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Livi and Yerkey renewed acquaintances
with long-time OX5 member Judge John Brosky

CBW officers, VP Ivan Livi and Sec. Dennis Yerkey, recently attended the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Aero Club of Pittsburgh. The event took place on November 21, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Pittsburgh International Airport. The celebration consisted of cocktails, dinner, and speakers. The guest speaker was Dr Brent J. Bos, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, who made a video presentation on the James Webb Space Telescope.

The JWST is a planned infrared space telescope observatory whose main scientific goal is to observe the most distant objects in the universe, those beyond wavelengths that the Hubble can see. The telescope is scheduled to be launched in June 2014 on a five-year mission. One component of its primary mission is to search for light from the first stars and galaxies that formed the universe.

NRF THANKS THE CBW

CBW received a letter of thanks and appreciation from the Northrop Rice Foundation for the donation of \$3,000 made by CBW to support the scholarship and awards programs. The scholarship recipients will be announced at the annual conference of the Aviation Technical Education Council on April 12 in Mesa, AZ. NRF administers twelve programs that benefit aviation schools, instructors and students.

DUES FOR 2010 ARE DUE. PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Miss Pittsburgh Makes PP-G Front Page



A color photo of Miss Pittsburgh was recently featured on the front page of the Pittsburgh Post Gazette on Thursday December 31, 2009.

Miss Pgh was suspended at Pittsburgh International on April 28, 1995 and has been viewed by millions of passengers every year since that time.

This CBW restoration project allows passengers a historic and beautiful piece of aviation memorabilia to view as they wait in security lines.



Carlyle (Bucky) Newton

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Pleasant Hills, Pa

Carlyle “Buck” Newton, 98, of Pleasant Hills, passed away Wednesday, February 17, 2010. Born in a farmhouse in Verdery, SC on February 1, 1912, Buck began his dream of flying airplanes in 1929 and witnessed first hand the evolution of flight. During the Depression he grew his flight experience to become an instructor and leader in aviation. As a young man he served as the airport manager in Augusta, GA. and then transitioned to instructing Allied and US pilots in World War II. Later, he flew as an airline pilot with the American Airlines System, including the Berlin Airlift.

During the war he flew as pilot on the Flying Boats Consolidated Coronado PB2Y3 and Sikorsky VS-44’s on routes over the Caribbean, South America and Africa. In 1952 he moved to Pittsburgh where he pioneered corporate aviation by opening the Aviation Department for PPG Industries at Allegheny County Airport flying DC-3, DH125, and Gulfstreams I & II.

AVIATION SCHOOL PROFILES

HALLMARK COLLEGE CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY

In September 2009, over 1,000 people, including Bruce Bowen of the San Antonio Spurs, local politicians, and alumni, joined Hallmark College of Aeronautics in celebrating its 40th anniversary. The San Antonio school opened its doors in 1969 to just 8 students seeking their FAA-certifications as Aviation Maintenance Technicians. In 1982, Hallmark received degree-granting approval and became the first private career school in Texas to award an Associate's degree. Now the school serves 700 students annually on two campuses and offers degrees in the business, medical, and IT fields as well as airframe and powerplant technology.

Hallmark's aeronautics campus moved from San Antonio's historic Stinson Field to San Antonio International Airport in 1995. Home to 235 students, the 60,000sf facility houses engine, structures, and computer labs reflective of the best technology in the industry. Students test their practical skills on a Boeing 727-100, Navion North American, and Cessna 150M. Hallmark's aeronautics program is FAA Part 147 certified.

Hallmark's 15-month program is broken into an equal number of blocks, each focused on an aircraft system or structure. Early blocks include general education courses required for an Associate's degree. Students must pass a proficiency exam in every subject before moving on to the next block. After block 10, students receive their Associate of Applied Science Degree in Powerplant Technology and are eligible to test for their FAA Powerplant Certificate. Just 5 blocks later, graduating students earn an associate degree in Airframe Technology and may test for their FAA Airframe Certificate. Hallmark recently added a non-degree night program in aviation maintenance to its offerings. The aeronautics program, curriculum and facilities are under the guidance of an advisory board comprised of distinguished members of the general, commercial and military aviation communities.

This year, under the auspices of the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges, Hallmark became one of the first private career colleges to offer a Bachelor's degree. The aeronautics college is currently seeking FAA approval of a revised curriculum and adding advanced training in avionics. The Hallmark technology campus is preparing to offer Master's and Doctorate programs. The school is also honored to have been named one of the top 15% military-friendly schools in the United States. Clearly, Hallmark College is not done growing or celebrating.

CBW HEADS TO FLORIDA



SIX CBW-OX5 MEMBERS HEAD TO FLORIDA

Six members of the Cliff Ball Wing- OX5 (all pilots) will be taking their annual spring break in Florida starting April 11 of 2010. Dennis Yerkey, Jim Kirk, Gary Gries, Ron Bill, Cliff Yerkey and Frank Long have been doing this for 14 years..... and while they visit air shows, tikki bars, museums, fish and play golf,...the real reason for these trips has to do with fellowship, camaraderie and life long friendships. This year they plan to invade Lakeland

Florida and incorporate the Sun-n-Fun Airshow into their agenda. They will be met by Mid-West Florida OX5 Wing President Wayne Gordon and Evelyn Latorre, Sec. at the **Lakeland Linder Regional Airport, Lakeland, FL**. They plan to take pictures and write articles for our next newsletter. Have fun, boys, but remember that you're not 25 anymore!

A Tribute To Bob Zorn

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Bob Zorn, OX5 Member # 20789, passed away on Monday, March 15, 2010. Bob had a long and successful career in aviation maintenance. He was primarily an aviation technician with Trans World Airlines who advanced to being Supervisor of Technical Services. He retired from TWA after 47 years of service. In addition to his work with TWA at Allegheny County Airport, Bob was deeply involved in the function of the Cliff Ball Wing of the OX5 Aviation Pioneers in which he served as Treasurer. During his work with TWA, Bob had numerous unusual and dangerous experiences that are still remembered and talked about by his friends and peers in the Western Pennsylvania field of aviation maintenance. (See p9 Vol 51 Number 1 Feb 2009) Bob is survived by his wife of 60 years, Eleanor, children and grand children. He will be remembered by his friends and colleagues as a wonderful person and an excellent aviation technician.



OX5 CBW Members with Mrs. Zorn



Zorn at the AGC 75th Anniversary