



# OX5 NEWS



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## Sun-N- Fun 2014 Renewed Friendships



Dean Tilton, OX-5 Pioneer



Robert, Sam Meeks, & Brenda Dale Jones



OX5 members and guests drop in.

## Sun-n-Fun Fly-In 2014

During the week of planned events, Jim Beisner and Dean Tilton conducted a forum about the history of the OX-5 engine. Approximately 24 people attended this discussion and were able to get an up close opportunity to see and learn about the parts that make up the OX-5 engine. Members that attended this forum/discussion included Nicole Azzaro(FL), Jim Beisner(OH), Janet Bernard(OH), Brenda Dale-Jones(TN), Byron Covey(GA), Dale Faux(FL), Paul Fuller(IN), Wayne Gordon(SC), Gene & Mary Lou Hammond(IL), Billy Henderson(FL), Ralph Kendall(NY), Michael Keeler(MI), Evelyn

Latorre(FL), Sam Meek(TN), Mac Meek(LA), John Peterson(LA), Doty Prose(FL), Ivan Reddington(FL), Dean & Christine Tilton(FL), Kenneth Zimmerman(MI)



### ***Evelyn Latorre Presented the Chairman's Award***

Special recognition was awarded to Evelyn Latorre. She was nominated and chosen to be the recipient of the 2014 Sun-n-Fun Chairman's Award in appreciation for her outstanding service, dedication and personal commitment to Sun-n-Fun. As most of you know, Evelyn is the wife of the late Joseph Latorre, an OX-5 Pioneer. She had been the Secretary/Treasurer for the Midwest Florida Wing for the last 25 years. She has contributed countless hours to the Sun-n-Fun Fly-In each year and been an integral part of the OX-5 family. Thank you for your service over all of the years!

During the Fly-In airshow, Gianna Azzaro, the youngest OX-5 member was surprised to learn that she had been accepted into the Central Florida Aviation Academy for their Pilots Program. She was also chosen to sing the National Anthem during the Sun-n-Fun in front of thousands of spectators. For everyone's enjoyment, please visit computer link and click on to listen. <http://youtu.be/nz7rNVWGfko>

As the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Sun-n-Fun Fly-In in Lakeland, Florida came to a close, we wanted to thank all of the OX-5 members that took part in volunteering, donating and supporting our local Wing. We are so grateful for all of the contributions both of time and money to help make this event a success. We are continuing to build our membership and are happy to say that during the Fly-In, we were able renew many current memberships and to sign up 6 new National Members. Hope to see more members next year!



Dot Prose Dale Faux, Don Brunges



***Get Your Bags Packed For the National Reunion in Lakeland, Florida... Nov.6<sup>th</sup>,7<sup>th</sup>,& 8<sup>th</sup>!***

**Awards nominees for the reunion are due by May 31<sup>st</sup>. For addition information, visit our website OX5.org.**



### **Gosling: The Need For Speed?**

This was the new design created by Waldo Waterman for Mercury Aviation, which was owned by movie mogul Cecil B. DeMille. This craft featured a parasol monoplane configuration. Waterman's goal was for speed. It had an empty weight of 885 lbs and wing span of 21 feet in order to reach 130 MPH. Waterman named this speedy bird the Gosling.

### **Dues**

Please remember to send your **\$30 dues** check to:

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Christine & Dean Tilton with their 1948 Keiser Frazer

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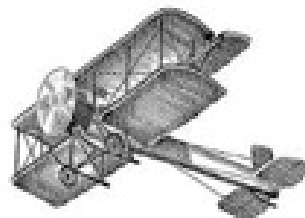
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## **New Members**

Welcome to Eric Berens of Stevens Point, WI! Eric has visited with us at Sun 'n Fun and has joined OX-5 Aviation Pioneers.

Paul Lamar is from Ventura, CA. We welcome you to OX-5 Aviation Pioneers!

Joe Hayes has joined the Alaska Wing of OX-5. He has mostly flown a Cessna 206 for 50 years in Alaska. He has an interesting the flying history of Alaska and has many friends with OX-5 ties in Alaska. Welcome!



**Notice:** Any member that would like the OX5 Newsletter sent by email; please notify Secretary Don Volland (aerooptics@aerooptics.com) of your preference



## Remember Way Back When

*From the Newsletter mailbag came a treasure of articles from Gordon Cumberland (#20456). Gordon has given permission for us to reprint some articles his father, John G. Cumberland, wrote for the Illinois Wing. With many thanks to Gordon for his generosity, and we hope to add more articles in future newsletters.*



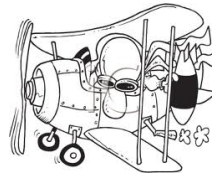
*Photo of John G. Cumberland and Helen Cumberland and his OX-5 Swallow NC5088 in 1933. In July 1933, John climbed his Swallow to an altitude of 14,000 feet. His comment in his log book, "Damn cold."*

## Do You Remember?

By John G. Cumberland

~Large bands cut from an inner tube made a good shock cord.  
~Unbleached muslin was a good substitute for aircraft fabric.  
~The inner tube for the wheel of a model T-Ford was the right size to fit a DH wheel. Many OX-5 aircraft used these surplus wheels.  
~Forced landings were considered integral part of flying and a necessary nuisance. I once had a forced landing on a farmer's field and walked over to the house where the family was having their noonday meal. The lord master looked at me and said, "You are the third fellow to land in one of my fields, and nobody has been *kilt* yet." I think he was disappointed.

~But speaking of farmers, I don't think I can remember a farmer or farm children being afraid to go up in an airplane. In fact, they always got such a kick at seeing the farm from the air; it was fun to take them up.



## Worst Joke of the Year

When a little boy was asked why he named his dog *Airplane Pilot*, he said because all the pooch wants to do is sit on his behind and growl all day.

### **Wing Officers - Midwest Florida Wing**

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Joe Azzaro, V. President

Nicole Azzaro, Secretary/Treasurer

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## *Messages from the Officers*




### **President's Corner**

Greetings and good news from OX5

Aviation Pioneers Headquarters:

After fifty-two years, we are returning to Florida for our Annual Reunion! **The reunion will be held at Lakeland Florida, on November 6,7, & 8,2014.**

The Mid West Florida Wing will be the host and from the plans that are on the drawing board at this time, it is going to be a "REALLY BIG SHOW!" Although the details are not available at this time, please mark your calendar for those dates. Final registration forms will be in the August Newsletter, but for hotel discount prices, please check the OX5.org website in June. Additional details will soon follow!! Clear your calendars and meet us for some Florida Fun in November.

 **Awards nominees for the reunion are due by May 31<sup>st</sup>. For addition information, visit our website OX5.org.**

Thanks to your all-volunteer leadership team, the OX5 Aviation Pioneers continues to be a stable and prestigious organization! **Thanks for being a member!**

James Beisner, President

### **Treasurer's Letter**

Happy Spring to you all! I just arrived home from Sun 'n Fun in Lakeland, Florida. I had a great time and meet many wonderful people at the OX-5 building! All of them had fascinating stories, hangar tales, and were some of the best people you could ever have the pleasure of visiting with. If you missed it, come down to Lakeland in November for our National Convention. I can assure you that you will have a memorable, enjoyable time and I would love to meet you!

I have been receiving your dues, keep them coming. This organization has a rich history that needs to be preserved and passed on to

future generations; otherwise, how will they know about the importance of the OX-5 engine and how it was pivotal to where aviation is today?

I hope this finds each and every one of you with blue skies, fair winds, and sunshine at your backs.

Janet Barnard

National OX-5 Treasurer

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### **Secretary's Letter**

Greetings Fellow OX5 Members:

My topic for this edition of the Newsletter is "lost motion"! That is what happens to your volunteer staff of National Officers when members do not update their personal information. It is very important when members have a change in a mailing address, telephone number, or email address to notify Janet Barnard at [jbarnardox5@gmail.com](mailto:jbarnardox5@gmail.com) or PO Box 769, Troy, OH 45373. She is the clearing house for all OX5 contact information and updates the master OX5 membership list for all officers. That list is used for addressing the Newsletters, first class US mailings for dues acknowledgment, and sending out membership cards. All of your officers extract the necessary information from this master membership list and when we get bounced back emails or returned US mailings it results in "lost motion" and lost dollars from the OX5 treasury.

A handy form for updating your personal information AT ANY TIME can be found on the OX5 web site at [www.ox5.org](http://www.ox5.org) (Member Services - Membership Renewal Form) or just put a note in an envelope and mail it to Janet Barnard. The Membership

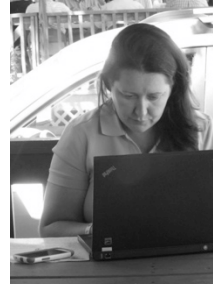
Renewal Form is designed as a multipurpose form and can be used for several options. Renewing your membership, updating your person information, requesting your Newsletter via email, or by Life Members who may want to give a donation. Your personal information is important to us and your assistance is greatly appreciated. Wishing you clear skies and happy memories.

Don Voland National OX5 Secretary

### **Donation List**

(Most recent additions at press time)

Barbara Ariano  
Robert Bailey  
Robert Bejna  
John Blankenship  
Charles Boie  
Dan Cullman  
Gordon Cumberland  
James DeLong  
Cheryl Dewey  
Elizabeth Dinan  
Byron Emerson  
Barbara Ball Ewing (Clifford Ball's daughter)  
Ronald Gilbert  
Donald Hegebarth  
Billy Henderson  
Harry Holman  
Charles Holmes  
John Holtam  
Robert Jenkins  
Lt. Col. Robert Kane  
Bill Knauz  
Barbara Kraemer  
Robert King Lane  
Steven Nagel  
George Northam  
Tom Ostermann  
Allen Richter  
David Richardson  
John Sullivan  
Reinhold Thiele  
Eugene Weiler  
Donald Witt



Nicole Azzaro is busy making final preparations for the **2014 National Reunion... November 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2014**, in **Lakeland, FL**. For any questions, please contact Nicole Azzaro. Email: [Midwestfloridawingox5@gmail.com](mailto:Midwestfloridawingox5@gmail.com)

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### ***Folded Wings***

Charles N. Wilhelm 15332-9647 passed away 11/10/2013

Clifford Andrews

Herbert Roscoe Brinton 12/2012

Thomas R. Conroy was killed by a DUI driver on 11/7/2013

Richard Grigsby

D. Brainerd Holmes

Dean Mitchell 1/25/2014 His wife Lois writes: "He worked hard for his family and for his love of airplanes. We owned Capital Airport in Brookfield from 1977 to 2002. He worked hard to improve it. We sold to a good owner who has kept it an airport. Good luck and keep people interested in the OX-5."

Peter Q. Nyce Jr.



Casey Fesperman talking with Jim Beisner

**Casey Fesperman 4/2/14 OX-5  
interview by Janet Barnard at Sun 'n  
Fun**

Casey Fesperman came to Sun 'n Fun OX-5 building from Anchorage, Alaska. Casey owned and operated one of the largest aerial photography businesses in the nation which had offices in Florida, Alaska, and Siberian, Russia. He has been involved in OX-5 for years and spoke about the OX-5 engines in Alaska. "Of course, the water-cooling portion of the OX-5 could be a problem in cold Alaska. The people up in Alaska would take out the water and replace it with kerosene. That would be a problem if it got too hot it would blow up like an A-bomb! One of his friends developed the Tank OX-5 engine. Tank took off the water jackets and replaced them with fins. The air-cooled OX-5 engine worked great."

## Newsletter Update



Bob Lock

*In the OX-5 Newsletter mailbox was a response to the Bob Lock article that featured his Command Aire in the January Newsletter. Gennaro Avolio wrote the following:*

Sir,

In volume 56 of the OX5 News there was an article on the Command Aire that stated Bob Lock had the only flying Command Aire. I am afraid that time has caught up with you, this is no longer correct. The Western Antique Airplane and Automobile Museum (WAAAM) in Hood River Oregon now has a flying Command Aire. The WAAAM Command Aire is a Bathtub Cockpit model 3C3-T. I am enclosing a photo of the airplane in flight over Hood River (note the OX5 engine) on 11 Aug 2013.



Our Command Aire was acquired by Terry Brandt from Art and Betsy Knowels for a donation to the museum. The restoration was completed by Tom Brown of Unity WI. The airplane arrived at the museum in the Fall of 2013.

WAAAM has seven flying airplanes powered by OX5 engines and additionally, currently has a Swallow undergoing restoration. I am assembling an OX5 engine for the Swallow. You are encouraged to visit the museum and see one of the best collection of flying airplanes that this writer has had the privilege to see.

Gennaro Avolio, #23122

### Noteworthy

~Gerald Lindenmuth, Jr. will be 90 on 6/17/14.

~Allen Richter soloed 82 years ago!

~George E. Weeks, Jr. just turned 97!

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## **Announcing: OX-5 National Reunion**

Final Preparations have begun for the **2014 National Reunion** scheduled for **November 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2014**, that will be held in **Lakeland, FL** and sponsored by the "Midwest Florida Wing".

Additional details will soon follow!! For any questions or to RSVP, please contact Nicole Azzaro. Email:

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