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63rd OX5 Annual Reunion & Meetings Report

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A Great Time Was Enjoyed By All Who Attended - 63rd OX5 Annual Reunion At The Glenn H. Curtiss Museum - Hammondsport, NY.



The Saturday Banquet and Awards Presentation was held in the Glenn H. Curtiss Museum.

(Photo credit - Curtiss Wing)

Congratulations To Our 2018 OX5 Hall Of Fame Recipients



Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Gordon In Front Of The Hall Of Fame Board.



Mr. & Mrs. Jim Beisner Standing In Front Of His Spot On The Wall Of Fame.



The Late Jim Poel's Brother, Chuck Poel and Jim's Daughter, Debbie Pointing To The Jim Poel Plaque On The OX5 Hall Of Fame Board.

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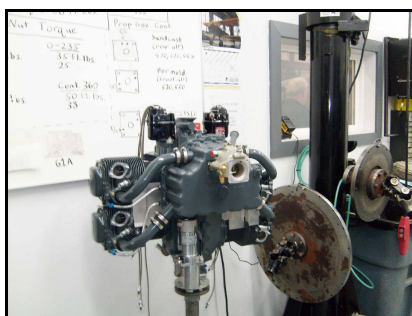
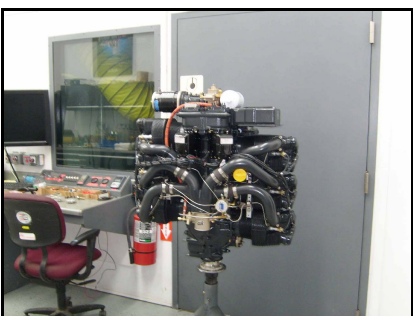
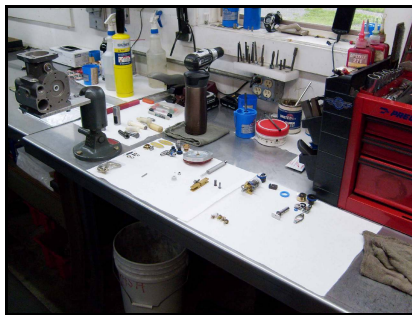
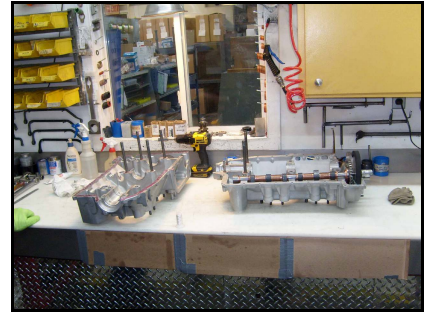
OX5 63rd Annual Reunion Events

Friday morning was registration and a chance to meet and greet old and new friends in the Curtiss Museum. We then drove about 25 minutes to Penn Yan Aero, Penn Yan, NY to tour their very interesting aircraft engine overhaul facility. Paul Middlebrook was our tour guide. We will share our memories with all of you who were unable to attend by means of a picture tour. On Friday evening we enjoyed a casual dinner at the Museum and were entertained by the "Triple Treble" 3 Gerych Sisters.

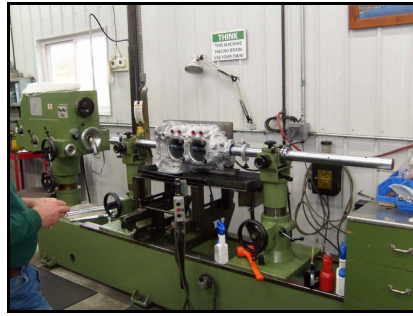
Saturday morning started with the National Governors Board Meeting followed by the General Membership meeting after lunch. Norm Brush was our tour guide for the afternoon event at the Finger Lakes Boating Museum in Hammondsport. It was very interesting to see the history of boating in the local area along with some restoration projects all housed in an old winery. Many of the old winery fixtures and vats including some very beautiful woodwork has been preserved in the Museum to add to the decor. We returned to the Curtiss Museum and had a chance to witness a demonstration of their OX5 engine being run in the parking lot.

Saturday evening saw everyone gather at the Curtiss Museum to enjoy the banquet and socialize with our many friends. Our guest speaker was Trafford Dolherty, Past Managing Director, Curtiss Museum. We all want to give a big **Thank You** to the Members of the Curtiss Wing for helping to make this Reunion happen. Well Done!

Picture Tour Of The Penn Yan Aero Aircraft Engine Overhaul Facility, Penn Yan, NY

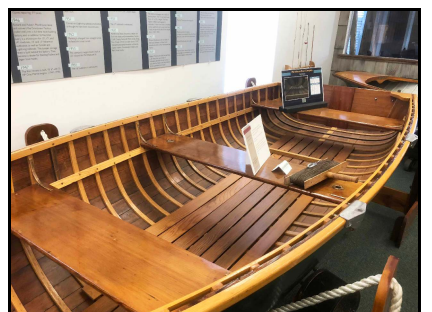
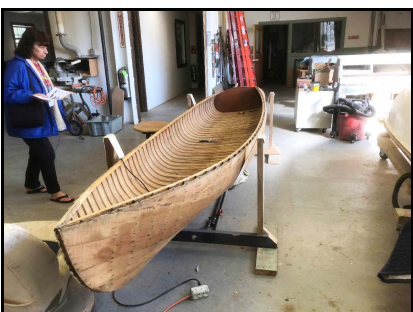
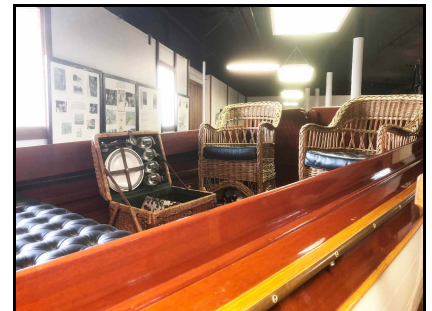
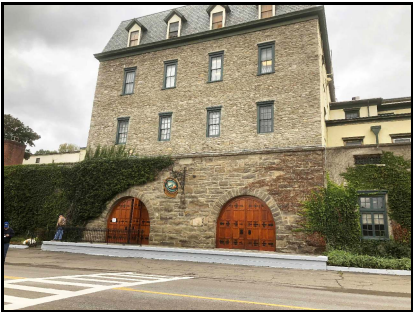


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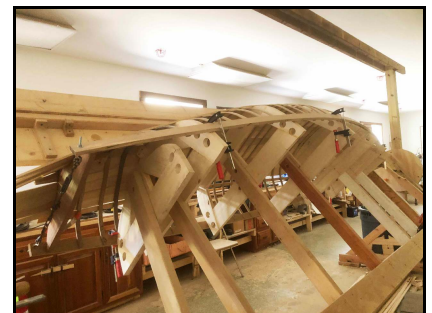
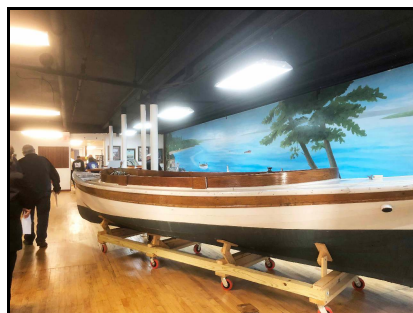
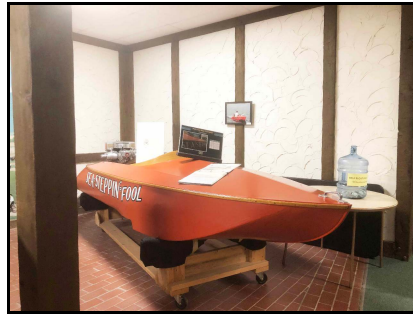


(Photo credits - Don Voland)

Picture Tour Of The Finger Lakes Boating Museum, Hammondsport, NY



Picture Tour Of The Finger Lakes Boating Museum - (Continued)



(Photo credits - Linda Daly)



Message From The Officers



President's Message:

Hello All!

We are all home safe and rested after our big outing to the Glenn Curtiss Museum. What a great place to visit! A wonderful museum in a wonderful setting. We had a good turn out of OX5ers. It was great to catch up with friends and get a taste of some of the local fare!.



Many thanks to the Glen Curtiss Wing and the museum staff. Special thanks to Kay and Art Wilder and all the volunteers that pulled off this wonderful event! They did a great job planning and organizing this event. Just what we needed, We inducted three new "Hall of Fame" or maybe "Wall of Fame" Members including our very own Wayne Gordon and Jim Beisner who have served many years in the leadership and education of the masses about the OX-5 engines.

Please mark the dates for the next gathering at Sun n Fun April 2-7, 2019. We will have more details in the near future!

Enjoy your time with your families and safe travels.

Thanks for your support of our effort to this club flying high!

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Tim Pinkerton

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Treasurer's Message:

Greetings:

Thank you for your support and donations this past year. We have listened to your requests and are adding an option on the website to pay your dues and donations electronically through PayPal.

Of course we will still accept your checks through the US mail if you prefer. Let me know if you have any glitches – new technology sometimes needs some tweaks.



Happy New Year to All !!!

Patty Wagner

National OX5 Treasurer

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Secretary's Message:

Greetings to all of our OX5 Members:

I looked over our Organization records and noted that only about 1/3 of our total membership has designated the option to receive their Newsletter via email. This means to me that 2/3 of our membership do not feel comfortable using a computer or do not have a printer to print out the full color pages of the electronic Newsletter copy. Because of this apparent situation, I have included a section in this Newsletter defined as **Official OX5 Business** and included many of the documents that are available on the OX5 website. You will find the minutes from the 63rd Annual OX5 Reunion Board Of Directors meeting and the



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General Membership meeting. You will also find the sections of the OX5 By-Laws that have been changed. These two sections deal with the term limit for our President and the time of the year defining when our annual membership meeting should be held.

We had a great Reunion this year and I hope that you will enjoy the picture tour that is included in this Newsletter. It was fun visiting with old friends and making new ones who share our interest in preserving the history of the OX5 engine. Make your plans to join us all at the 64th Annual OX5 Reunion to be held during Sun-n-Fun (April 2-7, 2019) this coming Spring in Lakeland, FL. Best wishes and happy memories!

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Official OX5 Business



2018 National OX5 Aviation Pioneers Board Meeting Minutes Reunion - Hammondsport, NY - October 13, 2018

Roll Call:

Tim Pinkerton - Present
Wayne Gordon - Present
Don Voland - Present
Richard Wilbur - Present
Patty Wagner - Not Present
Sam Meek - Not Present
Gordon Cumberland - Not Present
Cheryl Dewey - Not Present
Dennis Yerkey - Not Present

Gordon Cumberland & Cheryl Dewey - Unable to attend due to physical issues - proxy assigned to Don Voland.

Sam Meek & Patty Wagner were unable to attend due to prior commitments - proxy assigned to Don Voland.
Dennis Yerkey did not respond to his official notice for the Annual Board Meeting.

Eight votes were represented for a quorum to allow for a legal meeting.

Secretary's Report:

Don Voland read the minutes from the 2017 National Reunion in Dayton, Ohio. They were approved as read. Some of the housekeeping duties for the Organization need to be transferred to the Ohio Office. Patty Wagner has agreed to work with Don Voland on this transition.

Treasurer's Report:

Check Book Balance - Information available to Members upon request.

Investment Balance - Information available to Members upon request.

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A tentative budget for 2018 was presented to cover housekeeping expenses and is not much different than it was for last year. Additional funding above the budget will be required to cover the cost of adding necessary office equipment for the Ohio office as well as additional accountants fees to cover additional part time office hours.

An option for paying dues and donations electronically is expected to be in place before the 2019 business activities start.

President's Report:

The financial health of the Organization remains good including our investments, donations, and dues collections.

He reported on the very successful scholarship program and supports all of our outreach programs. The outreach programs include financial support to Wings who publish a Newsletter, Wings that provide a demonstration OX5 engine display at aviation events like Sun-n-Fun and AirVenture, plus the various OX5 scholarship programs. The OX5 display at the WACO Museum is coming along nicely and will be finished in the near future.

Old Business:

The cost of maintaining International OX5 memberships has increased. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to increase International Regular Member dues to \$40.00 per year.

In an attempt to help increase our number of new members, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to have a membership drive and offer a special dues rate of \$15.00 for the first year. This is 50% off the normal dues rate of \$30.00. Governor Richard Wilbur will head up this effort.

Governor Richard Wilbur offered to head up the effort to set up an option for the electronic payment of dues and donations. He will work with the Treasurer and the Secretary to get the information out to the membership as soon as it is operational.

Gordon Cumberland has resigned as a National Governor due to health reasons. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to appoint Jim Beisner as a Member At Large to complete the remaining term of Gordon Cumberland.

Tim Pinkerton has completed his maximum of two years as President. No member from the Board was in a position at this time to accept the nomination for the position of President. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to amend the By Laws to increase the allowable term for the President to three (3) years. Tim Pinkerton agreed to stay on for a third year as President.

A discussion regarding the restriction listed in the By Laws regarding the Annual Membership meeting to be held between August and October was determined to be a hardship for scheduling the meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to remove the time period of August and October in the By Laws to allow the Board to select a date for the Annual Membership meeting any time during the year.

New Business:

The two revisions to the By Laws will be presented to the members at the OX5 General Membership meeting for their approval. The updated Bylaws will then be placed on the OX5 web site and the revisions in the Newsletter.

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A motion was made, seconded, and approved to recommend to the OX5 General Membership that Jim Beisner be appointed as a Member At Large to complete the remaining term of Governor Gordon Cumberland.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to recommend to the OX5 General Membership that Governor Sam Meek - Midwest Florida Wing - be appointed to serve a three year term starting Oct. 2018 on the National Board of Governors. He has just completed the term of past Governor Sylvia Cook.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to hold the OX5 2019 Reunion, Governors, and Annual Membership Meetings during Sun-n-Fun 2019. The Midwest Florida Wing has agreed to host this activity and it is hoped that it will allow more students and other interested younger members to attend.

Meeting Adjourned:



Don Volland, National OX5 Secretary

**2018 National OX5 Aviation Pioneers Membership Meeting Minutes
Reunion - Hammondsport, NY - October 13, 2018**

President's Report:

The financial health of the Organization remains good including our investments.

The scholarship program was very successful and he supports all of our other outreach programs. The OX5 display in the WACO Museum will be completed in the near future.

Secretary's Report:

The Master Membership List has been edited to remove deceased members and those Regular members who have not paid their dues for over two years. Removed members can always be reinstated if they pay their dues. Some of the housekeeping duties for the Organization need to be transferred to the Ohio Office. Patty Wagner has agreed to work with Don Volland on this transition

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An option for paying dues and donations electronically is expected to be in place before the 2019 business activities start.

Old Business:

The OX5 Aviation Pioneers Bylaws were revised to increase the maximum term for the President to three (3) years and remove the restriction of August and October for the Annual Membership Meeting. The Governors approved the revisions and recommended that the General Membership approve them as well. A vote was taken by the General Membership and was passed. The revised Bylaws will be placed on the web site and these two revisions shown in the Newsletter.

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New Business:

It was recommended to the OX5 General Membership that Jim Beisner be appointed as a Member At Large to complete the remaining term of Governor Gordon Cumberland. It was approved by the General Membership.

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Don Volland

Don Volland, National OX5 Secretary

OX5 By-Laws Amended

Certain parts of the By-Laws were amended as follows by a vote in the General Membership Meeting - October 13, 2018.

BY-LAWS OF OX5 AVIATION PIONEERS

Revised Oct 13, 2018 at Hammondsport, NY

ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 1. A meeting of the membership shall be **held annually on a date set by the National Board of Governors**. Each member in attendance shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

ARTICLE VIII

OFFICERS

Section 1. The National Board of Governors immediately upon their election shall select and designate the National President, a National Vice President, a National Secretary, and a National Treasurer. Should any officer, including the National Treasurer, be unable to complete his/her term of office the board of governors shall designate a successor to the vacated office. The duties of such shall be those which normally attach to such office, The new officers shall take office immediately at the close of the annual reunion.

Section 2. The National President shall not serve more than **three (3) terms in office** of one (1) year each consecutively, but will be eligible for reelection after an absence of at least one term of the National President.

Section 3. The National President and National Vice President shall be chosen from among the Board of Governors. All other officers may be chosen from among the general membership.

(End Of Official OX5 Business)



Old News From The OX5 Archives



(Gordon Cumberland, Past National Governor, has passed on to us many interesting Illinois Wing Newsletter clippings. Thank you Gordon for all of these interesting articles.)

Back in 1927, the Chicago Municipal Airport called "Muni" by just about everyone who flew from there at that time, was about a quarter of its present size and there was a Flying School called the "Aviation Service and Transport Company" on the Cicero Avenue side. Next door was the hangar of the 108th Observation Squadron of the Illinois National Guard and close by was the N.A.T. (National Air Transport) hangar.

I was a twenty year old youngster when I walked into the A.S.&T hangar that glorious autumn day in 1927, asking about flight training. I had just returned from working on a farm in North Dakota, where I had taken my first airplane ride with a barnstorming pilot.

I was told that for three hundred dollars, I would be taught to fly and get enough solo time for my Private Pilots license, which at that time required 10 hours solo time. Except for C.A.A. Rules, there was no written test. I was shown around the inside of the hangar which held several OX-5 powered Swallow airplanes and one end of the hangar was used as the engine overhaul section and there were several OX-5 and OX-6 engines in various stages of dismemberment scattered around the place. Here I would receive instruction in the overhaul and maintenance of these sturdy powerplants. In another section of the hangar was the bare fuselage and wings of an airplane under construction. I was informed that this airplane was being built by the "students" at the school.

Taking the savings from the farm work and supplementing it with a loan ~~from~~ from my father, I came back the next day and enrolled in the school. The instructors with whom I came in contact were Mel Aavang, Linton C. (Bob) Roberts and "Duke" Skoning.

We students were quite proud to be "aviators" and I remember wearing my white coveralls and helmet and goggles on the street car to and from the airport. A car was out of the question when I first started my instruction, although I did manage to get a 1924 Chevrolet later on.

Remember the Gosport Tube? The instructor sat in the front cockpit, which was called "The Golden Chair" because of the fatal aspects in a crash and had the mouthpiece of this gadget strapped to his face. It was a funnel-shaped affair that terminated in a tube that was threaded alongside the partition between the front and rear cockpits and ended in an earpiece tucked under the helmet over the ear. The instructor would tell you what to do and sometimes cuss you out through this affair and you couldn't talk ~~back~~ back. I still remember the "cussing out" that "Duke" Skoning gave me one day and then soloed me.

After solo, about eleven of us bought a Waco "10" with an OX-5 motor, and I proceeded to build up 47 hours of solo time before my money ran out. The Depression had hit and Dad couldn't lend me any more, so the business of making a living became a real problem. Dreams of becoming a "Transport Pilot" were shattered and I didn't get back to flying until 1943 at the suggestion of my present wife.

As a member of Civil Air Patrol I became acquainted with Mildred Van Schoick who was treasurer of the OX-5 Club and after finding out that I had flown OX-5 powered aircraft, sponsored my membership. The main reason for my joining was the hope that I would run across some of the fellows I had known in the Old Days. I was rewarded at the meeting in Rockford in 1968 by finding my old instructor of 1927...Mel Aavang there! Maybe, if Cumberland allows it, I'll tell about the "cross-country" flight I made with Mel Aavang sometime.

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-Edward Frederick Doll

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Regular Membership Renewal Time Again

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 2019 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.

Important Notice: Starting with the 2019 year International Regular Membership Dues will increase to \$40.00 per year due to the added cost of servicing these memberships.

New for this year, we are pleased to offer several options for Regular Membership renewal as well as donations by Life and Regular Members. ***You can continue to use the US mail and send us your check along with the Completed Personal Information Form shown on the next page to OX5 Aviation Pioneers, PO Box 769, Troy, Ohio 45373.***

For members who prefer to use the option of electronic funds transfer, you can type in (ox5.org/renew) or go to the the OX5 web site at (ox5.org) and on the top of the first page (Home Page) you will see one of the selections listed as ONLINE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL. Click on this selection and you will get the next screen looking like this:

Membership Renewal Form

Thank you for renewing your membership to the OX5 Aviation Pioneers Organization. Please complete your renewal by submitting your annual membership fees using the PayPal options below. The membership year is January 1 through December 31.

Payment Options



Click the Subscribe button below to setup your recurring \$30 (\$40.00 International) annual membership paid through PayPal.



Click the Buy Now button below to make a non-recurring \$30 (\$40.00 International) payment for your annual membership.



You may also donate an amount of your choosing by clicking the Donate button below.

Donations account for the funds we use for our special projects such as scholarships.

Complete the process by following the instructions like you would for any online purchase.

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If you choose to use the US mail and send a check, please complete this form to update your personal information and send it 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 _____

Cell Phone _____

Dues Renewal \$ _____

US Regular Dues \$30.00

International Dues \$40.00

**(Your Next Membership Year
Is Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2019)**

My donation is _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

OX5 WEB SITE <http://ox5.org>

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Please Note - The Treasurer will not be available to process your dues and donation payments between November 20, 2018 and December 10, 2018. Thank you for your understanding and patients.



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Web Site: www.ox5.org

Attention Regular OX5 Members - Regular Membership Renewal Time - The annual dues year starts January 1, 2019 and extends to December 31, 2019. Regular Members who have not paid their dues by April 1, 2019 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.