



# WAHF FLYER

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE  
WISCONSIN AVIATION HALL OF FAME

## New Focus at Hall of Fame Banquet

**T**he Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame will hold their annual Induction Ceremony and Banquet at the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh on October 25, 2003. According to WAHF Board Member Michael Goc, this year's event will focus on the Centennial of Flight and the achievements of Wisconsin aviators. "In this special year of aviation, an extra special banquet is in order, and we're working hard to ensure an extraordinary event," said Goc. "One of our goals is to honor not just the new inductees, but our previous inductees as well. Inductees from throughout the organization's 18-year history will be on hand to celebrate."

The organization will also announce their \$1000 scholarship recipient at the event. The Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame annually awards the Carl Guell \$1000 Scholarship to a student enrolled in an aviation program at one of Wisconsin's technical colleges. The 2003 Carl Guell Scholarship will be awarded in memory of Earl Pingel, former president and chairman of the board of the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame.

A new twist to the evening's activities will be a *Silent Auction*, held during the Social Hour before dinner begins. Auction proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund. The organization hopes to annually award five \$1000 scholarships by 2005. More details inside.

Six Wisconsin aviators will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. They are: Lt. Col. Robert Goebel, a WWII double ace; Charles Wood, who was instrumental in establishing the Eau Claire airport; and father/daughter inductees Archie Towle and Marie Schuette. Towle and Schuette managed the Wausau airport and were involved in many facets of aviation in the state of Wisconsin.

Pioneer inductees, those with significant contributions to aviation before 1927, are Melvin Thompson, FBO manager at both the Kohler and New Holstein airports; and Thomas Hamilton, founder of the Hamilton Aero Company and the Hamilton Metal Plane Company.

For more information on the event, contact Michael Goc at 608-339-7191 or Duane Esse at 608-849-9872.

### Inside this issue...

#### President's Message

Upholding the tradition of honoring Wisconsin's aviation greats

#### Don't miss our banquet

Mingle with our state's aviation stars

#### Silent Auction

Make bids, take home something new!

#### On the Road with WAHF

Forum at the WI Historical Society features aviation history

#### Membership Drive Update

Keep recruiting, we're almost there!

#### WISCONSIN AVIATION HALL OF FAME MISSION STATEMENT

To collect and preserve the history of aviation in Wisconsin, recognize those who made that history, inform others of it, and promote aviation education for future generations.

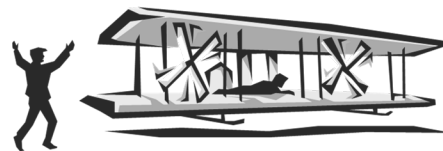
#### SEND NEWSLETTER IDEAS & COMMENTS TO:

WAHF FLYER  
8550 GREENWAY BLVD #405  
MIDDLETON WI 53562-4724  
flyer@aviationhalloffamewisconsin.com

## Hey, kids! Hangout in this hangar...

To celebrate the Anniversary of Flight, the WAHF Board of Directors is proud to announce a new place for kids to hangout on the web, *The KID'S HANGAR*. Mom & Dad, if you're looking for a way to help spark the fascination of flight in your kids, then send them to this site. Educational activities such as quizzes, match games, coloring pages, fun stories and appealing photos are just the start.

According to WAHF Board Member and Webmaster John Dorcey, "One of the goals of the WAHF Board is to design youth programs and activities that encourage learning of our state's important contributions to the aviation industry. Youth who take part will find it's a fun and easy way to gain considerable knowledge of Wisconsin's aviation pioneers and their accomplishments. Activities will be for kids of all age groups."

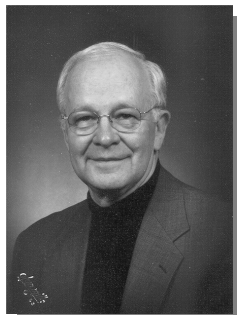


Kids...we need your help! A goal of the site is to include your submissions, things like books reports and pictures. Have any aviation questions you want answered? We'll try our best to do that, too! We want to hear from you. What kinds of things would you like to see on the website? Contact the webmaster with the link provided on the web page.

*The Kid's Hangar* web page is located at: [www.aviationhalloffamewisconsin.com](http://www.aviationhalloffamewisconsin.com). Visit soon, and visit often!



## President's Message... By Keith Glasshof



Keith Glasshof

**The Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame premiere annual event is close at hand. On October 25<sup>th</sup> the WAHF will conduct its annual recognition dinner.** It is at this extraordinary event that the WAHF recognizes aviation pioneers.

The men and women inducted into the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame are those with a Wisconsin connection who have made a significant contribution to aviation - a contribution that has impacted the course of aviation. To date, the organization has recognized 56 such pioneers - 56 men and women who have had a significant impact on the course of aviation. Among the inductees are well known aviation personalities such as Billy Mitchell, war hero and air power visionary; Steve Wittman, "arguably the world's greatest air racer;" Richard Bong, America's air combat ace of aces; and Paul Poberezny, founder of the Experimental Aircraft Association.

The event will be held at the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. It is a pleasant evening and the opportunity to tour the EAA Museum is, by itself, worth the price of admission.

It was approximately 17 years ago that a group of historically minded aviators and educators recognized the importance of recording the development of aviation in Wisconsin by organizing the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame. They set as a goal for the organization:

*Collect and preserve the history of aviation in Wisconsin, recognize those who made that history, inform others of it, and promote aviation education for future generations.*

In addition to the induction of aviation pioneers, there are other activities for which the WAHF is well recognized. One such activity is the recording of the development of aviation in Wisconsin. That book, *Forward in Flight - The History of Aviation in Wisconsin*, best exemplifies that effort. Published in 1998, the book sets forth the development of aviation our state. It is a very thorough and very professional documentary of the key events that have shaped Wisconsin's contributions to aviation. It is informative, yet entertaining.

Another well recognized activity is the annual awarding of scholarships. Each year the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame awards a scholarship to an outstanding student enrolled in an aviation related program at a Wisconsin college or university. In order to raise funds for our scholarship program, a Silent Auction will take place at this event. We urge you to bid generously.

Today and into the future, aviation history will continue to be made. Aviators will continue to explore new frontiers. Inductees such as Deke Slayton and James Lovell are evidence. So long as there is another horizon, another challenge, another opportunity, mankind will continue to expand the envelope of aviation.

On October 25<sup>th</sup> the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame will recognize the 2003 class of inductees. It will be an action-packed evening with a variety of activities. We encourage you join us at the EAA AirVenture Museum to celebrate the contributions to aviation made by the current class of inductees. It will be a memorable evening.

*To raise funds for our Scholarship Program, we need your help! Our first-ever Silent Auction will take place from 5 - 6 p.m. You'll have just one hour to look over the items and place your bids. All bidding closes at 6:00. Winning bids will be announced shortly after 6:00. Payment should be made before the banquet begins at 7:00.*

## Why is this banquet so special?

**As Keith mentioned in his message, the 2003 Induction Banquet will be an extra special event, one we think you won't want to miss!**

Planning for the 2003 banquet began back in January when the excitement of the 100th Anniversary of Flight was just beginning to build. WAHF board members immediately set a goal of making the 2003 event one of the most memorable in its history.

**What makes this year's event special? Let's start by telling you that several of our past inductees, several of our state's aviation stars, will be in attendance.** It's your chance to shake

their hands and congratulate them for their achievements and for making a difference in an activity that means a lot to you. **You'll also have the chance to honor and meet the 2003 class of inductees.** Who knows whom you'll be seated next to at dinner?

**Want to go home with something new and at the same time help our future aviation leaders?** Our Silent Auction is a fun way to help! We hope to raise over \$2000 for the Carl Guell Scholarship program. Several businesses have donated valuable items that you'll enjoy bidding on with your friends, as listed on pg. 3.



## **Silent Auction Items and Contributors**

### **Silent Auction Item**

"Pilot Necessities" Gift Basket  
 Pioneer Pilot-Walter Lees story, signed  
 Forever Flying – Bob Hoover Autobiography  
 Bob Hoover Air Show t-shirt, size XL  
 Speaking of Flying  
 Rod Machado Aviation Humor CD  
 Rod Machado Private Pilot Handbook  
 Rod Machado Private Pilot Workbook  
 Framed OSH IFR plate-on canvas  
 Wright Brothers Commemorative Coin  
 3 pk. VHS Videos-Fighter planes  
 3 pk. VHS Videos-Jet Fighters  
 3 pk. DVD-WWII with Walter Cronkite  
 3 pk. DVD-WWII, War in the Pacific  
 Waldo - Pioneer Aviator book, signed  
 Katherine Stinson: Flying Schoolgirl, signed  
 Garment Travel Bag (2)  
 The Perfect Flight - By Richard L Collins  
 The Art of Flying - By Robert Buck  
 Proficient Pilot, II - By Barry Schiff  
 Subscription to General Aviation News-gift certificate  
 Wisconsin Aviation denim shirt (2)  
 Cooler on wheels  
 \$100 cash  
 \$50 cash  
 Richard Collins Advanced Weather Flying 2 DVD set  
 Weaving the Winds, Emily Howell Warner, signed  
 On the Wing, Jessie Woods & Flying Aces Air Circus  
 18 holes Golf—Good thru 2004 Season  
 18 holes Golf—Good thru 2004 Season  
 18 holes Golf—Good thru 2004 Season  
 1 yr. subscription, Midwest Flyer Magazine (2)  
 Miscellaneous Gift Basket  
 Wells Fargo Stage Coach  
 Oil Change certificates  
 Pat O'Malley's Jet Room Dining Gift Certificate

### **Donated by**

Heartland Aviation, Eau Claire, WI  
 Jo Cooper, Author  
 Bob Hoover Air Shows  
 Bob Hoover Air Shows  
 Diane Titterington, Author  
 Rod Machado  
 Rod Machado  
 Rod Machado  
 Drew DeCaro Art Inc/Drew DeCaro  
 WKRW/Kenny Whitworth  
 Historic Aviation  
 Historic Aviation  
 Historic Aviation  
 Historic Aviation  
 Jack Carpenter, Author  
 Debra Winegarten, Author  
 ASA  
 ASA  
 ASA  
 ASA  
 General Aviation News  
 Wisconsin Aviation, Madison, WI  
 H & M Distributing, Madison, WI  
 Beaver Aviation, Juneau, WI  
 Basler Turbo Conversions, Oshkosh, WI  
 Sporty's Catalog  
 Ann Cooper, Author  
 Ann Cooper, Author  
 Golf Course, Jefferson, WI  
 Golf Course, Watertown, WI  
 Golf Course, Waunakee, WI  
 Midwest Flyer Magazine  
 Mega Foods  
 Wells Fargo Bank  
 Kayser Auto, Madison, WI  
 Pat O'Malley's Jet Room, Madison, WI



*Working together, we can reach our scholarship fundraising goals. Thanks to all the fine business people who contributed cash and merchandise items to our Silent Auction. Your generosity is much appreciated.*

*The rest is up to each of us, the members and guests of the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame.*

*Our generosity will make this event a success and help ensure continued financial support of our future aviation leaders.*

*Thank you!*

## **Special event, continued**

**...Our 2003 Scholarship recipient will be announced at this event.** You'll learn more about her, the challenges she's faced and the commitment she has made to her education. You'll see the confidence the WAHF Board Members share regarding her future in aviation.

**You're also invited to attend our Annual Meeting taking place in the Batten Board Room in the lower level of the EAA Museum.** The meeting begins at 3:00 p.m.

**As long as you'll be in Oshkosh for this great event, take time to tour the EAA Museum.** Even if you've been there recently,

there's always something new and exciting to see and do in Oshkosh.

**So there you have it...** the chance to mingle with aviation legends, meet our new inductees, support aviation students, tour the museum, and join the WAHF board members at the Annual Meeting... did we mention **a great dinner catered by LaSure's of Oshkosh**, and Social Hour from 5 - 6? Have we convinced you yet? If you're interested in aviation in any way, shape or form, plan to attend. Check the WAHF website for more information at: [www.aviationhalloffamewisconsin.com](http://www.aviationhalloffamewisconsin.com).

### **HOTEL DISCOUNT**

Most Oshkosh hotels are offering a discount for the night of your stay when you attend the 2003 WAHF Banquet. Just mention you're with the WI Aviation Hall of Fame.



Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame  
Corporate Headquarters  
106 Winston Way  
Waunakee WI 53597-1730  
Phone 608-849-9872

**We're on the web!**  
[www.aviationhalloffamewisconsin.com](http://www.aviationhalloffamewisconsin.com)

P R E S E R V E  
W I S C O N S I N ' S  
A V I A T I O N H I S T O R Y . . .  
J O I N T O D A Y !

**We need your e-mail address!** The WAHF membership committee is gathering the e-mail addresses of our members. We hope to save postage costs by sending important announcements and renewal reminders via e-mail. Your address will not be shared with any other organization. Please send your e-mail address to: [flyer@aviationhalloffamewisconsin.com](mailto:flyer@aviationhalloffamewisconsin.com). Thank you!

**“100 for 100” - the theme of our 2003 Membership Drive.** 100 new members—one for each year of flight. What at first seemed like a lofty goal has come within 40 members of success. Our members are making it happen; **as of Sept. 1 over 60 new members have joined!** Please, don't stop now! Great prizes for both new members and those who recruit them are still up for grabs in our Membership Drive Contest. Winners will be announced at our banquet October 25. Hurry; to be eligible for prizes, applications must be postmarked no later than October 10!

**For a fun yet factual presentation on Wisconsin's Aviation History, head to the Wisconsin Historical Society Museum** in Madison to hear: *Snapshots of Wisconsin Aviation History*. John & Rose Dorcey will present the program on Tuesday, October 7 from 12:15 - 1:15 pm. You'll learn of several noteworthy, if not unusual, Wisconsin aviation firsts. For more info call 608-836-9840 or e-mail: [flyer@aviationhalloffamewisconsin.com](mailto:flyer@aviationhalloffamewisconsin.com)

**Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame  
Board of Directors and Officers**

Keith Glasshof  
President

Charles Marotske, Vice President  
Duane Esse, Secretary  
John Dorcey, Treasurer

LaFonda Kinnaman  
Michael Goc  
David Greene  
Rose Parmeter-Dorcey  
Robert Wylie

Earl Pingel  
Chairman of the Board

The Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame needs YOU!  
If you're already a member, get your friends to join!  
If you're not a member, please consider joining!

Contact Duane Esse for membership information  
by calling 608-849-9872

Or download the membership application and  
send a check to:  
WAHF 106 Winston Way Waunakee WI 53597-1730