


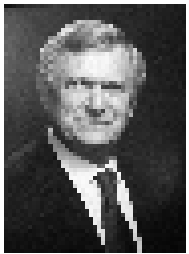



OX5 AVIATION PIONEERS



**55th Annual Reunion
Dayton, Ohio
Holiday Inn / Fairborn
September 23-26, 2010**

Welcome From the 2010 National Officers and Governors

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OX5 NATIONAL REUNION SITES

1955	Latrobe Aug 27, 1955	1990	Anchorage, AK
1956	Williamsport, PA	1991	Scottsdale, AR
1957	Kansas City, MO	1992	Oshkosh, WI
1958	Los Angeles, CA	1993	Corning, NY
1959	Pittsburgh, PA.	1994	Van Nuys, CA
		1995	Oklahoma City, OK
		1996	Seattle, WA
		1997	Oklahoma City, OK
1960	Dallas, TX	1998	San Diego, CA
1961	Wichita, KS	1999	Midland, TX
1962	Miami, FL.		
1963	Oklahoma City, OK.	2000	San Antonio, TX
1964	Kansas City, MO	2001	Scottsdale, AZ
1965	Chicago, IL	2002	Charleston, SC
1966	St. Louis, MO	2003	Wichita, KS
1967	Birmingham, AL	2004	San Carlos, CA
1968	Pittsburgh, PA	2005	San Antonio, TX
1969	Fort Worth, TX	2006	Denver, CO
		2007	Waukesha, WI
1970	Fort Wayne, IN	2008	Tullahoma, TN
1971	Phoenix, AR	2009	Grapevine, TX
1972	Columbus, OH	2010	Sept 23, 2010 Dayton, OH
1973	Dearborn, MI	2011	Sept 23, 2011 Hammondsport, NY
1974	Charleston, SC		
1975	San Antonio, TX		
1976	San Diego, CA		
1977	Kansas City, MO		
1978	Colorado Springs, CO		
1979	Seattle, WA		
1980	Baltimore, MD		
1981	San Antonio, TX		
1982	San Francisco, CA		
1983	San Diego, CA		
1983	Niagara Falls NY		
1985	Los Angeles, CA		
1986	Seattle, WA		
1987	Charleston, SC		
1988	San Antonio, TX		
1989	Wichita, KS		

55th Annual Reunion Events Schedule

The Hospitality Room is the Lindbergh Room

Thursday, September 23 Check In Day 2:00 PM

- 2:00-5:00 PM Pick up your conference packet in the Lindbergh Room
5:00-6:00 PM Welcome party hosted by the Hotel in the Lindbergh Room
Fruit, Cheese, Vegetables, Coffee and Punch
6:00 PM Dinner on your own.
Lunch and dinner is available at the Hotel.
Other dining is within walking distance.

Friday, September 24 Museum Day & Evening Dinner Theatre

- 7:00-8:00 AM Breakfast in McKenna's Restaurant (Included in room charge)
8:30 AM Board the bus for United States Air Force Museum at WPAFB
If you prefer to drive, the base is 5 miles away. Sign up for the Annex at 9:00 am
12:00 Noon Lunch A \$5.00 lunch on the Museum's 2nd floor. Elevators are available.
3:00 PM Return to Hotel from the WPAFB Museum
4:30 PM Board the bus for *LaComedia Dinner Theatre*
Dine and enjoy the hilarious musical comedy "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels"
10:30 PM Return to the Hotel

Saturday September 25 Meetings in the Earhart Room

Awards Banquet in the Lindbergh Room

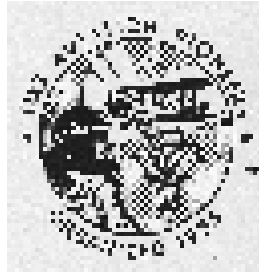
The Fairfield Commons Mall is across the street for guest shopping while meetings are taking place.

A return trip to the AF Museum is another option for guests.

- 7:00-8:00 AM Breakfast in McKenna's Restaurant (Included in room charge)
8:30-9:30 AM Wing President's meeting Wing Presidents will report on their Wing.
10:00-11:45 AM Nat Governor's meeting The President will chair this meeting.
12:00 Noon Lunch on your own At the hotel or within walking distance.
1:00-2:00 PM General Membership Meeting (All members attend this meeting)
An overview of National with member input.
2:00-3:00 PM Break time Fire up Jim Beisner's OX5 engine
3:00-4:00 PM National Governor's Election Meeting Elect new Officers
4:00-6:00 PM Break-Prepare for the Banquet
6:00 PM **AWARDS BANQUET** Cash bar LINDBERGH ROOM
6:30 PM Gather for Individual and group pictures
7:00 PM Dinner
8:00 PM Opening Remarks & Introductions
Awards Ceremony and Election Results
Door Prizes
8:30 PM Cliff Ball Wing 20 minute DVD of the Miss Pittsburgh Restoration

Sunday, September 26

- 7:30 AM Farewell Breakfast (Included in the room charge)



George P. Vose
2010 President
OX5 Aviation Pioneers
PO Box 908
Alpine, Texas 79831

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

September 23, 2010

Dear OX5 Members and Friends:

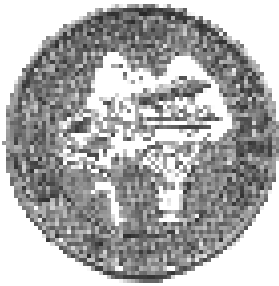
On behalf of the OX5 Board of Governors, it is my privilege to welcome you to our 55th Annual Reunion at Dayton, Ohio. It is rare that an organization such as ours founded in 1955 is still active, however, it will take a concerted effort by all to keep it viable. Our organization will only grow if we become more inclusive and extend an invitation to potential members. We should not lose sight of the fact that our younger members will be the future of our organization. So, we must elect them to Officer positions at the Wing level and then to National positions.

In the days ahead, your Board will consider creative ways to improve our recruiting methods and the operation of our OX5 organization. For instance, in this ever-changing world of communication,.... eMail, conference calls, Skype and Web sites will be attractive vehicles by which we can communicate quickly and freely.

It is a fact that a successful organization is the result of member participation. So, if we are to succeed, we need your support and participation. Wings must formulate projects that will give them meaning and group cohesiveness. National must support activities such as scholarship programs, Sun-n-Fun and Oshkosh Air Venture, because they place us in the public view.

Finally, I want to thank all who have so generously supported the Organization with additional donations which helps to defray increased costs. You have made a difference!

George Vose, President 2010



OX5 AVIATION PIONEERS



*Harold Walter, National Secretary
14421 Killarney Ct
Wichita, Kansas 67230
(316) 733-2377*

GREETINGS TO EACH OF YOU,

We are proud to have our National Reunion in such an aviation related and historic place as Dayton. It's a great time and place to share aviation history with friends. We are especially pleased with the reorganization of the Ohio Wing by Carl Belville and President Jim Beisner. It's a pleasure to have the Ohio and Clifford Ball Wings working together with Carl Belville, Jim Beisner, Dennis Yerkey, Ivan Livi and Thomas Barruso at the controls.

This has been a great year for our OX5 Aviation Pioneers organization. As we gather here it is a pleasure to inform you of a few items of this year's progress.

- A dedicated OX5 Computer and office supplies has been purchased and a bookkeeping program has been installed on the computer.
- Mr. Thomas Barruso, our Treasurer, has redesigned the financials and set up new Pittsburgh bank accounts. Mr. Barruso's experience as a banker brings accuracy to our accounting.
- The historic 1992 Roster booklet has been scanned. This will serve as a historic reference. Dues notices were sent out to approximately 1500 members. There were a few mix-ups, but the overall dues return was good. Dennis Yerkey will continue to verify and refine the membership data base. The generosity of our LIFE members truly amazes me..... as 26% of Life members sent a donation even though not required to do so. Thank you LIFE members.
- We usually recruit new members at the AirVenture and Sun-n-Fun events. Membership applications were sent to Evelyn Latorre at Sun 'n' Fun in Florida for this purpose. The Mid-West Florida Wing recruited 16 new members during the Air Show.
- Marguerite Lawrence hand printed cards for Life Members.
- Our OX5 memorabilia is on loan to the KLBE museum at the Arnold Palmer Airport, Latrobe, Pa.
- We renewed contact with the Antique Airplane Association.

My personal thanks go to each of you for helping to make this a successful year.
Have a safe trip home.

Sincerely,

Harold Walter National Secretary

OX5 AVIATION PIONEERS

From the desk of the Treasurer

August 27, 2010

Greetings and Welcome to the 55th Annual Reunion

It is with great pleasure that I report to you on the financial status of our organization. Effective January 1, 2010 I accepted the position of National Treasurer which had been left vacant during the latter part of 2009. It is also the time at which the National Board of Governors decided to move the headquarters office to Pittsburgh, Pa. Funds from the Texas operating checking account in the amount of \$7,241.28 were transferred to PNC Bank in Pittsburgh, PA.

My first task was to implement a system of accounting and recordkeeping that is detailed, accurate, and transparent. Secondly, I solicited the aid of Governors Yerkey and Livi and, as a committee, we began a process of validating the membership roster and dues collection procedures. Thirdly, our ad hoc committee began an investigation of our organization's investments. As a result of our meetings with PNC financial Advisor Talin Drabik our investment portfolio was moved from Wachovia in California to PNC Bank in Pittsburgh, PA. The amount transferred was \$66,525.88.

At this time I want to report to you on the following issues and conditions.

- The membership roster as of January 1, 2010 showed a membership of approximately 1500. Dues collection notices were sent to all members listed.
- As of August 27, 2010 we have received dues payments from 731 members. The total amount received is \$14,620.00.
- As of August 27, 2010 we have received confirming responses from 180 Life Members.
- As of August 27, 2010 we have received donations from 338 members in the amount of \$6,612.00.
- As of August 27, 2010 there are 589 members listed on the data base roster that we have not been able to verify.

As National Treasurer I have implemented a system for providing the organization officers with quarterly financial reports that reflect the current financial position. Copies are available to the members of the Board of Governors upon request.

Thomas J. Barruso, National Treasurer



22 August 2010

Greetings!

We want to welcome the OX5 Aviation Pioneers to the National Aviation Heritage Area and Dayton Ohio as you celebrate your 55th Annual Reunion. There is no better place to experience aviation history as you will have an opportunity to explore the region where the Wright brothers invented the world's first airplane. The legacy of the Wrights lives on today as engineers and scientists in the Dayton Region and at Wright Patterson AFB continue to develop aviation and aerospace technologies that allow man to fly higher, faster and further.

We hope that you will take the time to experience the stories, historic sites and airplanes that are presented by the partners of the National Aviation Heritage Alliance (NAHA). There are a number of places where you can learn the details of how the Wrights invented the airplane, see their most successful flyer and explore the Wright Family home that was closed to the public for years and is now open for tours. And if you become a member of the Wright B Flyer, you will be offered an orientation flight in a replica of the Wrights' first massed produced airplane. This flight is a once in a lifetime moment that will give you a unique perspective on the significance of the work of the brothers.

From the world's largest military aviation museum (National Museum of the United States Air Force) to some of our smaller sites such as Historic Grimes and Waco Fields, you can see firsthand how aviation made its imprint on Dayton and the world beyond.

Our visitors say it best when they offer their testimony as to how much there is to see and do related to aviation. We know that you will agree as you come, discover and fly in the National Aviation Heritage Area!


Sincerely,

Tony Sculimbrene
Executive Director

Amanda Wright Lane
Trustee

**WELCOME TO THE 55TH ANNUAL
OX5 AVIATION PIONEERS
AWARDS BANQUET
Dayton, Ohio
Saturday Sept 25, 2010**

**AWARDS BANQUET PROGRAM
LINDBERGH ROOM**

- 6:00** Mixer - Cash bar
- 6:30** Gather for group pictures
- 6:50** Call to order - Be seated **George Vose**
Stand for the Pledge of Allegiance **Harold Walter**
Short Welcome **George Vose**
Invocation **Jim Beisner**
A moment of silence for those who have flown West 
- 7:00** Dinner: *Bon Appetite from the Reunion Committee*
Appetizer: Macedonia of Fresh Fruit
Salad: Grande Mixed Field Greens-Vinegar or Ranch
Choice of: Chicken Marinated in Marsala Wine Sauce **C Tag**
Prime Rib with Au Jus Sauce **B Tag**
Baked Salmon with Dill Sauce **F Tag**
Sides: Roasted Red Potatoes ● California Vegetable Medley
Dessert: Napoleon Puff Pastry w/Cream & Strawberries
Rolls & Butter / Coffee / Tea / Iced Tea
- 7:45** Announce a 15 minute break The wait staff please clear the tables
- 8:00** Program Please take your seat
Opening remarks **George Vose** 2010 President
Jim Beisner Co-Host Ohio Wing *Sun-n-Fun & Oshkosh*
Ivan D. Livi Co-Host CBW Wing *Accomplished in 2010*
Introductions **Michael Lawrence**
Head Table
New Officers for 2011
Governors in Attendance
Past National Presidents in Attendance
Hall of Fame Recipients in Attendance
55th Reunion Committee
Remarks by the New President
Presentation of 4 Awards **Harold Walter**
Door Prizes **Dennis Yerkey**

View the DVD "The Cliff Ball Wing Restoration of Miss Pittsburgh N2574"



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July 6, 2010

Thomas G. Yarbey
4081 E. Foxglove Ln.
Jefferson Hill, PA 15109

Dear Mr. Yarbey:

As president of Aviation Trail, Inc. here in Dayton, Ohio I was pleased to hear that your group of OXC Aviation Pioneers will be coming to our town for your 33th Annual Reunion in September. With so many aviation related things to do, non-quantity it will be an exciting three day event.

I am enclosing a copy of our latest brochure listing many of the interesting historical and new aviation sites that tell of man's conquest of the air. Your group will need more than a few days here in the Miami Valley to really take it all in! It's available in the brochure. Aviation Trail, Inc. will be glad to see it submitted. Just ones to be added to the OXC Aviation Pioneers guide[®] I get in your reunion folder. Let us know how many you wish to ship them.

On behalf of the Aviation Trail, Inc. Board of Trustees we extend our welcome to your group and offer our best wishes for an successful and rewarding get together.

Sincerely,

Mark Christian, President

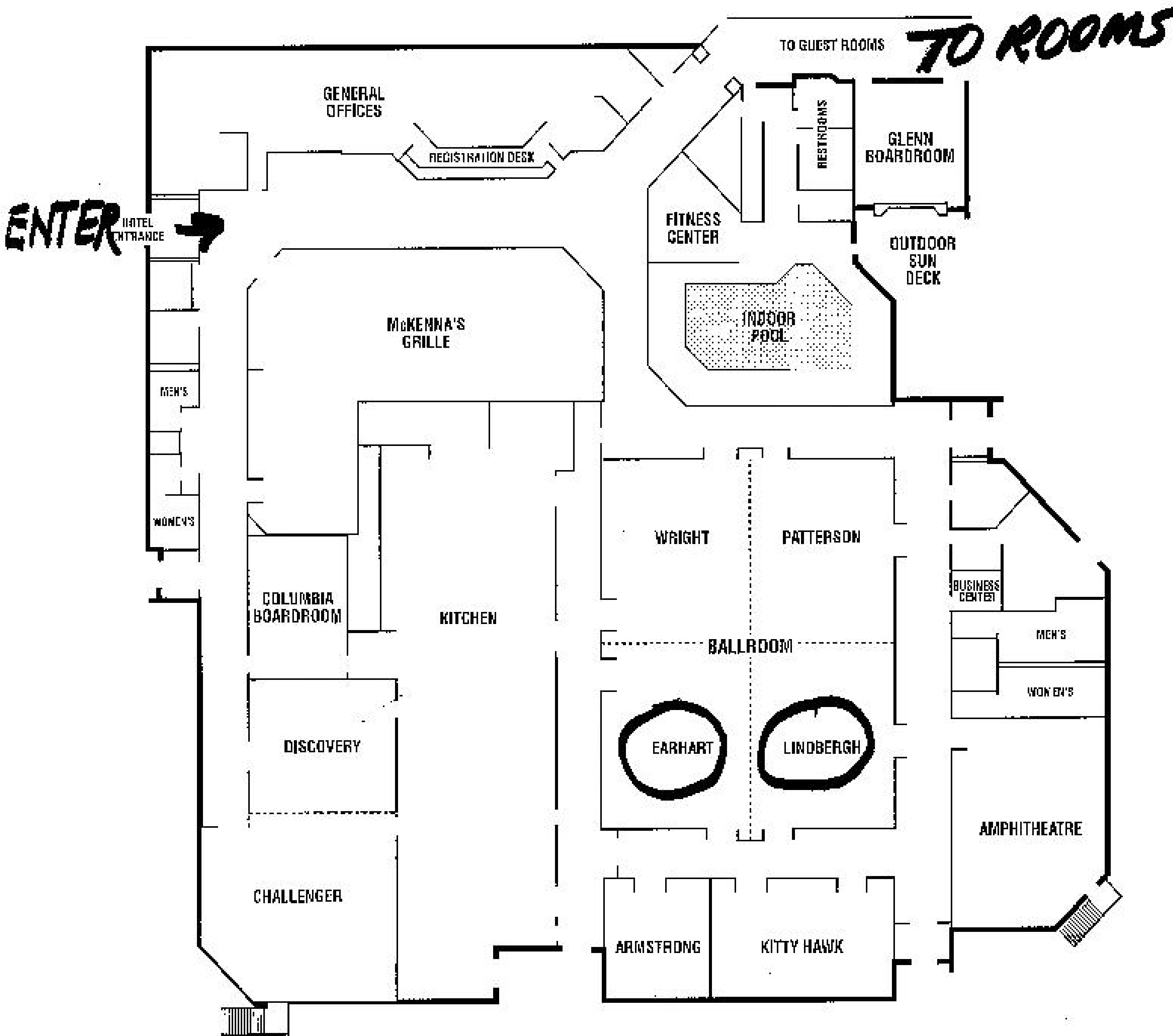


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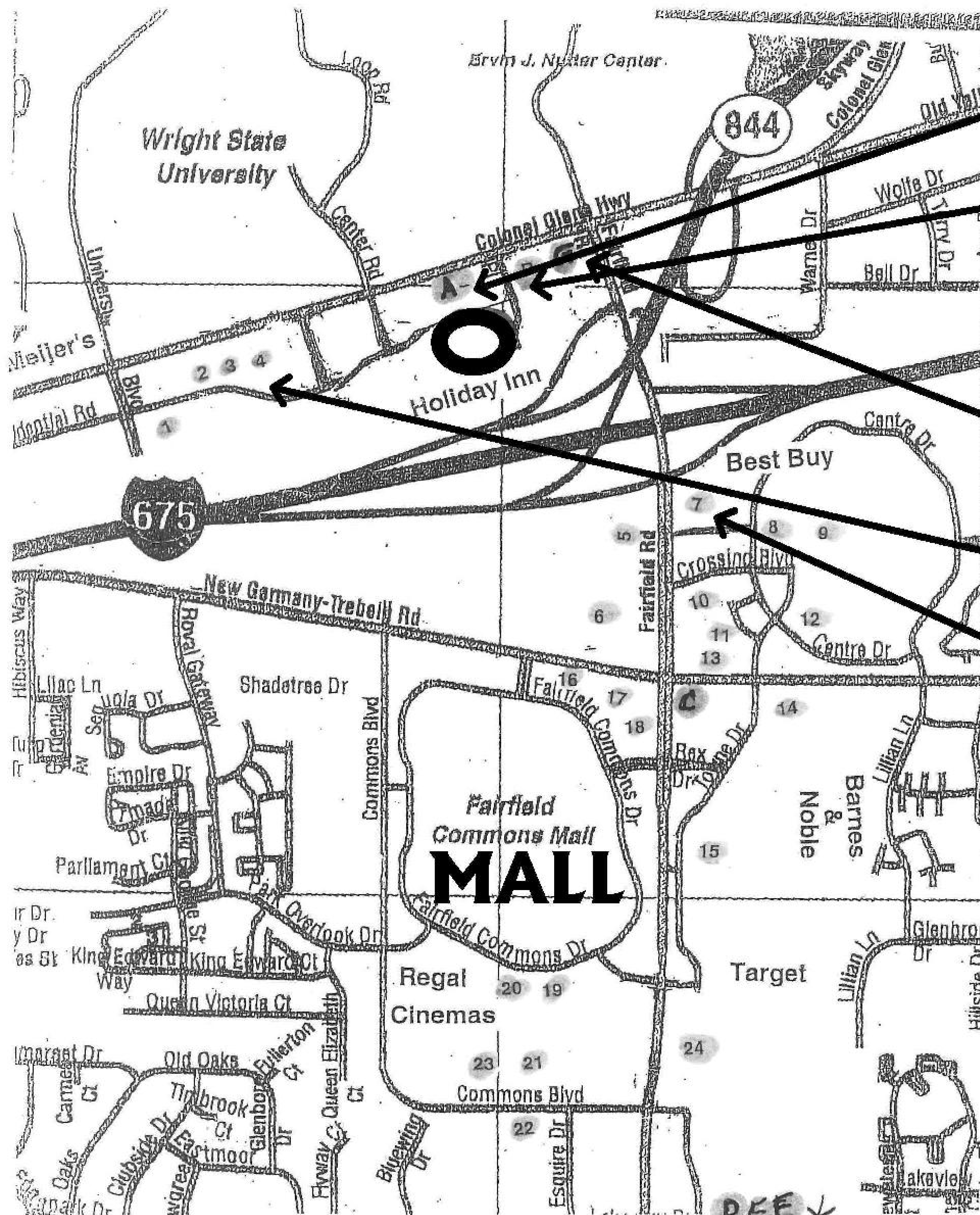
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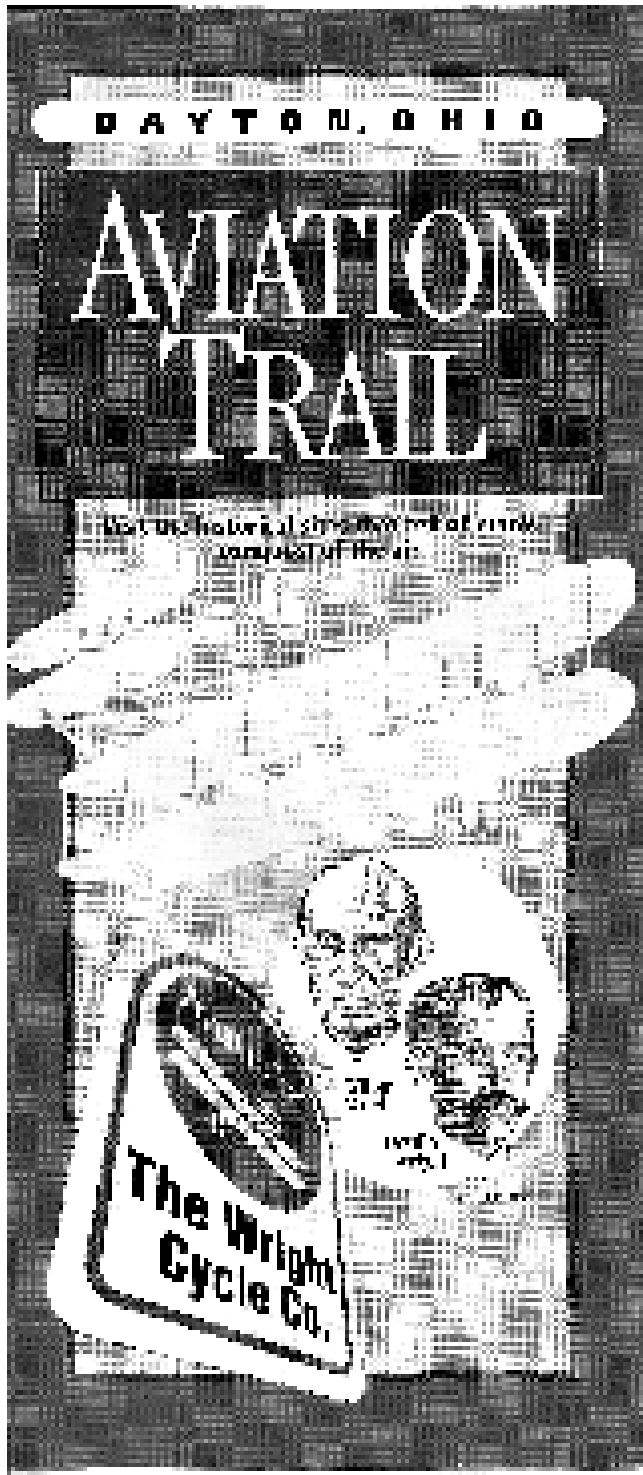
FOOD



- A:** Quizno's
McDonald's
Taco Bell/Pizza Hut
- B:** Bob Evans
First Watch
Tommy's Wok
Flying Pizza
- C:** Chili's Bar & Grill
- D:** City Barbecue
- E:** El Toro
- F:** Milano's
- G:** Texas Roadhouse

- 1.** Quaker Steak & Lube
- 2.** Frisch's
- 3.** Wendy's
- 4.** El Rancho Grande
- 5.** Red Lobster
- 7.** Olive Garden
- 9.** Steak N Steak
- 10.** Logan's
- 11.** TGI Friday's
- 13.** Qdoba
- 14.** Cadillac Jack's
- 15.** Longhorn
- 16.** Panera
- 17.** Don Pablo's
- 18.** Max & Erma's
- 19.** Red Robin
- 20.** Fox & Hound
- 21.** Golden Corral
- 22.** La Rosa's
- 24.** Abuelo's

DAYTON ATTRACTIONS



AVIATION TRAIL

Wright-Dunbar Center
Parachute Museum
Wright Cycle Company
Woodland Cemetery
Carillon Historical Park
Wright "B" Flyer
WACO Field and Museum
USAF National Museum
Nat Aviation Hall of Fame
Wright State University
Wright Bros Memorial
Huffman Prairie Center
Huffman Flying Field

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HISTORY OF THE HALL OF FAME

Airplanes powered by Curtiss-built Model OX5 engines represented a period when flight grew from a side-show business to an air transportation industry. The pilots and mechanics of that period became a special group of old-timers.

It was on this concept that the OX5 Aviation Pioneers was founded in 1955. It grew to thirty-one Wings and some four thousand active members whose backgrounds were general aviation, airlines, and military, all with a common bond. At one time, they all had a close relationship with that nostalgic symbol - the water-cooled OX5 engine.

The Hall of Fame was a dream of Johnny Evans, a charter member. Clifford Ball, then OX5 National Secretary, was instrumental in the creation and design of the plaque, and Oliver Philips and Flora Balmer worked out the details of the first rules and procedures for the selection of candidates.

The plaque became a reality in 1971, when then OX5 Glenn Hammond Curtiss Wing President, Karl E. Voelter, made it an important part of the OX5 Aviation Pioneers. Since then, 323 important aviation people have been honored in this program.

We are proud of our Hall of Fame plaques, which attract much attention throughout the world, and certainly we are proud of the many names of distinguished aviation pioneers whose exploits and personal sacrifices have earned them the honors so afforded. Each year a few more select names are added to the plaques.



OX5 AVIATION PIONEERS

2010 Presidential Citations

Harold L. Walter, Awards Chairman

PIONEER WOMAN'S AWARD

Hazel Stagle Fenmel



LEGION OF MERIT

Keith A Krewson



HALL OF FAME AWARD

Marguerite Lawrence



HALL OF FAME AWARD

Ivan D. Livi



OX5 AVIATION PIONEERS HALL OF FAME - INDUCTEES

1971

* Bernd Ralchen
* Clifford Ball
* Melba Beard
* Samuel Bigony
* Adm. Richard Byrd
* Edward P. Curtis
* Gen. Benjamin Foulois
* Arthur Godfrey
* Arthur C. Goubel
* George Haldeman
* Ernest C. Hall
* B. R. J. "Fish" Hassell
* V. L. "Casey" Jones
* Otto P. Kohl
* John H. Livingston
* Henry T. Merrill
* John P. Morris
* Harold F. Neumann
* Blanche Noyes
* William T. Piper, Sr.
* Roger Don Rae
* C. R. Sinclair
* Burrill Tibbs
* Roscoe Turner
* Karl E. Voeller
* Waldo D. Waterman
* Marion Wearth
* Roger Q. Williams
* Clarence Young

1972

* Walter H. Beech
* Walter R. Bullock
* Arthur J. Davis
* Douglas H. Davis
* William C. Diehl
* James H. Doolittle
* Amelia Earhart
* John J. Frisbie
* Russell F. Holderman
* Grover Loening
* A. B. McMullen
* George A. Page, Jr.
* Edward Rickenbacker
* William B. Robertson
* Basil Rowe
* Elliott White Springs
* Charles I. Stanton
* Stanley I. Vaughn
* James R. Wedell
* Charles F. Willard
* Lloyd O. Yost

1973

* Talbert "Ted" Abrams
* Alexander G. Bell
* Anthony A. Bitetti
* Clyde V. Cessna
* Harry D. Copland
* Parker D. Cramer
* Dan Grecco
* Bennett H. Griffin
* Clifford W. Henderson
* Beverly L. Howard
* Howard R. Hughes
* Edwin A. Link
* Leslie C. Miller
* Michael C. Murphy
* Leonard J. Povey
* Lloyd C. Stearnian
* Noël Wieu

1974

* Edward A. Bellande
* Col. Clare W. Bunch
* Clarence Chamberlin
* Robert T. G. Fowler
* Paul E. Garber
* Edward B. Heath
* Charles W. Holman
* Ben O. Howard
* John F. Irwin

* Emil Matthew Laird
* Tony Levier
* Allen H. Meyers
* Calbraith P. Rodgers
* Louise Thaden
* Sylvester J. Wittman

1975

* Thomas B. Boutne
* Vance Breese
* Clayton J. Brukner
* Walter J. Carr
* John E. Crowell
* Sanford E. Greenwald
* George E. Haddaway
* Gordon Israel
* Martin Jensen
* Glenn E. Messer
* William A. Ong
* Robert C. Reeve
* T. Claude Ryan
* Clayton L. Scott
* Edna Gardner Whyte

1976

* Georgia Broadwick
* William H. Conrad
* Frank Mayo Fairchild
* Herbert O. Fisher
* Glen A. Gilbert
* Charles W. Kerwood
* Thomas H. Kinkade
* James L. Kinney
* Chris Lample
* Charles A. Lindbergh
* Fred E. Machesney
* Dexter Charles Martin
* Glenn L. Martin
* George C. Pomeroy
* Lloyd C. Santmyer
* Edward A. Stinson
* Wilbur Wright
* Orville Wright

1977

* Harry A. Bruno
* Ernest E. Dryer
* Jack Fryc
* Joseph B. Hartranft, Jr.
* William A. Kennedy
* Nick B. Mamer
* R. C. "Tex" Marshall
* Al Mooney
* Will D. "Billy" Parker
* John G. "Tex" Rankin
* William M. Robertson
* J. Earl Schaefer
* Merle K. Smith
* William B. Stout
* Raymond M. Wilson

1978

* Walter J. Addems
* W. Burt Barclay
* Giuseppe Bellanca
* Elrey B. Jeppesen
* William P. Lear
* A. Elliott Merrill
* Arthur Nutt
* Jack R. Peck
* Paul H. Poberezny
* Kimball J. Scribner
* Noah D. Showalter
* Albert A. Vollmecke
* Dwane L. Wallace

1979

* Ruth Rowland Nichols
* John K. Northrop
* Clyde E. Pangborn
* Leopoldo Talamantes
* C. G. Taylor

* Afford J. Williams, Jr.

1980

* Leighton H. Collins
* Donald W. Douglas
* Viola Gentry
* Frank M. Hawks
* Charles B. Kirkham
* Ralph A. O'Neill
* John C. Seal
* Dorothy H. Stenzel

1981

* Fred L. Austin
* Vern C. Corst
* O. R. Haueter
* C. L. Johnson
* Raymond I. Petersen
* Wiley Hardeman Post
* C. R. Smith
* Elinor Smith
* Dr. Theodore Von Karmen
* Howard V. Woodall

1982

* I. Morton Bach
* Eldon W. Cessna
* Joe F. Crosson
* Thomas H. Davis
* Ole Fahlin
* Zanlford D. Granville
* Harold D. Hoekstra
* Clyde W. Ice
* Jack B. Jaynes
* Jerome Lederer
* John C. Ray
* P. H. Spencer

1983

* Francis L. Barr
* Donald C. Beatty
* William H. Bowhus
* Kay A. Brick
* Jack R. Cram
* Ray Paul Hylan
* Henry H. Ogden
* Clarence F. Page
* Reginald L. Robbins
* Anthony Stadman
* Jerome E. Wood
* Forrest E. Wysoug

1984

* Rex Anger
* Maxwell W. Balfour
* Walter R. Ballard
* John P. Becker
* Milo Burcham
* Howard Lee
* James J. Mattern
* Cloyce J. Tippet
* Bobbi Trout
* Reginald Sinclair
* Evelyn Waldren

1985

* John Leiland Atwood
* Barry Goldwater
* James Q. Harzlip
* Edward H. Heimemann
* Richard S. Mitchell
* Augustin G. Pelacz
* Bernard A. Rawson
* Stephen H. Rolle
* Arthur L. Walker
* Jessie L. Woods

1986

* William E. Boeing, Sr.
* Walt Bohrer
* Clarence F. Cornish

* Michael R. Erard
* Robert H. Fleet
* Gerald C. Francis
* Fermon J. Hoyt
* Arthur F. Jenks
* Douglas T. Kelley
* Foster A. Lave
* Dean C. Smith
* Elmer A. Sperry, Sr.
* Katherine Stinson

1987

* Vincent J. Burnelli
* Frank M. Fox
* Harold W. Grant
* Henry E. Hix
* Jack T. Jefford
* Wharton L. Larned
* Herbert A. Munter
* James M. Nissen
* Donald G. Orbach
* Richard F. Scholz
* Alfred V. Verville

1988

* Edmund F. Ball
* Robert D. Beilman
* Joseph Costa
* Carl Ben Eielson
* Forest M. Johnston
* Charles T. Kilgore

1989

* Don Chalmers
* Richard A. Henson
* Everett V. Hogan
* Doris E. Lockness
* Moye W. Stephens
* Orville W. Tosch

1990

* Ivan Howard Driggs
* Robert H. Grundy
* Robert R. Johnson
* Delbert W. Koerner
* Marie M. Miller
* Truman Miller
* Ernest H. Schultz

1991

* Jay R. Beasley
* Lawrence Hirshinger
* Rex P. Robinson
* Kenneth Scholter
* Robert Lee Scott, Jr.
* Leigh Wade

1992

* Ruth M. Jefford
* A. M. "Tex" Johnston
* Herbert Hollick-Kenyon
* Corliss C. Moseley
* Elton H. Rowley

1993

* James W. Allen
* David D. Blanton
* Dean E. Crites
* Dale B. Crites
* John W. Macfarlane
* Dill M. "Don" Teel
* James W. Tumbow

1994

* George H. Cronin
* Howard C. Funk
* Joseph C. Funk
* Teresa D. James
* Belford D. Maule
* Richard W. Taylor

1995

* George E. Batchelor
* A. Howard Hasbrook
* Marvin L. Michael
* James S. Ricklefs
* Marion Weyant Ruth
* Howard E. Wellman

1996

* Gladys E. Buroker
* Charles P. Doyle
* Verona R. Harvey
* Dr. S. Harry Robertson
* Lawrence Burst Sperry

1997

* Lincoln Ellsworth
* Mario Fontana
* John J. Maggi
* Patrick E. O'Grady
* Fred R. Pastorius
* Howard Reid

1998

* Peter M. Bowers
* Herbert R. Crawford
* Richard L. Johnson
* Philip M. Proppett
* Joseph F. Toth

1999

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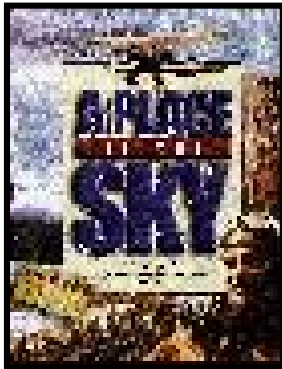
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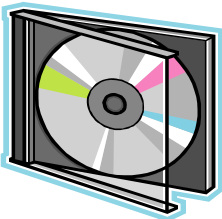
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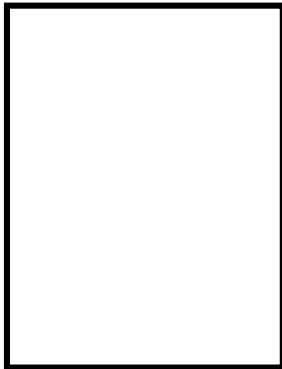


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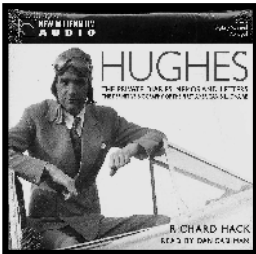
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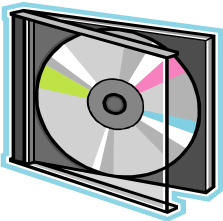
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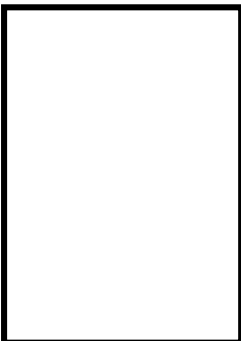
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Welcome to OX5 News

This site is devoted to the OX5 Aviation Pioneers

It will include history, member stories, nostalgic photos, current photos and events, along with news for the members of OX5 Aviation Pioneers.

<http://www.ox5news.com/>



A REMINDER TO MEMBERS ABOUT OUR WEB SITE

OX5 Newsletter editor and governor Sylvia Cook is maintaining a web site for club use at her expense. She has been posting interesting historical content as well as photographs and articles about Wing activities and projects.

We would like to remind all members to send photos, articles or pet projects so that Sylvia can upload them to the site for all members to see.

Reunion Committee

LIST OF ATTENDEES

	First	Last	Wing
1	Keith	Krewson	Nantucket
2	Vern	Vanderbilt, Jr	Indiana
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4	Susan	Meek	At Large
5	Mac	Meek	At Large
6	Harold	Walter	Kansas
7	Bobby	Walter	Kansas
8	Ted	Wilkinson	Colorado
9	Rose	Wilkinson	Colorado
10	Hazel	Fehmel	Texas
11	Dennis	Griswold	Wisconsin
12	Patricia	Griswold	Wisconsin
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14	Evelyn	Fouts	Alaska
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16	Elayne	Hendrickson	Maryland
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18	Martha	Benham	Kansas
19	Marticia	Meier	Kansas
20	Larry	Meier	Kansas
21	Cheryl	Dewey	Wisconsin
22	Linda	Dillaber	Wisconsin
23	Stan	Lawrence	Kansas
24	Dian	Lawrence	Kansas
25	George	Chandler	Texas
26	Mike	Lawrence	Texas
27	Robert	Throckmorton	Texas
28	Karen	Throckmorton	Texas
29	Wayne	Gordon	Midwest FL
30	Sylvia	Cook	At Large
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32	Jeanette	Voland	Wisconsin
33	George	Vose	Texas
34	Sondy	Lawrence	
35	Jennie	Lawrence	
36	Ivan D	Livi	Cliff Ball
37	Dennis G	Yerkey	Cliff Ball
38	Thomas J	Barruso	Cliff Ball
39	James	Beisner	Ohio
40	Naomi	Beisner	Ohio
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43	Linda	Pinkerton	Ohio
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Pat Griswold writes, Oshkosh is over and it was hot, humid and muddy. Not too much fun camping. My brother-in-law is a good photographer, so I had him take pictures of Jim Beisner starting his working engine. It sure was a big hit with everyone as it roared to life each day in front of the new Vintage Building. We weren't able to have our static OX5 owned by Chuck Heide by our inside booth and this was a big drawback as many visitors still had trouble finding our table inside. I hope to have it back next year and have some other changes in mind that I plan to introduce at the convention this year in Dayton. Jim Beisner (Ohio Wing) did a fantastic job each day at the



Air Venture and we owe him a really big thank-you for towing his engine all the way from Troy, Ohio. Steve and Marla Boone from Ohio, Jerry Schiera from Homer Glen, Illinois, Charles Moelter from East Troy, Wi. and Bill Schlapman from Winneconne, Wi. were also a big help with the OX5 booth this year and the display outside.

Attendance	535,000
Total Aircraft	10,000 +
Total Showplanes	2,380
	1,106 Homebuilt
	635 Vintage
	374 Warbirds
	115 Ultralights
	120 Seaplanes
	30 Rotorcraft
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The OX5 engine pictured above is owned by the Cliff Ball Wing of Pittsburgh, Pa.

It was beautifully restored by the students of the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics under the direction of the instructors and staff.

OX5 Governor, Ivan D Livi, was President and Director of PIA at that time.

This engine, along with other OX5 memorabilia, is on now on loan display at the KLBE Aviation Museum which is located at Arnold Palmer Airport (LBE) Latrobe, Pa.



THE OHIO WINGS



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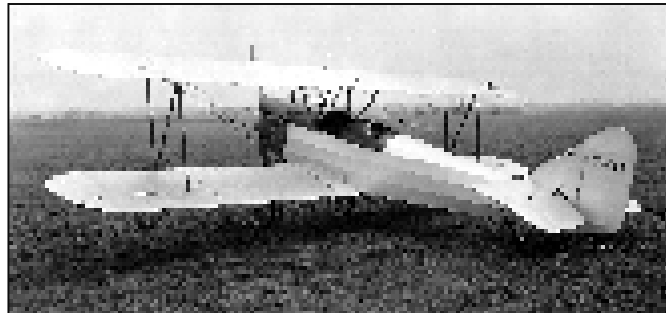
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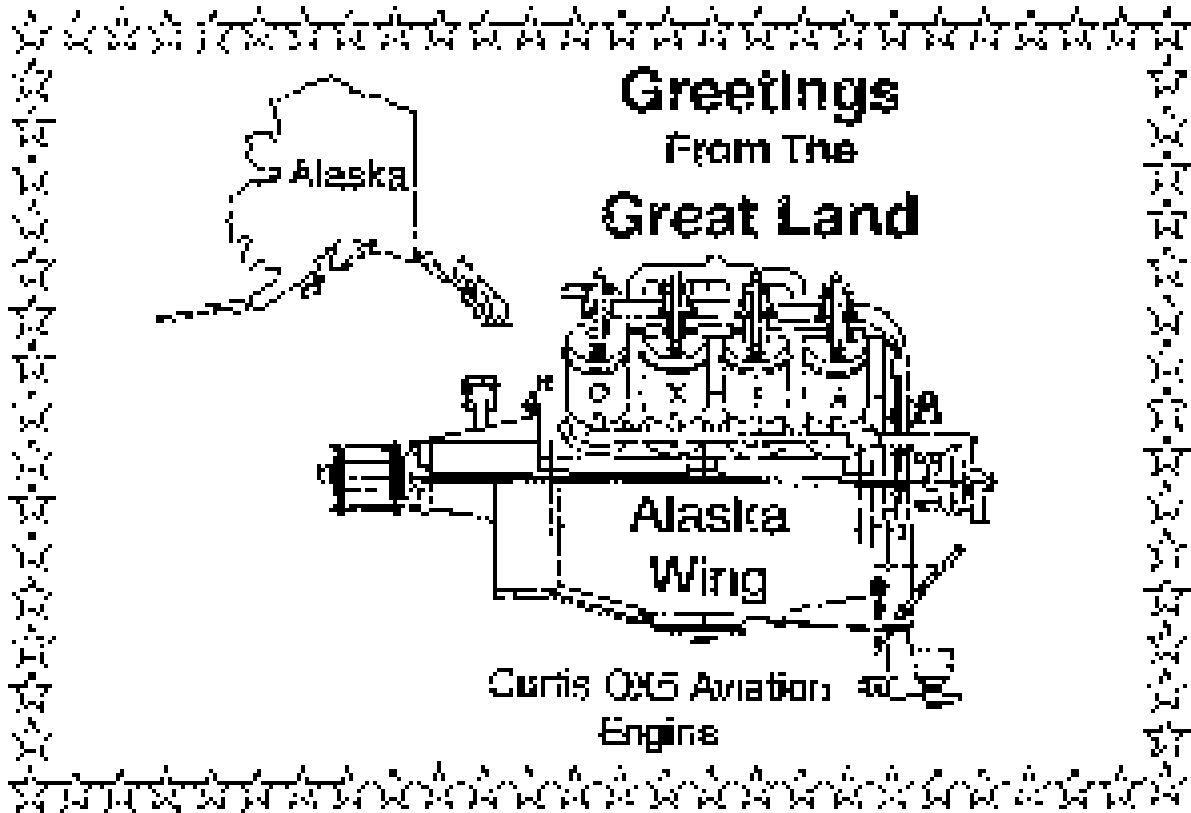
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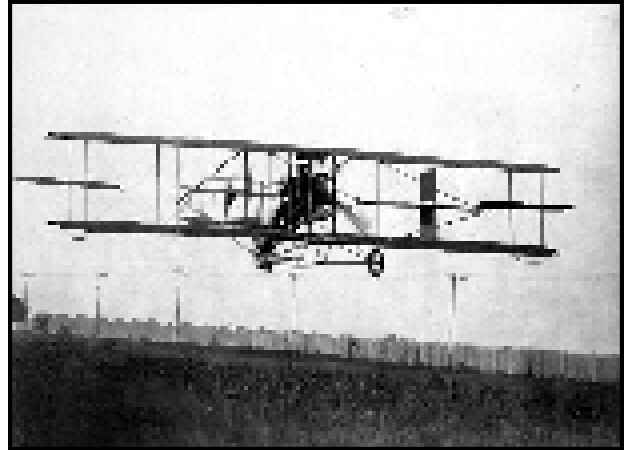
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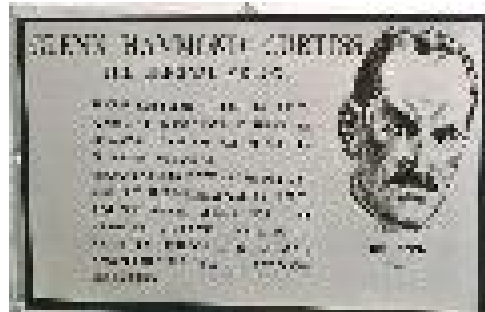
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American aviator and inventor Glenn Hammond Curtiss flying his biplane Golden Flyer that won the prize in competition at Reims, France.



The Original Mr. OX5 Inducted 1971

**The Members of the Glenn H Curtiss Wing
Wish All a Successful 55th National Reunion**

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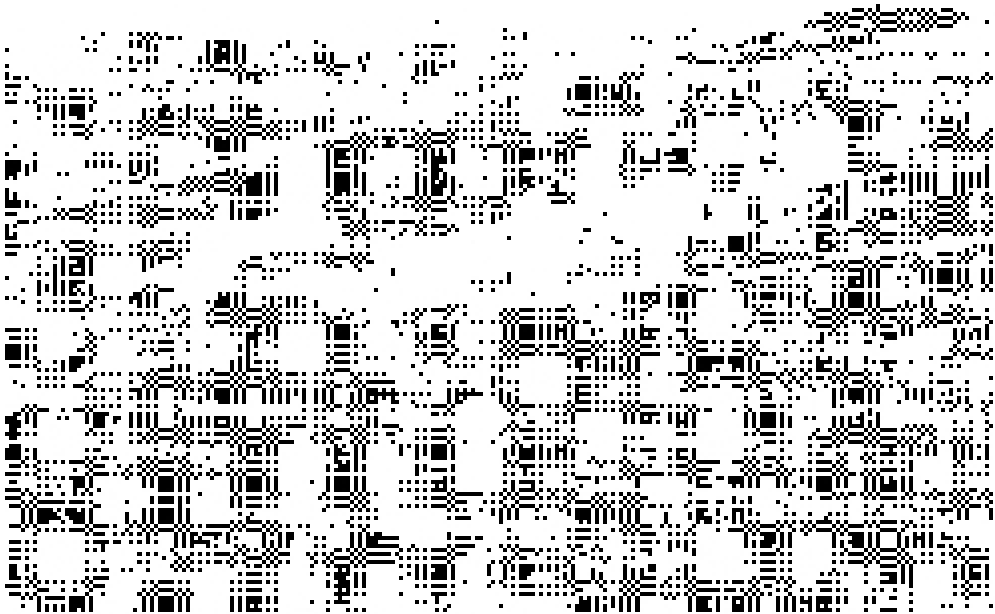
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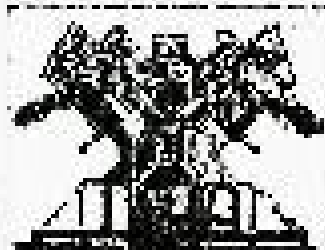
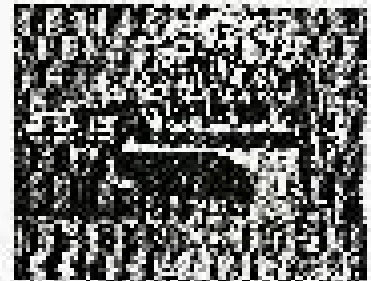
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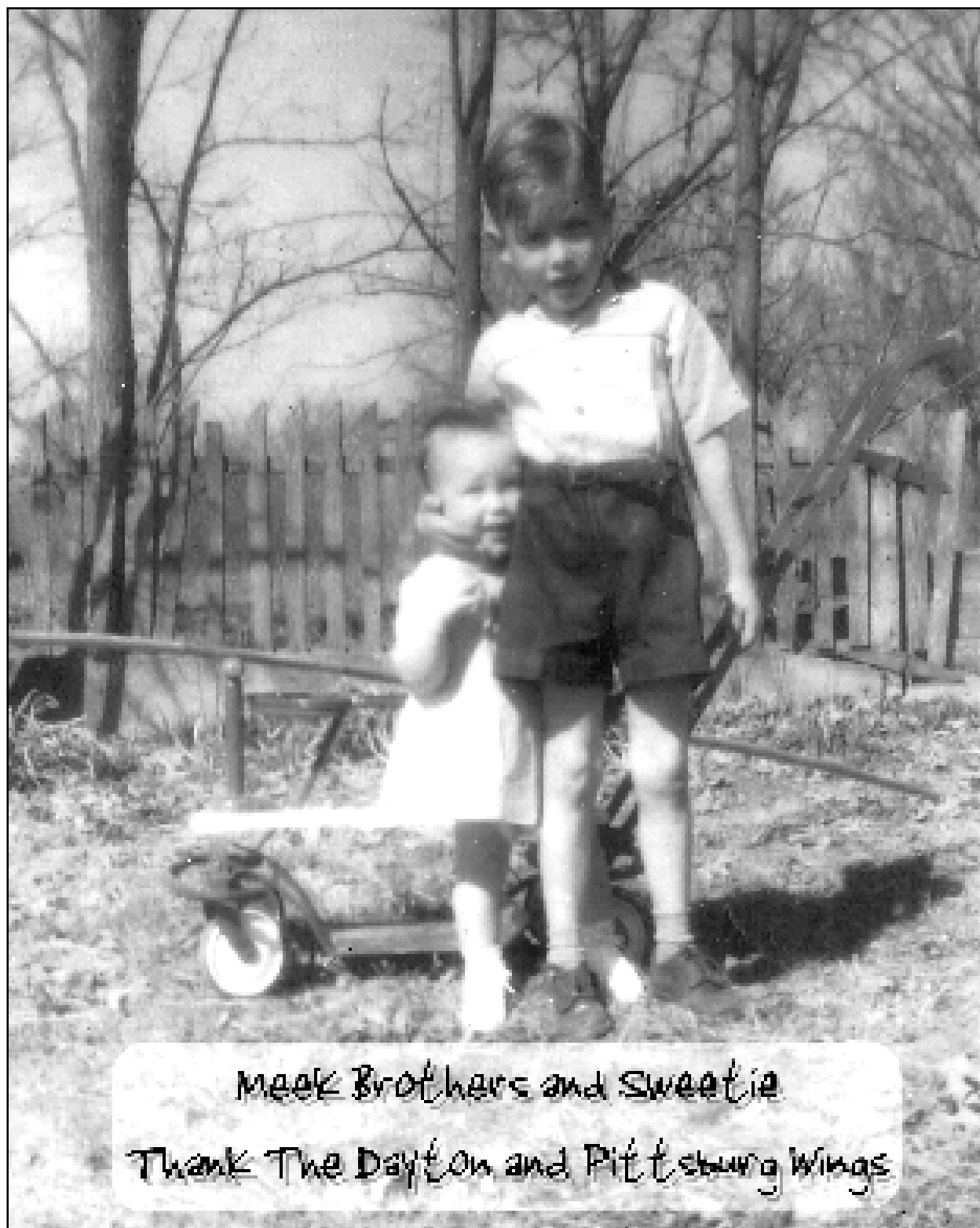


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Meek Brothers and Sweetie
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- 5 Georgia**
- 6 Glenn Curtiss**
- 7 Illinois**
- 8 Indiana**
- 9 Kansas**
- 10 Maryland**
- 11 Michigan**
- 12 Mid-West Florida**
- 13 Texas**
- 14 Wisconsin**
- 15 Ohio**

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Miss Pittsburgh 1927 Waco 9 N2574 OX5 Powered



Clifford Ball began flying the air mail between Pittsburgh and Cleveland in 1927 with three Waco 9 airplanes powered by OX5 engines. The operation eventually became Pennsylvania Airlines and, later, Capital Airlines. The airplanes were named the Miss Pittsburgh, Miss McKeesport, and Miss Youngstown.



The restoration of the Miss Pittsburgh is perhaps the largest project that the OX5 organization has ever undertaken. The airplane was brought from Cole Palen's Aerodrome in Rhinebeck, N. Y. to the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics in accordance with arrangements made by Ivan D. Livi, PIA President/Director. The restoration work was done by the students under the supervision of the PIA instructors.



Miss Pittsburgh was installed in the Landside Terminal at the Pittsburgh International Airport on April 28, 1995 where she has been viewed by millions of people each year as they patiently wait in the security lines.

**OX5 MEMORORIBILA
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COM TROBELER JULY 1950, (then in the back of)



COM OOS Trobeler Runkle Rayhroy Oct 4 1950 (in front of)



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COM OX5 ENGINE



COM OX5 ENGINE



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OX5 Aviation Pioneers – Early History

A Newspaper Article Written By **Dwayne Pickels**
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INCLUDES COMMENTS BY FLORA BALMER #L-19000 AND DON RIGGS #21259 (DECEASED)

Back in the early 1900s, bold -- and maybe a little crazy -- pilots braved frontier skies with a scarf, a pair of goggles and the roar of a Curtiss OX5 engine.

In 1955, a couple of Westmoreland County pilots came up with the idea of forming a club to honor those early aviators. With help from a Pittsburgh businessman, that plan blossomed into a national organization, OX5 Aviation Pioneers.

The club got off the ground near Latrobe, where its first members assembled at the former Mission Inn in Unity Township -- just across Route 30 from what was then the Latrobe Airport.

"It was just a fraternity of these old aviators," recalls Flora Balmer, of Pittsburgh, who served as office manager for the club since its inception until her retirement. "There was the camaraderie, but its purpose was to recognize those who made a significant mark in aviation. Most of them never received recognized."

Balmer said Charles B. Carroll, of Scottdale, approached the Aero Club of Pittsburgh in June 1955 and suggested arranging a rally for OX5 pilots. Carroll and fellow pilot Lloyd "the Saint" Santmyer, deceased 2010 at 100, a native of Mt. Pleasant who graduated from Greensburg High School in 1927, wanted to round up old-time fliers and honor them for their role in the foundation of the aviation industry. Balmer said Clifford Ball, a Pittsburgh native, was president of the Aero Club of Pittsburgh at the time. Though he wasn't a pilot, Ball was enamored with aviation ever since he bought his first ride in an OX5-powered Curtiss "Jenny" -- a well-known airplane model built by Glenn Curtiss.

A World War I veteran who had started a successful automobile business after his return from the war, Ball reportedly mortgaged everything he owned to raise \$35,000 to buy 40 acres near Dravosburg, where he built the airport later named Bettis Field, after Cyrus Bettis, a WWI flying ace. He went on to establish Clifford Ball Airlines, Pennsylvania's first airmail service, in 1927. Using four Waco 9 aircraft, the company carried mail from Pittsburgh to Cleveland, Ohio. A year later, the airline started flying passengers on the same route, which came to be called "the path of the eagle," and later expanded to include Washington, D.C.

Ball served as the first superintendent of the Greater Pittsburgh Airport in 1952 and as director of the Allegheny County Airport. He was president of the Aero Club for more than 30 years and also served as secretary of the OX5 Club from its founding until his death in 1972. With Ball on board, Carroll agreed to host the initial meeting at the Mission Inn, which included a luncheon, banquet and lodging.

"It was an outdoor affair, like a picnic," Balmer said. "But word got around and about 110 people showed up for that meeting. They came from Washington, D.C., Ohio and West Virginia to Latrobe and they became the nucleus."

POPULAR CLUB

Initially, there were 107 members who paid the \$5 dues. By the end of the following year, membership had grown to 990. In 1957, some 3,259 new members enrolled, swelling the roster to 4,249 members from all over the country by the end of that year. Members kept coming,

leading to the issuance of individual "wing," or chapter, charters being issued in various states. "We had members in Alaska, Hawaii; we even had a wing in Canada, but they kind of died out," Balmer said. "There were some in Europe, too, at one time." By 1985, more than 12,800 members had been enrolled. But there was a catch -- not all aviators had clearance to land in the club. "According to the club rules, you had to have flown an OX5 or have been a mechanic who had worked on the engine," explained former WPXI television personality and producer Don Riggs, of Mt. Lebanon. Riggs said he was the club's first honorary member. There's not too many of those old-timers still around, and it's a shame."

A member of the Aero Club of Pittsburgh and the Experimental Aircraft Association, Riggs was a licensed pilot who has flown many types of propeller-driven aircraft. He has even flown an airplane with an OX5 engine, which had been used in more than 20 different aircraft over those years. The most popular was the "Jenny" -- 6,000 of which were produced from 1914 through 1918 as training aircraft for World War I.

"But that's not what qualified me for membership," Riggs said. "It was the (1963 documentary) film I made, 'The Seat of Your Pants,' which featured a bunch of OX5 pilots -- old-timers flying antique airplanes." Riggs -- who has also served as "the voice" of the Westmoreland County Airshow for many years -- still marvels at the engine itself. "It was designed in 1910 and it was an eight cylinder, water-cooled engine that put out 95 horsepower. And it weighed 350 pounds," he said. "For its day, it was a remarkable engine and there were so many of them in surplus, you could buy one brand new for \$50. "For that matter, you could buy a whole plane for \$500, back then."

AVIATION PIONEERS

Riggs also fondly remembers the men who started the club. Carroll was a "stubborn and tenacious" advocate for aviation in Westmoreland County, he said. "He insisted that we have an airport here. He knew there was a future in aviation. I liked him a lot. He was a good guy."

The club's history is detailed in "*A Place in the Sky*," (a **2010 Reunion Door Prize**) a book published in 2001 by St. Vincent College's Center for Northern Appalachian Studies, edited by Richard Wissolik. The book also tells the story of how Carroll, a mechanic and automobile dealer, established a "flying field" near Latrobe in 1924 that evolved over the years into what is now the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport. Carroll had bought a U.S. Army surplus Curtiss Jenny in 1919 and organized the Scottdale Aerial Club with Torrence Overholt, a World War I veteran pilot. The following year, he landed the plane at a field near St. Vincent College -- across the Lincoln Highway (now Route 30) from the Kerr farm.

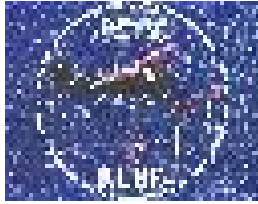
In a partnership with Joe Maloy, Carroll leased a cow pasture from the Kerrs and called it Longview Flying Field. Scottdale pilots Carl Strickler and Raymond Elder, along with Santmyer, helped their friend Carroll build a hanger on the field. Santmyer "was one of the best pilots around," Riggs recalled. More pilots came, and they came to be known as "the Longview Boys" and "Carroll's Hooligans," and air shows and air races were held at the field in the 1920s.

The field was renamed the J.D. Hill Airport in 1928 after Carroll's friend, James DeWitt Hill, an airmail pilot who was killed in an attempt to fly across the Atlantic Ocean to Rome, Italy. In the 1930s, Latrobe Borough acquired the airport and much of the remaining Kerr farm and it was renamed the Latrobe Airport in Nov. 30, 1935. Two new blacktopped runways -- one 2,200 feet long and the other 1,400 feet long -- were installed. The Tri-City Municipal Authority was formed in 1950 and took over operation of the airport and extended the runways and it opened to

the public on Oct. 30, 1958. It became the Westmoreland County Airport in 1978, and the county airport authority continues to oversee its operations. In 1999, the authority renamed the airport after Palmer, a Youngstown native and golf legend who grew up near the field and learned to fly there under the tutelage of flight instructor Babe Krinock. Palmer also remains a member of the authority. Carroll managed the airport until he retired in 1959, at the age of 69. He died in 1973 in Florida, at the age of 83, but his legacy of honoring old-time pilots continues.

SKILLED PILOTS

"We owe the old guys a debt of gratitude," Riggs said. "Their mistakes then made aviation safe for us today." The pioneer pilots "didn't have radar" and all of the other avionic gizmos that their counterparts today rely upon routinely. "They had a plain, old round magnetic compass and a watch and they used landmarks on the ground," Riggs said. "They did it with skill and familiarity with basic flight instruments. They were really some amazing pilots." "A lot of barns in those days had arrows painted on their roofs and other messages to let the pilots know they were still on course," Balmer added. "And those guys used to joke that the early airplanes were made of sticks and wires." "Those guys were crazy," Riggs reminisced. "Flying upside down, all that stuff. Then they'd run out of gas and have to set it down in some guy's pasture. Then they'd go get some gas and off they'd go again. That's just the way it was. Not like today." "I would just like to say thanks to all those early aviators who went out and made it possible for us to enjoy the better life we have today because of what they did," he said. "They were the start of aviation."



AVIATION MUSEUM OPENS AT ARNOLD PALMER REGIONAL AIRPORT LATROBE, PA

by Dwayne Pickels

The **KLBE Latrobe Air Museum** opened this spring at Arnold Palmer Regional Airport in Unity Township. KLBE is the international identifier for Arnold Palmer Regional Airport.

It was a project that had been on the Westmoreland County Airport Authority's radar, so to speak, in various incarnations since 1986. Longtime authority member Donald Rossi of Youngstown recently resurrected the project when he agreed to donate the use of a hangar that he owns on the airport's east ramp to serve as a home for the museum.

The museum currently has four aircraft on display, including "Old Blue," as it is called around the airport. It's a vintage single-engine Stinson Reliant. The gull-wing plane is now painted in the maroon All American Aviation colors worn during the first scheduled air-mail pickup at the airport near Latrobe in 1939.

Among other local aviation memorabilia on display in the museum's collection is an OX-5 airplane engine. The power plant propelled the Curtis Jenny -- a favorite among aviation's pioneers.

Mr. Rossi also purchased a set of 24 airline seats and projection equipment to construct a small theater inside the museum that is used to show a collection of historical and educational aviation films for visitors. Panels with aerial photographss are mounted on the theater walls provide the sensation of being seating in an actual aircraft while enjoying the films.

Mr. Rossi coordinated a small group of dedicated local pilots and aviation enthusiasts, led by museum directors Dave Austin and Sam Schrecengost, who volunteer to curate the museum and share their aviation knowledge, experience and history with interested visitors.

The air museum is located on the airport's East Ramp, which is along Route 981, across from Kennametal, just south of Route 30, near the old rotating beacon.

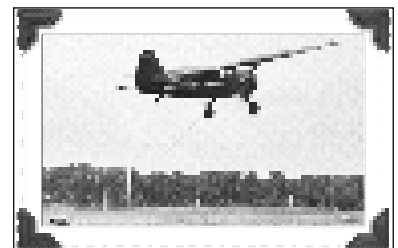
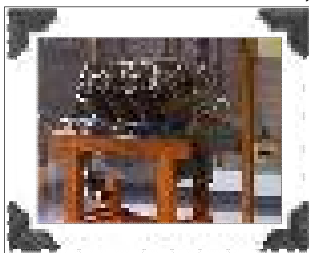
The museum was opened to the public Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and by appointment throughout the summer. There is no charge for admission.

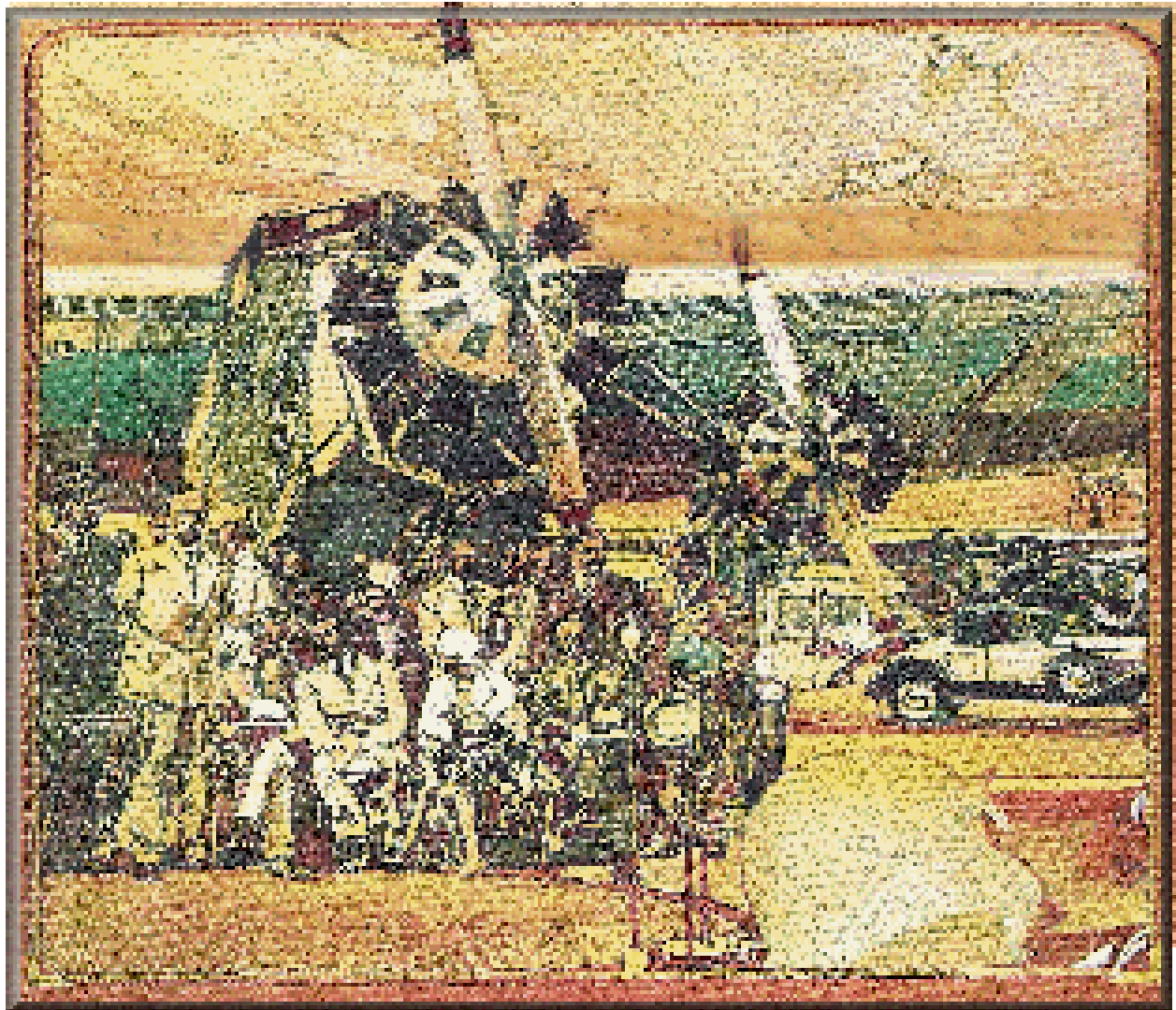
The airport has served this region since the 1920s, and has a rich and colorful history.

The museum project has been a labor of love by Mr. Rossi, who is also a pilot.

"This was inspired out of love for aviation," he said. "It's a very humble attempt, and it's only a start." Mr. Rossi added that, one of the goals of the museum project was, "to teach aviation education, the way it was, the way it is and the way it will be."

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