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THE 2012 NATIONAL REUNION

On September 20-23, 2012 OX5 Aviation Pioneers members met in St. Louis for their 57th National Reunion. The affair included the essential business meetings and an array of pleasurable and entertaining activities that included a trip to the identifying St. Louis Arch and a ride on a paddle wheel river boat. Other activities included a bus tour of the city and a trip to the Creve Couer Air Museum.

The visit to the Creve Couer Air Museum was an exceptional event. There are four hangars of completely restored antique aircraft, engines, and other historical items. The beautiful workmanship done on the restorations was a pleasure to see. A tour of the facility was conducted by Al Stix, Curator of the Museum.

Restoration of the entire facility has been amazing considering that in 1993 the entire area was covered by more than ten feet of water when the adjoining Mississippi River flooded the area.

The usual business meetings included the election of officers and the passing of the proposed revised bylaws.



OX5 Cliff Ball Wing Summer Event

The winter discussions and plans for a summer event came to fruition on August 18, 2012 with a CBW meeting/picnic event held at the Finleyville Airport. It was a combined activity of the OX5 Cliff Ball Wing and the Finleyville Airport Association. There was some anxiety as to how many people would attend this meeting/picnic affair but the anxiety was quickly dispelled by the attendance of circa 75 people. In addition to the CBW members invitations were sent to the members of the Pittsburgh Aero Club, QBs, and the tenants at the Rostraver Airport. The affair served as a meeting activity, organizational picnic, and an opportunity for many local aviation personnel to renew acquaintances, some that go back to the early 1950s.

Finleyville Airport was the ideal location and Bob Cox's beautiful hangar facility provided the ideal setting. The weather was perfect allowing everyone to enjoy the afternoon in a perfect atmosphere. Take-offs and landings by some of the local pilot/owners made exciting times as the aircraft flew by a short distance from the open Cox hangar. Other hangar owners opened their facilities so that picnic attendees could view the assortment of airplanes that are based on the airport.

Food was in abundance. Under the direction of OX5 member Harry Bochter, the picnic committee outdid itself with the preparation of enough food for more than a hundred people. Available were hamburgers, hotdogs, corn, salads, dips, candy, cookies of all kinds and a gigantic congratulatory cake donated by "Biscotti By Brenda" of Finleyville. There was also an ice cream making machine and cold drinks of all kinds.

The event activity culminated with a 50/50 drawing that resulted in a money prize being awarded to Len Schaeffer and a portion of the proceeds being shared by the CBW and the Finleyville Airport Association.

This summer event was a huge success and we look forward to a similar event next year. I want to express my gratitude and thanks to all of the individuals who personally contributed to the success of this affair.

Ivan D. Livi, President
OX5 Cliff Ball Wing

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REVISED BYLAWS PASSED

The revised bylaws were passed by membership vote after two years of arduous work.

The bylaws revision has a two-fold objective. It legally brings the organization back into compliance with its bylaws and it provides for the restructuring of the Board of Governors of the organization so that it will be less difficult to maintain the number of Governors needed to meet the requirements of the bylaws.

The proposed revised bylaws were sent to all members in good standing, including Life Members. A ballot was provided for voting. The revised bylaws will be printed and a copy will be sent to all members. To view the bylaws, go to the OX5 web site. www.ox5.org

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ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

The election of officers is an important function of the Board of Governors held during the Board of Governors meeting at each reunion. The outgoing officers were President Dennis Yerkey, Secretary Ivan D. Livi, and Treasurer Thomas Barruso. The newly elected officers are President Jim Beisner, Ohio Wing; Secretary Donald Voland, Wisconsin Wing; Treasurer Janet Barnard, Ohio Wing. Vice President Michael Lawrence will remain in that position for another term.

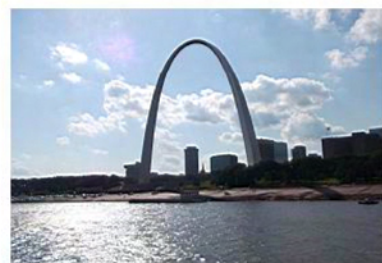
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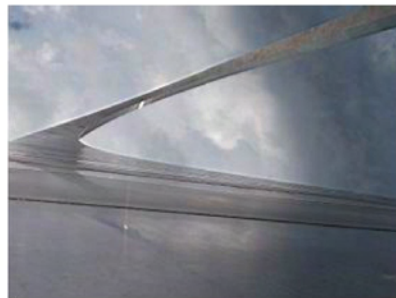
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Congratulations to the new officers and best wishes for a successful coming year.

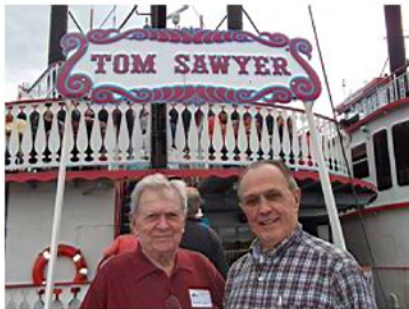
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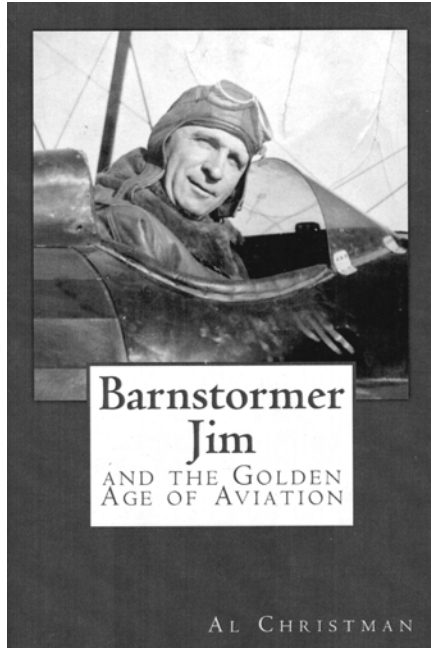
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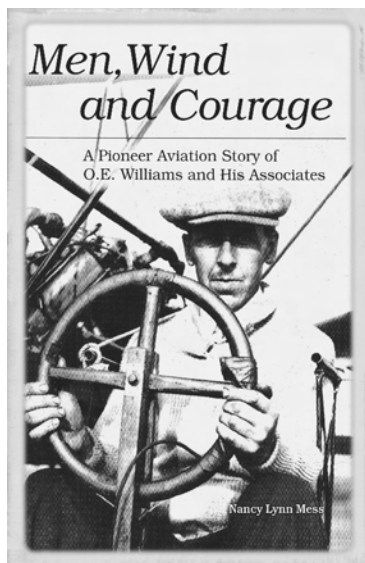
Kenneth F. Evancic was born in Johnstown, Pa. and attended the University of Pittsburgh. After graduation, he worked in Virginia for awhile, but in 1977 started his own pharmacy in Pleasant Hills, Pa. He has now been in business for 36 years. Continuing with his pharmaceutical education, he became a Compounding Pharmacist.

His interest in flying lead him to obtain his private license in 1986 and his instrument rating in 1989. He is now the proud owner of a Cherokee 181.

Ken is married to Janet Evancic and they have four children and seven grandchildren.

OX5 welcomes Ken to the organization as a member of the Cliff Ball Wing in Pittsburgh, Pa..





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