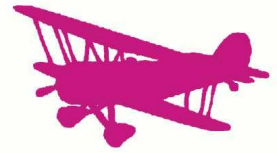




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OX5 Annual Reunion Dayton, OH

Regular Member Dues Renewal Time

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The 62nd Annual Reunion, held at Dayton, Ohio on Oct. 18, 19, and 20th, 2017, was a huge success. Hats off to the Ohio Wing for such a wonderful experience.

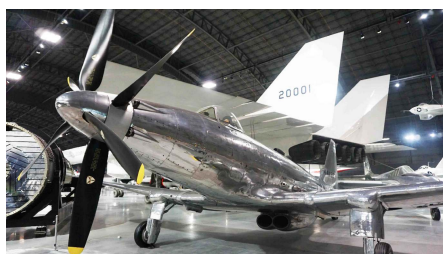
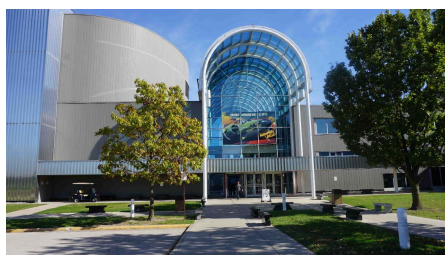
The affair included the essential business meetings and an array of educational and entertaining activities that included the banquet and tours of the following:

- Wright Brothers Bicycle Shop.
- United States Air Force Museum.
- LaComedia Dinner Theater.
- Governors Meeting.
- General Membership Meeting.
- Wright Brothers Airplane Company.
- Wagner International Airport - Bob and Patty Wagner - retired air show performers.

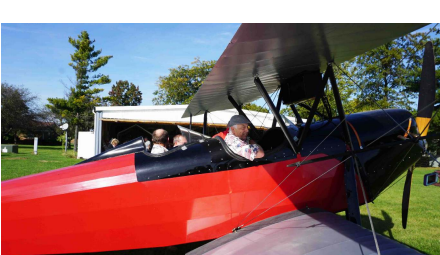
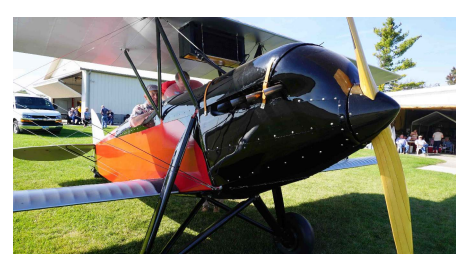
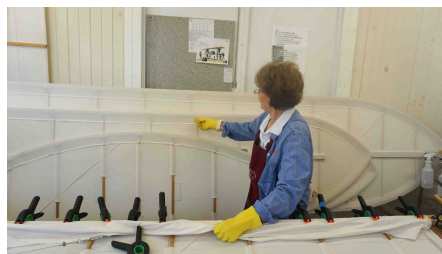
Jim Beisner's hanger for a gathering and the taxi display of an airworthy WACO 10.
 (New Governor, Richard Wilbur, received his first taxi ride in the WACO 10)
 WACO Museum and Aviation Learning Center (A new million dollar center)
 Presentation of a FAA Award to Jim Beisner
 Banquet at the Waco Museum

The Reunion was truly an educational and fun-filled experience. A very interesting slide show is available on the OX5 web site of all of the great photographs taken by Dennis Yerkey - Webmaster. Use this link to access the **complete** reunion-picture-slide show. <http://ox5.org/2017-reunion-picture-slideshow/>

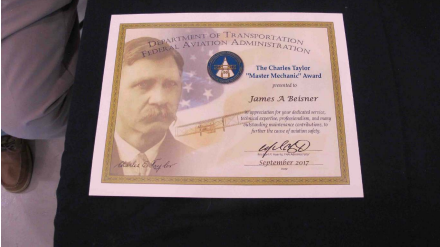
Great Memories !



More Great Memories !



Still More Great Memories !



Message From The Officers



President's Message:

Hello All:

I hope this letter finds you all happy and healthy. We are looking forward to spending time with the family the next couple months. Which includes playing with the grandkids of course. The Ohio Wing enjoyed hosting the national reunion last month. We had great Ohio weather and a good turn out of old and new friends. The schedule had us hit a few things in the area that we had not seen during the other reunions and seemed to be enjoyed by all. Thanks to all who took the time to join us. What a great group of people!



The Ohio Wing has put together another engine to mount on a trailer and run, Thanks to Jim Beisner, Marla Boone, Steve Boone, Eric Brunner and myself. I am planning to attend a wing meeting for all wings that have meetings. So if you could let me know when you are having meeting, I will set up a visit. Please give me a couple dates to work with.

We have a few things in the works here at the national office. One thing I am working on is a OX-5 display at the WACO museum in Troy Ohio. Just like many early airplane companies, WACO based several of their airplane models on the World War I surplus OX-5 engine. Safe to say, WACO would have had a hard time getting off the ground without our engine. Second thing is a surprise. Coming to your mailbox after the new year! Make sure to get your dues in early. First four hundred get the prize.

Thanks to all who helped with the reunion. Don and Patty thanks for all you do (can't say this enough). Dennis, thanks for keeping the website up to date, a job that never ends. Jim Beisner, thanks for taking care of the Bylaws update.

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Message From The Officers - Continued



Treasurer's Message:

It was so nice to meet and connect with all the OX5 enthusiasts at the reunion. So many activities crammed in such a short time. We were busy – but not too busy to watch and listen to Rich in the Waco10. What a terrific sound!



Please notice the membership renewal/ donation form included at the end of the newsletter. If you are able to return this form with your contribution, we hope to expedite the renewal process and save on mailing and labor costs.

On a personal note – our beloved Stearman N450PW – has completed its long journey to Oregon. It has already been re-assembled and will be on display at the WAAAM (Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum) in Hood River, Oregon. When you visit to see the OX-5 airplanes and engines, be sure to check on our Stearman.

I am looking forward to 2018 with enthusiasm. Have a Happy and Healthy New Year!

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Secretary's Message:

Greetings OX5 Members:

We had a great Reunion in Dayton, Ohio and I enjoyed renewing friendships with all the folks who were able to attend. A big thank you to all the individuals who made it come together and run so smoothly. I hope that you will enjoy all the pictures in this Newsletter even if you were unable to attend.



The National OX5 Bylaws were approved in their updated form by the Board Of Directors as well as the Members in their Membership Meeting on Friday during the Reunion. Interested parties can download a copy from the OX5 Web Site or request a hard copy from any of the National Officers.

We are approaching annual membership renewal time again for all Regular Members. You will find the Renewal Form at the end of this Newsletter. It is very important to update any of your personal information for **all** members so that we have the correct information in our Master Membership list. Have a safe and enjoyable winter season. Great memories to all of you.

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Wing Struts



Kansas Wing:

"Their Noon Luncheon meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 23, 2017. The program is a presentation by Jay McLeod about the airlines and their support during WWII. Jay gives an overview of the military needing the airplanes flown by the airlines and the wartime need. Also how a critical situation was worked out between the government and the airlines. Jay had a big part and knowledge of these decisions. It is a major bit of history that is not well known. Thanks to Dale Krebs for putting digital slides together for the presentation." (Harold Walters, Wing President - Member #21855)

Wisconsin Wing:

The WI Wing had a good representation at the National Reunion in Dayton, Ohio so they decided to take a pass on having a late fall Wing Dinner Meeting. Our next Wing Dinner Meeting will be in the Spring of 2018. We look forward to reliving old times and enjoying a nice meal. (Don Volland, Wing President - Member #21569)



Folded Wings



It has been reported that the following member has Flown West:

Walter Dean House

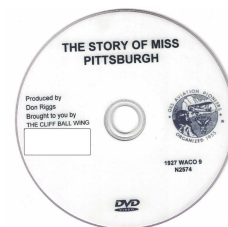
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Kansas Wing

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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.



Old News From The OX5 Archives



Gordon Cumberland, National Governor, has passed on to us many interesting Illinois Wing Newsletter clippings. The Illinois Wing became dormant several years ago and Gordon has joined us in the Wisconsin Wing. Thank you Gordon for all of these interesting articles.

The Illinois Aeronautics Commission gave us more trouble than our old ships.

In 1930 when the National Air Races were held at Curtiss Field in Glenview, we had a little racket of flying people in from Palwaukee for what they would have had to pay at the gate. They didn't save any money that way, but it was more fun.

There were Student Permits, Solo Licenses, Private Licenses, Industrial Licenses, Limited Commercial Licenses and Transport Licenses.

All the information for a private written test was in a little six-page pamphlet and could be memorized in a few hours.

You always took your written and flight test in the same day. The written came first

and if you passed that you took your flight test in the afternoon.

When your ship needed a new covering job, you took it home and recovered it in the back yard.

Sky Harbor had its Grand Opening in 1928 and then later in bad times was sold lock, stock and barrel for \$10,000.00

Janet Mayhercy started to fly at Curtiss Airport in 1937.

Eddy Heath sold his ships in a knock-down or kit form and you put them together yourself.

Palwaukee was known as a rich man's airport (Editor's note: Come, come, Cumberland, it still is).

During Bad Times, airport operators would come to the door and beg you to move your ship to their airport, or ask for any kind of work on your ship — and how quickly they forgot you when Good Times came back.

The first thing you did when you got a ship was to modify and change the original design.

(Some of the results would kill you, and not with joy).

Submitted by Sgt. Gordon Cumberland

Written by Dad in 1943.



More Images Of The Ohio Wing's Waco 10



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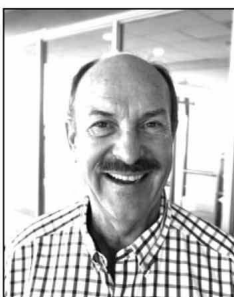
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Dear Valued OX5 Aviation Pioneers Members:

It is Regular Membership renewal time again. Your Organization is moving along nicely financially due to the many welcome donations from Life and Regular Members. Your generous donations have provided the necessary funding to allow us to expand the Scholarship program, the program to support those Wings who publish a Newsletter, and the many other outreach programs at aviation activities like Sun-n-Fun and AirVenture. Your Organization has just received approval to place a display at the WACO Museum in Ohio.

The OX5 web site is a wealth of information and Dennis Yerkey has been doing an outstanding job of providing new and fresh material for OX5 members and the public. The necessary forms for updating your membership information as well as the vital historical and legal documents for our Organization can be downloaded from the web site. If you are unable to use a computer, this information can be obtained by contacting any of the OX5 officers.

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 outreach initiative. If you have already sent in your Membership Renewal for the 2018 year, please ignore this notice.

We are now 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 hard copy of the Newsletter will be sent to each family membership listing. Hard copy Newsletters have only the front and back pages printed in color due to the cost. Email Newsletters are sent with all pages in color. 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 correct.

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

OX5 Aviation Pioneers
PO Box 769,
Troy, Ohio 45373

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G Check This Box To Have Your Newsletter Sent Via Email

PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS HERE

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

OX5 Membership Number If Known _____

Email _____

Home Phone _____

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Dues Renewal \$ 30.00

**(Your Next Membership Year Is
Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2018)**

My donation is _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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Attention Regular OX5 Members - Dues Renewal Time - 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.