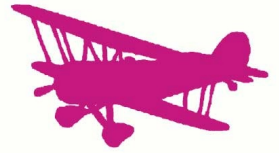




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Group Picture - EAA Museum

OX5 Annual Reunion - Oshkosh, WI

The group toured the Experimental Aircraft Association Museum on Friday morning and then moved to Pioneer Airport next door for lunch. The

lunch was furnished by the WI Wing. The afternoon was devoted to touring all the display hangars at Pioneer Airport and running the WI Wing's OX5 display engine. Friday evening saw the group gathered in the hospitality room for a very informative presentation by Member Chuck Sassara sharing interesting and humorous insights into his aviation life.

Saturday morning was devoted to a tour of the Sonex Aircraft Facility right on the edge of the Oshkosh Airport. It was very interesting to see how the Sonex line of Experimental Aircraft was produced. Saturday afternoon found the group gathered in the hospitality room for a presentation by Don Voland on his many years of commercial helicopter work in the utility helicopter field.

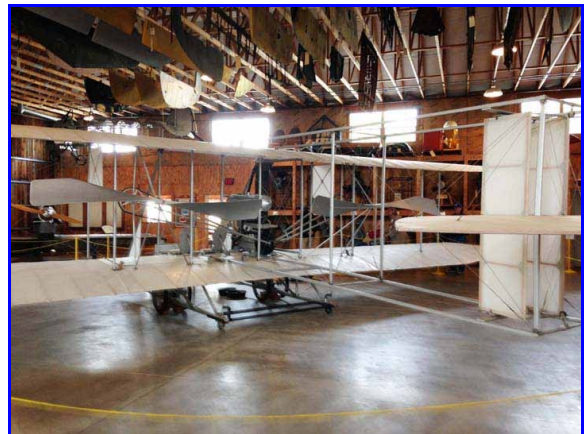
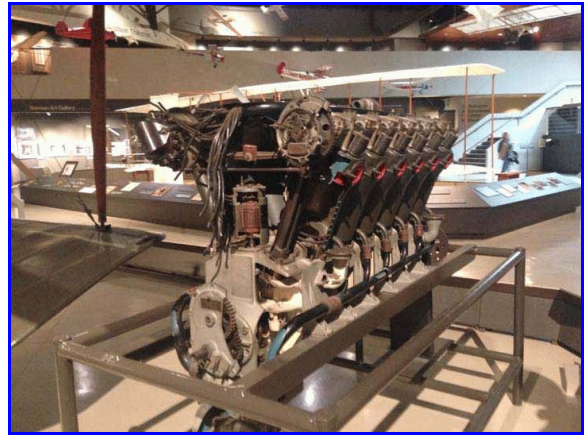
The main event Saturday evening was an enjoyable meal with our guest speaker being Sean Elliott, EAA Vice President, Advocacy & Safety. Sean gave a presentation explaining the many different EAA Flight Operations and their outreach programs.

The attendees all seemed to enjoy themselves and we received many complements on the Reunion.



Group Picture - Sonex Aircraft Facility

More Oshkosh Reunion Memories - Photo Credits In Part To Linda Daly - WI Wing



President's Message:

Well I hope you are doing well and have had a great 2016. 2017 hopes to be a great year for us here in Ohio. Our 1928 OX5 powered WACO "10" is ready to feel the wind under her wings again. It should fly sometime early in summer.



I am currently working on a trailer to mount our second running OX5. This engine will be used to promote our club and will be shown at several events around Ohio and Indiana. Our good friend Jim Beisner started this project with the help of Ohio Wing members Steve and Marla Boone. We are looking forward to bringing another OX5 back to life from a pile of parts.

On a sad note our dear friend Janet Barnard went West after a hard fought battle with cancer. It has been very sad around here. She was a wonderful friend, co-pilot and project co-worker.(see more later on Gone West)

So with that in mind it is going to take a while to get the office up and running so bear with us on the transition. Patty Wagner will be our office manager for a time until things get sorted out. Patty and Bob her husband did a wing walk act on a 450hp Stearman for 30 years. She loves the OX5 club and stepped right up to offer her help to keep things running in the National Office

Now the next step is renewal time, please see the inclosed form for your membership renewal. I look forward to hearing about anything you have going on in your Wings. So please send us your minutes or just a note about your meetings. Also our scholarships that we offered were a great success and I hope we can agree to keep this going. We received several great comments about this practice.

Looking forward to a great year

Tim Pinkerton, National President

Secretary's Message:

With great sadness I share the grief of losing a very dear friend and fellow pilot with the passing of Janet Barnard. She managed the affairs of the National Organization in Ohio and I tried to keep up my end of the operation in Wisconsin. We communicated many times as much as 3 - 4 times a day via email even in her final days in the hospital. What a dedicated person she was when I know that she was in great discomfort during her final days with us. Thank you Janet for all of the great things you did for aviation and especially the OX5 Aviation Pioneers. God's Blessings on you!



I look forward to working with Patty Wagner as our National Office Manager. Along with sorting out the routine OX5 business, the next task for us all is to process the 2017 dues from our Regular Members and the donations that they and the Life Members generously send to us. Please use the enclosed Membership Renewal form to update your personal information. We need to know of any changes in your personal information such as a change of address, email, phone number, and preference for receiving the OX5 Newsletter. The big advantage to getting your Newsletter via email is that it will be completely in color. We have the hard copy of the Newsletter printed with only two pages in color to economize on the printing cost.

An important note to our **Regular Members** is that anyone who has not paid their dues for the past two years will have their name removed from the master membership list. If you happen to fall into this category, this may very well be your last Newsletter. Please update your personal information and pay your dues! Best wishes to all of you and be sure to check out the OX5 website.

Don Volland, National Secretary



Folded Wings



Gone West:

Janet AB Barnard passed away surrounded by family and friends after a short hard battle with Cancer. She was hard at work as National OX5 treasurer & office manager keeping everything in order. She loved hearing the stories of our early pioneers from our membership. She had collected quite a list of great stories and I was encouraging her to write a book about these events.



We do have many videos that she wanted to share of these stories so we are going to try to get these on our website.

Janet will be missed by many as she was loved for the kind gentle way that was her. She was a pilot for 15 years, a science teacher for 20 years, a mother for 24 years and an adventurer and student all her life. She often said that is why she is here, to experience and learn as much as she could. Very sad that her last lesson had to be about cancer.

We love you and miss you! Tailwinds and a ever full tank of of gas...

Tim Pinkerton, President



Wing Struts



Midwest Florida Wing:

Photo Credits - MWF Wing

Jim Beisner reported that the MWF Wing had their semi-annual meeting last Saturday among a Fly-in, Drive-in, BBQ festival. Large crowd, great food and Southern Hospitality. Wayne Gordon was re-elected President, Nicole Secretary. She announced that membership has increased. Plans are for new paint and repairs for the exterior of the OX5 building. Gianna (a teenager) is a private pilot candidate and also an OX5 mechanic and operator. The engine is scheduled to run in front of a very large crowd in January and February. Nicole, Joe and I ran it for the Flywheeler people in November. The MWF Wing newsletter should come out soon.



Kansas Wing:

Harold Walter reported in their Kansas Wing OX5 Newsletter that they were having a Noon Lunch on Saturday, December 3, 2016. The Program will be Dale Kreffs giving a presentation titled "*Airplanes that I wish we could have flown... at least once — maybe more*".

Wisconsin Wing:

Cheryl Dewey reported that the Wisconsin Wing had their Dinner Meeting on Saturday November 12, 2016. Great food as usual and interesting conversation. Dave Hedgecock gave a report on the successful 2016 season for the WI Wing's running display OX5 engine.



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Dear Valued OX5 Aviation Pioneers Regular Member:

It is Membership renewal time again. Your Organization is moving along nicely and we are in a slow transition from an aging Membership Group focusing on mainly socializing to a Membership Group with an active outreach program attractive to young and new Members. We hope that you will share in this important change of direction with us and renew your membership in this prestigious Organization. **Our Life Members are exempt from paying annual dues but many of them as well as Regular Members like to give a donation to help support our new outreach initiative.** If you have already sent in your Membership Renewal, please ignore this notice.

Starting this Membership Year (Jan. 2016), we are combining family membership listings on our master membership list. As a result of this change, you are expected to send **only one membership dues amount** for the combined listing as a family membership. The husband's membership number will be shown along with both the names of the husband and wife on the membership card. If a duplicate card is desired for the wife, we will be happy to provide that upon request. This will allow the electronic handling of the master membership list to function more smoothly. Only one Newsletter will be sent to each family membership listing. We appreciate your understanding with this effort to increase efficiency in our office membership renewal process

We thank you for updating your personal information and helping us to keep the National Records current.

Mail the **completed** form below with any necessary information along with a check if appropriate to:

OX5 Aviation Pioneers, PO Box 769, Troy, Ohio 45373

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Attention Regular OX5 Members - The new annual dues year starts January 1, 2017 and extends to December 31, 2017. Send your check and renewal form to OX5 Aviation Pioneers, PO Box 769, Troy, Ohio 45373.