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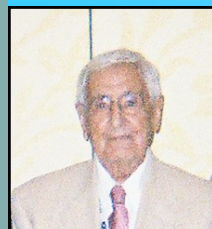


Message From The President

From Our President Walter Selleck:

I want extend a big thank you to all those UFO members that have spent many hours updating the Membership Directory. Especially Bart Bratko and Bill Webber need to receive a big pat on the back for all their hard work. The directory now contains many emails that will help keep members in touch with each other. Since I live in Canada, I want to let you know about a UFO meeting that is coming up. The Canadian C.O.P.A. convention is in St. Thomas, Ontario on July 13 –15. We will have a meeting for all the Canadian UFO's. I'll let you know more details as the meeting date gets a little closer

I sincerely wish all of the UFO's and their families a very prosperous and successful 2008.



Message From The Secretary

From Our Secretary Bart Bratko:

Since the meeting in October, the board members have been very busy getting the directory current. There have been many changes and additions. We are adding email addresses to those who have them. Our next directory will be much more accurate.

We need all of you to pay your dues of \$15.00 for the year 2008. We are running tight on our budget, so please get your dues

in as soon as possible.

For those of you who could volunteer some extra cash, it would certainly be appreciated. This would help keep the dues at the current level and help provide additional resources to the club when they are needed

Please send your dues to:

Bart Bratko
19 Bay State Road
Natick, MA 01760



Message From The Editor

From Our Editor Bill Webber:

I am excited!! The UFO's are coming to life. There is a lot of enthusiasm for the local participation from many of the members. Remember the 2007 annual meeting gathered around 40 at Hartford, CT and 80 the year before at Palm Springs. We have over 600 UFO's. who are now plan-

ning a UFO's get together in every state and Canada. Congratulations to Colorado. They are the first local group to put something together. There were 8 out of 12 who came together for lunch. There were comments that there was a lot of great conversations going on and that there were no lies being

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Plan for the 2008 UFO meeting

Put it on your Calendar and Join Us at The 2008 Annual Meeting and Luncheon

The annual UFO meeting is held in conjunction with the annual AOPA Expo

November 7, 2008

Place:
McEnery Convention Center
San Jose, California



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told about what they did in the past. Congratulations!!!

OK. Who is going to be next???. Do you know how this happens. A guy looked at the directory for his state. Called the others in his state and like magic a meeting happened. It is easy and it is fun.

I personally know of a couple of get togethers that are already planned. Read more about them on page 3. Suggestion: Go to your directory. Phone the members in your state or those in adjoining states. Then pick a

place for a meeting. That is all you need to do. Please let me know about your gatherings so that we can post a message in the newsletter.

We are distributing this letter electronically to those that have email. To those that do not have email, we will be mailing out a paper copy.

Hope you enjoy the following Member Spotlight. Please send a picture and write up if you are interested in being featured in a future newsletter.

Send information to:
WJWEBBER@COMCAST.NET

Report from Colorado

Colorado had the first local meeting. Congratulations!!

On December 4, on a record high temperature setting day in Denver, (72), six Colorado UFO's and one guest (who will join) had our first get-together for lunch, organized by Bill Bredar.

During the two hour Italian lunch, we told stories, including: who had the most hours (20,000 +), flying incidents, turbulence over the Rockies, famous personalities we have flown with or met, various planes (some under-powered) we had flown, who had flown into the most Colorado airports, flight training in the Army Air Corps, Air Force and the Navy, and other items. Nary a lie was told, a good time was had by all with hope for meeting again in six months.

Attendees included, from lower left in photo, clockwise, Dick Seaman, who received his wings in 1943 from Orville Wright at a Texas Army Air Corps Base, Gordon Scott, who flew Igor Sikorski in a T-33, Dean Baird, who flew the perimeter of the U.S. in his 140, Ed Mehlin. guest, Jack Munroe, Jim Barrow and Bill Bredar.

Ace Avakian and Norm Meyer planned to attend but had to cancel. Ed Beegles, Anita Hessin, Fritz Hertel, and Tal Miller wanted to attend but had conflicts on that date.





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SEND IN YOUR EVENT NOTICES OR ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

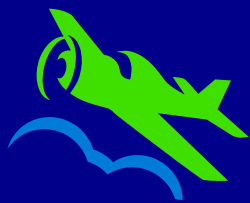
If you have any upcoming events or articles of interest that you want published in the next newsletter.

We are also looking for fresh ideas to update the UFO LOGO. Please send your ideas to Bill Webber.

wjwebber@comcast.net

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www.unitedflyingoctogenarians.org



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Arizona

Robert Brackett of Kingman Arizona is organizing a meeting in March.

There will a meeting in Kingman, Arizona. We will contact the members by phone or email when we have a firm date. Those UFO members from Arizona, Utah, and Nevada are invited to attend.



Idaho

Bill Webber from Washington is organizing a meeting this May or June

The UFO's in Washington, Oregon, Montana, British Columbia, Idaho and Wyoming are planning a get-together in Sable Idaho near Sandpoint. Dr, Forrest Bird (a UFO member) who invented the mechanical respirator for cardiopulmonary care, just finished an aircraft museum on his property . We can fly into his airstrip or nearby Sandpoint (SZT) and have lunch with him. We are also planning to visit Sandpoint's local Aircraft Manufacturer (Quest) which produces the Kodiak aircraft. This should be an exciting meeting so plan on attending. We will contact members by phone or email.



Washington

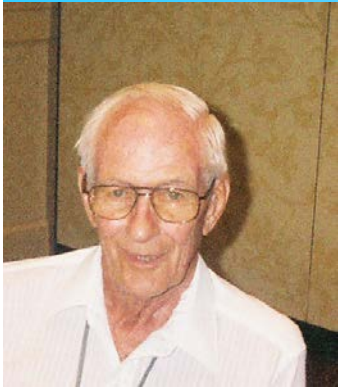
The Northwest EAA Fly-in at Arlington WA July 9-13

The Second largest Airshow next to Oshkosh is the Northwest EAA Fly-in at Arlington, WA (AWO). The local UFO members will be sharing a booth with a Light Sport Aircraft (LSA) vendor to try to recruit new UFO members. We are also planning on holding a UFO meeting for those members that can join us there. .



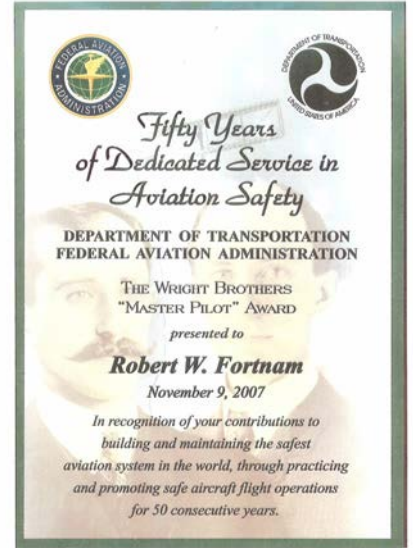
Member Spotlight

Bob Fortnam 85 Receives Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award



Bob Fortnam just received the Wright Brothers “Master Pilot Award”. Congratulations Bob. He is an 85 year old Board member of UFO. He lives in Pembroke, NH. On November 11, 2007 he had a front page and 2 page

spread in the Concord Monitor — an inspiring story of being shot down over Holland during the war, captured by the Germans. He was there for 18 months. His story about prison camp life is unbelievable.



Frances(Fran) Bera 83

Inducted Into the International Aviation Hall of Fame (2007) and Receives the Wright Brothers Master Pilot



Fran Bera – SanDiego CA. In 1940, Fran skipped school to take flying lessons without her parent’s knowledge. She soloed in 1941 and has been flying every since, with more than 25,000 hours. She has all of the ratings, including a type certificate in a Cessna Citation, Hot Air Balloons, Taildragger, and Helicopters. She has been chief pilot for many companies and owned and operated her own flight school and aircraft sales business.

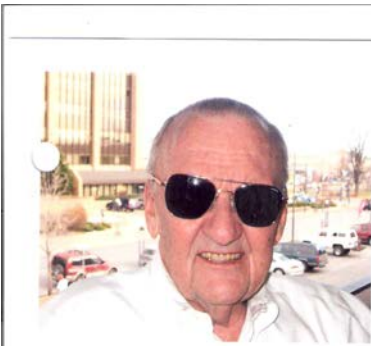


She is a 7 times winner of the Powder Puff Derby, she competed 5 times in the International Women’s Air Race, and has competed in the Reno National Air Races, the Great Race from Lon-

don England to Victoria BC Canada. She Hold the world’s Altitude record in Class C-I-D in a Piper Aztec. We haven’t got room to list all of her awards she has been given through the years. Congratulations Fran. Sure is great being a UFO with you.



Bill Bredar 83 Mr. Inspirational!!!



Bill Bredar, Denver CO is the one who put the Colorado luncheon together..Got my Navy Wings at Pensacola in October 1945. As a civil engineer, I have used flying for aerial oblique photography. Flown a variety of aircraft from C180s through Dukes, throughout Mexico

Bahamas, Canada and Alaska. We are proud of you. Do it again.

Alvin Lange 86

Alvin Lange 86 of Morton IL is proud of his completely rebuilt 1948 Stinson 108-3 station wagon, with a Franklin 165HP that gets him around at 115 Kts. He calls himself a flying bookworm.



Ed Power 85

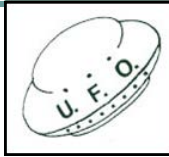
Ed Power 85 of Kenwood, CA. Bought my P210 in 1977. Celebrating 85years. Ed is 85, Linda 70, married 30 years. Just got his insurance issued for the next year.



Mike Hunt 86



This is Howard Mike Hunt, Anchorage, AK., age 86. On April 20, 2007 he was awarded Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award, having flown for 65 years.. He is still flying his Super Cub Cessna 180 on Floats and Skis, and Enstrom Helicopter in Alaska as well as several Vintage World War II aircraft in California. He remains active in aviation activities and recently made a donation of a beautiful restored Harvard (T-6) to the CAF, Commemorative Air Force, which is being organized in Alaska.



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Our History...



Started in 1982 by a group of about 25 aviators over the age of 80, today the United Flying Octogenarians (UFO) has a membership of over 600 men and women. When each of our members joined, at the age of 80 or older, they were still flying. Today, many of them are no longer at the controls of an aircraft, but their love of aviation still binds them to this elite group.

An international, non-profit organization, UFO, has members in the United States (including the U.S. Virgin Islands), Canada, Argentina, Australia, France, and the United Kingdom.

To be eligible for membership you must have flown an aircraft on or after your 80th birthday, in compliance with the regulations required of your aircraft. You could have been licensed in whatever manner your aircraft requires, and actively flying an airplane, glider, helicopter, ultra-light, balloon, or similar aircraft on or after your 80th birthday.

 ...Now is the time to send in your dues of \$15.00 for 2008. Send to Bart Bratko.

New UFO Members:

Name	State	Phone
Ronald Bertram	NJ	732-752-2647
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