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59th OX-5 Aviation Pioneers Annual Reunion Lakeland, Florida November 6 – 9, 2014



Dean Tilton was inducted into the Hall of Fame. **Billy Henderson** was given the Legion of Honor award.



Mc and Sam Meek and the Meek Family were given an award thanking them for all their support over the years.



Pat and Bob Wagner were awarded the Legion of Merit award and Pat was also given the Pioneer Women's Award.

George Vose was also given an award for his work with OX5 Aviation Pioneers over the years and his work with the wonderful Texas Newsletter.

A big thanks was given to **Nora Kay Francis** for her donation of 2-years work of putting together great newsletters.

The reunion was a memorable, wonderful time of renewing friendships, sharing stories, and good eating! Thanks again to **Nicole Azzaro** and the **MidWest Florida Wing** for all their hard work!

New Members

Welcome to **Gary Regner** from Seminole, Florida. Gary attended the Reunion in Lakeland, Florida; nice to have you with us Gary!

Larry Sittauer is from Snokhomish, Washington. He has an OX5 engine which is installed in a 1914 Velie auto project. He enjoys restoring vintage aircraft and cars. One of the aircraft that he has restored is a 1928 Travelair 4000 which he flies. Welcome Larry!



Nancy Sommers Board is the granddaughter of John E. Sommers who before 1940, established rules, boundaries, and regulations for many important airports, such as Denver, LaGuardia, and Chicago. After WWII, he was an integral part of the military tribunal that reestablished air corridors from Berlin to major European cities. He also investigated the Hindenburg Explosion. Nancy is interested in helping to perpetuate the OX5 pioneers and the history of aviation. Welcome Nancy!

Samuel Habit is from Kokomo, Indiana and is retired from the U.S. Air Force and is a private pilot. Welcome Samuel!

Max Dollarhite is from St. Johns, Missouri and says that in 1961 he located an OX5-

powered Curtiss Robin that had crashed in 1936. We are glad to have you join us Max!

Pat Duggins is from Broken Arrow, Oklahoma and is a certified aircraft appraiser. Welcome Pat!

Kyle Irwin is from Chicago, Illinois. Kyle's grandfather and father were both members of OX5 Aviation Pioneers. He met many pioneers as a youth on the porch of the OX5 building at Sun 'n Fun. Kyle is joining to help support the OX5 history. Welcome Kyle!

OX5 Annual Reunion Lakeland, Florida 2014



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Messages from the Officers



President's Corner

Greetings OX5 Members:

Winter has settled in here in Wisconsin and I mentioned to my wife this morning that we get one nice weather day and 5 or 6 days that are dreary. That is why we develop inside projects to keep our minds off of the fact that it is not a nice VFR flying day outside. We did have a beautiful day this last Saturday and I delivered Santa via helicopter for EAA at their Christmas in the Sky activity. It is free to all comers and the children really enjoy it. This activity is a payback to the surrounding community by EAA for all of their support during the year and there is no charge to tour the Museum. For the record, Santa is a member of our OX5 group!

This is the time of the year that I want to remind you to renew your membership. For Regular and Life Members please check your personal information and make any updates so that you will continue to receive your Newsletter. You can use the Membership Renewal Form found on our website to accomplish this task or just send a note to Janet Barnard, our Treasurer at the OX5 Ohio office.

Great memories and have a meaningful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Donald R. Voland
National OX5 President

Treasurer's Letter

The reunion was a great time! Some of the highlights were a very impressive tour of the Central Florida Aerospace Academy, a wonderful banquet, and sampling BBQ from the Pigs Fly South competition. Wayne Gordon did a great job of having it donated to the OX5

Pigs Fly South competition. A big thanks to all of the Midwest Florida Wing for a job well done putting on a memorable reunion. It doesn't get much better than spending time with the OX5 family with wonderful food and warm sunshine! If you missed it, start making plans to attend our 60th reunion next year.

It is time to send in you 2015 dues.

Please send your check for \$30 to:

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If you have any questions, don't hesitate to write to me at the headquarters address or email:

JBarnardOX5@gmail.com

Have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!

Janet Barnard
National OX5 Treasurer

Secretary's Letter

Greetings and Welcome to the prestigious and growing OX5 Aviation Pioneers! Yes, our membership has grown more than 12% over the past few years. We are also providing more service to our Wings and individual members. Our support is growing in grants to Wings for newsletter printing as well as marketing activities at fly-ins such as Sun 'n Fun and Oshkosh.

We are especially proud to announce an increase in scholarships to young people that are enrolled in aviation-related programs. Grants are available to Wings for an amount of up to \$400 per year. Please feel free to contact us at the OX5 headquarters for additional information.

James Beisner
National OX5 Secretary

Donation List

(Most recent additions at press time)

Carl Belville

Ann Guglielmetti Garino

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Janet Yoder

Thank you for all of your donations!



Dues are now needed for 2015!

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President Don Volland and his wife Jeannette along with long-time member Dennis Griswold enjoying the Florida warmth on the OX5 Building porch.

Do I need a Certified Aircraft Appraisal?

By Pat Duggins, Senior Certified Aircraft Appraiser (NSCA) www.patduggins.com

Used for a variety of reasons, certified aircraft appraisals are much like flight plans; they provide financial guidance to get you from point A to point B. Certified is defined as *“to attest as being true or meeting a standard”*.

The IRS requires a certified aircraft appraisal that meets the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) for tax credits on personal property worth more than \$5,000. and estate tax when your estate is valued in excess of one million dollars.

Parties in need of aircraft valuation services should ensure they are engaging individuals with proper certification to carry out the assignment. Certified aircraft appraisals must be credible, the appraiser must be independent to all parties involved, impartial, have no financial interest in the asset and be objective without prejudice.

**Check out the
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Folded Wings

Donald Sabol passed away at the age of 93. He was an active civilian and military aviator for 40 years which he started at the age of 16 when he soloed in a Curtiss Robin powered by an OX5 engine. His son, Bruce Sabol tells us that Donald valued the OX5 organization greatly.

Donald Nordlund passed away at the age of 86.

John Hornbaker died at the age of 97. The first time he saw a barnstormer at the age of 12, he knew he wanted to be a pilot. He became a mechanic and pilot of Curtiss airplanes with OX5 engines. He served in WWII and went on to fly for United Airlines 1947 – 1977.

Raul A. Wulf, long-time member of the Florida Wing, died on March 13, 2014. Raul came to America in 1952 from Chile. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and after returning home from 3 years in Germany, worked for Pan Am. He also worked for several other airlines.

R. Brian Grigsby was a restoration shop volunteer who put in more than 20 years helping to restore, reproduce, and fly antique seaplanes at the Glenn H. Curtiss Museum. Brain started his engineering career as a captain in the USAF piloting B-25s, C-119's, and C-123's. He went on to work for General Dynamics Astronautics as a systems engineer and then was part of the team at Vandenburg AFB that had the 1st successful launch of an underground missile. At the Kennedy Space Center he participated in 125 launches of the Delta rocket. He was the Manager of External Tank/Solid Rocket

Booster Mechanical Systems for the first Space Shuttle launches. He was then appointed to the Space Station Task Force in Washington, D.C. and went on to become the project engineer in the Space Station Project Office.

Evelyn Latorre was asked to join OX5 Aviation Pioneers with her husband Joe by Bob Cavaness in 1972. She immediately got involved and “did whatever needed to be done”. She once said that when she was cleaning the OX5 building at the Sun ‘n Fun airport, that she “wondered what the heck she was doing here”. But then she stated what kept her coming back “are all the nice people – they immediately start saying Hi and she has a good time with them”. During this last reunion a sign given by the Meek brothers which was put above the kitchen in the OX5 Building stating it is “Evelyn’s Kitchen”.

Noteworthy



This is a picture of the Parker Pusher which is powered by an OX5 engine and is owned by Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum (WAAAM) in Hood River, Oregon. The flight took place on August 9, 2014 and was piloted by OX5 Aviation Pioneer member, **Gennaro Avolio**.

WING STRUTS

Kansas Wing

Lunch at NEWELL'S at Newton was a great time for conversation before the trip on over to the airport and the viewing of the Lockheed 10A . Leeb VonFange, Wichita Air Service shop manager, showed us around the airplane. The company is doing a great restoration of the airplane. They have restored several significant airplanes, including a Grumman Duck.

The Lockheed 10A is a model similar to Amelia Earhart's Lockheed 10E. The restoration was nearly complete when we were there. It will be ferried to Prague in the Czech Republic next May, when the weather is better. The Bata Shoe Co. purchased the airplane in 1937 and used it in the business. Shortly after buying the airplane it was flown around the world promoting Bata shoes. It was found in Texas, and the Bata family decided to restore it. With present day technology, materials, etc. the aircraft is better than new.



Leeb VonFange: Wichita Air Services Shop Manager

Wisconsin Wing

The fall meeting was held on October 4, 2014. Two of the members were recognized at Oshkosh on October 25th. President Donald Voland was inducted into The Aviators' Hall of Fame. Carroll Rands received the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award. The Wright Brothers Award is given for 50 years of active flying without accident or incident. Congratulations to both!

Charles (Chuck) Heide has purchased Jim Beisner's OX5 engine and generously donated it to the Wisconsin Wing. It will be displayed as usual each summer at EAA. We thank Jim for hauling it to EAA all these past years. Thank you so very much to Chuck & Kathryn!

Ohio Wing

The Ohio Wing is sponsoring a Star Base Aviation Summer Camp for kids ages 10-14. Because of the sponsorship, children attend this 3-day hands-on science camp at no cost. The camp is run by Wing President Tim Pinkerton and was developed by Jim Beisner, Tim Pinkerton, and Janet Barnard. The goal is for the campers to experience and learn about the history and innovation of aviation. The OX5 engine is discussed and hopefully this summer the campers will also see and hear one run!



OX5 HALL OF FAME ROSTER

The Glenn H. Curtiss Museum is home to the original OX5 Hall of Fame roster. On March 15, 1971, the OX5 Aviation Pioneers Hall of Fame was established. Since then, approximately 331 aviation personalities have been added. This display is updated regularly when new members are inducted.



AMERICA

The First of the Great Flying Boats

In 1914, Rodman Wanamaker contacted Glenn Curtiss to build an aircraft that was capable of flying across the Atlantic Ocean. The result of that challenge was the Curtiss *America*. Shown above is the Curtiss Museum reproduction of this original flying boat. Completed in 2007, it was presented to the public in September 2007 and flew successfully in 2008 and 2009. It is now retired and on display in the Glenn H. Curtiss Museum in Hammondsport, NY.

The Glenn H. Curtiss Wing congratulates the Florida Wing for hosting the 2014 Reunion

Lou Fell, President
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