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From: bills52@flash.net
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Subject: FW: OX5 Aviation Pioneers - Newsletters

Dennis,

I recently contacted you on Facebook concerning a collection of past OX-5 Association newsletters that I have from my dad's estate.

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Born Nov. 2nd, 1914 Died Mar. 23, 1992

You responded that I should mail them to you (see below) and that the newsletters would be scanned and posted to the organization's web site. I would appreciate that very much.

I have been endeavoring to preserve my dad's papers and his lifetime contributions to aviation. He was involved in several aspects of the aviation industry beginning in high school with a primary glider up through his career in the defense industry with the RB-57F. He was an Aeronautical Engineer and worked for Porterfield Aircraft, Schweizer Aircraft, Consolidated Aircraft, Convair, General Dynamics and several other companies during the WWII era. He was an active glider pilot and learned to fly in both Jenny and WACO aircraft in the late 1920's and early 1930's.

I have endeavored to capture information in my father's files and preserve what I can. I scanned twenty plus years of the Porterfield Aircraft Club newsletters and posted them on-line for that organization. I have also been collecting the OX-5 Newsletters and hope to get these preserved in a similar fashion. The OX-5 newsletters present a problem in format. I do not currently have a scanner that would be best suited for them. I sincerely hope that you can assist with that process.

As I stated, my objective is to preserve the information I have and to make sure it ends up in the hands of people who will use it and appreciate it. I intend to donate the papers to appropriate organizations, museums, clubs, libraries, etc. After donating the OX-5 newsletters to you, it is my wish that you keep them in the organizations library, or donate them to another appropriate organization; e.g. Air Power Museum, National Archives, etc. IF you intend to just discard them, I would prefer you simply return them to me. I will then attempt to donate them locally; perhaps to the Vintage Flying Museum here in Fort Worth.

I have compiled a list of 72 issues of the national newsletter which I am mailing to you this week.

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