



OX5 NEWS

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OX5 Annual Reunion

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A Must Attend Event !!! (Registration Form Is On Page 9 Of This Newsletter)

The 62 Annual Reunion will be held in Dayton Ohio on Oct. 18,19, and 20, 2017. (Wed. 6:30 pm Meet and Greet Room will be open until 10:00 pm. Thurs. 9:30 am depart for tours - lunch on your own - back to hotel for 6:00 pm to get ready for dinner theater. Fri. 9:30 am meeting of Governors - 1200 noon depart for tours - 6:30 pm Reunion Dinner.)

Highlights include:

Touring the new fourth building at National Museum of the Air Force

Touring the Wright brothers Bicycle shop

A Flyby of the OX-5 powered WACO 10 (good weather required)

Presentation on Alaska bush pilots

Tour of the Wright Brother airplane factory

Dinner theater "Mommy Mia" Thursday night

OX-5 62 Annual Reunion Banquet At Historic WACO Field. We will dine in Hangar two with three OX-5 powered planes and two more engines!



(OX5 Past President - Jim Beisner - OX5 Powered WACO 10)

We will be staying at the Clarion Inn Dayton Airport in Englewood Ohio 937-832-1234. Direct Room rate is \$86.00 There are many restaurants around the hotel.

Registration fee includes all tours banquet and transportation. Dinner theater is not included in the \$75 dollar per person registration, but can be paid and sent in with the Registration Form.



(Ohio Wing's Waco Ten)



(Marla Boone "Gracefully"
Getting Out Of The Rear
Cockpit)



Message From The Officers



President's Message:

Hello to all of you,

We have been very busy here at OX-5 National Office.



Number one on the list: The scholarship program which due to some personal support by the membership, is growing. We were able to give two \$1000.00 scholarships, two \$250 and a fun camper scholarship for \$250.00

I think this is a great thing for us to do and seems to be well liked by the membership. Anyone that would like to support this effort please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. There seems to be a growing population that have heard about the our wonderful scholarship program. These students will be given a membership as part of the award.

Well done to all that support this program!

(\$1000.00 dollar winners:)

Anthony R. Martinez, Westminster Md. An Honors student at Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics His dream is "to be an aircraft design engineer." It looks like he is on his way!

Hannah May, Brookville Ohio An Honors student at Brookville High School and plans to be an Air Force officer. She will use scholarship money for her Private Pilot rating.

(\$250.00 winners:)

Michael Harold, Uniontown PA. An Honors student at the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics working on his airframe and power plant rating.

Ethan Hollis, Greensburg PA. Also an honors student at the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics working on his airframe and power plant rating

(\$240 Fun Scholarship:)

Rosemary Schmalhofer, 13 years old, Troy Ohio. Attended the WACO Aviation Museum and Learning Center Summer camp. "I learned a lot at camp. I learned about the four forces of flight, made and flew my own kite, made and flew paper rockets. Thank you very much for the scholarship. I wouldn't have been able to go without it."

So there, friends! We are changing lives!

P.S. Our very own Dennis Yerkey will be presenting the checks to the students in PA. Thanks Dennis for doing this and spreading the word of OX-5! I will give the check to Hannah.

(President's Message Continued)

Number two on the list: Sun and Fun!

We had a great few days running the OX-5 engine at the beautiful Midwest Florida Wing Oasis. If you have never been there it is quite a treat. People starting coming in around 7:30 am to start making coffee and food for the day. I know I gained 15 lbs. Every time I walked by there was something new to try. I walked by many times!!!!

Everyone from the wing was wonderful, well there was one guy. but you all know Wayne Gordon. Just kidding! Wayne was always on the move making sure every one was welcome.

Jim Beisner did a great job running the Engine and talking to the people that would gather when every time it was run.

Patty Wagner was voted in as Governor and also is doing a wonderful job as office manager. Thank you Patty, you have been a blessing.

Again well done all of you!

Number three on the list: EAA Oshkosh!

Our own Don Volland was at Vintage circle running the Wisconsin Wing's Engine. I was at three of the shows and Don did a great job fielding the many questions that came after the running of the engine. This engine was built by our very own Jim "Mr. OX-5" Beisner! Thanks Don for doing this. It was a hit. Also for spending many hours talking to hundreds of people in the type building. Well done!

Number four on the list: The WACO 10!

Jim Beisner, Russ Berry and I have been working on for several years is ready to fly we passed the inspection last week!

POTNOX-5P
Tim Pinkerton

Secretary's Message:

Greetings to all of our OX5 Members. I just finished a busy session at AirVenture and it is obvious that the event certainly has changed from what it was when Paul was running the show!

We ran the OX5 demonstration engine every day at 11:00 am to open the "Vintage In Review Show" and again on several days at 1:00 pm for all the interested folks in the viewing stands. We were not able to get into the new Vintage Aircraft building where we had our table until 12:00 noon each day and then we had to close up at 5:00 pm. Quite a bit different from the "old days" when we had our own private tent and could socialize with OX5 members and friends all day.

I am very pleased with the results of our Scholarship Program and all the great responses from the interested young folks. That certainly is the future of the OX5 Aviation Pioneers. Thank you to all of our staff members who make it all happen. Best wishes and Great Memories.

Don Volland
National OX5 Secretary



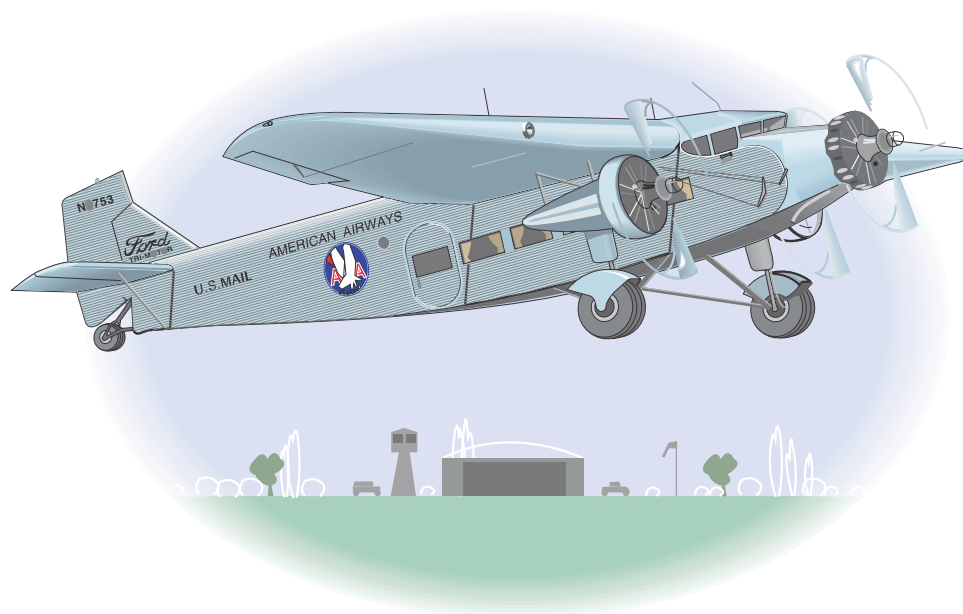


New Members



Welcome To Our New Members:

Byron Conaway - Savannah, TN	#38206
Byron Covey - Weirsdale, FL	#23207
Tom & Joanne Fleming - Lakeland FL	#23208
Eric Kaltenbacher - St. Petersburg, FL	#23209
Angela Masson - St. Augustine, FL	#23210
Debbie Morris - Columbus, GA	#12104
Robert Mueller - Sarasota, FL	#23211
John F. D. Peterson - Gonzales, LA	#23212
Matthew Pinkerton - Navarre, FL	#23213
Jared Schexnaydre - Kenner, LA	#23205
Keith & Ari Seaman - Auburndale, FL	#23214
Jack & Velma Soltesz - Lakeland, FL	#23215
Julie Vessigault - Kissimmee, FL	#23216
John Zito - Mulberry, FL	#23217





Donations



We appreciate the donations from all of you - Many Thanks!

James Allen

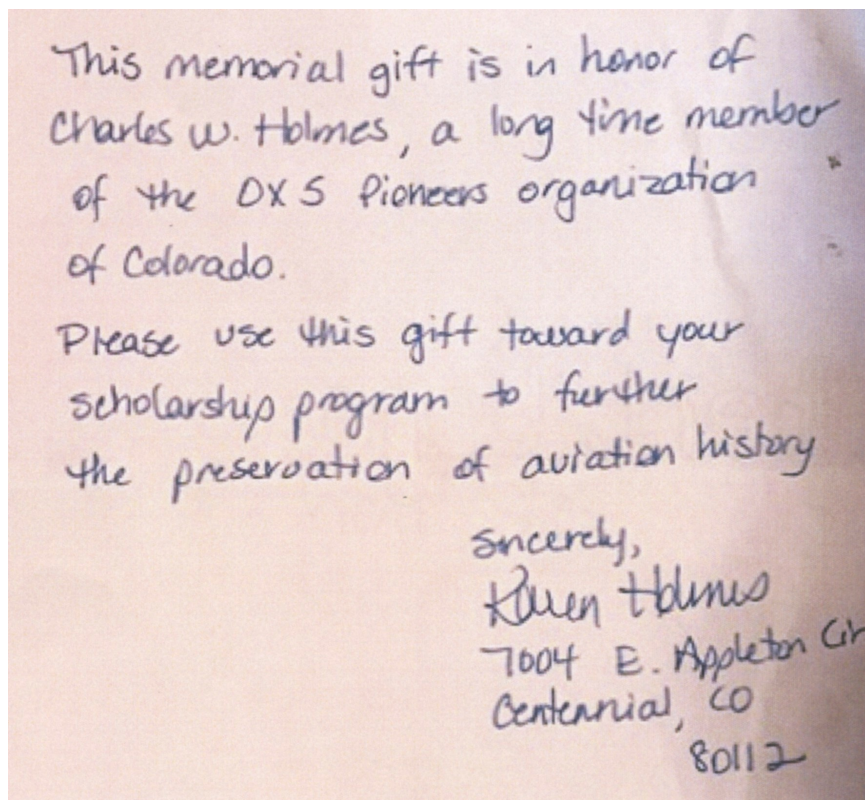
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Warren Polsky

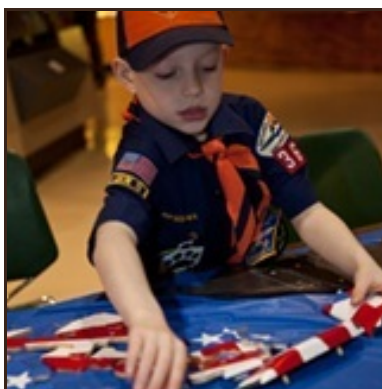
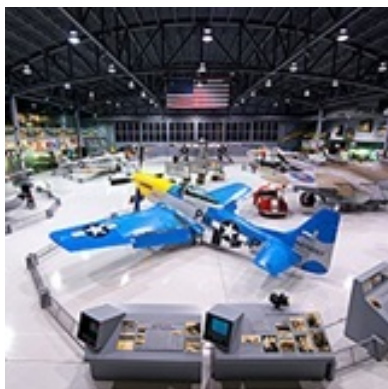
James Rothschadt

Kenneth Payant

\$1,000 Memorial Gift in honor of Charles W. Holmes For the Scholarship Program



\$200 Cliff Ball Wing Donation For A Scholarship to PIA In Pittsburgh



(Aviation Students In Class - Courtesy EAA)

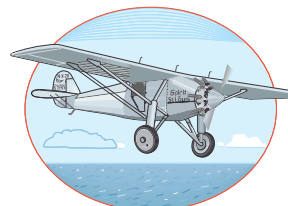


Folded Wings



It has been reported that the following members have Flown West:

Name	Membership #	Wing	Date
Robert A. Morgan	21095	Carolina	09/23/2016
Richard J. Brady	22693	Glenn Curtiss	06/3/2017
(He spent 21 years in the Air Force as a career. He also carved over 700 model airplanes we have in the Curtiss Museum. He will be missed by all. - Norm Brush - #20418)			
Walter D. House	22272	Kansas	07/1/2017
(Retired from Boeing, Air Force Veteran, member of the Board of Trustees of the Kansas Aviation Museum - Walt had tremendous airplane knowledge. He will be greatly missed. Harold Walter - #21855)			
George A. Levis	1641	Maryland	02/16/2017
(George passed away at the age of 107 - At age 9 he saw a flying boat in Bantry Bay, Ireland, and at that moment he knew he wanted to be a pilot. He came to America at age 16 by himself aboard the RMS Aquatania. He cleared customs in Ellis Island, New York and traveled by train to Detroit, Michigan. After starting his first job, he signed up for classes at Cass Technical High School where he received his license as an A&P Mechanic. George's first aviation job was with the Stinson Aircraft Corporation fabricating aircraft parts. He later was employed by Lycoming Corporation in Williamsport, PA where he was a flight mechanic. Later he was in Sales and flew across America demonstrating their newest aircraft engine. While demonstrating their newest engine, he had six forced landings without incident. Later George was employed by the Koppers Company as a Sales Manager of the Industrial Fan Department. The last time he flew, was as a copilot of a J3 Cub at the age of 103 with his 85 year old friend who was the pilot. Besides being a member of the OX5 Aviation Pioneers, he was also a member of the Quiet Birdman Fraternity where he was their oldest member. George visited his family in Ireland as frequently as possible, crossing the Atlantic Ocean aboard many of the ocean liners of the Cunard fleet. His last trip to Ireland was a solo trip in 2014 aboard the RMS Queen Mary II at the age of 103. - Sylvia Cook - #L22766)			
George J. Ceshker	L-11670	Texas	01/22/2017
(George passed away at the age of 101 - He came to Texas during WWII to be a Flight Instructor in the B-25 at Hicks Field in Ft. Worth. After the War ended, he lived in Texas the rest of his life. He was an early pilot for Central Airlines which later merged with Frontier Airlines where he retired as a Captain on the 737 at the mandatory retirement age of 60. He owned many planes during his life including Piper Cubs, Cessna, Stearman and his pride, an AT-6. He flew into his 90s, and last took the controls in a Cessna in Florida with his son, George Jr., a retired AA pilot trained by Dad, as his co-pilot. He was an instructor in both fixed wing and gliders, and licensed hundreds of pilots over the years. He was a member of many flying organizations. Colonel Ceshker flew in many of the Confederate Air Force shows. At the age of 94, the FAA awarded him The Wright Brothers "Master Pilot" Award. George and I were very proud of Dad as his character shaped our lives. - George, Jr. & Greg Ceshker)			





Wing Struts

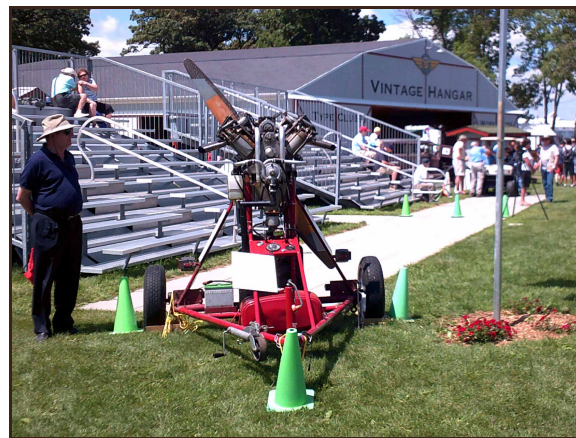


Glenn Hammond Curtiss Wing:

“On June 10th our Curtiss OX5 Wing took a bus trip with 26 people to the Eagles Mere Aircraft and Auto Museum in Laporte, Pennsylvania. There they have a Curtiss Jenny, a Curtiss Fledgling and many other antique airplanes they fly. Everyone had a great time.” (Norm Brush, Wing Secretary- Member #20418)

Wisconsin Wing:

“The spring meeting of the Wisconsin OX5 Wing was held June 17, 2017. 21 members and friends enjoyed a great meal followed by a business meeting. The upcoming EAA AirVenture display and booth was discussed. The dates are July 24th through the 29th at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Hope those attending will stop by our booth to say hello. Happy Summer.” (Cheryl Dewey, Wing Secretary - Member #22480)



AirVenture 2017 - Oshkosh, Wisconsin



Kansas Wing:

“Yes, we were successful in securing Paul Bowen, Renowned Aircraft Photographer/Speaker for our June 17 OX5 luncheon meeting. He has been shooting aerial photography since 1972 and is credited with over 1,000 magazine covers and countless advertising campaigns. He frequently shoots from the open tail-gunner’s position of a WWII B-25 bomber. Paul is best known for his vortices aerals which capture the spinning currentrs of air produced at the tip of a moving airplane wing, revealed in clouds or fog. For a full exciting review take a look at his website: www.airtoair.net.” (Harold Walters, Wing President - Member #21855)



Wing Struts



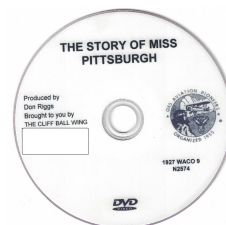
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Texas Wing:

"Its spring time here in west Texas, though it has felt more like summer time with temperatures occasionally reaching into the 90's. The good news is along with the heat there has been quite a bit of early convection bringing in some much needed early spring showers. Some of these showers have made their way to the parts of the panhandle that had recently burned. I understand that the Clark's property was one such property that was affected and hope that it is recovering well. At our last annual meeting potential locations for our next gather were mentioned. Since the last several meetings have been in the western part of the state we have decided to move the location to more accommodate our eastern members. San Antonio seemed to be the more favorable choice. Being that San Antonio can be overwhelming hot in the summer this meeting will be moved back to a date later in the fall. I hope to have more details and scheduling to come in the next newsletter." Until next time fly safe. - (Colton Woodward, Wing President #23039)



Special Offering By The National Office



"MISS PITTSBURGH"

A DVD video documentation of the finding, transporting, and restoring of the Waco 9 airplane that carried the first airmail from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Cleveland, Ohio.

This is a professional DVD documentary by Pittsburgh TV personality Don Riggs of the restoration of the OX5 powered airplane and its installation in the airside terminal of the Pittsburgh International Airport. Permission was granted to the OX5 Pioneers by the Riggs estate to use as a fund-raiser.

A *must* for your collection or use as a gift. Made available by the Cliff Ball Wing of Western Pennsylvania. Funds raised by this promotion will go to the National treasury for the purpose of Scholarships.

These are the last copies available.

Make your check payable to **OX5 Aviation Pioneers** for \$12.00

Mail to: OX5 Aviation Pioneers, P.O. Box 769, Troy, Ohio 45373

62nd Aviation Pioneers Annual Reunion
Dayton, Ohio Wed. Oct. 18, Thur. Oct. 19, & Fri., Oct. 20, 2017
Registration Due September 30, 2017 To OX5 Aviation Pioneers Office
For Room Reservations Call:

Clarion Inn Dayton Airport
Englewood, Ohio
1-937-832-1234

Direct Room Rate Is \$86.00 Per Night Payable to The Clarion Inn Dayton Airport
(There Are Many Restaurants Around The Hotel)

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- ☐ **Reunion Registration Fee Per Person \$75.00** (Number Of Persons) _____ (Includes all tours, banquet, and transportation to activities.)
- ☐ **Reunion Dinner Theater Fee Per Person \$66.00** (Number Of Persons) _____ (Optional)

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

(The following information is for use on your name badge)

Name (print): _____

Additional Attendee's Name (print): _____

Member of Wing (which Wing), Member at Large, Spouse, Friend, or Guest:

Title (Wing Officer, Governor, Newsletter Editor):

Mailing Address (print): _____

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Please complete and return this form with your check by September 30, 2017
Make checks for Registration and Optional Dinner Theater Payable to OX5 Aviation Pioneers.

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Attention Regular OX5 Members - The annual dues year starts January 1, 2018 and extends to December 31, 2018. Regular Members who have not paid their dues by April 1, 2018 will be considered as “not in good standing”. Regular Members who have not paid their dues for the past two years will be removed from the Master Membership List.