emphasis on safety and security.

I pledge to you that I will remain vigilant and continue to keep accurate financial records as per the Board's directives, IRS rules and the policies instituted by President Yerkey.

All financial reports are available upon written request.

Sincerely,

**Thomas J. Barruso, Treasurer**

## SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Dear OX5 Members:

The past year has been one of revitalization and progress. The move of the National Headquarters from Colorado to Pittsburgh, Pa has imposed some difficult tasks on those who have been involved, but it has been worth the work and effort. We are now in a state in which we again have organized procedures for the general functions and the control and handling of the organization's finances.

During the past year we have had to record the passing of a large number of our members, but, we also recorded a similar number of new members. Working with the Wings has regenerated some interest that has resulted in new memberships. I urge all Wings to actively engage in member recruiting activities.

The things that we have instituted, or re-instituted, during the past year are such items as contact with Wing or individual members; new permanent membership cards; membership certificates for new members; providing Wings with recruiting materials such as mailing labels, letters, advertising ads, etc.; financial support for those Wings engaged in aviation activities such as Sun 'N Fun, Air Venture and air shows; the ox5.org web site and the printing of informational brochures about the OX5 that can be used by Wings for recruiting purposes.

I want to extend my thanks to all members and friends who have supported the organization with their memberships, donation, and in kind support. Let's make next year better than the last one.

**Ivan D. Livi, Secretary**

**2012 Dues  
in the amount of  
\$30.00 is due on  
Jan 1, 2012  
Make your check payable to OX5  
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**OX5 Attn TJB  
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## ATTENTION MEMBERS

**You will be receiving for your review proposed changes to the OX5 bylaws. The proposed changes have been approved by the Board of Governors and will be sent to you for ratification. The Board recommends your approval for a more viable organization.**

## MEET THE GOVERNOR



Keith Krewson is among the few duly-qualified pilots that are regarded as true aviators unselfishly making aviation a prominent portion of their lives. He has been a member of OX5 Aviation Pioneers for more than ten years, and has served as President and Vice

President of the Nantucket Wing. As a member of the QB's for twenty-four years, he was elected key man and Governor. During WWII he served in the Pacific Theater in the United States Marine Corps and received many citations.

His education includes Industrial Psychology with a MA from Case/Western Reserve University, and Post Graduate study at Princeton and Michigan. As a profession he is a retired Industrial Psychologist specializing in Management Training, Conflict Resolution and Effective Work Place Communication and Leadership Techniques. He has also been engaged as Labor Relations Arbitrator and Contract Negotiation Advisor, along with teaching Labor Relations within numerous companies in the US and Mexico as well as in several colleges within Mass.

In aviation he has flown 7142 hours as Pilot in Command, with 2741 hours in actual IMC, 1,050 hours devoted to 376 missions for charity flights with Angel Flight in New England and devoted 856 hours to humanitarian charity flights and fund raisers for charitable organizations. His devotion to flying has garnered him many honors in conjunction with his many endeavors in community service.

### Attn: Wing Presidents

**Are you in a position to consider hosting the 2012 Reunion?**  
**Please submit a proposal by Jan 1, 2012**  
**Ivan D Livi, Sec**

### NEW WEB PAGE

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEB SITE**

<http://www.ox5.org>

## OX5 NEWS

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This Important newsletter was mailed to all members in good standing.  
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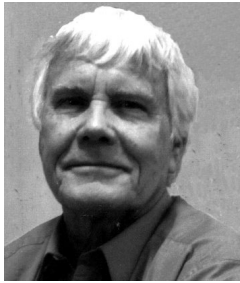
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1983-84 Paul McCully *	2007-08 Harold Walter
1985-86 Robert F. Lang *	2009-10 George Vose
	* Deceased





# REUNION 2011 AWARD WINNERS

## Legion Of Merit Award - Doug Moler



Doug Moler's love of aviation began with Boeing as a machinist and tool maker, then learning to fly in 1965 with his private pilot license. After that he finished training for his commercial license, instrument rating, instructor rating, instrument instructor rating, and advanced and instrument ground instructor at United Beechcraft in Wichita. From 1971 to his retirement in 2004, he has been employed as a flight instructor by Houston Beechcraft, and a corporate pilot for Shell Oil Company. After that was United Airlines Flight Training Center, and a pilot for a travel club, followed by a 20 year career as an airline pilot for Continental Airlines. Currently he is a corporate pilot flying a Westwind jet, along with obtaining a helicopter rating in a Robertson R-44. He says, "It's a blast.

It's putting the fun back into aviation!!" Doug is an active board member of the OX5 Aviation Pioneer Kansas Wing, and an active member of EAA's Chapter 88, along with a volunteer at the Kansas Aviation Museum.

## Additional Awards

Clifford Ball Memorial Award  
Best Newsletter to Kansas Wing

Wing President's Award  
Norman E. Brush



*Norm Brush Accepting*

## President's Citation Awards for 2011

The President's Citation Awards are presented to recognize outstanding members for their meritorious service and contributions to the OX5 Aviation Pioneers Organization. The awards are presented at the annual award ceremony held in September.

1 Michael Lawrence - For negotiating certain legal and financial matters in 2011 and for co-chairing the bylaw revision committee in its efforts to bring us into compliance.

2 Thomas J Barruso - For automating and instituting precise accounting procedures which have returned the organization to a sound financial condition.

3 Sylvia Cook - For producing the OX5 Aviation Pioneers newsletter, OX5 News, which is one of our important communications mediums.

4 Evelyn Latorre - For the excellent manner in which she manages the day to day functions of the Midwest Florida Wing.

5 Wayne Gordon - For his leadership in hosting the Midwest Florida OX5 open house at the annual Sun n Fun Airshows.

6 Pat Griswold - For her leadership as Chairperson of the Oshkosh AirVenure display booth.



*Thomas J. Barruso Accepting*



*Sylvia L. Cook Accepting*



*Pat Griswold Accepting*

*Photos unavailable for those not in attendance*

# REUNION MEMORIES

MEMORIES FROM THE 56th OX5 CONVENTION By Lou Fell, Correspondent - Glenn H Curtiss Wing

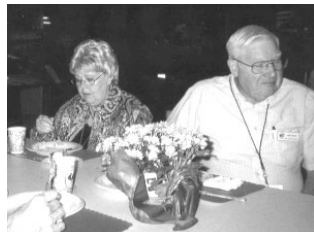
On Friday September 23, 2011 Glenn H. Curtiss Museum was host to the 56th OX5 Annual Conference/ Reunion. This event would not have been such a success if it were not for Norm and Angie Brush, Bryan and Marilyn Grigsby, Art and Kay Weilder and Lou and Jeanette fell. Of course we cannot forget our excellent privately escorted guide, Jon VanDerHoof who single handedly managed the bus load of participants to Corning Glass Museum and returned with the same amount just in time to enjoy the delicious BBQ chicken dinner cooked by the famous Ed Bonicave who braved the rain and sun to cook this delicious chicken. During dinner entertainment was supplied by our local Boogie Woogie Girls who sang songs that we could all relate to from the WWII era.

Saturday was the true meeting day which started bright and early in the morning with coffee brewed by the masterful skills of Trafford Doherty along with pastries and fruit salad. Like any conference, meetings take place most of the time, however the highlight of the day was when Trafford propped the 1918 OX5 Curtiss airplane engine and it started on the first pull. Many smiles and comments were made when the original old time pilots heard this engine. I am sure it brought back many memories from the war years.

The officers of the Glenn H. Curtiss OX5 Wing thanks Patch Brady for his extreme generosity for providing the beautiful belt buckles and trophy presented to the Man of the Year award, Jim Lally for the excellent DVD's depicting the SeaPlane homecoming events and Nancy Mess for her history book about her grandfather's events with aviation called "Wind, Men and Courage."



*Registration*



*Hosts Norm & Angie Brush*



*Comraderie*



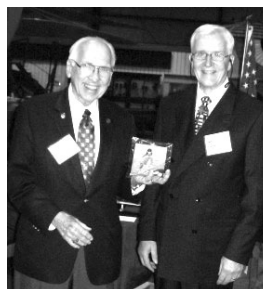
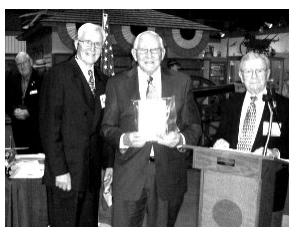
*Curtiss Museum replica of the Curtiss A-1*

*Photos by Jon Van Derhoff*

## DOOR PRIZES AND GIFTS (Note article above)



*Host Norm Brush with DVD*



*Photos by Sylvia Cook and Jim Hudson*



# REUNION MEMORIES

REUNION AT THE MUSEUM - HAMMONDSPORT, NY By Ivan D. Livi, National Secretary

There was crowd anticipation, silence, then a whirring sound followed by several short popping noises followed by the bellow of a ninety horse powered engine



*Crowd watching*

speaking through short exhaust stacks. This was accompanied by the smooth, consistent roar of the whirling propeller. There seemed to be a crowd exhale of exhilaration as the OX5 engine performed like a present day, high technology machine. The running of the Curtiss OX5 engine was one of the highlights of the 56th Annual Reunion held at the Curtiss Museum, Hammondsport, N.Y.



*Engine running*

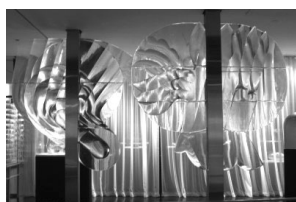
The Curtiss OX5 engine was used in training airplanes during World War I. In the postwar period, its availability in quantity at low war surplus prices led to its adoption by many US manufacturers for their two- and three-place aircraft. The Laird Swallow was probably the first of these designs.

There were more than twenty airplanes powered by the OX5 engine. Among them were the Curtiss Robin, Travel Air 2000, Waco 9 and 10, American Eagle, Alexander Eaglerock, Pitcairn PA-4, and others.

The crowd of approximately sixty people watched the OX5 running exhibition outside of the facility of the Curtis Museum located in the rural area between Bath and Hammondsport, N.Y. The museum is a landmark of aviation history and has a magnificent collection of historical aircraft. Its restoration shop, under the supervision of Wing President Norman Brush, overhauls and rebuilds airplanes and engines.

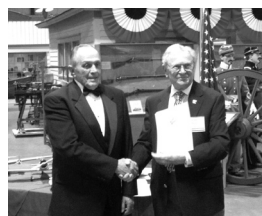


A second highlight was the bus trip to the Corning Museum of Glass to see all forms of beautifully crafted glass articles and the methods used to manufacture them including the art of glass blowing.



The final highlight of the reunion was the Awards Ceremony Presentations. This was held during the banquet on the last evening of the reunion. The presentation of the awards was conducted by Secretary Ivan Livi, in the absence of Awards Chairman Harold Walter, and assisted by President Dennis Yerkey. The awards presented were:

Hall of Fame Award – Thomas E. Hendershot  
 Legion of Merit Award – Alan “Doug” Moler  
 Wing President Award – Norman Brush  
 Clifford Ball Memorial Award – Kansas Wing  
 Thomas Barruso – Presidential Citation  
 Patricia Griswold – Presidential Citation  
 Wayne Gordon – Presidential Citation  
 Michael Lawernce – Presidential Citation  
 Sylvia Cook – Presidential Citation  
 Evelyn Latorre – Presidential Citation



*Tom Hendershot and Ivan Livi*



*Tom Hendershot receiving his award with the OX5 Officers*

The 56th Annual Reunion was a great success with the largest attendance in recent years. The thanks of the Officers and Governors go to the Glenn Curtiss Wing for serving as the host and to all those who assisted and attended the reunion. Now, we are looking forward to next year.



*Photos of attendees, side and front - 27 members and their guests*

*Photos by Sylvia Cook, Jim Hudson, & Jon Van Derhoof*





# REUNION 2011

## FRIDAY EVENTS

*Lots of great food and comraderie*



*Evening dinner with Boogie Woogie Girls*



*Officers at General Meeting*



## SATURDAY EVENTS

*Hosts and Speakers*



*Norm & Angie Brush*



*Jeanne Grevelding*

*Trafford Doherty*



*Jeanne Grevelding on Friday evening*



*Thomas Hendershot*



*Governors and Officers*



*George Levis with the Hendricksons*



*Banquet Photos*



*Photos by Sylvia Cook & Jim Hudson*





# REUNION 2011



*Page layout and photos by Dennis Yerkey*

At the Reunion, the President requested that the web site: [www.ox5news.com](http://www.ox5news.com) be discontinued in order to avoid confusion with his website: [www.ox5.org](http://www.ox5.org)

As your Editor, I established this website as an extension of the newsletter and have done so as my own donation to this organization, and at absolutely no cost to the OX5 Aviation Pioneers. However, I will comply with Dennis Yerkey's request, and that web site will be discontinued and shut down.



# WING STRUTS

## ALASKA WING Bob Mellin, Secretary

We were back again to the Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum for the Alaska Wing's bi-monthly meeting on September 9, 2011. The weather was similar to last year's September meeting; sunny and nice after many on and off days of rain! The meeting was very well attended by both members and guests.

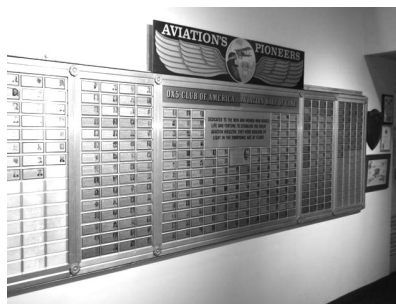
Wing President Oren Hudson opened the meeting with a moment of silence for those who have folded their wings. Then he proceeded with the introduction of members and guests. There were several interesting stories that everyone enjoyed. Stu Ramstad was this month's winner of a one-year membership to the Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum. Once again, 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.

Our next meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. on November 11, 2011, at the Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum on the south shore of Lake Hood. Hope to see you all there! Please remember to thank a Veteran for their service and contribution to our country! Thank you all.

## CURTISS WING Norm Brush, President

The Glenn Curtiss Wing hosted the 56th National Reunion September 23rd and 24th at the Glenn Curtiss Museum in Hammondsport, New York. As President I would like to thank Jim Lolly for the beautiful DVD's he made to give to our guests, Pat Brady for the beautiful trophy, belt buckles and badges he donated, my Curtiss Wing members and wives, Brian and Marilyn Grigsby, Lou and Jeannette Fell, Art and Kay Wilder, Traff Doherty, Jon VanDerhoof, and my wife, Angie, for all their help to make this event a success.

The next meeting of the Glenn Curtiss Wing will be May 19th 2012 at 10:30 am at the Glenn Curtiss Museum with lunch to follow.



Curtiss Wing Hall of Fame Plaque

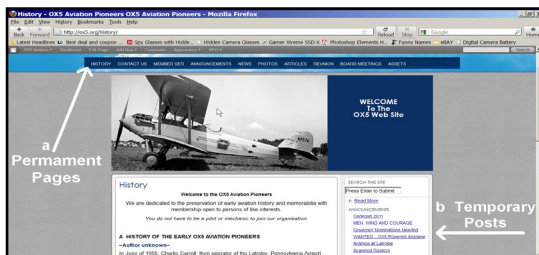
## CLIFFORD BALL WING Dennis Yerkey, Secretary.

### CBW MEMBERS AT 56TH REUNION

The 56th Annual Reunion provided OX5 members the opportunity to visit the vineyards of New York, the setting for the Glenn H Curtiss Museum. Nestled in the finger lake area, which parallels the finger lake area of northern Italy, the GHC museum was the setting for this year's reunion, hosted by the GHC Wing. In addition to OX5 officers Yerkey, Livi, and Barruso members Jim Kirk, Frank Long, and Gary Greis traveled to the museum to attend the 56th reunion. The setting was ideal and the hospitality shown by Norman Brush, President and members of the GHC Wing was excellent. In addition to a productive meeting the CBW members, together with other reunion attendees, took the time to visit the Corning Museum of Glass.

The museum provided an in depth look at the work being done to perpetuate the history of aviation and the restoration of historical artifacts. The CBW members returned from Hammondsport with renewed interest and enthusiasm about involvement in projects for the restoration of OX5 engines and OX5 powered aircraft. The CBW extends its thanks to the GHC Wing for an interesting and enjoyable reunion affair.

## OFFICIAL WEB SITE



### BLUE BAR WHITE SIDEBAR

It's easy! Try it! Type in **ox5.org** in Google.

<http://ox5.org> is the address of the new "Official" OX5 web site. It consists of 65 pages and 20 posts to date.

a. **Permanent pages** The horizontal blue bar and the **drop down** menu items are permanent "pages" that will not change often.

b. **Announcements** The right white sidebar contains "posts", which are temporary news items. These will change often.

D.Yerkey, Webmaster

## CBW encourages you to check out their book ads on page 12

*The Editor, Sylvia Cook was initially contacted by King Media asking about photos. They were in late stages of production which they have now completed and have sent this release so the members can be aware of this restored masterpiece picture.*

### "Wings" 1927 – First Ever Academy of Motion Pictures Best Picture Award Winner

Director William Wellman's 'epic in the air' about two courageous young WWI pilots (Buddy Rogers and Richard Arlen) caught up in the horror of war is, for the first time ever, finally coming to Blu-ray and DVD. He himself an air combat vet, Wellman set out to capture every detail of what combat was like for neophyte young pilots of WWI. The combat scenes are terrifyingly real as the young aviators take on the dreaded German pilots. The film literally grabs you by the collar and drags you into the air with our stars. Nothing approaching the scale of Wings had ever been attempted.

Paramount Pictures has beautifully restored this masterpiece complete with a new recording of the original score by J.S. Zamecik and sound effects by the great Ben Burtt of Skywalker Sound. The new release will be available on Blu-ray and DVD next January 2012.

Tim King and his King Media, has produced 3 new documentaries to accompany the new release of "Wings". "Wings: Grandeur in the Sky", a complete story of how this amazing film came to be and legacy it has left; "Restoring the Power and Beauty of Wings", meet the people behind the restoration; and "Dog Fight!", the story of how WWI effected aviation and the courageous pilots who took to the air.

# FOLDED WINGS

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Deceased 12/10/2010

Kansas OX5: 13590  
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Deceased 9/10/2011

Illinois OX5: 20629  
Francis Chamness  
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Deceased Date - unknown

Oklahoma OX5: 21674  
Harry J. Duke  
3708 N Quapah Cir  
Oklahoma City, OK 73112-2561  
Deceased 1/25/2011

Ohio OX5: 5338  
Lloyd Gross  
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Brooksville, FL 34601-8335  
Deceased 8/13/2011

Texas OX5: 13172  
William Hurt  
4917 Ravenswood Dr Apt 711  
San Antonio, TX 78227-4320  
Deceased 12/25/2010

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PO Box 536  
Chetek, WI 54728-0536  
Deceased 6/6/2011

Capitol Area OX5: 11885  
Robert Meyersburg  
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Deceased 11/2010

Illinois OX5: 21850  
William Potter  
8811 W 102nd St  
Palos Hills, IL 60465  
Deceased 2010

Southern California OX5: 990  
Wilton R. Probert  
40800 Sleepy Hollow Rd  
Annapolis, CA 95412-9703  
Deceased 10/12/2011

Iowa OX5: 22420  
John W. Romkey  
PO Box 1088  
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Deceased 7/21/2001

Midwest Florida OX5: L-13693  
Joseph Ruseckas  
42 Edro Isles Rd  
Westminister, MA 01473-1628  
Deceased 3/19/2010



Iowa OX5: 12328  
D. Berkley Smith  
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Waterloo, IA 50702  
Deceased 8/10/2011

Kansas OX5: 21846  
Ronald G. Smith  
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Salinas, KS 67401  
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C. G. Walston  
616 Coastal Pl Apt 4  
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Deceased 8/22/2011

Oklahoma OX5: 13614  
Alfred Young Jr.  
Address Unavailable  
Deceased 2/3/2010

Clifford Ball OX5: 20899  
Bernard Young  
Deceased Date - unknown

# IN MEMORIAM



*Mort Brown's Solo flight  
November 18, 1931*

## Mort Brown

Mort Brown, 103, quietly passed away in his sleep on Saturday, September 10, 2011. He was the first retired Chief Pilot of Production Flight Test, Cessna Aircraft Company, from 1937-1972. During his tenure, he was responsible for the release of 85,000 airplanes through Production Flight Test, of which he personally flew over 14,000 first flights, logging over 20,760 actual flight hours. His honors include the FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award, Kansas Aviation Hall of Fame, and the OX5 Aviation Pioneers Legion of Honor and Hall of Fame.

*(His wife, Sharon, donated a symbolic check for \$103.00 to OX5 in his memory)*



## Darel B. Kuster

*July 26, 1918 – June 23, 2011*

Darel was a Flying Tiger in WWII, Army Air Corp, and a member of the China-Burma-India Association. He was a Charter Member of the OX5 Aviation Pioneers. His other interests included being an accomplished piano player with a great fondness of animals.

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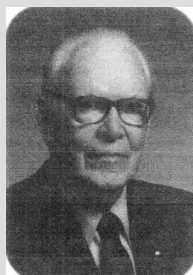




## Ronald Gray Hans "Ron"

January 5, 1933 – July 2011

Ronald began his aviation career with the U.S. Air Force, serving from 1951-1956. In 1956 he returned to Kansas and worked as a civilian maintaining heavy helicopters. In 1959 he received his FAA Mechanic's Certificate, and in 1963 he maintained and serviced America's Titan II Ballistic Missiles. In 1967 he started the Aviation maintenance program at the Vocational Technical School in Salina, Kansas, teaching full time and handling budget, procurements, and FAA certification of the program. When that program closed in 1981, he worked at the A&P School in Salina through its many name changes and finally at Kansas State University-Salina. In 1996 he received the Kansas Governors Aviation Honor Award from the Kansas Aviation Hall of Fame for his many years of service and contribution to aviation history.



## D. Berkeley Smith

February 14, 1908 – August 10, 2011

Berkeley's life-long passion was aviation, after becoming interested in flying by watching barnstormers over the Iowa cornfields. His first actual plane ride was in 1919. He started his flying at the Aero Corporation of California. He graduated from flying course, soloed in 1929 and received his private pilot license. He entered law school and graduated with a J.D. degree in 1936, but he continued to fly for the next 70+ years. In 2008, he was interviewed for the Timeless Voices of Aviation Program as part of the Oshkosh AirVenture Museum. In 2010 he took his last left seat flight (at age 102) with an instructor copilot. Upon landing, he said, "When I get old, this will be one of my fondest memories." (Read more about him in the May 2011 OX5 News issue)



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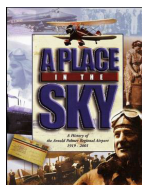
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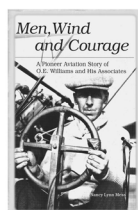
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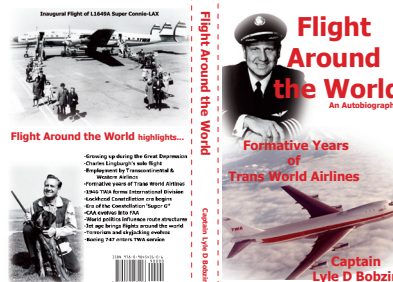
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