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LIBERTY AVIATION MUSEUM



V...- Mail CEO's Message Spring/Summer 2015

Dear Museum Members and Supporters,

Another exciting year is in store for all of us here at the Liberty Aviation Museum. Plenty of events, special projects and additions to our museum are planned. A lot of hard work by both staff and volunteers has gone into continually improving and expanding our museum.

The museum was very fortunate indeed to acquire our very own flyable 1928 Ford Tri-motor "City of Wichita" from the Evergreen Air Museum last Spring. She now carries the dual name "City of Port Clinton" to honor the rich legacy and important role Port Clinton has, and continues to have in the history of aviation in this Country. In partnership with the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) our Tri-motor is now touring throughout the USA - currently wintering in Florida giving rides to the public. She will return in May, 2015 to Port Clinton, and annually will make four tour stops here. In this role she will act both as a goodwill ambassador for our Museum and community, as well as a source for much needed revenue.

Work progresses on our WWII motor torpedo boat PT-728 Thomcat now located in the PT Boat/Motorpool annex. Drive shafts and propellers are currently being installed. We plan to have PT-728 in the water this year!

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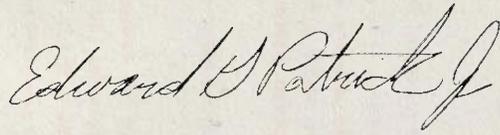
We are also in the planning stages for our first annual museum fundraising Gala to be held this October. Details will follow in the next newsletter.

Our B-25 Georgie's Gal is currently at Aero Trader in California having all new fuel tanks installed and additional upgrades. Projected return home is July of this year. With all of these improvements Georgie's Gal will rank among the best B-25's still operating and will insure she will remain flying for many years to come.

Last - but not least we are most excited about the significant expansion of our museum with the addition of our military themed facility that incorporates an additional 50,000+ square foot hangar, maintenance shop, boat house & motorpool, display gallery, and office tower!

Come on out soon, and often for a visit to see all that the museum has to offer!

Sincerely,



Edward G. Patrick Jr.
CEO/ Liberty Aviation Museum



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Schedule of Events

May 21 - 25, 2015

"City of Port Clinton" Ford Tri-Motor Rides
Relive history with a flight in a historic 1928 Ford Tri-Motor. More info: www.flytheford.org

May 30, 2015

Toledo IPMS Model Show
Annual Northwest Ohio plastic model competition. More info: www.toledoplasticmodelers.org

May 30, 2015

Yankee Lady B-17G Flight Experience
Fly in Yankee Air Museum's historic B-17G. More info: www.yankeeairmuseum.org

June 20, 2015

Lakeshore Corvettes Car Show
Annual Corvette car show. More info: www.lakeshorecorvettes.com

June 22 - 26 and July 13 - 17, 2015

Junior Pilot Camp
Call 419-734-6297

June 24, 2015

Yankee Lady B-17G Flight Experience
Fly in Yankee Air Museum's historic B-17G. More info: www.yankeeairmuseum.org

June 27, 2015

Blue Grass Jam
6 - 10:30pm, Admission required. Museum hangar. (419) 732-0234

June 30 - July 5, 2015

"City of Port Clinton" Ford Tri-Motor Rides
Relive history with a flight in a historic 1928 Ford Tri-Motor. More info: www.flytheford.org

July 3, 2015

Big Band Hangar Dance
Evening dance with music by the Dan Zola Big Band! More details coming soon!

July 15 and August 5, 2015

Yankee Lady B-17G Flight Experience
Fly in Yankee Air Museum's historic B-17G. More info: www.yankeeairmuseum.org

August 15 - 16, 2015

GPCAAC Appetite for the Arts
Greater Port Clinton Area Arts Council fine art show and fund raiser. More info: www.ottawacountyarts.org

August 16, 2015

EAA 1247 Pancake Breakfast
8am - noon. Price TBD. Museum hangar.

August 22 - 23, 2015

4th Annual Warbirds Over Port Clinton
Radio controlled model plane show & fly-in. More info: www.rewarbirdsope.com

August 22 - 23, 2015

Yankee Lady B-17G Flight Experience
Fly in Yankee Air Museum's historic B-17G. More info: www.yankeeairmuseum.org

August 25 - 30, 2015

"City of Port Clinton" Ford Tri-Motor Rides
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September 16 - 20, 2015

CAF Red Tail Squadron's "Rise Above"
Tuskegee Airmen Exhibit. More info: www.redtailorg

September 20, 2015

Chili Fly-In
At Erie Ottawa International Airport.

October 12 - 18, 2015

"City of Port Clinton" Ford Tri-Motor Rides
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Event Schedule subject to change. Please check the web site or call for the most up-to-date information.



City of Port Clinton / City of Wichita



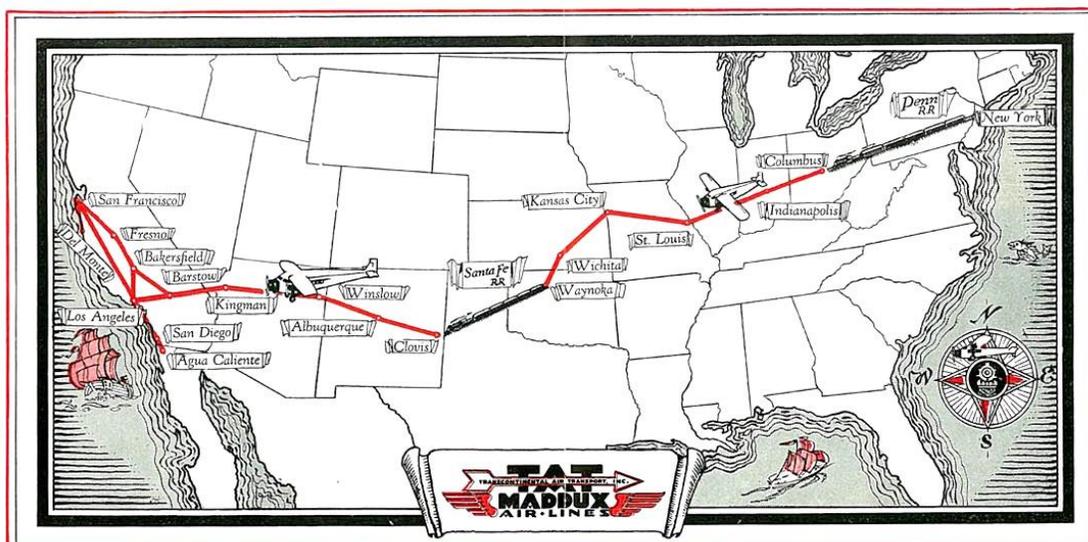
It has always been one of the long term goals of the Liberty Aviation Museum to make the LAM home to two flyable Ford Tri-motors. On February 10th, 2014 this goal came one step closer to reality with the acquisition of "The City of Wichita" a 1928 Ford Tri-motor ser#5AT8 reg#NC9645 from the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum located in McMinnville, Oregon.

After several months of work, including the installation of three newly rebuilt zero time Pratt & Whitney R-985 engines she headed east to her new home in Port Clinton, Ohio arriving on Wednesday July 10th, 2014 coming as a complete surprise to all but a few!

In honor of the significant aviation history of the local area the aircraft now carries the dual name of "City of Port Clinton".

To best serve our museum, as well as provide maximum exposure and benefit to the public the LAM has partnered with the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) to place the City of Port Clinton on tour throughout the Country giving thousands the opportunity to both view and take a flight on board this rare aircraft. Currently she is on tour in Florida but she will return to Port Clinton four times a year as part of her tour schedule. (See museum event schedule for planned tour dates)

In our next newsletter we will cover in depth the significant and rich history of this historic aircraft.



TBM Reunion – September 27, 2014

Last September museum members, Charlie Cartledge and Shirley Steiner of Lake Erie Warbirds, hosted a WWII TBM Avenger veterans final reunion & gathering at the Liberty Aviation Museum in Port Clinton, Ohio. The idea and suggestion of the reunion came about shortly after Charlie completed a laborious 14 year restoration of his TBM in the late summer of 2013. It was at that time, Charlie had met with local Bellevue resident and WWII TBM turret gunner of VT34 squadron, Willis Lodge. From that first meeting, Charlie and Willis formed an almost instant bond and friendship. During some of their conversations after their initial meeting, Willis suggested the idea of a final reunion with TBM Avengers and veterans that not only flew the bombers but also crewed & worked on them. A year later, an impressive reunion with 4 TBM Avengers, 21 WWII TBM veterans, and hundreds of family and friends gathered at the Liberty Aviation Museum in Port Clinton, Ohio, to honor these veterans in attendance and to those who have passed on. Some of these veterans and their family and friends had travelled from as far as California, North Carolina, Maryland, and Indiana to witness this historic final reunion. Many of the veterans in attendance had not seen a TBM in 70 years. Many had never seen one fly since the war. Imagine the look on the veteran's faces when the TBM owners graciously offered to take them or their family members for a flight. It was quite an emotional experience for everyone involved. Sadly Willis Lodge passed away just before the reunion was to take place, but there was no doubt at all that Willis was in attendance that day with his fellow comrades in strong spirit.

We would like to thank the following local businesses in the area, sponsors of the event, the aircraft owners, and individual sponsors for making this event a huge success for all!

Sponsors of the TBM event (in no particular order): Terry Murray, Ed & Kathy Pickard, VFW Post 1238 Bellevue, VFW Post 2480 Port Clinton, Eagles 2295 FOE Port Clinton, Ottawa County Veterans, The Jet Express, Bierkeller Pub, Minuteman Press, John Shore, Miller Marina, Dr. Hollis & Dr. Mary Merrick, Bassett's IGA, Northampton Crankshaft, Lakecraft Corporation, Starcher Enterprises, Rescue Marine, Paul Meadows, Genoa Bank, Janotta & Herner, Jim Gorman, Ken Eltzroth, Doug Cartledge, Joy Roth, Rona Mitrovich, Purvis Brothers/Phillips 66, John Rhodes, Richard Biro, Walter & Doris Peterson, Mark & Renee Silinsky, Aviation Enthusiasts, LLC., Baumann Auto Center, & Kurt Blankenship.

Special Thanks to the following for bringing their historic TBM Avengers to the event: Brad & Jane Deckert, Tom Buck, & Tri-State Warbird Museum.

TBM Avengers in attendance: Lake Erie Warbirds TBM/Charlie Cartledge, Tri-State Warbird Museum TBM-3/ Paul Redlich, TBM-3/Tom Buck, TBM-3E/Brad Deckert.



A Brief History of the American Diner

Part One: Early Years

The Tin Goose Diner is a one of the finest working examples of a cultural icon -- the American Diner. This particular diner was built in 1949, in Elizabeth, New Jersey, by the Jerry O'Mahony Diner Company. It was purchased and moved to Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania, where it operated first as Steve's Diner, and later as the Sunrise Diner. After an extensive historical restoration, it became a permanent part of the Liberty Aviation Museum in 2012.

The concept and evolution of diner design have a long history that can be traced back almost 150 years ago. The story starts in Providence, Rhode Island, in 1872...

Walter Scott was a newspaper press operator in Providence, who started supplementing his income by selling sandwiches and coffee to other newspaper workers in the 1850s. Newspaper work was done throughout the night, and restaurants were typically only open during daytime hours. By 1872 business had become so lucrative, Scott quit his newspaper job and converted a covered horse drawn wagon with a couple of openings through which he could sell his food.

Over the next few decades, others followed suit with their own lunch wagons, each adding their own improvements, and the diner business began to expand throughout New England. First they were built entirely of wood. Some added exterior counters. Others incorporated interior standing room or stools, where patrons could find shelter from the elements as they ate. Cooking stoves were added and greatly expanded the menu options available. Decorative touches, such as etched or stained glass became a common element of these early diners. Before the close of the 19th century, diners began to feature soda fountains, which became a staple for many of the 20th century diners that followed.



It didn't take long for professional diner manufacturers to emerge. Charles Palmer, of Worcester, Massachusetts, was granted the first patent for a "night lunch wagon" in 1891. T. H. Buckley was the earliest entrepreneur, founding the New England Night Lunch Wagon Company in 1892. The "Worcester Lunch Car Company," founded by Philip H. Duprey, produced over 600 diners between 1906 and 1957.

in 1917, Jerry O'Mahony of Bayonne, New Jersey, built his first two lunch cars. His company quickly became the largest manufacturer of the day. By 1924, their catalogs were using the term "diner" in place of "lunch car" or "lunch wagon."

The change in name reflected a change in the culture. Diners became more elaborate, offering a similar dining experience to more traditional restaurants. They were larger than their predecessors, and the modern layout of a long counter and all of the cooking performed on the other side became standard. Diners became a part the American experience, spreading throughout the country and operating at all times of the day and night.

To be continued...
Next: Golden Age



Donation Corner

Liberty Aviation Museum recently received an outstanding donation of a 1931 Chrysler four door sedan from a Lakeside-Marblehead family. Friend of the museum Ann Duez, owner of the Victorian Inn Bed & Breakfast, knew that family of the late Richard Hartley was looking for a place to donate Richard's restored vintage treasure. The family was considering another non-profit organization who would have gladly accepted this thoughtful donation. Ann convinced the Hartleys that a donation of this nature would be a welcome addition to Liberty's growing collections, rather than being sold as a means of converting the object to cash.

The addition of this beautiful automobile compliments many of the vintage aircraft from the Golden Age of Aviation that call the EOIA and LAM home. It is appropriate and fitting the automobile resides next to the 1938 WACO considering the fact Troy, Ohio was the home of both the WACO factory and the Hartley family.



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