



# OX5 NEWS



Celebrating 58 Years: 1955-2013

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## 59<sup>th</sup> OX-5 Aviation Pioneers Annual Reunion Lakeland, Florida November 6 – 9, 2014

Enjoy seeing your friends and sharing refreshments at the OX-5 Clubhouse at Sun-n-Fun.

Tour the Central Florida Aerospace Academy and **Tour Aerospace Center for Excellence Museum ACE.**

Watch a warbird airshow and eat some of the best BBQ this side of the Mississippi at “When Pigs Fly South” BBQ Challenge at Sun-n-Fun!

See what is happening with your OX-5 organization and add your ideas during the informational OX-5 Annual Membership Meeting.

### Make your hotel reservations today at:

Hilton Garden Inn  
3839 Don Emerson Dr.  
Lakeland, Florida

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Be sure and ask for the special OX-5 Discounted rate, rooms are limited so call today!



### Schedule of Events

#### Thursday, November 06, 2014

3:00 pm – Check Into Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn  
8:00 pm – Welcome & Hospitality Room

#### Friday, November 07, 2014

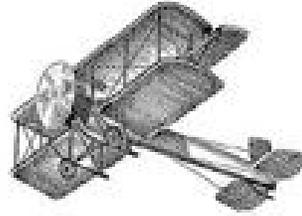
7:00 am – Continental Breakfast  
9:00 am – Tour of Central Florida Aerospace Academy (Photo Session)  
11:00 am – **Tour of Sun ‘n Fun Air Museum** (Photo Session)  
1:00 pm – Lunch Break  
2:30 pm – Publix Deli / OX-5 Clubhouse Open  
2:30 pm – Return to Hotel  
4:00 pm – Free Time / Prepare for Banquet  
6:00 pm – Cocktail Social Hour at Hilton Garden Inn (Outside, weather permitting)  
9:00 pm – Banquet

## Saturday, November 08, 2014

7:00 am – Continental Breakfast at Hilton  
9:00 am – Garden Inn / Shuttles to Sun 'n Fun  
Sun 'n Fun : When Pigs Fly South  
BBQ Festival

9:00 am – Judging of Planes &  
12:00 pm – Cars  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm Board  
Meeting at OX-5 Club House

1:00 pm – General Membership Meeting at  
2:00 pm – OX-5 Club House  
2:00 pm – Return to Hotel  
4:00 pm – Lakeland Mall  
5:00 pm – Dine at Fish City  
7:00 pm – Free Time  
7:00 pm –  
10:00 pm –  
Sunday, November 9, 2014  
Check out time: 11:00 am



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



### OX-5 Annual Reunion

All days including banquet: \$140

Banquet only: \$50

Make Checks payable to:

Midwest Florida Wing

Send to: Nicole Azzaro

2446 Brownwood Dr.

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*Help make the newsletter informative and send articles to your editor.*

### **Please send items for the newsletter to:**

*OX5 Aviation Pioneer*

*PO Box 769*

*Troy, Ohio 45373*

*OX5NEWS@ymail.com*

## New Members

Welcome to Gary Lawrence of Texas. Gary retired from the Ocala Police Department.



Chuck Heide is pictured above with his T-craft. Thank you, Chuck, for making the OX5 available for the Wisconsin AirVenture and other activities!



## Messages from the Officers



### **President's Corner**

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!

It's been a short two years as your president. Yes, time goes fast when you are having fun. Yes, it's fun to work with all of you; the members of the OX5 Aviation Pioneers; the finest people in the aviation community!

It has been fun to work with outstanding leadership team and Board of Governors of his prestigious organization.

It is a pleasure to report that the National Organization is in good order! The finances are stable. New and enthusiastic members are coming on board. OX5 engines are making more noise (music) across the country, from Texas to Alaska, and from California to New York. More engines are being restored and flown by enthusiastic young people.

OX5 was invited to make a presentation AirVenture (Oshkosh) and the noise (music) drew a large crowd of curious aviators.

As we celebrate our 59<sup>th</sup> year, we can look forward to many more successful years for OX5 Aviation Pioneers!

James Beisner, President

### **Treasurer's Letter**

Greetings All, I hope that this newsletter finds you well. Financially OX-5 Aviation Pioneers is doing fine, thanks to you sending in your dues. A big thanks also goes out to those that sent in a donation. This money is hard at work for you to run the office and keep the files up to date, write your newsletter, give scholarships to young people to promote learning about aviation, updating your website, and many other jobs.

Come to this year's annual reunion; take time to see friends and make new ones. Your presence is important for the continuation of OX-5 Aviation Pioneers! When Dean Tilton was asked: Why should OX-5 be remembered? Dean **replied, "People need to preserve history of aviation, almost all older timers that flew OX-5 engine brought aviation to what it is today. Back in those days we didn't think that aviation would amount to anything, but what did we do? We put men on the moon! It (the OX-5 engine) was the grass roots of aviation. That is why people should remember that this is where it all started. It takes an organization like this to keep this history alive, otherwise people might think it started with the jets!" So come to the reunion and take part in renewing friendships, OX-5 history, and memories so that we can pass them onto the younger generation and keep OX-5 Aviation Pioneers strong!** See you at the reunion in November!

Janet Barnard  
OX-5 Aviation Pioneers Treasurer

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### **Secretary's Letter**

Greetings Fellow OX5 Members:

I hope that some of you have had a chance to visit Aviation Museums and

Aviation Activities during this past year. For the most part these activities and collections of Aviation History are supported and maintained by Volunteers. That is how we pass on the important history of our passion to the next generations.

I have just returned home from a nine day tour of duty as a volunteer at AirVenture in Oshkosh, WI. For many years I have managed, as a volunteer, the Helicopter Operations for the Experimental Aircraft Association during their normal flight season which also includes AirVenture. Events like this would never happen if it was not for the tremendous support of volunteers. I want to thank the folks from our Wisconsin Wing for staffing the OX5 booth and Jim Beisner for providing the beautiful OX5 engine for display.

The OX5 Organization has been able to accomplish many positive things in the past few years. A great website, a very interesting Newsletter that is available also by email if you have indicated that to us at Headquarters, a colorful OX5 brochure that includes a Membership form, and many useful other forms found on our Website. Please remember to update your personal information if you have moved by informing our National Secretary, Janet Barnard, of any changes at her Headquarters address.

I urge you to consider being a volunteer if you are not one already. Your local OX5 Wing needs your support along with local Aviation Museums and Aviation Activities. Help pass on our great Aviation History to your friends and neighbors. You will find great

satisfaction in telling them the OX5 story.  
Don Volland National OX5 Secretary

### Donation List

(Most recent additions at press time)

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**Thank you for all of your donations!**



Pack your bags and make your reservations soon for the Annual Reunion in Lakeland, Florida on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>!

Nicole Azzaro is busy making final preparations for the **2014 National Reunion... November 6<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

**Philip A. Lathrap** passed away in 2012.

Arthur M. Morrissey Jr. His son **Gary** writes, “**My dad was an avid pilot and aviation pioneer for 70 years. His love for flying was his passion. He would take me to many air shows and also got myself involved in flying. The aviators I met, and the planes they flew were a part of my life. I was proud to fly beside him.**”

Stephen P. Sullivan of Marion, Texas was in the Air Force for 33 years as a flight engineer. According to the San Antonio Express-News, “**Sullivan** clocked more than 15,000 hours of flight time and landed intelligence assignments in Bulgaria, Brazil and Iran. He also served in Vietnam, well before the conflict became public knowledge.” **Stephen’s wife, Beverly** says, “**He was a very outgoing and just a nice guy all around, to everybody. He didn’t see anything wrong with anybody. That’s just the kind of person he was.**” He died on June 30, 2012 from lung cancer.

George J. Tittinger passed away on 3/28/13 at the age of 98.

Cornelius (Bill) Wichser died on April 27, 2014 at the age of 98. According to **Bill’s son, Karl**, **Bill soloed on 1/20/1933** in his OX5- powered Curtiss Robin at O’Neal Airport in Vincennes, IN. **Karl** writes, “**He was a true OX5’er and faithfully maintained his membership beginning in 1964. He was always happy to introduce potential members to the Club.**”

## Noteworthy

Gerald Lindenmuth Jr. will be 90 on 6/17/14  
Allen Richter soloed 82 years ago!  
George E. Weeks Jr. just turned 97

*Did you know?*

***Way back when...If an aircraft that was for sale did not mention the kind of engine it had, it was assumed that it had an OX-5 engine.***

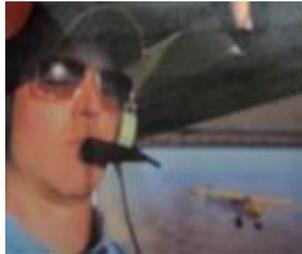
*That there was a few OXX engines made special to rotate in the opposite direction? These engines were made for the Curtiss Model Twin JN-Military Tractor. Allison did the same thing for the Lockheed Lightning, and also Cessna.*

***(Rewritten from “Overhead Giggles” of the Illinois Wing. Thank you Gordon Cumberland.)***

## WING STRUTS

### Texas Wing

**The April Texas Wing OX5 reunion is now History, and it was great! The “Hospitality Room” was fun, and the free flights by Cade and Colton Woodward over the old MAA were a hit. And OX5 members enjoyed mingling with Big Bend EAA members. The facilities at the restored Holland Hotel were good – even without room telephones. (Almost everyone except this Editor now use a cell phone). Afterwards, some enjoyed Big Bend National Park, and Boquillas, Mexico. Three Governors were re-elected for another term (Robert Clark, Barbara Kraemer and Jack Nelson), as were all current Officers.**  
Sincerely,



George Vose  
Editor/Secretary

President Cade Woodward



Susie and Jack Brouse

### Kansas Wing

The Kansas Wing held their membership meeting on April 26, 2014. There were 15 members present that ranged from non-pilots to Aerodynamics Engineers with up to 50 years of experience. There was also an Airline Captain who described some interesting situations either recently or long ago that were outstanding to the presenters.

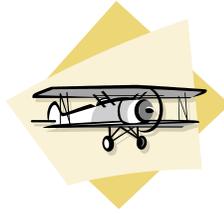
Jay McLeod  
Secretary

### Glenn Curtiss Wing

Art Wilder proposed that the Curtiss Wing sponsor a restoration shop luncheon, previously sponsored by Uncle Lee. This proposal was tabled for future discussion. Don Funke updated the club on the restoration of the Thomas Morris, Tommy Plane. Don Funke updated the club on the up-coming Seaplane Homecoming in September **sponsored by the Glenn Curtiss Museum. The OX5 Curtiss Wing’s annual picnic will be held on August 9, 2014 at 1 pm at the Glenn Curtiss Museum.**

Respectively submitted,  
Norm Brush, Secretary

# OX5 Aviation Pioneers 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion



## Registration Form

Complete this form and send in your check by October 15

Sun – n – Fun, Lakeland, FL		November 6 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>
Registration Fees:	number	total
Full weekend, registration fee \$140.00 (includes banquet)	× _____	= _____
Banquet only, Friday 11-7 \$50.00	× _____	= _____
	Grand Total	= _____

Make checks payable to Midwest Florida Wing

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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”. For any questions or to RSVP, please contact Nicole Azzaro. Email: [Midwestfloridawingox5@gmail.com](mailto:Midwestfloridawingox5@gmail.com)