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SECRETARY LIVI
OX-5 AVIATION PIONEERS
CBW PO BOX 18561
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DEAR IVAN:

YOU ARE CERTAINLY DOING WONDERS TO
REHAB THE NATIONAL OX 5 AVIATION PIONEER

ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK # 8688 IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$ 25.00 FOR THE 2011 HAMMONDS-
PORT NY REUNION SOUVENIR BOOK.

TEXT, IF YOU NEED IT:

CAVU TO THE GLENN HAMMOND CURTISS
WING. DARREL RIPPETEAU

I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE "OX5-CLUB"
NOW OX-5 AVIATION PIONEERS, MORE THAN
45 YEARS. MY ORIGINAL MEMBERSHIP
WAS L-8845. I MAINTAIN MY M'SHIP
IN THE G.H. CURTISS WING. I SERVED
THE WING AS PRESIDENT FOR A COUPLE
OF YEARS BACK IN THE 1970 S.

I BECAME A "LIFE TIME" MEMBER
MANY YEARS AGO BUT I AM NOT SURE

OVER

OF MY PRESENT M'SHIP STATUS,
IE: "LIFETIME PAID UP" OR NOT OR
NEED TO PAY SOME DUES, PLEASE
LET ME KNOW.

ONE OF MY PROJECTS, BACK IN
THE 1970S WAS TO ESTABLISH THE
FIRST EVER GLENN CURTISS MEMORIAL,
WITH INFORMATION AND A FLAG
POLE, AT THE SOUTH END OF THE
LAKE, AT HAMMONDSPORT, ON THE
SANDY BEACH, (NOW A PARK) WHERE
CURTISS FIRST EXPERIMENTED WITH
& "HYDRO-PLANES".

I FIRST FLEW IN A WACO-10
OWNED BY HARRY KIRCHNER IN
CLAY COUNTY, NEBRASKA, IN 1932.
AFTER 5 YEARS AT UNIV. OF NEBRASKA
IN ARCHITECTURE + ROTC I SERVED
4½ YEARS ON ACTIVE DUTY IN WWII
AND THEN A CAREER IN ARCHITECTURE &
ENGINEERING IN NY STATE 1946-1980.

I AM PHYSICALLY UNABLE, @ 94 TO
ATTEND THE HAMMONDSPORT REUNION.

BEST, Darrel D. Rippeteau OVER