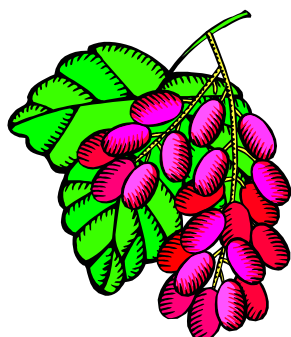


# **OX5 AVIATION PIONEERS**



<http://ox5.org>



**56<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion  
Hammondsport, NY**

**Glenn H Curtiss Wing-Host  
September 23-25, 2011**

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Sept 23, 2011

Welcome,

On behalf of the Board of Governors, I am delighted to welcome each and every one of you to this 56th Annual Reunion. This annual event brings OX5 Governors, members and guests to Hammondsport N.Y. to conduct business at the board meeting, review our recent achievements and to set new goals for the coming year.

It's a great opportunity to bond with other members of like mind and like interests. Throughout the years we've strived hard to make our Reunion worthy of your investment -- not only in funds to get here -- but also in your time and energy.

Not many organizations can lay claim to 56 gatherings over the years....and I have to tell you, I think this Reunion is going to be one of the best.

As the program for this year's meeting shows, we have a list of varied and interesting activities that were planned by the Glenn Curtiss Wing....but not so much as to be overwhelming. My hat's off to Reunion Chairman President Norman Brush and the entire team of the Glenn Curtiss Wing who have worked so hard to make this a meaningful and memorable experience for you.

For those of you who are first timers, I want to extend a *special* welcome to you.

Finally, I want to thank all who have so generously supported the Organization with dues and additional donations. You have made a difference !

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dennis G Yerkey'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Dennis G Yerkey, ID # 22023  
National President 2011



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September 23, 2011

Dear OX5 Members and Friends:

I am proud to welcome you to the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion of the OX5 Aviation Pioneers. Being at the Glenn Curtiss Museum in Hammondsport, NY, we are at one of the most historical aviation sites in this country. I know that you have enjoyed your visit here.

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 at 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 matching 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.

I have advised Wings, and reassert here, that the National Office is in a position to assist Wings with recruiting efforts. I will have have a discussion about National-Wing relationships at the Wing President's meeting.

The things that we have instituted, or re-instituted, during the past year are such items as contact with Wings 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 printing of informational brochures about 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, donations, and in kind support. Let's make next year better than the last.

Sincerely,

Ivan D. Livi, National Secretary



Thomas J Barruso  
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Nov 15, 2011

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 policies instituted by President Yerkey.

All financial reports are available upon written request.

Sincerely,

Thomas J Barruso  
Thomas J Barruso, Treas



# OX5 AVIATION PIONEERS

The Glenn Hammond Curtiss Wing

As President of the QX-5 Curtiss Wing it is my privilege to welcome you to the OX-5 National Reunion at the Glenn H. Curtiss Museum in Hammondsport, New York. Home of Glenn H. Curtiss the "Father of Naval Aviation". We hope you will enjoy your stay here in the heart of the Finger Lakes and Wine Country. Due to the size of the community we are limited in function accommodations so all events will be hosted here at the Museum. We do anticipate that this will be a once in a lifetime experience and you leave here with fond memories.

Sincerely,

Norm Brush  
President and Secretary Curtiss Wing

**I. to r. Glen Babcock, Dennis Roundsville, Trafford Doherty, Pat Brady, Norm Brush, Lawrence McCarthy, Robert Miller, Don Funke, Jon VanDerhoff**



# Schedule of Events

## FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23

### REGISTRATION AND DAY OF THE TOUR

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.

9:00-12:00 Friday morning check-in at: Glenn H Curtiss Museum  
Register•Pick up your packet Museum Main Area  
Coffee•Pastries•Fruit Museum Main Area  
Socialize•View Aviation DVDs Museum Theatre

12:00-1:00 Lunch Courtesy of the Curtiss Wing Gathering area

1:00-4:00 Bus Trip to the Corning Museum of Glass Departs Museum 1:00PM  
Tour Guide Jon Van Derhoof, Treas GHC Wing  
30 Min Drive to the Corning Museum  
Tour the Corning Museum of Glass  
Return by bus to the Museum

*Drive 7 miles to the Days Inn Hotel in your car.*

4:00-6:00 On Your Own Prepare for Dinner Casual Dress

*Drive 7 miles to the Curtiss Museum in your car.*

6:00 PM Dinner•Chicken BBQ by Ed Bonicave Served in Museum Main Area  
Wine Tasting From Local Wineries - Red & White  
Beer Will Be Available

7:00-7:45 PM Boogey-Woogie Girls WWII Style Singing Performance

7:45 PM Privately Guided Tour of the GHC Museum

9:00 PM Return to Days Inn Hotel In Your Car

# Schedule of Events

## SATURDAY SEPT 24

### MEETING DAY AT THE MUSEUM

8:00-9:00 AM	Coffee, Pastries and Fruit by GHC Wing	Gathering Area
9:00-10:00 AM	Wing President's Meeting	Theatre
10:00-12:00 Noon	National Governors Board Meeting Election • Choose 57th Reunion Site	Conference Room
12:00-12:45 PM	Lunch Courtesy of the GHC Wing	Gathering Area
1:00-2:00 PM	General Membership Meeting	Theatre
2:00 PM	Break      Run an OX5, Model A and Henderson Engine	Outside
3:00-6:00 PM	Return to Hotel - Prepare for Banquet	Dress-Business Casual
6:00 PM	Arrive for Banquet	Gathering Area
6:45 PM	Welcome	
7:00 PM	Dinner	
8:00 PM	Award Program See Banquet Program At Your Plate	
9:00 PM	Adjourn	

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Sunday 25th	Breakfast-Farewells Depart	Curtiss Museum
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## OX5 NATIONAL REUNION SITES

1955	Latrobe Aug 27, 1955	1990	Anchorage, AK
1956	Williamsport, PA	1991	Scottsdale, AR
1957	Kansas City, MO	1992	Oshkosh, WI
1958	Los Angeles, CA	1993	Corning, NY
1959	Pittsburgh, PA.	1994	Van Nuys, CA
		1995	Oklahoma City, OK
1960	Dallas, TX	1996	Seattle, WA
1961	Wichita, KS	1997	Oklahoma City, OK
1962	Miami, FL.	1998	San Diego, CA
1963	Oklahoma City, OK.	1999	Midland, TX
1964	Kansas City, MO		
1965	Chicago, IL	2000	San Antonio, TX
1966	St. Louis, MO	2001	Scottsdale, AZ
1967	Birmingham, AL	2002	Charleston, SC
1968	Pittsburgh, PA	2003	Wichita, KS
1969	Fort Worth, TX	2004	San Carlos, CA
		2005	San Antonio, TX
1970	Fort Wayne, IN	2006	Denver, CO
1971	Phoenix, AR	2007	Waukesha, WI
1972	Columbus, OH	2008	Tullahoma, TN
1973	Dearborn, MI	2009	Grapevine, TX
1974	Charleston, SC	2010	Sept 23, 2010 Dayton, OH
1975	San Antonio, TX	2011	Sept 23, 2011 Hammondsport, NY
1976	San Diego, CA		
1977	Kansas City, MO		
1978	Colorado Springs, CO		
1979	Seattle, WA		
1980	Baltimore, MD		
1981	San Antonio, TX		
1982	San Francisco, CA		
1983	San Diego, CA		
1983	Niagara Falls NY		
1985	Los Angeles, CA		
1986	Seattle, WA		
1987	Charleston, SC		
1988	San Antonio, TX		
1989	Wichita, KS		

# ATTENDEES LIST 2011

IN DATE ORDER

	First	Last	Member	Guest	Wing
1	Keith	Krewson	MEMBER		Nantucket
2	Lester	Hendrickson	MEMBER		MD
3	Elayne	Hendrickson		GUEST	
4	Gary	Gries	MEMBER		CBW
5	Jim	Kirk	MEMBER		CBW
6	Dennis	Yerkey	MEMBER		CBW
7	Gordon K	Cumberland Jr	MEMBER		IL
8	Thomas E	Hendershot	MEMBER		CBW
9	Nina S	Hendershot		GUEST	
10	Donald R	Voland	MEMBER		WI
11	Jeanette A	Voland		GUEST	
12	W. B. (Buck)	Stewart	MEMBER		AK
13	Charlene	Stewart		GUEST	
14	Ted	Wilkinson	MEMBER		CO
15	Rose	Wilkinson		GUEST	
16	Jon	Van Derhoof	MEMBER		Curtiss
17	Louis	Fell	MEMBER		Curtiss
18	Norman	Brush	MEMBER		Curtiss
19	Angie	Brush		GUEST	
20	George A	Levis	MEMBER		MD
21	James	Hudson		GUEST	
22	Susan	Hudson		GUEST	
23	Frank B	Long	MEMBER		CBW
24	Thomas J	Barruso	MEMBER		CBW
25	R.Brian	Grigsby	MEMBER		Curtiss
26	Marilyn	Grigsby		GUEST	
27	Dennis	Griswold	MEMBER		Wisconsin
28	Patricia	Griswold	MEMBER		Wisconsin
29	Jeanne	Grevelding	SPEAKER	GUEST	
30	William	Grevelding		GUEST	
31	Tom	Grevelding		GUEST	
32	William J	Grevelding		GUEST	
33	Margaret	Stiffler		GUEST	
34	Evan	Stiffler		GUEST	
35	Cheryl	Dewey	MEMBER		Wisconsin
36	Janet	Barnard	MEMBER		OH
37	Trafford	Doherty	SPEAKER	GUEST	
38	Jean	Doherty		GUEST	
39	Jim	Beisner	MEMBER		OH
40	Naomi	Beisner		GUEST	
41	Ivan	Livi	MEMBER		CBW
42	Sylvia	Cook	MEMBER		At Large
43	Bruce	RippetEAU	MEMBER		Curtiss
44	Robert	Rowlett	MEMBER		
45	Jim	Thompson	MEMBER		OH
46	Robert	Miller			
47	Pat	Perez			
48	Ed	Paulovske			
49	Pat	Paulovske			
50	Doug	Moler	MEMBER		Kansas
51	Sabrina	Moler		GUEST	
52	Ron	Massucci			
53	Laureen	Massucci			
54	Tim	Pinkerton			
55	Linda *	Pinkerton			
56	Art	Wieden *			
57	Nancy	Mess			
58	Rick	Groth			

## HISTORY OF THE HALL OF FAME

Airplanes powered by Curtiss-built Model OX5 engines represented a period when flight grew from a side-show business to an air transportation industry. The pilots and mechanics of that period became a special group of old-timers.

It was on this concept that the OX5 Aviation Pioneers was founded in 1955. It grew to thirty-one Wings and some four thousand active members whose backgrounds were general aviation, airlines, and military, all with a common bond. At one time, they all had a close relationship with that nostalgic symbol ...the water-cooled OX5 V8 engine.

The Hall of Fame was a dream of charter member, Johnny Evans. Clifford Ball, then OX5 National Secretary, was instrumental in the creation and design of the plaque, and Oliver Philips and Flora Balmer worked out the details of the first rules and procedures for the selection of candidates.

The plaque became a reality in 1971, when then OX5 Glenn Hammond Curtiss Wing President, Karl E. Voelter, made it an important part of the OX5 Aviation Pioneers. Since then, 325 important aviation people have been honored in this program.

We are proud of our Hall of Fame plaques which attract much attention throughout the world, and certainly we are proud of the many names of distinguished aviation pioneers whose exploits and personal sacrifices have earned them the honors so afforded. Each year, a few more select names are added to the plaque.



# OX5 AVIATION PIONEERS

## 2011 NATIONAL AWARDS

Harold L. Walter, Awards Chairman  
Awards Presented by Ivan D. Livi, Nat Sec

### HALL OF FAME AWARD

Thomas Hendershot



### LEGION OF MERIT AWARD

Doug Moler



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### Clifford Ball Memorial Award

Kansas Wing

For consistently publishing a newsletter that is of great interest, exceptionally well edited, serving as a primary medium of communication with the Wing members, and is in keeping with the mission and objectives of the OX5 Aviation Pioneers organization, the Cliff Ball Memorial Award is presented to the Kansas Wing.

### Wing President Award

Norman E Brush

In recognition of the work and organization that has been done for hosting the 56<sup>th</sup> annual reunion and for overseeing the execution of all the details necessary for a successful reunion, the Wing President's Award is presented to Norman Brush of the Glenn Hammond Curtiss Wing.

# OX5 AVIATION PIONEERS HALL OF FAME - INDUCTEES

1971

\* Benrt Baichen  
\* Clifford Ball  
\* Melba Beard  
\* Samuel Bigony  
\* Adm. Richard Byrd  
\* Edward P. Curtis  
\* Gen. Benjamin Foulton  
\* Arthur Godfrey  
\* Arthur C. Goebel  
\* George Haldeman  
\* Ernest C. Hall  
\* B. R. J. "Fish" Hassell  
\* V. L. "Casey" Jones  
\* Otto P. Kohl  
\* John H. Livingston  
\* Henry T. Merrill  
\* John P. Morris  
\* Harold E. Neumann  
\* Blanche Noyes  
\* William T. Piper, Sr.  
\* Roger Don Ræc  
\* C. R. Sinclair  
\* Burrill Tibbs  
\* Roscoe Turner  
\* Karl E. Voelker  
\* Waldo D. Waterman  
\* Marion Wearth  
\* Roger Q. Williams  
\* Clarence Young

1972

\* Walter H. Beech  
\* Walter R. Bullock  
\* Arthur J. Davis  
\* Douglas H. Davis  
\* William C. Diehl  
\* James H. Doolittle  
\* Amelia Earhart  
\* John J. Frisbie  
\* Russell F. Holderman  
\* Grover Loening  
\* A. B. McMullen  
\* George A. Page, Jr.  
\* Edward Rickenbacker  
\* William B. Robertson  
\* Basil Rowe  
\* Elliott White Springs  
\* Charles I. Stanton  
\* Stanley I. Vaughn  
\* James R. Wedell  
\* Charles F. Willard  
\* Lloyd O. Yost

1973

\* Talbert "Ted" Abrams  
\* Alexander G. Bell  
\* Anthony A. Bitetti  
\* Clyde V. Cessna  
\* Harry D. Copland  
\* Parker D. Cramer  
\* Dan Grecco  
\* Bennett H. Griffin  
\* Clifford W. Henderson  
\* Beverly E. Howard  
\* Howard K. Hughes  
\* Edwin A. Link  
\* Leslie C. Miller  
\* Michael C. Murphy  
\* Leonard J. Povey  
\* Lloyd C. Stearman  
\* Noel Wien

1974

\* Edward A. Bellande  
\* Col. Clare W. Bunch  
\* Clarence Chamberlin  
\* Robert T. G. Fowler  
\* Paul E. Garber  
\* Edward B. Heath  
\* Ivan D. Holman  
\* Ben Q. Howard  
\* John F. Irwin

\* Emil Matthew Laird  
\* Tony Levier  
\* Allen H. Meyers  
\* Calbraith P. Rodgers  
\* Louise Thaden  
\* Sylvester J. Wittman

1975

\* Thomas B. Bourne  
\* Vance Breese  
\* Clayton J. Brukner  
\* Walter J. Carr  
\* John E. Crowell  
\* Sanford L. Greenwald  
\* George E. Haddaway  
\* Gordon Israel  
\* Martin Jensen  
\* Glenn E. Messer  
\* William A. Ong  
\* Robert C. Reeve  
\* T. Claude Ryan  
\* Clayton L. Scott  
\* Edna Gardner Whyte

1976

\* Georgia Broadwick  
\* William H. Conrad  
\* Frank Mayo Fairchild  
\* Herbert O. Fisher  
\* Glen A. Gilbert  
\* Charles W. Kerwood  
\* Thomas H. Kinkade  
\* James L. Kinney  
\* Chris Lampl  
\* Charles A. Lindbergh  
\* Fred E. Machesney  
\* Dexter Charles Martin  
\* Glenn L. Martin  
\* George C. Pomeroy  
\* Lloyd C. Sanmyer  
\* Edward A. Stinson  
\* Wilbur Wright  
\* Orville Wright

1977

\* Harry A. Bruno  
\* Ernest E. Dryer  
\* Jack Frye  
\* Joseph B. Hartman, Jr.  
\* William A. Kennedy  
\* Nick B. Manner  
\* R. C. "Tex" Marshall  
\* Al Mooney  
\* Will D. "Dilly" Parker  
\* John G. "Tex" Rankin  
\* William M. Robertson  
\* J. Earl Schafer  
\* Merle K. Smith  
\* William B. Stout  
\* Raymond M. Wilson

1978

\* Walter J. Acdeys  
\* W. Daryl Barclay  
\* Giuseppe Bellanca  
\* Elrey B. Jeppesen  
\* William P. Lear  
\* A. Elliott Merrill  
\* Arthur Nutt  
\* Jack R. Peck  
\* Paul H. Poberezny  
\* Kimball J. Scribner  
\* Noah D. Showalter  
\* Albert A. Vollmecke  
\* Dwane L. Wallace

1979

\* Ruth Rowland Nichols  
\* John K. Northrop  
\* Clyde E. Pangborn  
\* Leopoldo Talamantes  
\* C. G. Taylor

\* Alford J. Williams, Jr.

1980

\* Leighton H. Collins  
\* Donald W. Douglas  
\* Viola Gentry  
\* Frank M. Hawks  
\* Charles B. Kirkham  
\* Ralph A. O'Neill  
\* John C. Seal  
\* Dorothy H. Stenzel

1981

\* Fred L. Austin  
\* Vern C. Gorst  
\* O. R. Haueter  
\* C. L. Johnson  
\* Raymond I. Petersen  
\* Wiley Hardeman Post  
\* C. K. Smith  
\* Elmer Smith  
\* Dr. Theodore Von Karmen  
\* Howard V. Woodall

1982

\* L. Morton Bach  
\* Eldon W. Cessna  
\* Joe E. Crosson  
\* Thomas H. Davis  
\* Ole Fahlin  
\* Zanford D. Granville  
\* Harold D. Hoekstra  
\* Clyde W. Ice  
\* Jack B. Jaynes  
\* Jerome Lederer  
\* John C. Ray  
\* P. H. Spencer

1983

\* Francis L. Barr  
\* Donald C. Beatty  
\* William H. Bowlin  
\* Kay A. Buck  
\* Jack R. Cram  
\* Ray Paul Hylan  
\* Henry H. Ogden  
\* Clarence E. Page  
\* Reginald L. Robbins  
\* Anthony Stadman  
\* Jerome E. Wood  
\* Forrest E. Wysong

1984

\* Rex Anger  
\* Maxwell W. Balfour  
\* Walter R. Ballard  
\* John P. Becker  
\* Milo Burcham  
\* Howard Lee  
\* James J. Mattem  
\* Clowce J. Tippet  
\* Bobbi Trout  
\* Reginald Sinclair  
\* Evelyn Waldren

1985

\* John Leisand Atwood  
\* Barry Goldwater  
\* James O. Hazlip  
\* Edward H. Heinemann  
\* Richard S. Mitchell  
\* Augustin G. Pelaez  
\* Bernard A. Rawson  
\* Stephen H. Rolfe  
\* Arthur E. Walker  
\* Jessie B. Woods

1986

\* William E. Boeing, Sr.  
\* Walt Bohrer  
\* Clarence F. Cornish

\* Michael R. Erard  
\* Robert H. Fleet  
\* Gerald C. Francis  
\* Perron J. Hoyt  
\* Arthur E. Jenks  
\* Douglas T. Kelley  
\* Foster A. Lane  
\* Dean C. Smith  
\* Elmer A. Sperry, Sr.  
\* Katherine Stinson

1987

\* Vincent J. Burnelli  
\* Frank M. Fox  
\* Harold W. Grant  
\* Henry E. Hix  
\* Jack T. Jefford  
\* Wharton E. Larnal  
\* Herbert A. Muntz  
\* James M. Nissen  
\* Donald G. Orbach  
\* Richard F. Scholtz  
\* Alfred V. Verville

1988

\* Edmund F. Ball  
\* Robert D. Beilman  
\* Joseph Costa  
\* Carl Ben Eielson  
\* Forest M. Johnston  
\* Charles T. Kilgore

1989

\* Don Chalmers  
\* Richard A. Henson  
\* Everett V. Hogan  
\* Doris E. Lockness  
\* Moya W. Stephens  
\* Orville W. Tosch

1990

\* Ivan Howard Driggs  
\* Robert H. Grundy  
\* Robert R. Johnson  
\* Delbert W. Koerner  
\* Marie M. Miller  
\* Truman Miller  
\* Ernest H. Schultz

1991

\* Jay R. Deasley  
\* Lawrence Hirschinger  
\* Rex P. Robinson  
\* Kenneth Scholler  
\* Robert Lee Scott, Jr.  
\* Leigh Wade

1992

\* Ruth M. Jefford  
\* A. M. "Tex" Johnston  
\* Herbert Hollick-Kenyon  
\* Corliss C. Moseley  
\* Elton H. Rowley

1993

\* James W. Allen  
\* David D. Blanton  
\* Denn E. Crites  
\* Dale B. Crites  
\* John W. MacFarlane  
\* Dill M. "Don" Teel  
\* James W. Turnbull

1994

\* George H. Cronin  
\* Howard C. Funk  
\* Joseph C. Funk  
\* Teresa D. James  
\* Belford D. Maule  
\* Richard W. Taylor

1995

\* George E. Batchelor  
\* A. Howard Hasbrook  
\* Marvin L. Michael  
\* James S. Ricklefs  
\* Marion Weyant Ruth  
\* Howard E. Wellman

1996

\* Gladys E. Baroker  
\* Charles P. Doyle  
\* Verona R. Harvey  
\* Dr. S. Harry Robertson  
\* Lawrence Burst Sperry

1997

\* Lincoln Ellsworth  
\* Mario Fontana  
\* John J. Maggi  
\* Patrick E. O'Grady  
\* Fred R. Pastorius  
\* Howard Reid

1998

\* Peter M. Dowers  
\* Herbert R. Crawford  
\* Richard L. Johnson  
\* Philip M. Prophet  
\* Joseph F. Toth

1999

\* Alexander Rozawick  
\* Clifford M. Pleggenkühle  
\* Clement H. Armstrong

2000

\* Fred Zimmerly  
\* Ralph S. Johnson

2001

\* John A. Gugliemetti  
\* J. B. Roberson  
\* Elmer H. Hansen

2002

\* Raymond H. Melberg  
\* Herman A. Zierold

2003

\* Morton W. Brown  
\* Joseph Jacob Foss  
\* Robert O. Gettelman  
\* Ralph P. Swaby

2004

\* Myron Buswell  
\* Clifford Donnelly  
\* Marino Gugliemetti  
\* Edward Mehlin

2005

\* H.B. Benninghof  
\* Jean Kaye Tinsley

2006

\* David Hatfield  
\* Fred Ridenour  
\* Carol Osborne

2007

\* Paul Rinaldo Redfern

2008

\* Alexander N. Petroff

2010

\* Marguerite M. Lawrence  
\* Ivan D. Livi  
\* Thomas Hendershot

Allison	Linda Nessly
Anderson	Dale L.
Ardaiz	Richard R.
Bachner	Thomas E.
Baker	Jerald L.
Balmer	Flora
Barbee	William Terry
Benninghoff	Howard B.
Bera	Frances S.
Bernard	Carroll D. C
Bird	Forrest M.
Boone	Marla Simon
Bright	Edwards S.
Broome	B. B.
Brown	Joseph H.
Brown	Perry C.
Casey	Martin C.
Ceshker	George J.
Chandler	George A.
Cook	Sylvia L
Coppage	Onan John
Crane	Alan R.
Davidson	Peter
DeJonghe	Henricus F.
Denhardt	Robert E.
Dijeu	George E.
Ditch	William E.
Donnelly	Clifford E.
Durfee	Don I (Tex)
Durgin	C. I.
Edmonds Jr.	Dean S.
Ellsworth	Fred C.
Engelfried	Rolf U.
Eubanks	Eugene
Farewell	John Allan
Fast	Roy D.
Fehmel	Hazel Stagle
Fenton	James H.
Fidler	James C.
Fleming	Charles
Fluet	Joseph O.
Folkerts	Robert D.
Foster	Lawrence H.
Fox	Jimmy C.
Fullenwider	Robert E.
Gardner Jr.	Richard C.
Garrett	Roy T.
Gaunt	Donald F (S)
Goddard	Jessie
Grafton	Joseph. R.
Grimes	Robert P.
Haag	David R.
Haggland Jr.	Paul B.
Hanes	Theodore C.
Hansberger	H. Frederic
Hansen	Donald W.
Hart	Charles E.

Hately	William
Haugh	Granger
Hendrickson	Lester W.
Herman	Robert Maurice
Herron	James T.
Honea Jr	Arthur L.
Hudson (S)	Oren B.
Hughes	Chester A.
Hunter	Dale H.
Hurley	J. J.
Iden	Russell E.
Irwin	Thomas B.
Jaeger	Robert M.
Jensen	Robert O.
Johnson	O. K.
Jones	Gail D.
Jones Jr.	Howell C.
Kaiser	Harold Koch
Keaster	William F.
Kollar	Paul B.
Kulp Sr.	Charles A.
Leighton	Hal
Livi	David G
Lockness	Doris E.
Major	Dale E.
Mascia	Michael J.
Maurer	William R.
Mayes Jr.	Howard G.
McCormick	Alma Heflin
Mellin	Robert G.
Miller	Marie M.
Miller II	Truman W.
Miller Sr.	Don L.
Mowbray	John A.
Nerland (S)	Stuart G.
Newhouse	V. Lorraine
Nicholson	Larry C
Noffke	Esther E.
Nordlund	Donald R.
O'Connor	Robert E.
Ohsiek	Robert R.
Osborne	Carol L.
Payant	Kenneth A.
Pettit	Henry A.
Pinckert	Edward O.
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## Report on Oshkosh AirVenture 2011

By Pat Griswold  
OX5 Booth Chairman



Oshkosh Air Venture was held on July 25th to July 31st. We had many days of hot & humid weather, rain and mud which is nothing new at Air Venture.

We set up a very attractive booth this year with help from the National OX5 office. We were able to purchase royal blue fireproof tablecloths for our tables, (required by the EAA people), and we also

had beautiful postcards made with the OX5 engine and the Jenny pictured on the front. These were made by Tom Leair, my brother-in-law. It was great to have handouts and OX5 stickers from the National office and the banner furnished by the National office was an asset for our booth. It was the best one in the Vintage Building.

The Cliff Ball Wing of Pittsburgh donated 10 "Miss Pittsburgh" DVD's to sell as a fundraiser for our Wisconsin Wing. We thank them for their generosity.

We staffed the OX5 booth for the whole week with just 4 Wisconsin members. Dennis and Pat Griswold, Sherry Dewey who worked all day on Wednesday - a very devoted and helpful National Governor! Bill Schlapman, who is 93, helped out for a half day on Friday. He is still recovering from a broken leg 8 wks. ago. What a trooper! I really appreciated the help from these three volunteers.

Thanks goes to Chuck and Kathryn Heide for bringing their static OX5 engine and valve assembly display for our booth. This was a real 'draw' for people all week. Charles Heide, Jr., Chuck's son, handled the set-up, etc. and had new signs made for the engine display. They are all from the Wisconsin Wing and live near Kenosha, Wis.

For the second year, Jim Beisner, from Troy, Ohio towed his working model OX5 engine to Air Venture and started it up each day outside in the demo area. Everything was fine until the rains came on Tuesday evening and the magnetos and propeller were getting wet. Jim returned home on Wednesday, but it was nice having him there for two days. We really appreciate his time and effort required to transport his engine to Oshkosh.

All said, it was a great convention. However, we could certainly use more volunteers to help at the booth from 9-5 each day next year. We registered one new member from Texas this year.

## MIDWEST FLORIDA WING WELCOMES OX5 MEMBERS TO SUN-N-FUN



The 2011 Sun 'n Fun Airshow took place in Lakeland, Florida March 29 thru April 3. This convention is the 2nd largest Airshow in the United States at which time the Lakeland Linder Regional Airport becomes the busiest airport in the world. During the event over 40,000 recorded aircraft movements will take place! That's busier than Atlanta or Chicago!

Cliff Yerkey, Evelyn Latorre, Gary Gries, Jim Kirk, Frank Long, Wayne Gordon, Pres., Dennis Yerkey

On Friday, members of the Cliff Ball Wing-Pittsburgh were met at the front gate by Midwest Florida Wing President Wayne Gordon. After a golf cart tour of the tornado damage, we arrived at their Clubhouse where we registered and were introduced to the Florida members. This was the 15<sup>th</sup> year for the "Pittsburgh Boys" to visit the Sun n Fun airshow which is always on the agenda along with golf and fishing.

We would like to thank Pres Wayne Gordon, Evelyn Latorre, Sec/Treas, Don Kraft VP, Governors Tom Osterman, Jim Fretwell and Jim Beisner.....and the rest of the staff for the hospitality shown to the CBW and all OX5 members.

Sun 'n Fun is a six day celebraton of all things aviation. These include a daily air show, trade show with 500 exhibitors, balloon race, lectures and hands on construction. Yes, the tornados made it an especially interesting week ! DGY



Wayne & Dennis



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## AVIATION MUSEUM OPENS AT ARNOLD PALMER REGIONAL AIRPORT LATROBE, PA by Dwayne Pickels

The **KLBE Latrobe Air Museum** opened this spring (2010) at Arnold Palmer Regional Airport in Unity Township. KLBE is the international identifier for Arnold Palmer Regional Airport.

It was a project that had been on the Westmoreland County Airport Authority's radar, so to speak, in various incarnations since 1986. Longtime authority member Donald Rossi of Youngstown recently resurrected the project when he agreed to donate the use of a hangar that he owns on the airport's east ramp to serve as a home for the museum.

The museum currently has four aircraft on display, including "Old Blue," as it is called around the airport. It's a vintage single-engine Stinson Reliant. The gull-wing plane is now painted in the maroon All American Aviation colors worn during the first scheduled air-mail pickup at the airport near Latrobe in 1939.

Among other local aviation memorabilia on display in the museum's collection is an OX-5 airplane engine. The power plant propelled the Curtiss Jenny -- a favorite among aviation's pioneers.

Mr. Rossi also purchased a set of 24 airline seats and projection equipment to construct a small theater inside the museum that is used to show a collection of historical and educational aviation films for visitors. Panels with aerial photographss are mounted on the theater walls provide the sensation of being seating in an actual aircraft while enjoying the films.

Mr. Rossi coordinated a small group of dedicated local pilots and aviation enthusiasts, led by museum directors Dave Austin and Sam Schrecengost, who volunteer to curate the museum and share their aviation knowledge, experience and history with interested visitors.

The air museum is located on the airport's East Ramp, which is along Route 981, across from Kennametal, just south of Route 30, near the old rotating beacon.

The museum was opened to the public Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and by appointment throughout the summer. There is no charge for admission.

The airport has served this region since the 1920s, and has a rich and colorful history.

The museum project has been a labor of love by Mr. Rossi, who is also a pilot.

"This was inspired out of love for aviation," he said. "It's a very humble attempt, and it's only a start." Mr. Rossi added that, one of the goals of the museum project was, "to teach aviation education, the way it was, the way it is and the way it will be."

For more information, contact: Sam Schrecengost -724-787-8396



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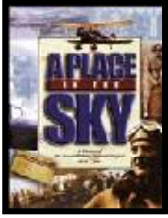
## A PLACE IN THE SKY

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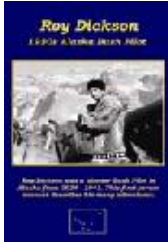
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A PLACE IN THE SKY is about the aviation pioneers of Westmoreland County in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. They were a breed of courageous, adventurous, sometime reckless men and women who flew "by the seat of their pants" in aircraft that were little more than stiffened cloth stretched over wood and held together with baling wire. Their daring, mistakes and successes made aviation in the country what it is today.

*An excerpt from the Editor's Notes*



## Book and 2 DVDs Combo



Brother & sister Roy Dickson (Jr) (OX5 ID 23000) and Dorothy Dickson McLaren published the book *Roy Dickson 1930s Alaska Bush Pilot* which is their father's account of his pioneer aviation experiences in Alaska. (Roy Sr's OX5 ID is 11126). The book, now in its third printing has been widely praised. Roy and Dorothy, who had lived with their family in Anchorage from 1934 to 1941 spent three weeks in Alaska in August 2010. Their website [www.alaskabushpilot.org](http://www.alaskabushpilot.org) provides a great deal of information about Alaska aviation history as well as information about the book and an accompanying DVD video set.

*Ed Note: Roy & Dorothy have generously donated a book and a DVD set as door prizes.*

## Clifford Ball Wing DVD



Our Clifford Ball Wing DVD is a documentary record of the discovery, transportation and restoration of Miss Pittsburgh. It ends with the hanging ceremony at Pittsburgh International Airport. It is about the WACO 9 biplane that carried the first air mail from Pittsburgh to Cleveland on April 21, 1927.

The documentary was produced as a video tape by Pittsburgh television personality Don Riggs, CBW-OX5 #21259 (Nov 19, 1927-Feb 21, 2009). With Don's permission to use as a fundraiser, we transferred the tape to DVD which will serve to preserve the content for the future. Miss Pittsburgh was restored by the students and instructors at the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics under the direction of then President Ivan D. Livi, CBW #7760, National Secretary 2011, and is now hanging at Pittsburgh International Airport.

## 2 DVDs from Keith Krewson



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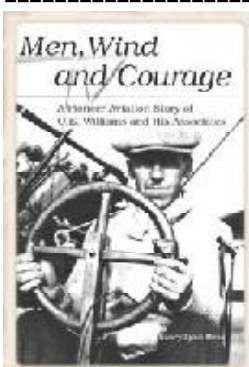
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Two books were donated by the author.

## JEANNE (KLECKLER) GREVELDING, GUEST SPEAKER AT THE OX5 56TH REUNION

My father, Henry Kleckler was born May 14, 1881, three months after his father died. He grew up with 3 brothers and 2 sisters on a farm until age 14 when his mother moved the family to Bath so he could attend Haverling High School. After 1 semester, it became necessary to end his formal education. He worked for 3 years as an apprentice in his Uncles shop learning mechanics. Next Henry moved to Thompsonville, Conn. where he was in charge of all factory equipment and completed 4 years of electrical work at the Hartford Carpet Corporation



As a young man of 26 he moved back to Bath because his mother was alone. And while looking around for work he was told of a bicycle shop being run by Glen Curtiss – also motorcycles were being experimented on. It was Jan. 1907 that my father met Curtiss and took a job as night foreman. He built the engine for the bike on which Curtiss won the worlds speed record at Ormond Beach, Fl. a record which stood for many years.

My father designed all of the early Curtiss engines including the 30 horse power engine which powered the Redwing, the first plane to make a public flight in the U. S. on Mar. 17, 1908. Later he developed the “O” series of engines ending with the OX-5 which powered the Jenny and other planes.

Over the years Glen Curtiss asked my father to go with him and work together on many business ventures or be in charge of a plant or be chief design engineer. One of my father’s best memories was assisting Curtiss on setting up the flight from Albany to Governors Island on the Hudson River.

My father recalled that even in a theater.....Curtiss’ mind was on ways to improve the design of a plane; not the play ... or they would be going home in a taxi, and all of a sudden Curtiss would say, “I’ve got it Henry!” Curtiss hastily but skillfully drew sketches of his Ideas on paper. My father then took over and created the development of the sketch.

In 1921 my father formed the Aerial Service Corp., but two years later he was again working for his old friend and they were both happy. Their work was on what they called an “aerocar”.

In 1928 when a front wheel drive automobile design was completed but failed to sell because of the depression, my father set up shop at the rear of the home he had bought in Bath ... 226 Liberty St.

It was during this time that Curtiss died (1930) suddenly and unexpectedly, after an appendix operation. It was a severe blow to my father. They had been friends all the time since 1907. The strength of the bond was evidenced by the fact that Mr. Curtiss confided with my father often in his personal problems.

It seemed that they were always together at work and leisure ... they frequently went on hunting and camping trips together with their families. We have pictures of them at a lodge in the Adirondack Mountains. My father may have gone more for the friendship. I can’t imagine him shooting an animal ... he was always too soft hearted.

At a meeting of the OX-5 club in Amityville, N. J. Feb. 1957 ... Mr. Zimmerman remarked that Henry probably knew Glen Curtiss the man better than any other human being ... save, perhaps his wife Lena Neff Curtiss.

# WING STATUS

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- 8 Kansas
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- 10 Michigan
- 11 Mid-West Florida
- 12 Texas
- 13 Wisconsin
- 14 Ohio

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# OX5 Aviation Pioneers – Early History

A Newspaper Article Written By **Dwayne Pickels**

TRIBUNE-REVIEW Sunday, August 7, 2005

*INCLUDES COMMENTS BY FLORA BALMER #L-19000 AND DON RIGGS #21259 (DECEASED)*

**B**ack in the early 1900s, bold -- and maybe a little crazy -- pilots braved frontier skies with a scarf, a pair of goggles and the roar of a Curtiss OX5 engine.

In 1955, a couple of Westmoreland County pilots came up with the idea of forming a club to honor those early aviators. With help from a Pittsburgh businessman, that plan blossomed into a national organization, OX5 Aviation Pioneers.

The club got off the ground near Latrobe, where its first members assembled at the former Mission Inn in Unity Township -- just across Route 30 from what was then the Latrobe Airport.

"It was just a fraternity of these old aviators," recalls Flora Balmer, of Pittsburgh, who served as office manager for the club since its inception until her retirement. "There was the camaraderie, but its purpose was to recognize those who made a significant mark in aviation. Most of them never received recognized."

Balmer said Charles B. Carroll, of Scottdale, approached the Aero Club of Pittsburgh in June 1955 and suggested arranging a rally for OX5 pilots. Carroll and fellow pilot Lloyd "the Saint" Santmyer, deceased 2010 at 100, a native of Mt. Pleasant who graduated from Greensburg High School in 1927, wanted to round up old-time fliers and honor them for their role in the foundation of the aviation industry. Balmer said Clifford Ball, a Pittsburgh native, was president of the Aero Club of Pittsburgh at the time. Though he wasn't a pilot, Ball was enamored with aviation ever since he bought his first ride in an OX5-powered Curtiss "Jenny" -- a well-known airplane model built by Glenn Curtiss.

A World War I veteran who had started a successful automobile business after his return from the war, Ball reportedly mortgaged everything he owned to raise \$35,000 to buy 40 acres near Dravosburg, where he built the airport later named Bettis Field, after Cyrus Bettis, a WWI flying ace. He went on to establish Clifford Ball Airlines, Pennsylvania's first airmail service, in 1927. Using four Waco 9 aircraft, the company carried mail from Pittsburgh to Cleveland, Ohio. A year later, the airline started flying passengers on the same route, which came to be called "the path of the eagle," and later expanded to include Washington, D.C.

Ball served as the first superintendent of the Greater Pittsburgh Airport in 1952 and as director of the Allegheny County Airport. He was president of the Aero Club for more than 30 years and also served as secretary of the OX5 Club from its founding until his death in 1972. With Ball on board, Carroll agreed to host the initial meeting at the Mission Inn, which included a luncheon, banquet and lodging.

"It was an outdoor affair, like a picnic," Balmer said. "But word got around and about 110 people showed up for that meeting. They came from Washington, D.C., Ohio and West Virginia to Latrobe and they became the nucleus."

## POPULAR CLUB

Initially, there were 107 members who paid the \$5 dues. By the end of the following year, membership had grown to 990. In 1957, some 3,259 new members enrolled, swelling the roster to 4,249 members from all over the country by the end of that year.



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August 16, 2011

To the OX-5 Aviation Pioneers:

It is with great pleasure and anticipation that we, the staff and volunteers of the Glenn H. Curtiss Museum, welcome OX-5 Club members to your annual reunion, to be held here, on the weekend of September 23-25, 2011.

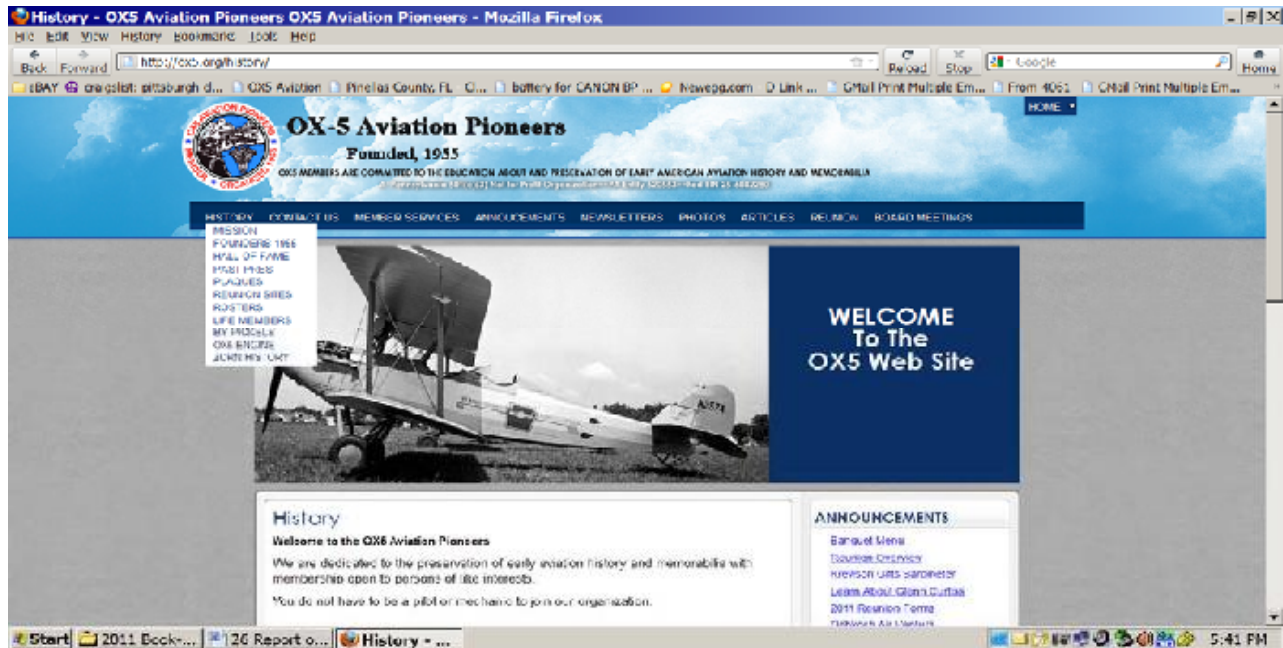
There's a lot to see here - we have 22 aircraft on the property, a number of which are powered by WWI vintage Curtiss OX engines - including, of course, our *Jenny*. We are actually a museum of local history, so in addition to our aircraft collection, we have bikes and motorcycles, cars, boats, toys, tools and antiques of all descriptions. And, then there's the Restoration Shop! There's a lot going on in there at this point and you will be very welcome to visit with our volunteers as they work on their various projects. It will take you a while to experience the museum to its full potential and I'm sure that your time spent here will be an enjoyable part of your weekend.

Have a safe trip and we'll see you on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Sincerely yours,

Trafford L-M. Doherty  
Executive Director

*The Glenn H. Curtiss Museum, collects, preserves and interprets early aviation, transportation and local history, celebrates the genius of Glenn Hammond Curtiss, and enhances understanding of the impact that the development of aviation at Hammondsport, NY, has had on the state, the nation, and the world.*



## New Web Site

<http://ox5.org>

While searching the internet for OX5, I noticed that I was often hitting on a site named *ox5.org*. Who is this, I wondered...it's not registered to National? Upon investigation into public internet records, I learned that the name was officially registered to Ron Burson of the Alaska Wing. I also noticed that while the site contained Alaska Wing information, it hadn't been updated for several years.

I contacted Ron who quickly agreed to officially transfer the name *OX5.org* to the OX5 Aviation Pioneers Organization. We now own this name! I also noticed in my searches that the names *OX5aviationpioneers.com*, *OX5aviationpioneers.net* and *OX5aviationpioneers.org* were not registered. I also registered these for the next 5 years.

Why are these domains important you might wonder? The answer is very simple. We do not want others to own our name. In this way, our presence on the Internet will not be diluted and confused. Owning these domains also gives us the power to direct inquiries to the official *OX5.org* site, which should result in our placement on the first page of search engines....a very desirable thing. My goal is to reduce name confusion and make it easy for both members and the public to view and access our official site. The site will eventually become a central repository for all of our data and historical archives.

So far, I have posted rosters, contacts, history, announcements, member articles, newsletters, picture galleries, classified ads, gift shop, reunions and much more. I do this with the hope of creating interest in our organization. I hope you find the site easily navigable and a valuable place to keep abreast of our organizational activities and archives. The count is now an amazing 13,000 hits since we launched 6 month ago.

*Note: Google uses sophisticated algorithms (patterns) to automatically position search results on browser pages. When you return home, please search Google for *OX5.org*, and open our site. Do this every day if possible...as this will bring the *OX5.org* name to the top of the searches.*

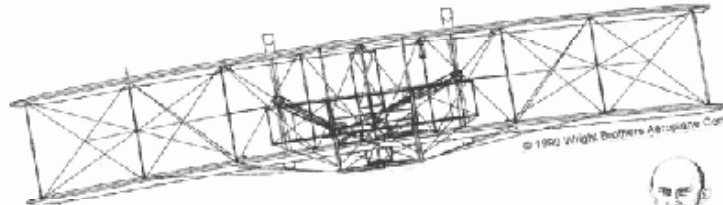
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# THE OHIO WING



of

## OX5 AVIATION PIONEERS



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**The Ohio Wing Congratulates All OX5 Pioneers  
Attending the 56th Annual Reunion in Hammondsport, NY.  
Sept 23-25, 2011.**

**Jim Beisner, Pres  
Steve Boone, VP Janet Barnard, Sec/Treas**



Jim Beisner Jim Pinkertn Janet Barnard Patty Wagner Russ Berry, Steve Boone Marla Boone Marve Ester

# WELCOME

## ~ OX5 AVIATION PIONEERS ~

### FROM THE KANSAS WING

#### HALL OF FAME -- KANSAS

WALTER BEECH  
CLYDE CESSNA  
LLOYD STEARMAN  
J EARL SHAEFER  
DWANE WALLACE  
WILLIAM P LEAR  
ELTON ROWLEY  
RICHARD F SHOLTZ  
JOE & HOWARD FUNK  
DAVE BLANTON  
MORTON "MORT" BROWN  
CLIFFORD "CLIFF" DONNELLY  
ALEXANDER N PETROFF  
MARGUERITE LAWRENCE



THE STEARMAN TRAINED MORE WORLD WAR II MILITARY PILOTS THAN ANY OTHER TRAINER. IT WAS DESIGNED BY LLOYD STEARMAN, AND BUILT IN WICHITA, KANSAS. THE LAST ONE BUILT IS IN THE USAF MUSEUM IN DAYTON, FLOWN THERE BY B-29 TEST PILOT GEORGE HANNA.

#### OX5 KANSAS WING

HAROLD WALTER, PRES  
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#### NEWSLETTER

HAROLD WALTER  
BOBBIE WALTER

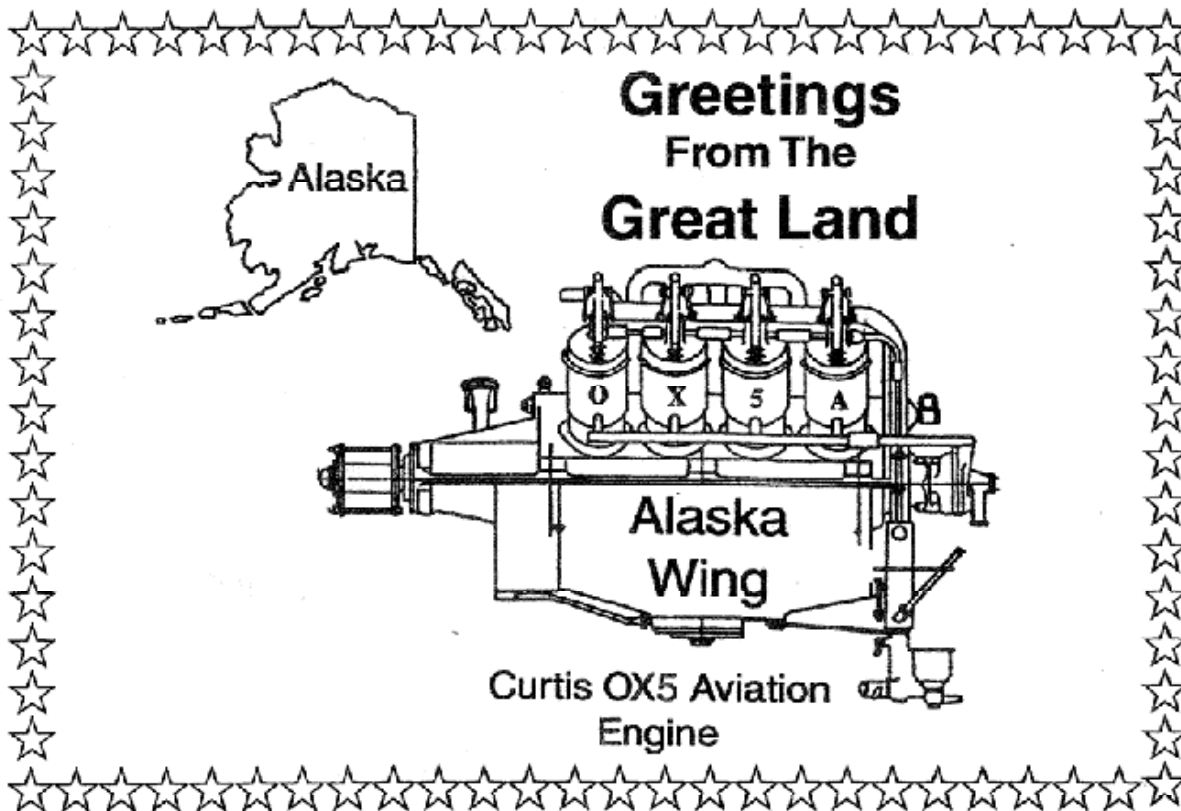


THE OX5 KANSAS WING BOARD OF GOVERNORS –  
LEFT TO RIGHT: SAM SNYDER, DOUG MOLER, JOE LATAS,  
JOANN BAILEY, HAROLD WALTER, JAY McLEOD AND  
DUHHAIN WAEKER. BOB CONARD AND RICHARD  
KIRKLAND WERE NOT AVAILABLE FOR THE PICTURE.

56<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

~ YEAR 2011

THANK YOU GLENN CURTISS WING  
FOR HOSTING THE 56<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REUNION



### **Board of Governors**

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# THE TEXAS WING

WELCOMES ALL OX5ERS  
TO THE **56TH**  
ANNUAL REUNION

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**Hammondsport,  
New York**

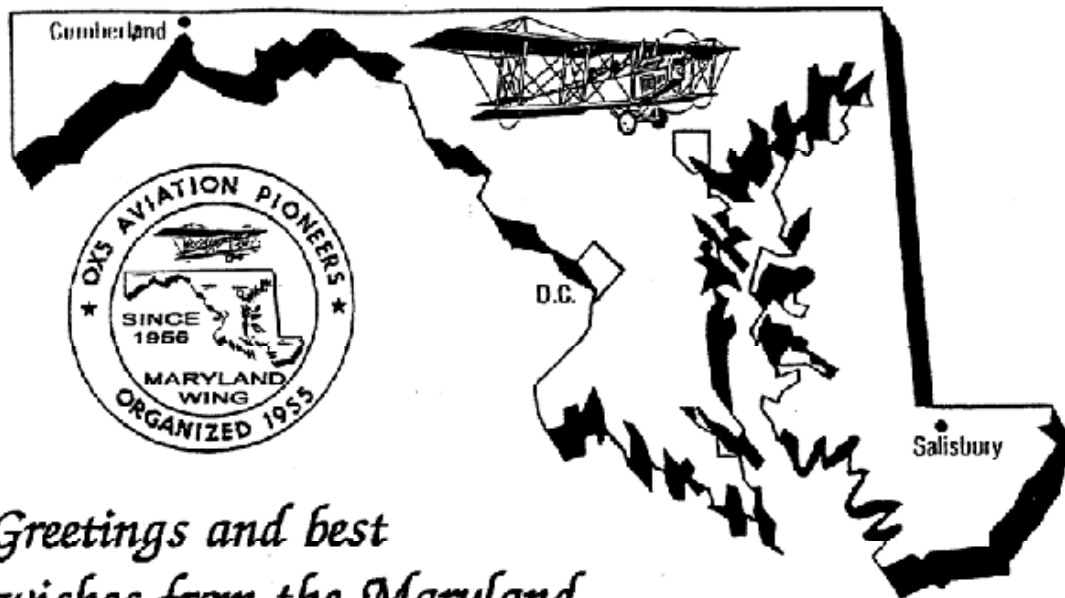


**IT WILL BE ONE OF THE BEST EVER !!!**

## **TEXAS WING OFFICERS**

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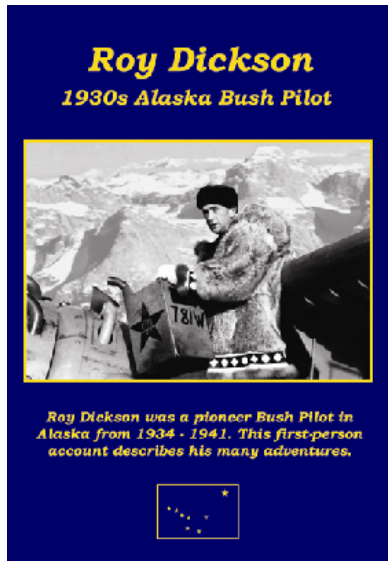
*Greetings and best  
wishes from the Maryland  
Wing of the OX5 Aviation Pioneers*

**Best Wishes  
to the  
OX5 Aviation Pioneers  
for  
Another Grand Reunion  
at  
Hammondsport, NY**

**Lester W. Hendrickson, President  
235 Wintergreen Way  
New Holland, PA 17557-9685**

**Jack L. King, 1st Vice President**

# THE DICKSONS CONGRATULATE THE OX5 ON THEIR 56TH



Brother & sister Roy Dickson (Jr) (OX5 ID 23000) and Dorothy Dickson McLaren published the book *Roy Dickson 1930s Alaska Bush Pilot* which is their father's account of his pioneer aviation experiences in Alaska. (Roy Sr's OX5 ID 11126). The book, now in its third printing has been widely praised. Roy and Dorothy, who had lived with their family in Anchorage from

1934 to 1941 spent three weeks in Alaska in August 2010. In addition to sight-seeing in the much more modern Alaska, they held two book signings in Anchorage, and signings in Homer and Talkeetna. Their website [www.alaskabushpilot.org](http://www.alaskabushpilot.org) provides a great deal of information about Alaska aviation history as well as information about the book and an accompanying DVD video set.

*Ed Note: Roy & Dorothy have generously donated a full page Ad along with their book and DVDs for door prizes at our Awards program.*

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**Congratulations And Best Wishes To All Who Are  
Gathered In Celebration Of This 56th OX5 Reunion**

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**THE GEORGIA WING  
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ALL OX5 ATTENDEES  
ON THEIR  
56th NATIONAL REUNION  
in Hammondsport, NY**

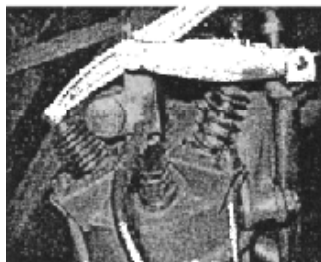


## Welcome to the 56<sup>th</sup> National Reunion of the OX5 Aviation Pioneers & Historians from the Wisconsin Wing

2011 Reunion September 23-25  
Hammondsport, NY

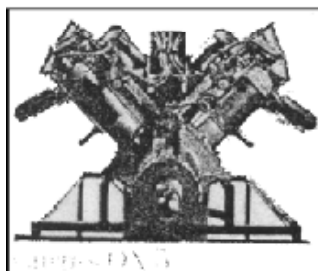
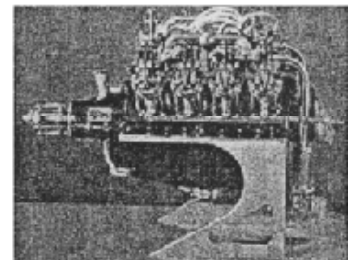
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OX5 Wisconsin Wing  
New Members of the Hall of Fame

Charlie Dewey \_\_\_\_\_ 2008  
Gene Chase \_\_\_\_\_ 2008  
Freddie Stripe \_\_\_\_\_ 2009  
Don Voland \_\_\_\_\_ 2009



Oshkosh, Wisconsin  
Home of the EAA and AirVenture  
Wittman Regional Airport (OSH)

**OX5 Wisconsin Wing**





**“Sweetie” Meek  
and Her Sons Pat and Mac  
extends Best Wishes  
for a Grand 56th Reunion !**



Nashville, Tennessee



**THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS  
of the  
CLIFF BALL WING  
of  
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA**

**Commend the Officers and Membership  
of the Glenn H Curtiss Wing  
of  
Hammondsport, NY  
for their greatly appreciated efforts  
in hosting the  
56th Reunion  
of the  
OX5 Aviation Pioneers**



L to R Cliff Yerkey VP, Ivan D Livi Pres, Dennis G Yerkey Sec. Darla Mroski Gov, Jim Kirk Gov,  
Frank B Long Gov and Tom Barruso Treas.  
Not pictured: Govs Harry Bochter, Jim Herron, Sherwood Thompson

The First OX5 Gathering Was Held at the Mission Inn, Latrobe, Pennsylvania



Best Wishes for a Successful 56th  
Annual Reunion/Conference in  
Hammondsport, NY.

**Keith Krewson**

Charlton, Massachusetts

Recipient of the *OX5 Legion of Merit Award* in 2010

Winner of the OX5 Early Bird Award --Two Consecutive Years

# OX5 Memorabilia at Latrobe, Pa





The Glenn H. Curtiss Museum, bearing the name of Hammondsport's favorite son, is located on Route 54, one half mile south of the village of Hammondsport, New York. Dedicated to the memory of pioneer aviator, Glenn Curtiss, the museum contains a priceless collection relating to early aviation and local history. The museum also features a 75-seat theater, large open area for special events and a gift shop. In addition to seeing the museum displays and exhibits, visitors are welcome to visit the Restoration Shop, talk with volunteer craftsman and watch them work on historic aircraft.

Glenn Curtiss began his career as a builder of bicycles and then, motorcycles. In 1907 he became the "fastest man on earth" when he attained a speed of 136.4 MPH on his V8 powered motorcycle. An exact reproduction of this bike is one of several Curtiss motorcycles that are on display. On July 4th, 1908, Curtiss gained notoriety of a different kind when he flew his flying machine, named the "June Bug", a distance of over 5000 feet to win the Scientific American Trophy. This was the first pre-announced, public flight in America - a feat that earned him pilot's license # 1. A full-sized reproduction of the "June Bug" is one of several historic aircraft on display.

Glenn Curtiss won world recognition as an aircraft builder and pilot in 1909 when he won the Gordon Bennett Trophy for speed at the First International Aviation Meet held in Rheims, France. During this flight he achieved the breath-taking speed of 46.5 MPH (he went 90 MPH faster on a motorcycle two years earlier). Back in the states, a year later, Curtiss again furthered his eminence as a pioneer aviator by making the first long distance flight in America, between two cities. He flew from Albany to New York City with one stop, for a total distance of 150 miles to win a \$10,000 prize and the Scientific American Trophy (again). In 1911 he mastered the technology associated with taking off and landing an aircraft on water, thereby making the "seaplane" and later, the "flying boat", a practical reality. Seaplane development led Curtiss to an association with the U.S. Navy that began when he trained their first pilots and built the "A-1", their first aircraft. Today, he is acknowledged as "The Father of Naval Aviation". Visitors to the museum will also see a full-scale reproduction of this first naval aircraft. Additional Curtiss aircraft in the collection include a 1912 "Pusher", a 1913 "Model E" flying boat, a 1917 "Jenny", a 1919 "Seagull" flying boat, and a 1927 "Robin". From the Curtiss-Wright era (post 1929), included are a 1931 "Junior", a  $\frac{3}{4}$  scale P-40 and last - but certainly not least, a C-46, WWII transport (this aircraft will actually be seen first, because it guards the main gate). In addition to motorcycles and aircraft, visitors will also see antique tools, toys, boats, home-furnishings, fire equipment and much more. There's something here for everyone!

Source: Glenn Curtiss Museum Web Site

# THE CORNING MUSEUM OF GLASS TOUR

Tour Friday 23rd **Depart Museum at 1:00**



## See Glass in a New Light

Explore every facet of glass at The Corning Museum of Glass. See more than 35 centuries of glass artistry in the galleries, explore glass innovations in our hands-on science and technology area, and watch live glass demos - all day, every day of the week. You can even Make Your Own Glass!



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# CONGRATULATIONS

## OX5 AVIATION PIONEERS



*Best Wishes for Your 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion*



From:

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**Gloria J. Cosby**, *Executive Vice President*

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- *Airport Business*
- *Ground Support Worldwide*
- *Cygnus Aviation Expo*

**Thomas E. Hendershot**, *Executive Director, AMTSociety*





## 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.

# Saturday

## Meetings and Location

**All Meetings Take Place At  
The Glenn Curtiss Museum**

9:00-10:00 AM	Wing President's Meeting	Theatre
10:00-12:00 Noon	Governor's Meeting Election of Governors & Officers	Conference Room
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00-3:00 PM	General Membership Meeting	Theatre
3:00-6:00 PM	Return to Hotel	
6:00 PM	Dinner/Award Banquet	

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We welcome all photos and articles for posting to our site.

## NEW MEMBERS STARTING Jan 1, 2010 to Aug 2011

	First	Last	City	State
1	Sherwood	Thompson	Pittsburgh	PA
2	John D	LeBlanc	DeLand	FL
3	Doug	Moler	Valley Center	KS
4	Eric	Hampel	Mason	OH
5	Steven R	Shank	Allen	TX
6	John	McCrary	Marfa	TX
7	Ron	Bill	Monessen	PA
8	Jack	Wells	Lake City	FL
9	Troy	Hahn	Troy	OH
10	Richard L.	Schwenker	Maquoketa	IA
11	Philip W	Steiner	S Pasadena	FL
12	Rickey	Gilmer	Cropwell	AL
13	Robert O	Wyatt	Clarksville	TN
14	Ted J	Campbell	Carbon Hill	AL
15	Joe G	Magish	Jacksonville	FL
16	Michael C	Gerhardt	Birmingham	AL
17	Frederick G	Herbert	Preston	CT
18	Mike P	Cochran	Americus	GA
19	Joseph R.	Kaminskas	Biglerville	PA
20	David	Hardman	Palm Harbor	FL
21	Mike	Wonder	Bloomfield	IN
22	Richard W	Bartley, Sr	Grady	AL
23	Louis J	Zufker	East Moriches	NY
24	Dennis G	Rounsville	Darville	NY
25	Nancy L	Mess	Ithaco	NY
26	Mikael	Asgeirsson	Alpine	TX
27	Colton	Woodward	Alpine	TX
28	Steve	Sachs	Lebanon	TN
29	Robert M	Hammond	Lockport	IL
30	William R	Livingston	Anchorage	AK
31	Stanley J	Lawrence	Andover	KS
32	Robert Lee	Taylor	Ottumwa	IA
33	Russell E	Berry	West Milton	OH
34	Elwood J	Haston	Alpine	TX
35	Thomas E	Hendershot	Lone Tree	CO
36	John H	Etzel	Pittsburgh	PA
37	Bruce	Kristof	Petersburgh	VA
38	Geraldine	Higgs	Bay City	MI
39	Mark	Anderson	Bates City	MO
40	Bob	Blanton	Wichita	KS
41	Charles S.	Brown	Lakeland	FL
42	Richard	Chalfant	Gibsonia	PA
43	Terry A	Crawford	Palm Beach Gdn	FL
44	Peter	Davison	Boise	ID
45	Richard	DeFran	Xlermont	FL
46	Trafford	Doherty	Curtiss	NY
47	Rickey	Durden	Conifer	CO
48	William R	Grider	Kokomo	IN
49	Brian	Grigsby	Coco Beach	FL
50	Jeff	Hill	Trophy Club	TX
51	Milo	Holmes	Miami	FL

52	Bonnie L	Johnson	Valley Center	KS
53	Nancy J	Mess	Ithaca	NY
54	Robert F	Morrison	Denton	TX
55	Stuart G	Nerland	Chandler	AZ
56	Charles R	Osborn	Keuka Park	NY
57	Leroy	Peterson	Aguila	AZ
58	Virginia	Rabung	Mundelein	IL
59	Barbara	Simmons	Beverly Hills	CA
60	James	Trophy	Winter Haven	FL
61	Ronald L.	Nelson	Anchorage	AK
62	Michael D.	McKenzie	Birmingham	AL
63	Timothy G.	Thompson	Kenosha	WI
64	Loren C.	Thompson	Kenosha	WI
65	Max	Hodel	Anchorage	AK
66	Carter K	Fairchild	West Palm Beach	FL
67	William	Florence	Bogart	GA
68	James E	Manning Jr	Ellaville	GA
67	Japp	Mesdag		
68	Leo	Brosche	Salt Springs	FL
69	Norman D	Hogg	Bethel Park	PA
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## 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.

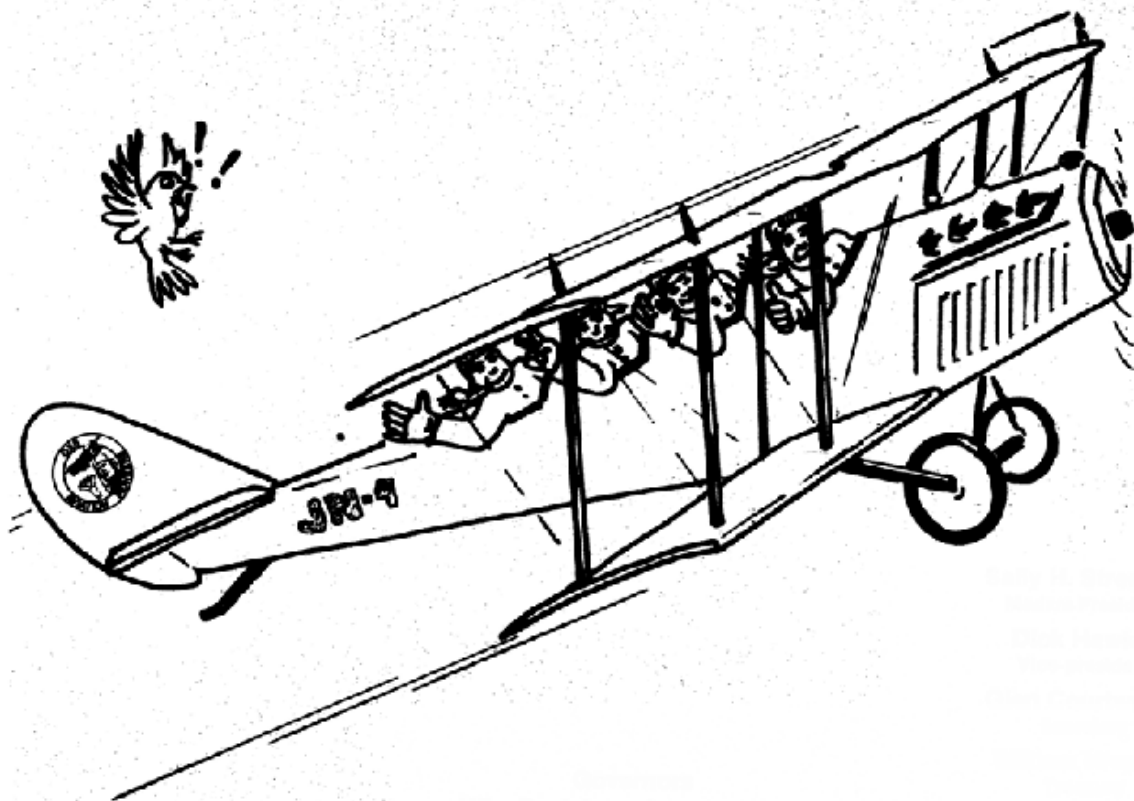
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**Best Wishes**

**for a**

**Happy 56th Reunion**

**from Illinois Wing**



**The Illinois Wing Closed on February 26, 2011**

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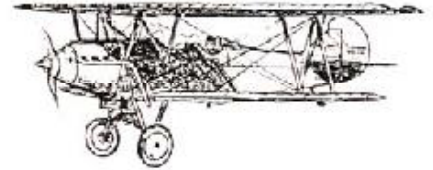
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\*=Deceased

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1961	James J. Mattern *	
1962-65	E. A. Goff, Jr. *	
1966	William L. Atwood *	
1967-68	Arthur Goebel *	
1969-70	John P. Morris *	
1971-72	Karl E. Voelter *	
1973-74	W. Buriel Barclay *	
1975-76	Oliver V. Phillips *	
1977	Nick P. Rezich *	
1978	Foster A. Lane *	
1979-80	Wilson Mills *	
1981-82	Jim M. Richter *	
1983-84	Paul McCully *	
1985-86	Robert F. Lang *	
1987	J. Max Freeman, Jr. *	
1988-89	Elmer Hansen *	
1990	Everett Welch *	
1991-92	W. H. Burkhalter *	
1993-94	Charles E. Dewey *	
1997	Clifford M. Pleggenkuhle *	DOB
1998	Martin Casey	1913
1999	Robert Gettelman *	
2000	Dorothy Hansen *	
2001	Jim Ricklefs	1914
2002	Wayne T. Gordon	1946
2003	Benny Benninghoff	1919
2004	Oren B. Hudson	1920
2005-06	Robert W. Taylor	
2007-08	Harold Walter	1928
2009-10	George Vose	1922
2011	Dennis G Yerkey	1940



## OX5 AVIATION PIONEERS



Date: Sept 23, 2011

From: Harold Walter, OX5 Awards Chairman, 2011

Subject: Determining OX5 Aviation Pioneers Award Recipients



The purpose of this letter is to define the way nominations and evaluations of OX5 Awards have been determined.

Early in the year, well before the award nominations are due, an Awards Chairman is assigned and awards information is published in the OX5 NEWS. This includes the titles and basic requirements. Three to five members are asked to be evaluators. Three works quite well. These individuals are selected from around the country and various membership areas.

Although the evaluators are greatly appreciated and thanked for their contribution, it is necessary that they remain unidentified.

Nomination requirements are specified with the form information, and should be adhered to by the nominator and are also considered in evaluating. Recommended font minimum size, number of pages, number of copies, photos, etc., are factors. The nominations are assembled and shipped by the Awards Chairman to the evaluators, along with a self addressed stamped return envelope to each one.

The nominations are sent to the Awards Chairman, postmarked on or before the established due date. July 1 provides adequate time for the evaluators to complete their analysis before the reunion, which is typically in September or October.

Upon receipt of the results from the evaluators, the nominator is notified in order that he/she can notify the nominee. The award information from the nominations is then summarized for presentation by the National Secretary at the reunion.

It's natural for the Presidential Citations, Clifford Ball Newsletter Award, etc., to be selected by the President in conjunction with person/persons familiar with the specific award item.

Thank You and Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Harold Walter".

Harold Walter #21855  
Chairman Awards Committee



Photo Taken At The 75th Anniversary of Allegheny County Airport 2006

## In Memory of Robert H. Zorn

(Holding Picture)

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by Eleanor Russell Zorn

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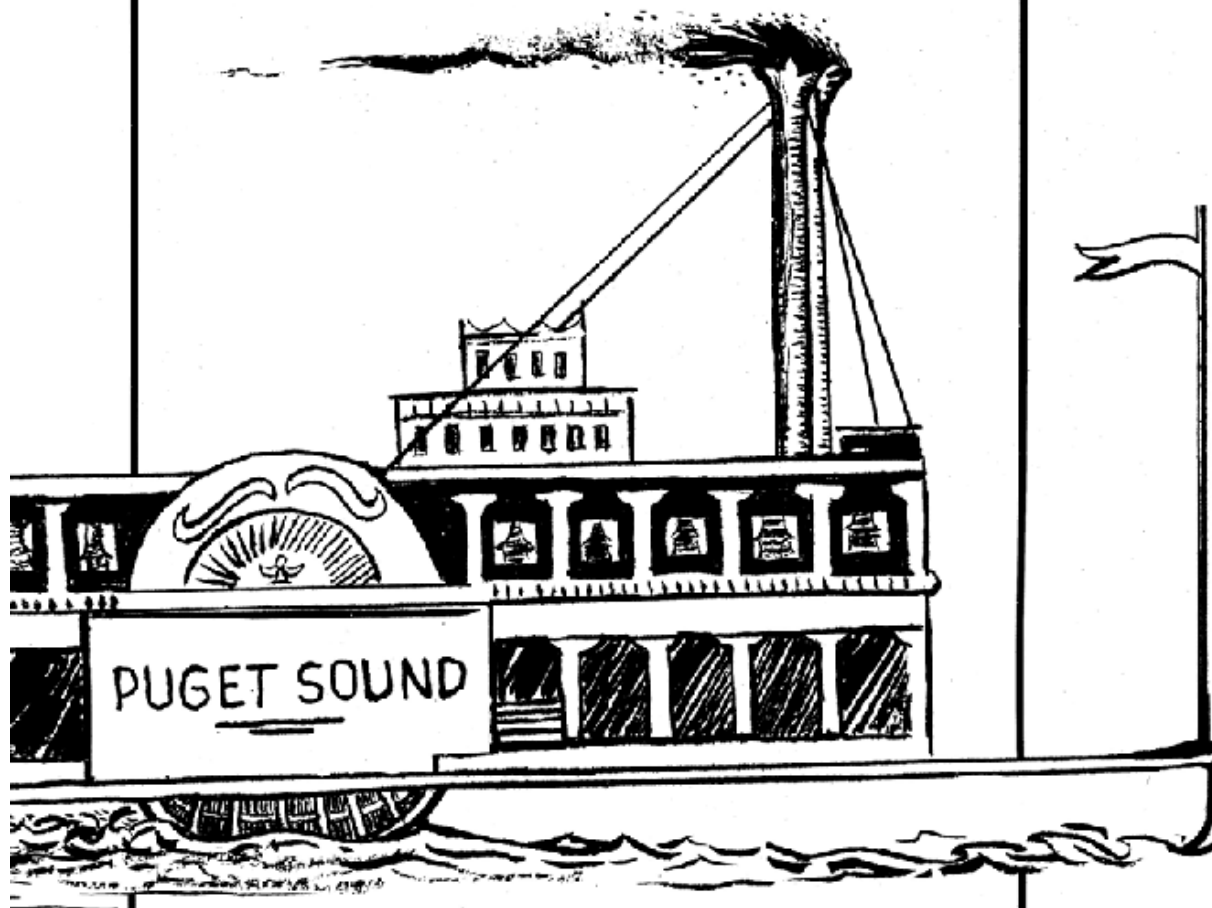
OF THOSE WHO HAVE SUBMITTED THEIR DATE OF BIRTH

CONGRATULATIONS  
 TO ALL !

Last	First	DOB
Meyser	Joseph B.	11/2/1906
* Brown *	Morton W.	7/29/1908--9/10/2011
Levis	George A.	12/6/1909
Lockness	Doris E.	2/2/1910
Towle	Ben	4/24/1910
Gibbs Jr.	William H.	10/6/1910
Stiles	Hugh D.	11/26/1910
Ineichen	Fred	11/2/1912
Stripe	Frederic F.	2/3/1913
Casey	Martin C.	2/10/1913
Reed	Boardman C.	7/31/1913
Fordyce	W. A.	8/15/1913
Lewis	Clarence E.	9/18/1913
Bonadeo	Baldo C.	11/6/1913
Ricklefs	James S.	3/9/1914
Schaarschmidt	Sophie	3/22/1914
Browne III	Col Harvey S.	6/22/1914
Savoy	Neal P.	7/2/1914
Wilhelm	James C.	11/20/1914
Dijean	George E.	11/30/1914
Shannon	Sidney R.	12/7/1914
Greve	Robert E.	1/18/1915
Tittinger	George J.	1/24/1915
Shipman	John G.	5/14/1915
Easton	Frank B.	6/3/1915
LeBon	Victor G.	7/2/1915
Wiley	Robert W.	7/15/1915
Wichser	C. F. (Bill)	9/7/1915
Forsyth III	John F.	11/7/1915
Meyer	Norman	1/15/1916
Richardson	David A.	3/27/1916
Richter	Allen R. (S)	6/16/1916
Sullivan	John E.	7/14/1916
Holliday	Robert L.	7/28/1916
Donnelly	Clifford E.	10/8/1916

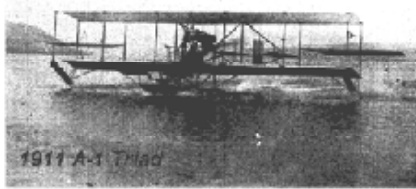
Carey	Robert F.	11/7/1916
O'Brien	Blanche E.	11/13/1916
Hornbaker	John	1/5/1917
Rippeteau	Darrel D.	1/14/1917
Frejlach	Lucian	1/16/1917
Weeks Jr.	George E.	2/18/1917
Hadfield	Josephine B.	3/11/1917
Harper	Lester	4/16/1917
Brown	Perry C.	4/18/1917
Johnson	E.M.	4/23/1917
Whitman	Harry J.	5/19/1917
Kraemer	L.A. Vern	6/1/1917
Eickhoff	Edward L.	7/2/1917
Flynn	Joseph L.	7/3/1917
Southwick	Clifford D.	8/21/1917
Johnson	Max E.	12/30/1917
Bullock	William H.	2/18/1918
DeJonghe	Henricus F.	3/9/1918
Schlapman	William J.	3/20/1918
Belville	Carl G.	3/31/1918
Bobzin	Lyle D.	5/9/1918
Abbott	Donald R.	7/10/1918
Brinton	Herbert R.	7/24/1918
Officer Jr.	Roland D.	9/16/1918
Meek	Susan McDonald	9/29/1918
Sullivan	Stephen Paul	12/15/1918
Thompson, Ret	Col. Allen W.	12/26/1918
Shaughnessy	Jerome	4/22/1919
Mitchell	Dean W	6/3/1919
Wise	Allan J.	6/6/1919
Markle III	Alvan	6/12/1919
Hendrickson	Lester W.	6/29/1919
Warner	Lola M	10/2/1919
Kraemer	Barbara S.	10/3/1919
Andrews	Clifford	11/10/1919
Benninghoff	Howard B.	11/12/1919
Tilton	Dean S.	11/14/1919
Carter	Charles R.	11/28/1919
Krohn	Glen E.	12/10/1919
Bussart	Donald E.	12/18/1919
Fichera	Joseph	2/5/1920
Maxson	Lewis E.	3/15/1920
Neyland	Tom R.	5/3/1920
Ferrarese	Joseph A.	5/25/1920
Hudson (S)	Oren B.	6/9/1920
Livi	Ivan D.	6/17/1920
Coles	Lawrence G.	6/22/1920
Morgan	John I.	8/3/1920
Lima	Earl S.	8/12/1920
Papritz	Edwin H.	8/14/1920
Hunter	Dale H.	8/15/1920
Murtha	Louis A.	8/25/1920
Pritchett	William D.	8/29/1920
Udelius	Arne E.	9/5/1920
Ursell II	Charles R	11/21/1920
Williams	Robert M.	12/4/1920

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**From Barbara Ball Ewing** OX5 ID 21369

In 1955, I accompanied my father, Cliff Ball, to the founding of the OX5 Club in Latrobe and ever since have felt a loyalty to the members who carry on the commitment to the recognition of early American aviation history as part of our Nation's heritage. I'm unable to attend the 56th reunion, but I'm taking this way of sharing with you the unique honors received by Clifford Ball, know in his later years as Western Pennsylvania's "Grand Old Man of Aviation."

Editor's note: Cliff ball is one of the founding fathers of the OX5 in 1955.

### **International Forest of Friendship**

In 1976, both my father and mother were honored with a tree planted for each of them, joining other aviation legends such as Amelia Earhart, Charles Lindbergh, Wiley Post, and Eddie Rickenbacker in the International Forest of Friendship in Atchison Kansas. My son, Michael Essad, their grandson, was able to make a visit there and met with the fabulous Marguerite Lawrence.

### **Tribute from United Airlines**

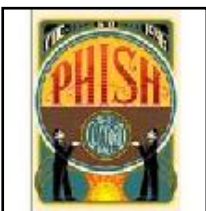
A year later, United Airlines honored Clifford Ball's airline "The Path of the Eagle" as the parent company of United. My mother, Helen Ball, an aviation pioneer and pilot herself, accepted the tribute.

### **Miss Pittsburgh in the Pittsburgh International Airport**



It was a grand day in April 1995 at the Pittsburgh International Airport for Cliff's airplane, *Miss Pittsburgh*. The Waco 9 with an OX5 engine, the plane that, in 1927, hauled the first sack of mail from Bettis Field in McKeesport, Pennsylvania to Cleveland, Ohio, came home to stay. The inauguration of the air mail service represented the beginning of commercial aviation in Western Pennsylvania. It's quite a story of how the OX5 was involved in finding the plane in pieces in a barn in

Rhinebeck, New York, worked hard to bring it back to Pittsburgh, have it restored to its original glory, and worked with Allegheny County to have it hung where it can be seen as you pass through the security line at the Airport.



### **"The Clifford Ball"**

One of the most unusual events honoring my father occurred in August 1996. "The Clifford Ball," was a live, outdoor, 3-day concert performed by the jam band Phish, held at the former Air Force Base in Plattsburgh, New York. Seventy thousand fans strolled around the Clifford Ball Village, which contained newspaper clippings of Clifford Ball's achievements, while overhead, airplanes performed daring stunts. Michael was in attendance. Cliff would have approved – he had attracted crowds to his airport in the 1920s with music and entertainment. The band got the idea when they saw the plaque at the Pittsburgh Airport honoring my dad – it read in part, "Clifford Ball - A beacon of light in the world of flight"

### **Pittsburgh's Mr. Aviation**

The latest of the honors bestowed on Cliff Ball was the play *Pittsburgh's Mr. Aviation* performed in May 2011 at the Pittsburgh Playhouse Junior by a cast from Point Park University. The play was written for 5th and 6th grade school children. My husband and I, who attended the premiere, as well as the adult audiences who attended the weekend performances, came away singing the praises of a well written, outstanding presentation that could be appreciated at any age. The playwright, Yoli, got the idea when she saw my son's photos of his grandparents and learned their story of starting commercial aviation in Western Pennsylvania.



Among those attending the premiere on May 14, 2011, were from the left, a young man whose lineage goes back to Bessie Coleman, who in the early 1920s was the famous first female American pilot of African American descent; Michael Essad; Yoli; Keith Ewing, Barbara's husband; Barbara Ball Ewing; Adam Lynch, journalist and former Pittsburgh TV news anchorman; and Jessi Sedon-Essad.

### **The Clifford Ball Suite**

When the Hyatt Regency Hotel at the Pittsburgh International Airport opened in 2000, they wanted their Presidential Suite named for a well known, local aviation pioneer. Clifford Ball was chosen. My husband and I traveled from Houston, Texas, where we live, and joined officers and members of the OX5 Clifford Ball Wing for the dedication. It was a wonderful opportunity for me to renew old friendships and make new ones with people as dedicated to aviation as Cliff had been.



Barbara Ewing-Don Riggs

### **Taking Wing**

More recently Adam Lynch, a well known former anchorman at Channel 11 and Channel 13 in Pittsburgh, wrote an article for the spring 2011 issue of *Pittsburgh Quarterly* magazine, "Taking Wing – How the Commercial Aviation Industry Got Started in Pittsburgh." The lead for the story was Clifford Ball's role as the pioneer who started the first airline here with a picture of Cliff and my mother, Sales Manager for Clifford Ball Airlines in the 1920s.

### Wikipedia Article

Clifford A. Ball, a McKeesport, Pennsylvania, automobile dealer and owner of a controlling interest in Bettis Field near Pittsburgh, won airmail contract route #11 on March 27, 1926. In April of the following year, The **Clifford Ball Airline** began operating between Pittsburgh and Cleveland, Ohio. Famed humorist and performer Will Rogers was known to be an early and regular passenger, but scheduled passenger service did not begin until April 28, 1928. The following August, it became the first airline to serve Washington, DC, from the west, offering its flagship "Path of the Eagle" service from Cleveland to Hoover Field across the Potomac River.

Source-Wikipedia



Date 1929

Picture from Barb Ball Ewing

Cliff purchased the Fairchild FC-2 in 1928 to start the "Path of the Eagle" passenger service.

Helen Stinner Ball---Clifford Ball

### Coming Up

Currently I'm writing a book about my mother's aviation experiences while promoting air mail with my father in the 1920s and her adventures as a pilot in the 1930s. I'll notify the OX5 of the publication date.

Clifford Ball was a humble man. I know, however, he would be proud of these honors and, more important, proud that each of you is attending this event because you are committed to the purpose of the OX5 Club.

Best wishes for a great 56th reunion.

*Barbara Ball Ewing*

PRESS RELEASE by Norman Brush 7-6-2011

*OX5 AVIATION PIONEERS TO HOLD NATIONAL REUNION IN HAMMONDSPORT, NY*

The OX5 Aviation Pioneers' Glenn Curtiss Wing will host the organization's national reunion September 23-25, 2011 with members expected to attend from all states of the union.

Charlie Carroll, manager of the Latrobe Airport, led the founding of the organization in 1955 in Latrobe, Pa. The OX5 Aviation Pioneers was originally made up of men and women who flew aircraft powered by the Curtiss OX5 engine, or who had worked in the maintenance of these pioneer engines. Membership rose to more than 4,000 members by the late 1950s and maintained itself through later years.

In 1989 the historian membership was instituted which permitted members to be chosen from interested persons who had no OX5 experience, but, who were interested in early American aviation history and who wanted to keep the organization alive. Today, there is only one class of membership with many of the Wings populated with younger members who share our common ideas. There are 1,300 members on the roster. You do not have to be a pilot or mechanic to join.

Most of the activities of this year's reunion will take place at the Glenn H. Curtiss Museum in Hammondsport, NY. One of the highlights will be a field trip to the Corning Museum of Glass.

The OX5 Aviation Pioneers is dedicated to the preservation of history and memorabilia of early American aviation and to honor those persons who laid the foundation of today's aviation industry.

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