

WRIGHT LANDINGS



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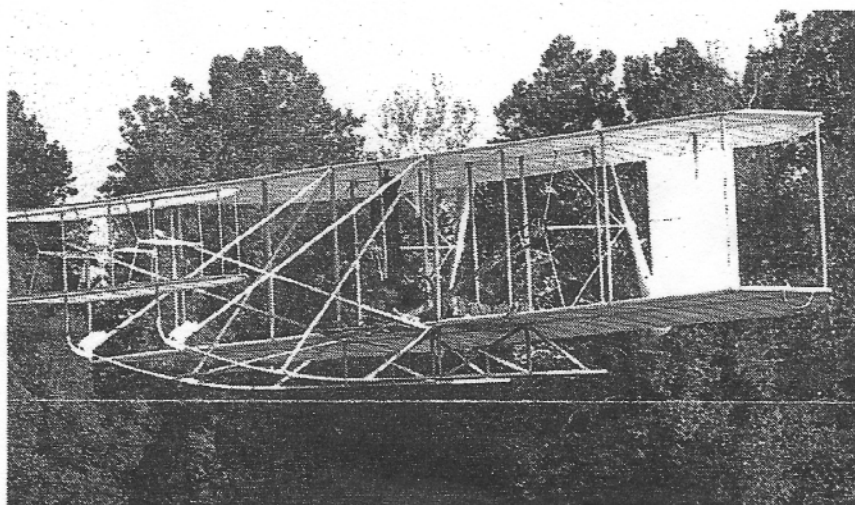
Dayton, Ohio

Winter 2006

2005 In Review

The Wright B Flyer organization is going through some dramatic changes that will have long lasting impact. First, our President of over thirty years, John Warlick, is stepping down. The Board has recommended appointing John president emeritus and has nominated Mitch Cary to replace John as president.

This change will be ratified at the Board of Directors meeting in January. We wish Mitch well and are glad John will still play an important role with the Wright B organization.



Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are the life-blood of our organization. We have numerous projects that we will be working on over the winter prior to the next flying season. Most require NO special talents. Come on down and help out!

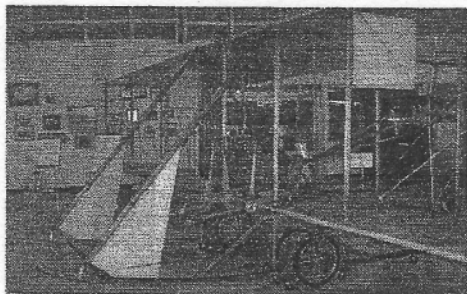
The crew has developed a list of proposed "winter projects." These range from much needed repairs on the hanger and trailers, housekeeping and painting to work on the Wright B itself. We would greatly appreciate all of the help we can get.

Secondly, the Wright B Flyer is going through inspection by Harold Edinger, our crew chief. Harold is replacing the chains and checking bearings and all other components for their condition.

Thirdly, in addition to the computer in the president's office we now have a second computer. The second computer is used by Lisa Cary for a "stock status" of merchandise, by Jim Stoutemyer for certificates for rides and by Ned Huesman for developing detailed engineering drawings, etc. A third computer has been put "on line" by Jim Stoutemyer for use in a "CAD-CAM" use.

With regard to this "Winter List" we are asking that the "Rank-And-File" volunteers step forward to accomplish these jobs. You guys are needed.

Earlier this year our trailer was modified in Richmond, Indiana. They enlarged the "man" door in height and removed the unneeded bumps on the right side. Betty Edinger immediately started to assemble some retail inventory for the trip to Pope AFB Airshow which took place over two days, May 28-29, 2005. The crew for the Pope AFB trip was five men and five women. Our president and chief pilot, John Warlick, made a one-day trip to Piqua Ohio to show the



The Yellow Bird

Wright B Flyer to the World Presidents Organization. Also, our crew helped Hubie Miller celebrate his 91st birthday on May 12, 2005. On May 10, our crew put the

Valentine "Yellow Bird" into the trailer for its transport to Huffman Prairie at Wright Patterson AFB for its summer static display.

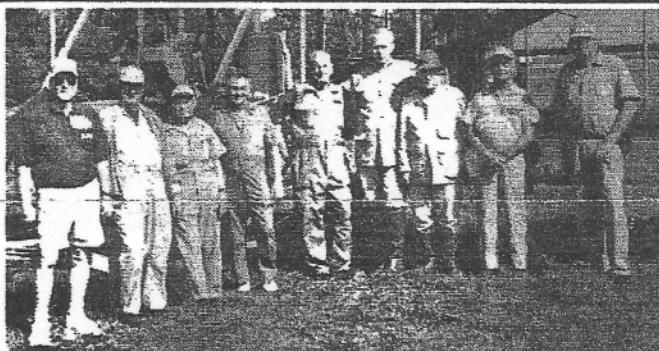


Joe Tyler standing in the enlarged man door.

Our flying season ended in October and the members were treated to a superb spaghetti dinner, prepared by Walt Hoy and company, at the annual Members' Dinner on October 11th.

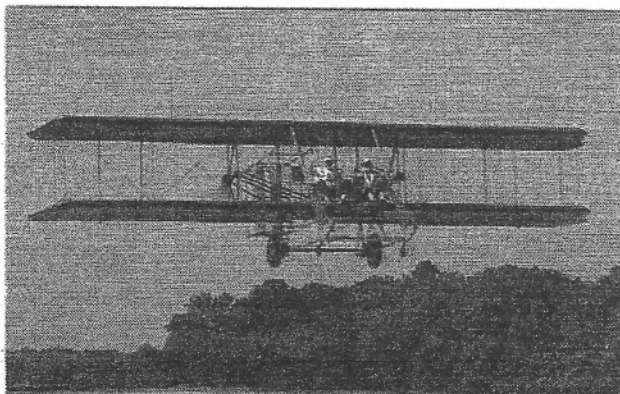
Huffman Prairie

During the week of October 1-7, 2005 the Wright B Flyer and crew participated in the week-long Centennial of Practical Flight on Huffman Prairie. Both the military flyer and the civilian flyer were on display through this week as well as the half-scale flyer, the Model "T" Staff Car, and even the golf cart! The high light of the ceremony, of course, was the flight of the 1905 flyer made and flown by Mark Dusenberry of Dublin, Ohio. The military Wright B participated in the flyover of planes following remarks by Col Weaver, Brig Gen Ted Bowlds and Maj Gen Ed Mechenbier and the flight of the Dusenberry flyer. A delegation from France visited this week and discussed participation in an airshow at Pau France during their ceremonies in 2009.



L-R Darvin Planeaux, Ned Huesman, Ralph Schell, Dave Turner, Frank Gofperich, Mitch Cary, John Warlick, Harold Edinger, Dave Suckdow.

Dayton Air Show



The Wright B Flyer once again participated in the Dayton Air Show, July 29th and 30th, 2005. On Saturday, weather was marginal so the Wright B was one of the few aircraft that could fly early in the day.

We will greatly miss the following friends:

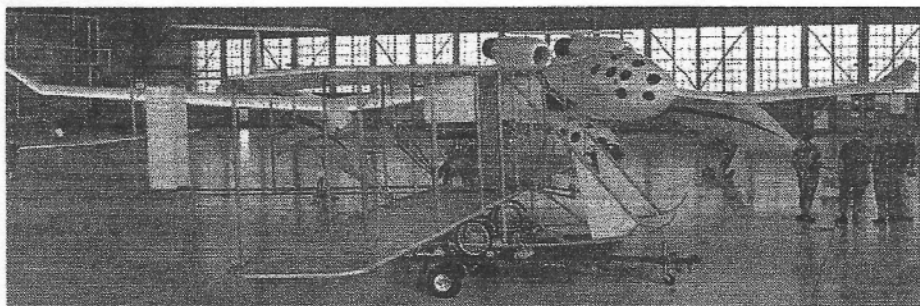
Walter Klose
Rita Beecroft
Willis R Kusy

Russell Temperley
Merle Madaffer

You are in our prayers. We miss you.

Space Ship One and the White Knight

In early August, Space Ship One stopped at Wright Patterson AFB on its way to the Smithsonian Museum. Both the military flyer and the civilian flyer were on display in Hanger 206 with Space Ship One. On departure from Wright Patterson AFB, White Knight pilot Mike Melville flew over Huffman Prairie and the Wright Memorial. The military Wright B Flyer departed first and flew briefly in formation with the White Knight while passing the Memorial. Formation was difficult since the White Knight cannot fly slower than 120 mph and the Wright B cannot fly faster than 60 mph!



Military Tattoo at the National Museum of the USAF



On July 1, 2005 the Wright B took part in the flyover at the Military Tattoo conducted at the National Museum of the USAF. Numerous planes participated in the flyover. The Wright B was quite popular with the flyover pilots. It was positioned on the WPAFB ramp with the F117 specifically for this picture.

Deaths

Walter Klose
Rita Beecroft
Willis R. Kusy

Russell Temperley
Merle Madaffer

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