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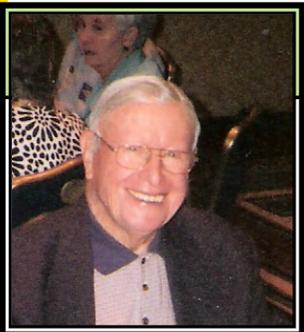
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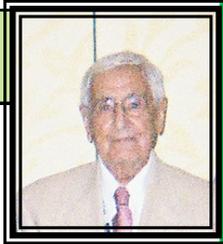
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This is the Captain Speaking



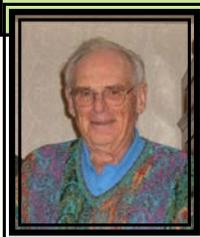
Walt Sellick is recovering from surgery and was not available to report on the COPA meeting in Canada. We are keeping him in our thoughts and wish him a speedy recovery. Walt is planning on attending the UFO meeting in San Jose.

From The Flight Deck



We have been working very hard to find out how many UFO's are members. Many that were listed in the directory are deceased. Some have lost interest and do not wish to pay dues and continue with the coming activities of the members. The active members are 572. Please help us keep our records up to date. Keep Bill Webber or myself informed of any change or correction of name, telephone number or email address. That way we can make sure you are always kept informed on what is going on in the UFO, especially of the numerous Area Meetings being held around the country. It would be greatly appreciated if you could provide an email address even though it may not be your own—this helps with communications and distributing the newsletter .

From The Navigator's Deck



Welcome to our 3rd color Newsletter. We have had 5 get-togethers so far. We want a lot more though. I offered to help anyone in any state to get this going. All you need to do is call me (509-466-2026) or email WJWebber@comcast.net and I will make it easier than paying for fuel. It is easy. In the last few weeks we have had the following members volunteer as Area Leaders that will help organize local meetings.:

Colorado	Bill Breder	Florida	Don Newman
California	Hardie Setzer	Illinois	Chuck Downer
Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia	Steve Dolak	Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky and North Carolina	Pat Byrne

Those of you in the above states will be contacted soon to have a get together. Lets have some more volunteers in other states. It's easy and fun.

1. Decide on a date and location.
2. Call me and I will send you an email of all of those members in your state.
3. That's it. It is easy. It is fun. You will be helping members enjoy each other. I am waiting for your call.

Plan for the
2008 National
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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

UFO ANNUAL MEETING California November 7, 2008

The UFO annual meeting held in conjunction with the AOPA EXPO Convention is coming up faster than you think. It is being held in San Jose, California. We would like to have as many UFO members join us as possible. Please make your plans now. Please tell us you are coming to the UFO meeting by Contacting Bart Bratko **508-651-8287** or email him at bart_bratko@hotmail.com. He needs to know how many will be in your party.

You should also register for the AOPA EXPO so you can enjoy all of the great things happening in the world of Aviation. Register by October 6, 2008 (5 p.m. EDT), to take advantage of these advance rates. Register by calling: **Telephone: 888-GO2-EXPO (462-3976)**.



To make housing arrangements: **Telephone: 888-222-5562**.

Or go to the AOPA web site and follow the links to the AOPA EXPO.

San Jose McEnery Convention Center 150
West San Carlos Street, San Jose, CA 95113

UFO CAPS ARE COMING SOON



UFO caps are being ordered. We will have them available by the UFO meeting in San Jose. This is another great reason to come to the meeting. They will be available in Blue and Tan. Prices have not been set yet so please stand by. We are also planning to have a UFO T-Shirt and Decals for your car or airplane.

UFO DIRECTORY 2009

Here is yet another reason to join us at the meeting. The brand new 2009 UFO Directory will be handed out to all member who attend the convention. Those who can't attend, we will ship it to you later.

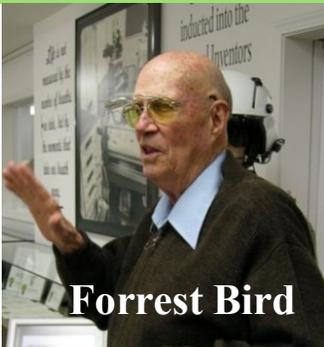
The next UFO newsletter will be sent out after our convention in San Jose.



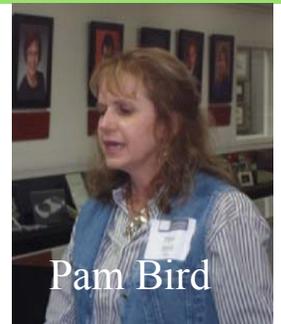
Come Fly With Us

Reports on UFO members that had local meetings!!

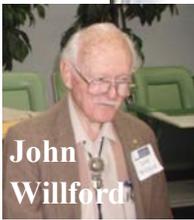
IDAHO June 7, 2008 Sagle, Idaho



Forrest Bird



Pam Bird



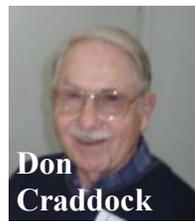
John Willford



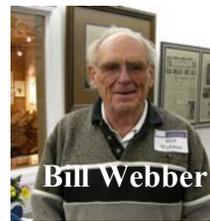
Ralph Himmelbach



Frank Brame



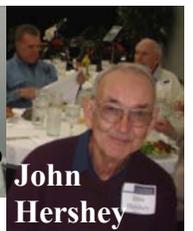
Don Craddock



Bill Webber



Steve Fusco



John Hershey



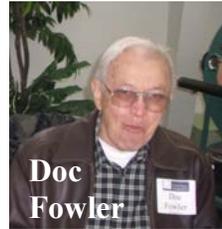
Ken Kuehn



Skeeter Carlson



Leo Morstad



Doc Fowler



Bob Eskridge



Al Ryan

Get Together #5 at Sagle Idaho near Sandpoint. There were 14 who attended plus wives and friends—in all, 22 attendees. There were 6 more UFO's planning to attend, but the weather was lousy and they couldn't make it. Many of those attending drove 400 miles to meet with the other UFO's from our area. Forrest and Pam Bird served us lunch at the Aviation and Invention museum and gave us a tour of his 21 flyable airplanes and memorabilia. Forrest, an 87 year old UFO, National Inventor Hall of Famer, invented the respirator used in every hospital in the world. Nice going Forrest. Pam showed us the inventions of many of their friends. It was a 4 hour tour. This is a must see for any UFO or anyone. Get up to the Northwest. Fly your airplane to his airport and enjoy the experience. Go to his Website: www.BirdAviationMuseum.com for more information. The comments from those attending was that it was a great meeting.

Colorado



The Second Colorado meeting, (the sixth this year) was held at the Perfect Landing Restaurant at Centennial Airport (APA). Attendees from left clockwise: Tal Miller, Famous Denver Pilot and salesman; Jack Monroe, Gordon Scott, Dean Baird, Bill Breder, and Ace Avakian. Ace entertained us with stories for an hour after which he rendered a solo on a micro harmonica. There were 5 others who couldn't make the meeting. Nice going Bill Breder for organizing this get together.

THE HIGH FLYERS

Mayetta Behringer of San Jose, Ca. (90)



Mayetta Behringer of San Jose, Ca. (90) was awarded the Wright Brothers Master Pilot by the FAA in 2006. In 1947, she bought her first airplane, a Cessna 120. She married Bill Behringer, a career Navy Pilot. They had three children. While Bill was away in the service, she took the kids around in an Airplane rather than a car. She flew them to see relatives in Florida, Michigan and Minnesota. In newspaper releases, they described her as: "Flying Housewife", "Powder Puff Pilot", "Pilot in Petticoats". She currently flies at least once a week, picking up her grandchildren in San Luis Obispo for visits. She has logged over 17,000 hours. She always flew in skirts and heels. Mayetta was a full instructor from 1970 through 1980 and an honorary member of the Blue Angels. Nice going. Hope you will be at our convention in San Jose in November.

John Miller, 102 years, passed away June 23, 2008



This picture was taken with our Treasurer Bart Bratko (left) in John's home in Poughkeepsie NY just two months prior to his passing. We do not have room on these pages to tell the story of this Aviation Icon, but we'll do the best we can.

In 1923 he learned to fly at 17 years old. He skipped school to watch Lindbergh take-off for his transcontinental flight.

In 1931 he had a coast to coast flight in an AutoGyro (Pitcairn PCA-2). He beat Amelia Earhart by two weeks. He continued with test flying for Kel-

lett Aircraft. He pioneered the first roof top landing by delivering mail to the Philadelphia post office building. He did 3000 mail delivery flights over a 2 year period. He flew for Eastern Air Transport for 26 years. At 60 years old, he retired. He has flown to Oshkosh for 23 of the 24 years. He was one of the originators of UFO and was president for 15 years. He flew two airplanes —a 1956 Bonanza and a Baron. He operated "Great-Grandfather Miller's Transcontinental Airlines". He flew his last flight about two years ago. He flew more than 39,000 hours. John, you will certainly be missed but not forgotten.

PCA-2 Pitcairn Auto Gyro

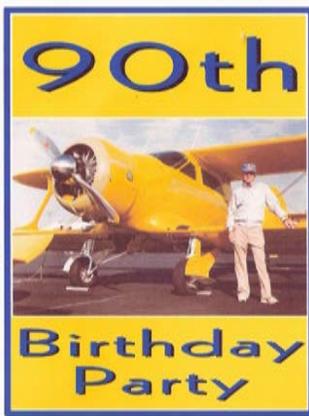


Wallace Denny 101 years, Passed away June 17, 2008

In the March Issue of the Slip Stream, we reported on another Century UFO man. Wallace Denny of Arizona who also passed away in June. We have now lost two of our century men.

Jack Munroe Celebrates His 90th

Let's learn how to celebrate our birthdays with a bang as we get older. Learn from Jack Munroe on how to do it (see his Party Invitation below). With the years zooming by, it is time for you to do something like this



Jack Munroe
 I'm celebrating being 90 years young, and flying airplanes for 58 years!

Saturday, June 14
 Noon to 5:00
 Van-Aire Picnic Area
 Brighton, Colorado
 (See Map on Back)
 If you get lost, call 303-710-1103

Please RSVP by May 15

Barbeque
 Free beer
 Steel band - Pipe band
 Fun for all ages!

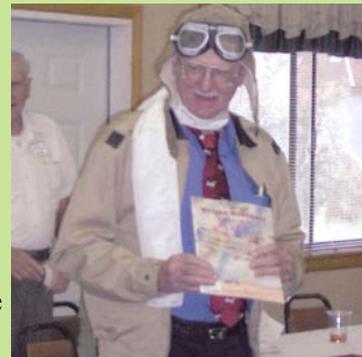


Regarding birthday presents, please don't bring me any stuff. I have too much stuff already!

Lee Wilkinson 81



This is Lee Wilkinson of Monte Vista, CO. He is 81 and has been flying for 59 years. He soloed when he was 12. (unofficial). In the picture on the left, he is with his Dad in an OX5. Dad would fly barnstorming rides for people for 1 cent/lb. His mom would collect the money. He still flies his C182.



Colin Griffin 88

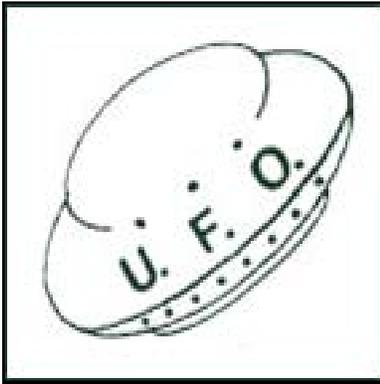
From Down Under(Australia)



Meet Colin Griffin (88). He flies his RV6, which has just been fitted with a new autopilot. Colin tells us "Health is good, bank balance adequate, outlook rosy, and my medical is good until September, 2009". Nice going Colin

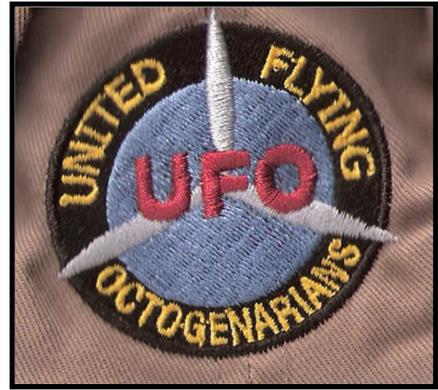
Showing Great Support for UFO's!!!!

Bill Sloan of Dayton, Ohio (86) just paid his dues for \$150.00. He is planning on being here at least another 9 years. Anybody else can do the same thing.



**THE OLD AND THE NEW
SYMBOL FOR THE UFO**

After 16 years, the symbol of a flying Saucer has had a great run. Working with many members for the last 8 months, we have a new symbol. It better describes a vibrant group of UFO pilots. This symbol will be on our new caps, t-shirts, and on stickers



for your car and airplane. We're hoping these will all be available for the November meeting in San Jose.

			New UFO Members:		
Name	State	Phone			
Harry Porter Jr.	AZ	(480)951-3960	William Lafazia	FL	(863)956-5405
Donald Laurila	CA	(760)200-1402	Raymond Lodi	GA	(706)650-2680
Elver McClelland	CA	(916)487-9969	Clancy Hess	IL	(815)838-4707
Frank Shelley	CA	(831)426-5959	Dale Jewett	KS	(620)662-5207
Gerald Drean	CA	(626)355-9200	Bob Simpson	OH	(740)623-2597
Gill Pedersen	CA	(661)392-1312	Stanley Mohler	OH	(937)435-8771
J. McCartney	CA	(925)934-4689	William Nemeth	OR	(541)332-0547
Jimmy Green	CA	(310)245-1388	Ernest Trent	PA	(814)445-5916
Alan Lewis	CO	(970)728-6949	Earle Geide	SD	(605)562-3840
Harold Gibson	CO	(970)731-6699	August Chuber	TX	(210)492-4721
Patrick Halloran	CO	(719)576-6077	Van White	TX	(806)873-3530
Edward Beatty	FL	(813)641-6716	Lee Lemke	WI	(715)745-2903
Harold Hampton	FL	(407)761-7907	Allen Whalley	Canada	(250)380-2502

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