

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: OREGON AVIATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM
PRESENTATION ON AVIATION CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

DATE: April 8, 2020

Background

The Oregon Aviation Historical Society & Museum is excited to be presenting the Oregon Aviation Centennial celebration in 2021. Preparations for the celebration are beginning this year. Janice Scanlon, Executive Director of the Oregon Aviation Historical Society & Museum will be at the meeting to present information about the preparations for the centennial celebration and to invite Cottage Grove to participate in the preparations and eventually the celebration.

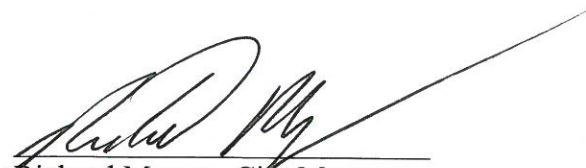
Oregon, although a long way from Kitty Hawk, played a huge role in the development of aviation in the country. One of the projects for the centennial will be the production of a documentary regarding the history of aviation in Oregon. A short video is available on YouTube at the following link: https://youtu.be/JiH8qiv_k9o that sets the stage for the full documentary.

Recommendation

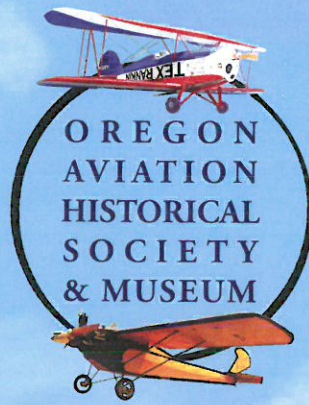
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Cost

No Cost



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PRESENTS:



2021 – THE OREGON AVIATION CENTENNIAL



PROJECT INTRODUCTION



In 2021 Oregon will celebrate 100 years of the state's Department of Aviation and with it, the regulatory basis on which to develop and foster a new and exciting means of transportation—air travel. This amazing story needs telling.

The Oregon Aviation Historical Society is teaming up with key strategic partners to:

- ⇒ Gather this information,
- ⇒ Restore and provide the planes and
- ⇒ Share this incredible story with the world

OAHS will create a phenomenal travelling exhibit entrusted with information and artifacts recounting the past 100 years of Oregon's remarkable aviation story.

Today's aviators benefit from the lessons learned by the country's earliest pilots and mechanics who blazed the trails of early flight. Much of these valuable lessons were learned in Oregon.

- ⇒ In 1921 Oregon founded the first Aviation Department in the nation and issued both aircraft and pilot licenses.
- ⇒ Pilots and builders continued flying and building aircraft—even after the Federal Government attempted to suppress their efforts
- ⇒ In Beaverton, at Bernard's Field, these pilots became known as "Beaverton Outlaws."

After WWII an Oregonian, George Bogardus, took his homebuilt plane to Washington to lobby the Federal Government on behalf of Oregon's amateur aircraft building pioneers. As a result of his efforts, the federal authorities were convinced, and thus, created the Amateur-Built Aircraft category.

Many other significant people and events in aviation history have occurred in Oregon.

- ⇒ Tex Rankin, (early 1930's) operated the largest flying school in the nation. The training manual written by Tex remains relevant for pilots today.
- ⇒ One of his star pupils was 19-year-old Dorothy Hester. In the early 30's she performed in air shows and broke flying records across the U.S.
- ⇒ The very Great Lakes Biplane flown by Dorothy and Tex is being restored for this effort.

Join us in preserving and commemorating this Centennial—a Century of Oregon's rich aviation history.

INTRODUCTION (CONT.)



The Oregon Aviation Historical Society will design, construct and orchestrate a travelling exhibit with six antique aircraft—all with Oregon connections. This demonstration will be displayed at significant events and locations around the state. The journey will culminate at a marvelous demonstration in Oshkosh, Wisconsin in July 2021.

This effort will include both static and flying aircraft as well as displays of artifacts used by these very aviation pioneers.

This exposition will serve to inform, entertain and demonstrate the contributions made by Oregon's early aviators.

The project, with its exhibits of original, authentic aircraft and knowledgeable docents, will compliment and accompany a documentary being created by famed director, Lew Adams of Vne Productions, Inc. Mr. Adams is dedicated to capturing Oregon's early entry into aviation and tell the captivating story about those "Outlaws" and the foundations of the EAA organization. This documentary will be created in tandem and collaboration with this travelling exhibit.



THE TEAM



Oregon Aviation Historical Society

The Oregon Aviation Historical Society & Museum, in Cottage Grove, Oregon, was formed by dedicated historians in 1983 to collect, preserve, restore and exhibit Oregon's aviation artifacts. OAHS has become a resource center for aviation historical research while establishing facilities for the restoration and preservation of aviation artifacts. OAHS is dedicated to "Preserving Oregon's Aviation Heritage for Future Generations." Here, visitors are offered a chance to experience aviation's colorful history. They learn about aviation pioneers, the planes they built and flew and the stories they left behind. From the Hedberg Resource Library to the many informative displays, guests gain a new perspective on the important role played by these early Oregonians.

Visitors to OAHS learn about folks like Les Long, the Beaverton Outlaws, George Bogardus, and many others. These trail blazers laid the ground work for the formation of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), an international organization of more than 200,000 members.

The Oregon Aviation Historical Society collects, preserves, restores, and exhibits artifacts and documents related to Oregon's rich aviation history. This organization has created an ever-growing database of information, used by researchers, students, and the general public to learn the vital role Oregon played in the history of aviation in the U. S.

Tim Talen, Project Director

Timothy Talen (OAHS Board Vice President), Springfield, OR

Tim Talen is an award-winning historically accurate restorer of antique aircraft; his work has been recognized by the Experimental Aircraft Association and the National Aviation Heritage Invitational. He is the founder of both the Oregon Antique & Classic Aircraft Club and the Oregon Aviation Historical Society and continues to serve as a director for both organizations. His award-winning restorations have graced many covers of EAA's Vintage Airplane magazine. This talented renovator has an uncanny ability to look at any antique part and name the aircraft it came from. In 1984, Tim instigated the successful rebirth of the Oregon Air Tours of the 1930s. Tim Talen was inducted into the Oregon Aviation Hall of Fame in 2010 and then, in 2014 he became the 30th person, nationwide, inducted into the Vintage Aircraft Association's Hall of Fame. Tim has a vast knowledge of Oregon's aviation history and wants to ensure its preservation for generations to come. He shares his expertise and knowledge through his work at the museum with the restoration of vintage Oregon aircraft, as well as through the procurement of new additions to the archives at the historical society.

THE TEAM



LEW V. ADAMS PRODUCER/DIRECTOR/CINEMATOGRAPHER

His television specials and musical credits include Bing Crosby, Peggy Fleming, Frank Sinatra, Burt Bacharach, Goldie Hawn, Kraft Music Hall, Mary Tyler Moore, Tijuana Brass, John Wayne, Walt Disney, John Denver and Kenny Rogers.

His television series credits include Dean Martin Show, Andy Williams, Roger Miller, The Virginian, This Is The Life, Operation Entertainment, and the King Family.

His dramatic and feature credits include Victory at Entebbe, The Rosenberg Trials, Lincoln Douglas Debates, Truman Vs. McArthur, Lt. William Calley, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, and Tiger of the Philippines.

He is a director in the Directors Guild of America West and a member of the Television Academy of Arts & Sciences. He is a former Member of the Executive Board of the International Photographers Guild, I.A.T.S.E. local 659, Hollywood, CA.

In the 1970's he founded Chaparral Productions, Inc. in Los Angeles (a SAG and DGA signatory company), where he produced over 100 television episodes and worked on accounts including Hewlett Packard, Northwest Airlines, Holiday Inn, Crocker Bank and Volvo.

He has won numerous show awards including The Gold Cindy, The Cine Golden Eagle and 4 Emmy Award Nominations. Productions he has either directed, photographed, or produced, have received more than 25 Emmy Awards and nominations.

He is owner of the Talent Film Group, Inc., and VNE Productions, a television and film production company.

National productions include "Helicopter Tech" for the Discovery Channel, "What Do We Tell Our Children?" with Carol Burnett for Disney, "Spirit of the Eagle" a feature film "Cybercopter" a prime time documentary for Discovery, and "A Force For Good" an historical documentary, "Heroes of Old Hickory" a feature length documentary filmed in Europe. Current projects include: "When Variety Was King" the anthology of the Musical Variety era of television, "The Men Who Became Aces" for the American Fighter Aces Association and "The Oregon Outlaws" the aviation pioneers who sparked the experimental aircraft movement. Lew is a Private Pilot holding both power and glider ratings.

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THE TEAM



Oregon Department of Aviation

The Oregon Department of Aviation has a mission to provide infrastructure, financial resources, and expertise to ensure a safe and efficient air transportation system. The Oregon Department of Aviation envisions an integrated Aviation System benefiting all Oregonians.

Celebrating the 100 year anniversary—the first department of its kind in our nation—of the department is a significant milestone for not only the State of Oregon, for the Aviation industry as a whole. Oregon's aviation pioneers have impacted the Aviation industry over the years in ways that no other state's have and that should be celebrated. The centennial is an opportune time to reflect on the past, strengthen industry relationships today and to build for the future.



GOALS & BENEFITS



The Goals:

- ⇒ To compile the exhibit to include many facets of Oregon's aviation history
- ⇒ To restore and showcase the planes that best tell the many extraordinary, often renegade, stories of flight in Oregon
- ⇒ To visit various venues (schools, museums, fairgrounds) around Oregon to provide education about this remarkable heritage
- ⇒ To conclude the tour with a dazzling exhibit at AirVenture in Oshkosh, July 2021—proudly showcasing a century of Oregon's contributions to aviation and the foundations of EAA

The Benefits:

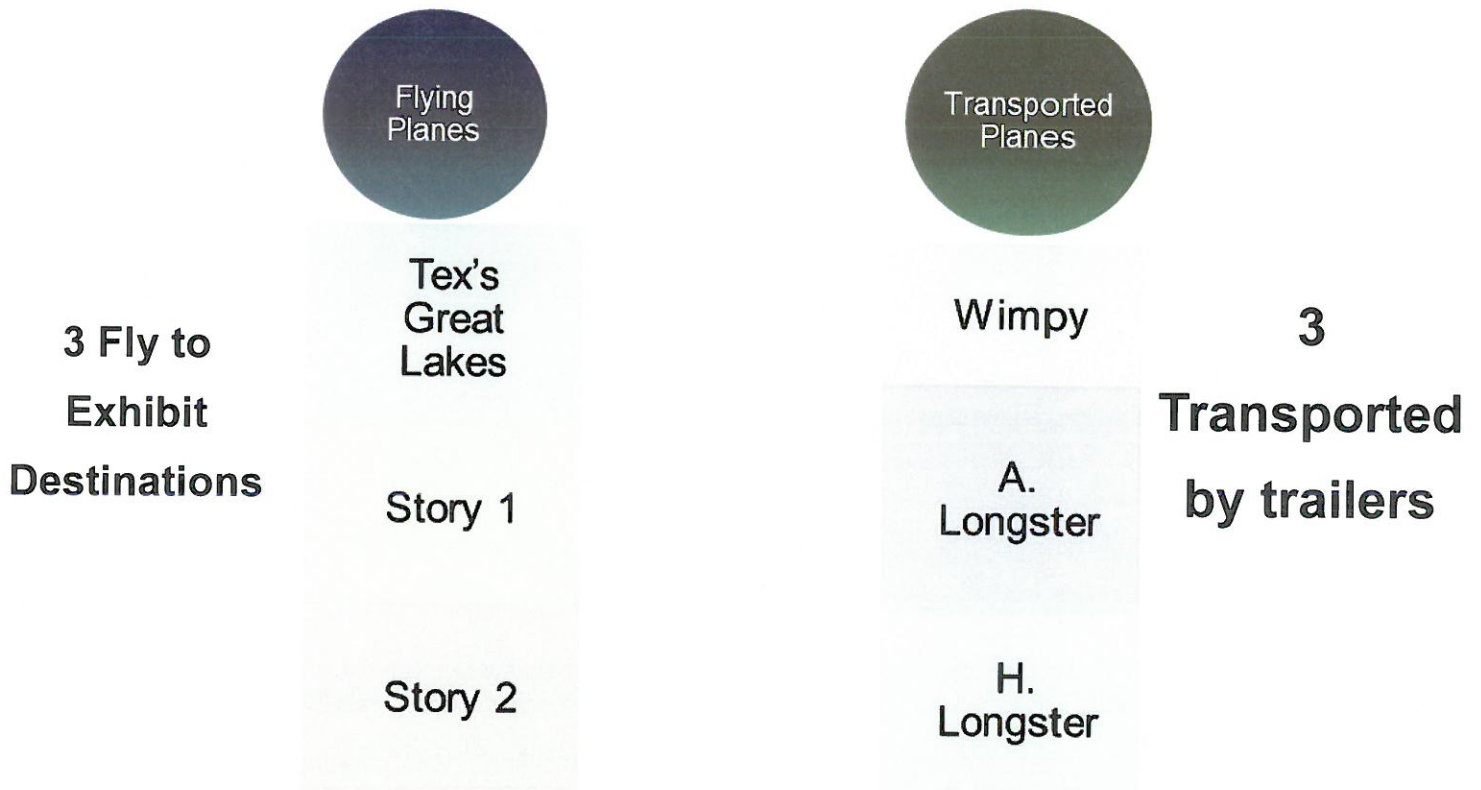
- ⇒ Education for Oregon's residents about the State's aviation pioneers in an interactive, guided and entertaining exhibit
- ⇒ Pride in the State's role and contributions to the field of aviation
- ⇒ Increase knowledge of the Oregon Department of Aviation, the department's important role and activities on behalf of all involved in aviation
- ⇒ Boost awareness of Oregon's natural and human resources and talent
- ⇒ Provide an enticing invitation to all attendees at AirVenture in Oshkosh, July 2021—(greater than 600,000 people) proudly showcasing Oregon and reasons to visit and tour the state
- ⇒ Promote the businesses operated by this Project's Sponsors and Partners at each presentation and exhibition
- ⇒ Create a permanent display for the Oregon Aviation Historical Society and Museum that will continue to educate, entertain and inform guests visiting the facility for years to come

DETAILS



**The Oregon Experience --
A phenomenal travelling / flying exhibit entrusted with
information and artifacts recounting 100 years
of the unique aviation history in Oregon.**

6 Restored Vintage Aircraft



**Display Materials / Signage
Demonstrations and Information distributed to visitors**

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Your help is needed to empower this extraordinary dream in getting off the ground.

Sponsor one of these Aircraft—
scheduled to be part of this display:

Flying Aircraft:

- Tex Rankin's Great Lakes,
- Story Specials 1 and 2 (as seen on Sport Aviation cover, June 1960),

Static Display Aircraft:

- Les Long's low wing "Wimpy,"
- Mid wing, Anzani Longster and
- High wing, Henderson Longster

Current Sponsors:



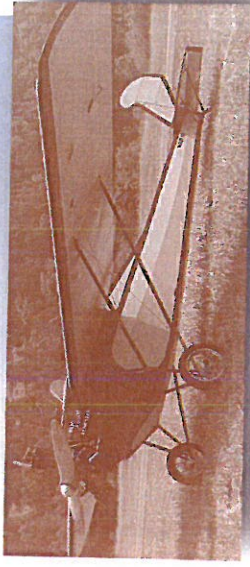
- * Puget Sound Antique Aircraft Club
- * Various anonymous patrons

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A Century of Oregon Aviation 1921–2021



You are invited to participate in creating a phenomenal travelling / flying exhibit entrusted with information and artifacts recounting 100 years of unique aviation history in Oregon.



Preserving Oregon's
Aviation Heritage
for Future Generations



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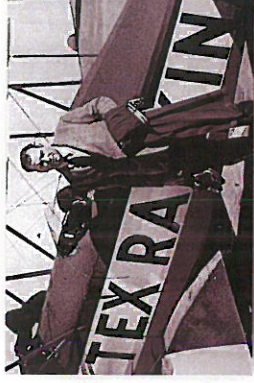
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