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LATROBE AIRPORT VISIT

On June 10, five Cliff Ball Wing members, Ivan Livi, Sherwood Thompson, Clifford Yerkey, Jim Kirk, and Dennis Yerkey, visited Latrobe Airport where they met with CBW member and airport manager Gabe Monzo. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the relocation of OX5 memorabilia items, the OX5 display engine, and a propeller that was signed by CBW members. Included was a plaque with the names of CBW and Pennsylvania Wing members.

The memorabilia items were transported to Pittsburgh whereas the OX5 engine, propeller, and the above mentioned plaque were assigned to the newly opened KLBE Museum. CBW members were guided on a tour of the KLBE Museum by Sam Schrecengost, the curator. The museum facility is an exceptionally well maintained hangar that is sparkling clean, secure, and well organized. It is an excellent place for the display of the OX5 items.

In a subsequent discussion, airport manager Monzo revealed that the Airport Authority is going ahead with the erection of the previously planned museum and is actively engaged in the acquisition of the necessary funds. The CBW has committed to assisting with both of the museum projects.

The transfer of OX5-owned items to the KLBE Museum will be done under the terms of a Loan Agreement.



KLBE MUSEUM TOUR BY CURATOR SAM SCHRECENGOST



IVAN, CLIFF, SAM, JIM, GABE, SHERWOOD, DENNIS



KLBE AVIATION MUSEUM



HANGAR DOOR VIEW OF THE MUSEUM



OX5 PROPELLER FROM 1973 DEARBORN REUNION



PENNSYLVANIA NAME PLAQUE



JIM KIRK, DENNIS YERKEY, IVAN LIVI



GREAT LAKES TRAINER



CLIFF, JIM and IVAN VIEWING THE CBW OX5 ENGINE



CLIFF & GABE IN THE MUSEUM THEATER



CBW PLAQUE AT THE OX5 ENGINE



1942 STINSON V-77 RELIANT N29767



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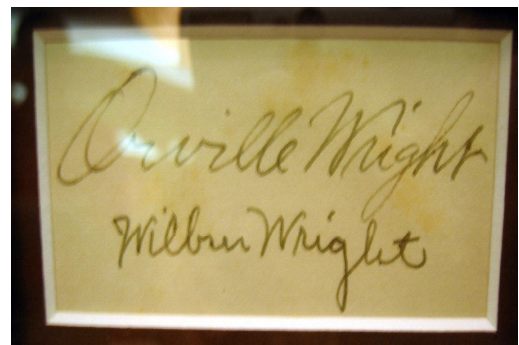
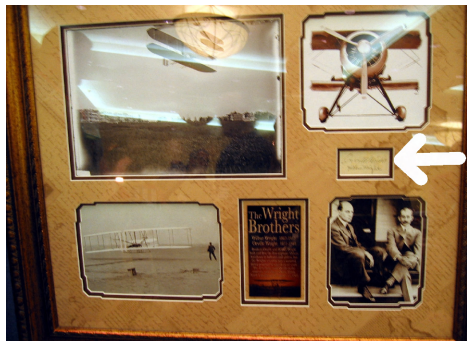
All photos courtesy of Dennis G Yerkey

Meet Our Members



GARY GRIES
CBW #20685

Gary Gries, shareholder in the Finleyville Independent Airport, is the proud owner of the beautifully restored 1947 Aeronca 7AC shown in the above photo as well as a C172. Gary's association with the Finleyville Airport began when he worked cleaning and polishing airplanes at age 16. By the time he was 18 years old he had acquired his pilot's license and has been flying ever since. The Aeronca was completely restored and presently has 4309 hours of airframe time. ..by IDL



WRIGHT BROTHERS COLLAGE

The illustrated collage depicts several photos of the Wright Brothers and their activities. Note Wilbur and Orville's "double cut" signatures in the right center of this beautiful historical memento. A "double cut" is where both signatures are positioned together on a document. This is extremely rare for the Wright Brothers and only exists in a few known places. This magnificent item is owned by John Wing, Wing Aero Products, Rowlett, TX. Wright Photos Courtesy Jim Mroski

FLORIDA MID-WEST WING WELCOMES THE CBW



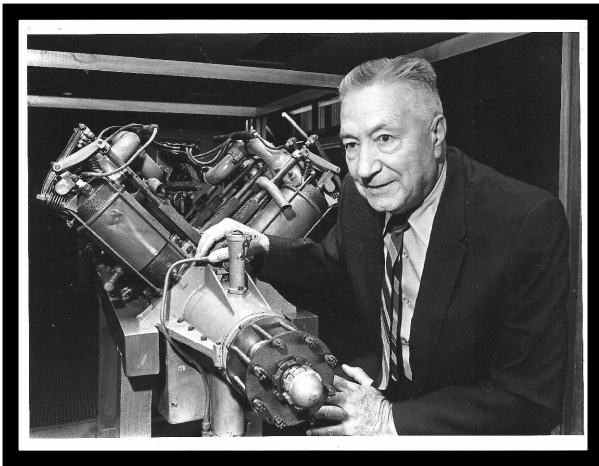
Cliff Yerkey, Evelyn LaTorre, Gary Gries, CBW Pres Jim Kirk, Frank Long, MWF Pres Wayne Gordon, Dennis Yerkey

On Thursday April 15, 2010, six members of the Pittsburgh Cliff Ball Wing-OX5 were met at a far parking lot by Mid-West Florida Wing President Wayne Gordon. Although the golf cart was a bit overloaded, we arrived just fine at their Clubhouse where we registered and were introduced to the Florida Officers and members. All agreed that it is a great place to take a rest and chat with friends. This was the 15th year for the "Pittsburgh Boys" Spring break trip. Visiting the Sun-n-Fun air show is always on the agenda along with golfing and fishing.

Sun-n-Fun is a six day celebration of all things aviation. These include a daily air show, trade show with 500 exhibitors, balloon race, lectures and hands-on construction.

Mid-West Florida Wing hospitality house volunteers included Pres. Wayne Gordon, Sec. Evelyn LaTorre, Dean Tilton, Christine Tilton, Ann Staub, Mary & Gene Hammond, Jim Beisner, Jim Stone, Ken Zimmerman, Mac and Pat Meek.

We would like to thank Pres. Wayne Gordon, Evelyn Latorre, Sec and the remainder of the staff for the hospitality shown to us. ..by DGY



Lloyd C. Santmyer

1-2-1910 – 4-24-2010

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100 Years

Lloyd C. Santmyer, pioneer aviator, passed away Saturday, April 24, 2010 at his home in Ligonier at the age of 100. Lloyd was born in Mt. Pleasant, Pa January 2, 1910. His aviation career began at Charlie Carroll's Longview Flying Field in 1926 and over the following years his contributions to aviation

were so numerous and important that he was inducted into the Aviation Pioneers Hall of Fame in 1976. In addition to being a highly skilled flight instructor, he engaged in various experimental projects while a member of the Army Air Corp during World War II. He did the experimental flight tests on the "Instrument Landing System" that is used at airports worldwide today. He subsequently instructed airline and military pilots on how to use the system. At the Fighter Command school in Florida during World War II, he selected and trained the first night fighter squadron in instrument flying. Lloyd was then transferred to Wright Patterson field in Ohio to perfect glider and human ground to air pick-up techniques.

After World War II Lloyd returned to airmail pick up duty with All American Aviation. He became its training and civil aeronautics board check pilot for the Douglas DC3 when the company became All American Airlines. In 1951 Lloyd became the executive pilot for Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp. During his ALS employment he flew then Senator John F. Kennedy on a number of his campaign trips in the ALS airplane before Kennedy became President. Lloyd retired from ALS in 1968 and spent his retirement years speaking at various aviation organizations, flying occasionally, and supplying information to aviation historians.

He provided much of the historic information to the St. Vincent College Center for Northern Appalachian Studies of Latrobe when it published "*A Place In The Sky*", a history of the local area aviation and its contributions to aviation's evolution from 1919 to 2001.

A copy of "*A Place In The Sky*" and a DVD of photos from Lloyd's collection will be given away at the 55th Reunion by the Cliff Ball Wing of Pittsburgh. A special thanks to his son, Carl L Santmyer of New Mexico, for background information and photos.

..by IDL

TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE OX5 55th Annual Reunion-Dayton, Ohio

The Registration Form Is In The June National Newsletter

Thursday, September 23 Check In Day 2:00 PM

2:00-5:00 PM	Pick up your registration packet in the Lindbergh Room
5:00-6:00 PM	Welcome party hosted by the Hotel in the Lindbergh Room Fruit, Cheese, Vegetables, Coffee and Punch
6:00 PM	Dinner on your own. Lunch and dinner is available at the Hotel. Other dining is within walking distance.

Friday, September 24 Museum Day & Evening Dinner Theatre

7:00-8:00 AM	Breakfast in McKenna's Restaurant (Included in room charge)
8:30 AM	Board the Bus for United States Air Force Museum at WPAFB If you prefer to drive, the base is 5 miles away. Sign up for the Annex at 9:00
12:00 Noon	Lunch A \$5.00 lunch on the Museum's 2 nd floor. Elevators are available.
3:00 PM	Return to Hotel from the WPAFB Museum
4:30 PM	Board the Bus for <i>LaComedia Dinner Theatre</i> Dine and enjoy the hilarious musical comedy "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels"
10:30 PM	Return to the Hotel

Saturday September 25 Meetings in Earhart Room

Award Banquet in the Lindbergh Room

The Fairfield Commons Mall is across the street for guest shopping while meetings are taking place.

A return trip to the AF Museum is another option for guests.

7:00-8:00 AM	Breakfast in McKenna's Restaurant (Included in room charge)
8:30-9:30 AM	Wing President's meeting The Pres, Sec & Treas will report on National. Wing Presidents will report on their Wing.
10:00-11:30 AM	Nat Governor's meeting The President will chair this meeting.
12:00 Noon	Lunch on your own At the hotel or within walking distance.
1:00-2:00 PM	General Membership Meeting (All members attending the Reunion) An overview of National with member input.
2:00-3:00 PM	Break time Fire up Jim Beisner's OX5 engine
3:00-4:00 PM	National Governor's Election Meeting Elect new Officers
4:00-6:00 PM	Break-Prepare for the Banquet

6:00 PM	Cash bar LINDBERGH ROOM
6:30 PM	Gather for Individual and group pictures
7:00 PM	Dinner LINDBERGH ROOM
8:00 PM	Awards Ceremony and Election Results Door Prizes
8:30 PM	Cliff Ball Wing 20 minute DVD of the Miss Pittsburgh Restoration

Sunday, September 26

7:30 AM	Farewell Breakfast (Included in the room charge)
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..by DGY

WIN A RIDE IN A WWII B17 BOMBER

\$5.00 PER TICKET FOR 2 NUMBERS-Pa Lottery
PHONE 724-539-8100 TO PURCHASE TICKETS
AUG 12-15, 2010 Latrobe, Pa.

Benefits FAA WINGS PILOT & MECHANICS SAFETY PROGRAM

WIN A RIDE IN A WWII B17 BOMBER



TICKETS ONLY \$5.00
Two Chances to win Thursday, August 5, 2010
based on PA Daily Lottery 7 P.M. Drawing

Winner receives
Memorable ride in a B17 Bomber at "LBE"
Ride available Aug 12-Aug 15
Dinner at DeNunzio's Italian Chop House
(Gift Certificate)
Personal Tour of
Arnold Palmer Airport Facilities

*Tickets Available at Arnold Palmer Airport
724-539-8100 or
Anthony Ferrante 724-882-2561*

LAST MAN STANDING BOTTLE NOW ON DISPLAY



The fifth of Old Crow display case was permanently mounted at the Mid-West Florida Clubhouse at Lakeland, FL. by Pres. Wayne Gordon.

The display case (The Birdhouse) was built by Bob Wallace of Baltimore and donated by Jim Beisner and Dean Tilton. There are several nebulous stories about the bottle. If you have one, please send it to us at Pittsburgh.

The Plate reads:

Ladies and Gentlemen—A toast to our departed comrades who have made their last long flight. To be opened at the last OX5 Club Convention.

..by DGY