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To: Curtiss Pitts, Homestead, Fla.
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For Outstanding Service and Dedication to EAA —
To: Donald Berndt, Coon Rapids, Minn.
For Promotion of Aviation Education —
To: Quentin Wilber, Des Moines, Iowa
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For "Above and Beyond" —
To: Martin Haedtler, Oaklawn, Ill.
Outstanding Contribution to U. S. Aerobatics —
To: M. H. "Pappy" Spinks, Burtleson, Texas
Outstanding Contribution to EAA Aerobatic Division —
To: Dr. Champe Poole, Harrisburg, Pa.
For His Technical Contributions to Sport Aviation —
To: Reed Johnson, Berkley, Calif.
For Outstanding Airport Management —
To: Bob Selfridge, Rockford, Ill.
Outstanding Smith Miniplane —
To: Bill Beaty, Jerseyville, Ill., N11981, Smith Miniplane
Outstanding Design of Lightweight Biplane —
To: Adolph Hugo, Tulsa, Okla., Hugo-Craft
Outstanding Workmanship —
To: Clyde Buckley, Muskegon, Mich., N3513, Pietenpol Air Camper
Outstanding Contribution to General Aviation —
To: Jack Mobley, Rockford, Ill.
Outstanding Landing Gear Design —
To: Jack C. Swan, San Fernando, Calif., N741S, Starduster Too
First Place—Outstanding Chapter Newsletter for 1969 —
To: EAA Chapter 127, Westside, Cleveland, Ohio
Second Place—Outstanding Chapter Newsletter for 1969 —
To: EAA Chapter 305, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada
Rotorcraft (Non-powered) —
To: Chapter 18, Popular Rotorcraft Association, Aurora, Ill., Gyro Glider
Outstanding Helicopter —
To: N. R. Bernier, Mesa, Ariz., N4811, Scorpion
Outstanding Gyro Copter Construction and Flight —
To: Geo. Spadie, Louisville, Ky., N6546D, Bensen B8M



Tom Kuchinsky, the Warbird president, presents Gunther Balz with the outstanding Warbird award for his Grumman Bearcat.



Tom Kuchinsky presenting the award to Dave Forest for the rarest Warbird at Rockford. Dave brought in a Bell T-63.



Don Fairchild of Continental Motors Corp. presents a scholarship to Ron Wojnar.



Curtiss Pitts receives the August Raspert award.

Most Outstanding All Metal Sailplane —
To: Larry Roger, New Brighton, Minn., H.P. 14 Sail Plane
Outstanding Workmanship —
To: Richard Borremans, Appleton, Wis., N1668, Piel Emeraude CP-311
Outstanding Metal Aircraft —
To: Al Neunteufel, Addison, Ill., N193N, Thorp T-18
Outstanding VW Reduction Drive —
To: Don Stewart, Clinton, N.Y., N8667E, Headwind
First Corvair Powered Aircraft to Attend Annual Fly-In —
To: Robert Rofshus, Albert Lea, Minn., N838W, Heath Super Parasol Corvair Powered
Outstanding Design —
To: Jerry Smyth, Huntington, Ind.
Outstanding Female Flying Team —
To: Bev Blankenship and Mary Ann Vanderweele, Louisville, Ky.
Youthful Participation in Aviation —
To: Donald Simmons, Bainsville, Glengarry City, Ontario, Canada
For Outstanding Assistance Given to His Fellow EAA Members —
To: Bill Hansen, Minneapolis, Minn.
Outstanding Service to EAA —
To: Rose Lippert, Riverdale, Mich.
Outstanding Contribution to EAA and Sport Aviation —
To: Louis Filling, White Horse Pike, Pomona, N.J.
Outstanding European EAA Booster —
To: Helene Best-Devereux, Welwyn Garden City, England

SERVICES TO EAA —
To: Harvey Anderson, Rockford, Ill.
Glen Rosenke, Rockford, Ill.
Ray Sytek, Rockford, Ill.
Roy Bowers, Rockford, Ill.
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Eugene Anderson, Rockford, Ill.
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Outstanding Achievement in Sport Aviation
To: Bill Alston, Cleveland, Ohio
Sponsor: Mechanix Illustrated
Best Continental Engine Installation
To: Jean Paul Huneault, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, CF-CYT, Chipmunk
Sponsor: Continental Motors
Best Auto Powered Homebuilt Aircraft
To: Bob Ladd, Milwaukee, Wis., N2531, Taylor Monoplane Chihuahua
Sponsor: Joe Durham
Best Instrument Panel
To: Larry Larcom, Delaware, Ohio, N312LL, Thorp T-18
Sponsor: Joe Durham
Best Midget Mustang
To: Tom Kennedy, Iowa City, Iowa, N1506,
Sponsor: Bushby Aircraft
Best Workmanship on a T-18
To: Russ Basye, Fresno, Calif., N372RB
Sponsor: John Thorp
Best Modified T-18
To: Ron Zimmerman, Minneapolis, Minn.
Sponsor: John Thorp
Best T-18
To: Lu Sunderland, Apalachin, N.Y.
Sponsor: John Thorp
Tu-Holer Award
To: George Cooper, St. Charles, Mo., N3718, Tuholer (Spezio Sport)
Sponsor: Tony & Dot Spezio
Outstanding Literary Contribution to Sport Aviation
To: George B. Collinge, Oxnard, Calif.
Sponsor: Chapter 18
Outstanding Service to EAA
To: Nick D'Apuzzo, Ambler, Pa.
Sponsor: Champion Spark Plug Co.
Workmanship Folding Wing Aircraft, 1st Place
To: Henry Balcer, Jefferson City, Mo., N6515,
Sponsor: Stits Aircraft Supplies
Workmanship Folding Wing Aircraft, 2nd Place
To: Frank McEntee, Anderson, Ind., N2813, Stits Playmate
Sponsor: Stits Aircraft Supplies
Outstanding Razorback Fabric Covering
To: Richard Borremans, Appleton, Wis., N1668, Piel Emeraude
Sponsor: Razorback Fabrics, Inc.
Curtiss Pitts, "Pitts Special" Award for Conformity to Design and Outstanding Workmanship
To: Tom Rhodes
Sponsor: Curtiss Pitts
Best in Class
To: Dick Borremans, Appleton, Wis., N1668, Emeraude
Sponsor: B. & F. Aircraft Supply Co.
Best in Class
To: Arden Hjelle, Oakfield, Wis., N117A, Tailwind
Sponsor: B. & F. Aircraft Supply
Best in Class
To: Joe Maugeri and Ned Ames, Opa Locka, Fla., N9292, Demoiselle
Sponsor: B. & F. Aircraft Supply

World's Greatest Gambler
To: Myrle Replogle, Tucson, Ariz., N68642, Gold Bug
 Sponsor: B. & F. Supply Co.

Most Interesting Aircraft Circa 1913
To: Dale Crites, Waukesha, Wis., N24034, Model A-1, 1912 Curtiss Biplane
 Sponsor: Harold Best-Devereux

First Breezy to Perform Aerobatics
To: Denny Phares, Savannah, Ga., N1276, Breezy Bird
 Sponsor: Roloff-Unger-Liposky

Best Workmanship on Breezy
To: Zimmerman-Beatty-Simpson, Jerseyville, Ill.
 Sponsor: Roloff-Unger-Liposky

Bill Adams Annual Memorial Award
To: Bob Lyjak, Ann Arbor, Mich., N655N, Waco Taperwing
 Sponsor: EAA Chapter 22

Homebuilt Attendance Record Breaker
To: Frank Potueck, Lake Zurich, Ill.
 Sponsor: W. Wayne Jordan Co.

Outstanding Rebuilt
To: Tom Apple, Fairview, Pa., N832Z, Baby Ace
 Sponsor: Piper Aircraft

Construction Excellence
To: Don Fendley, Van Nuys, Calif.
 Sponsor: Nick D'Apuzzo

Contribution to Sport Aviation in Canada
To: Frank Jenkinson, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
 Sponsor: Jeppesen & Co.

Outstanding Leadership to EAA and Sport Aviation
To: Paul McReynolds, Memphis, Tenn.
 Sponsor: Champion Spark Plug

Outstanding Sportsman Amphibian
To: George Fugate, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., N8301, Sportsman
 Sponsor: Volmer Aircraft

Best Wittman Tailwind
To: Bill Hansen, Minneapolis, Minn. N374G, Tailwind
 Sponsor: Steve Wittman

Foremost Aviation Historian
To: Paul E. Garber, Arlington, Va.
 Sponsor: Pho-Tronics, Butler, Wis.

Support of Chapter 65 Activities and Sport Aviation
To: Eric Campbell, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
 Sponsor: Champion Spark Plug Co.

100% EAA and Sport Aviation Booster
To: Robert W. Larson, Ashville, N.Y.
 Sponsor: Champion Spark Plug Co.

Youth Activities in Chapter 65
To: Vaughn G. Norman, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
 Sponsor: John A. Van Sant

For Outstanding Efforts in Helping Others Build and Fly Low Cost Aircraft
To: W. S. Evans, La Jolla Calif., N6414, Volksplane
 Sponsor: John Livingston Chapter 227

Outstanding Air Show Announcer
To: Nick Rezich, Rockford, Ill.
 Sponsor: Jeppesen & Co.

Merit Awards for Aircraft Parking
To: Peter James, West Hill, Ontario, Canada
Al Neunteufel, Addison, Ill.
Larry Quinton, Walters Falls, Ontario, Canada
 Sponsor: Avmat-20

Contribution to Ground Safety
To: Thomas W. Pender, Grand Blanc, Mich. Joe Reindl, Gary Wirth, St. Paul, Minn. Gil Leiter, St. Paul, Minn. Donald Conrad, Dearborn Heights, Mich.
 Support of EAA Activities at the Rockford Airport

To: Gene Griffy, Rockford, Ill.
 Sponsor: Piper Aircraft Award

Service to EAA and Building Up Communications Center
To: Jack Hoeft, South Milwaukee, Wis.
 Sponsor: Wag-Aero

Contribution to EAA Museum and Sport Aviation
To: Allen K. Easterday, Sturtevant, Wis.
 Sponsor: Champion Aircraft

Service to EAA
To: Roger Davenport, Hubertus, Wis. Wayne Baubaker, Dover, Dela. Bob Wallace, Baltimore, Md.
 Sponsor: Lee Wolf, Ltd.

Outstanding Service to EAA
To: R. Shaeffer, Newton, Pa.
 Sponsor: Peterson Flight School, Inc.

Outstanding Service to EAA and Air Museum
To: Bill Chomo, Franklin, Wis.
 Sponsor: Maule Aircraft Corp. and Champion Spark Plug Co.

Outstanding Service to EAA
To: Paul Mc Reynolds, Memphis, Tenn.
 Sponsor: International Military Supply Co.

Outstanding Service to EAA
To: Bill Laude, Milwaukee, Wis. L. Easterday, Sturtevant, Wis.
 Sponsor: Champion Spark Plug Co.



Audrey Poberezny presents the award for the best Spezio tu-holer to George Cooper.



Chet Wellman giving Russ Basye the Grand Champion Award for the Best Homebuilt for his T-18 with retracting landing gear.



Audrey Poberezny presents the B & F award for the best Emerald to Dick Borremans of Appleton, Wis.



Joe Maugeri accepts the award for the best P-51 present.

To An Elected Official for His Outstanding Contribution and Dedication to Aviation Progress

To: Governor James A. Rhodes, Columbus, Ohio

Sponsor: Bob Selfridge
EAA ANTIQUE AIRCRAFT AWARDS

Grand Champion Antique Aircraft

To: Dave Jameson, Oshkosh, Wis., N105W, Lockheed Vega

Golden Age Monoplane

To: Dave Jameson, Oshkosh, Wis., N105W, Lockheed Vega

Modified Antique Monoplane

To: John Gosney, Rockford, Ill., N42X, Ryan STA-200 Ranger

Classic Monoplane

To: Henry Jorgensen, Dyer, Ind., N20758, Cessna Airmaster

Antique Monoplane

To: Father John MacGillivray, CFB Shearwater, Nova Scotia, Canada, CF-NXT, Miles Hawk

Golden Age Biplane

To: Dudley R. Kelly, Rt. 4, Versailles, Ky., N1886, D.H. Gipsy Moth

Classic Biplane

To: Vince Mariani, Finley, Ohio, N-31653, Waco VKS-7

Antique Replica

To: Joe Maugeri and Ned Ames, Hialeah, Fla., N9292, Demoiselle

Modified Antique Biplane

To: Robert F. Helmchen and J. Ciabattani, Algonquin, Ill., N933R, Navy N3N-3

Sweepstakes (Runner Up)

To: R. J. Hardin, Irving, Texas, N15244, Waco YOC

Antique Biplane

To: R. J. Hardin, Irving, Texas, N15244, Waco, YOC

EAA MINK COAT SERVICE AWARDS

To:

Lyne Benning, Milwaukee, Wis. Florence Gamble, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

Marianne Anderson, Rockford, Ill. Dot Bowers, Rockford, Ill.

Martha Heuer, Maple Park, Ill. "Sam" Swan, San Fernando, Calif.

Lucille Boyles, Sylmar, Calif. Charlotte K. Haggis, Glastonbury, Conn.

Dorothy "Dutch" Hall, Aliquippa, Pa. Thelma Johnson, Dayton, Ohio

Ann Parr, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada Ruth Kaczmarek, Kettering, Ohio

EAA WARBIRD AWARDS

Best T-6/SNJ Warbird in Military Scheme

To: John Wimer, Ohio, N6427D, SNJ-4

Best Warbird in Military Scheme

To: Richard Lambert, Atlanta, Ga., N6290C, FM-2 Wildcat

Outstanding Warbird 1969

To: Gunther Balz, Kalamazoo, Mich. N9G, F8F-1 Bear Cat

Most Unusual Warbird 1969

To: Alvin George, Atlanta, Ga., N447AG, P-63 King Cobra

Best F-51D Warbird

To: George W. Sullivan and Joe Maugeri, Miami Beach, Fla., N7981C, F-51D

Best Executive F-51D Warbird

To: Vern Peterson, Richardson, Texas, N6173C, North American F-51D



JUDGES & AWARDS HQS.

Stan Dzik and Bob Burbick smile happily at the end of the Convention activities.

AWARD WINNERS

By Jack Cox

Antique Airways

THE ANTIQUE judging at Rockford this year was done by a team consisting of the most discriminating, forthright, even courageous bunch of nit-pickers you ever saw: Gene Chase of Tulsa (editor of *Spit and Wire*), Harold Malloy of Oklahoma City (with FAA), Evander Britt (no further identification needed), Page Shamberger (ditto), Robert Irvine (editor of the Chicago Chapter newsletter, *ANTIQUÉ*), and their "Chicken Leader" — me. Haughtily ignoring the pleading looks of hopeful owners, fearlessly shouldering aside the brutish threats of those who lost last year, we ran the gauntlet all week never failing to record the exact number of fly specks, grains of sand in the floor mats and other, important aeronautical data. (Well, it wasn't really quite THAT bad!).

Nevertheless, Saturday night finally arrived and as the "Fearless Few" covered behind the speaker's stand, these results were announced:

CLASSIC (1936-1941)

Monoplane—1939 Cessna Airmaster — Henry Jorgensen, Dyer, Ind. **Biplane**—1941 Waco VKS-7—Vince Mariani, Findley, Ohio.

GRAND CHAMPION

1929 Lockheed Vega—Dave Jameson, Oshkosh, Wis.

This was really a Waco year at Rockford. In addition to the two winners listed here, the VKS-7 of Vince Mariani and R. J. Hardin's YOC, there were several others that just missed trophies in the voting. Dave McClure's side-by-side 1932 RPA was a beautiful machine and demanded several close looks before losing out to the YOC. Dr. E. Packard's 1932 IBA was on hand — the side-by-side Wacos are really coming out of the woodwork lately! In the Golden Age category there were two Waco 10s in attendance and a stunning 1928 Waco Taperwing owned by Gordon Bourland of Fort Worth, Texas. It drew several votes in its class. Ray Brandly, the "Waco King", was there hovering over his brood and told us that this Taperwing is the most original flying today. In all, the Wacos outnumbered any other make at Rockford. And there were 99 and 44/100% RED! I have a color slide that shows almost all the Waco line and it is one long streak of red! Several Staggerwings were on the same line and they, too, were mostly red. One solid yellow one sneaked in there somehow.



ANTIQUÉ (1930-1935)

Monoplane—1935 Miles Hawk M2W—Fr. John MacGillivray, CFC, Shearwater, N.C., Canada. **Biplane**—1935 Waco YOC—R. J. Hardin, Irving, Texas.

GOLDEN AGE (Pre-1930)

Monoplane—1929 Lockheed Vega—Dave Jameson, Oshkosh, Wis. **Biplane**—1929 D.H. Gypsy Moth—Dudley Kelly, Versailles, Ky.

BEST ANTIQUÉ REPLICA—Santos-Dumont Demoiselle

Ned Ames and Joe Maugeri, Miami, Fla.

BEST MODIFIED ANTIQUÉS

Monoplane—1937 Ryan STA (200 Ranger)—John Gosney, Rockford, Ill. **Biplane**—Navy N3N—(Modified) — Robert F. Helmchen and Joseph L. Ciabottoni, Algonquin, Ill.

SWEEPSTAKES (Runner-up to Grand Champion)

1935 Waco YOC—R. J. Hardin, Irving, Texas.

The Mariani VKS and the Hardin YOC were exceptional restorations in every sense of the term. These big cabin planes were the kind you could walk around just trying to find SOMETHING to pick and never find it. Beautiful inside and out, full fairings, wheel pants — the YOC even had an antique low frequency radio on the panel, left there for authenticity — show planes!

Some of the winners were old favorites getting better with age. Henry Jorgensen's beautiful Airmaster is still in there pulling off those awards. He literally must have a trunkful! Someone is going to have to come up with a jewel to top this one for a long time to come. Fr. MacGillivray, the Canadian Air Force Chaplain, had his rare Miles Hawk back and took the Antique Monoplane award. This is the only one of its type in the Western Hemisphere. It is sort of like the Fairchild PT-19s here — a wooden trainer that was allowed to rot away before antiquers stepped in and began to rescue them. Unfortunately, there weren't nearly as many Hawks made as Fairchilds. So now there is one.

The Golden Age Biplane winner, the 1929 D.H. Gypsy Moth flown and flown and flown by Dudley Kelly of Versailles, Ky., was a crowd pleaser. Every time it was cranked — frequently — it drew a crowd and like an actress who knows how to squeeze out every ounce of attention, the old girl rarely started the first time. Rather, she pouted and demanded a little pleading and got to show off her electric starter — a surprise to many. Once started, however, she really put on a show. This was probably the flyingest antique at Rockford this year.

One of the surprises of the meet was the appearance of a very authentic Santos-Dumont Demoiselle 20 replica trucked from Miami in a custom-fitted trailer. Finished just in time to bring north — but not to test fly — the final adjustments were made at Rockford. This bird was constructed of real bamboo, and Ned Ames now claims the title of "Bamboo King" of southern Florida because he had to buy and go through literally stacks of the stuff to find pieces of the right size with joints at the proper place for fittings. The tiny plane is fitted with an Aeronca two lungler which looks authentic (it's getting a little hard to find a Darracq or a Duteheil-Chalmers engine these days!) — and has sufficient power — maybe too much.

The Friendlies decreed that the crowded Rockford airport wasn't the place for a test flight of a 1909 design

wheel was repaired and the craft was on display for the remainder of the week. (Poor Joe had to get along with the Pitts and P-51 he also had at Rockford!). It won't be flown again until a rudder bar has been rigged!

The modified antiques were something! The Ryan STA with a 200 Ranger is a little bit of a surprise to many seeing it for the first time. It doesn't look altered. The Ranger fits in the place of the Menasco so neatly that little is changed. A very nice job that goes like no Menasco-powered Ryan ever did.

The Helmchen-Ciabottoni Navy N3N was one of the heart stoppers of the entire show! There was not a plane at Rockford — bar none — with a finish any better than this plane. It was international orange with a cream trim and some fancy striping. The plane was hard for many to identify — it had a full cowl, huge fairings on the main gear legs (with that crazy spreader-bar sticking through them), and gigantic wheel pants! I personally have always thought of an N3N as kinda homely, but this one is a mind-changer.

Dave's Vega and R. J. Hardin's YOC were the final choices and I'm sure it was a surprise to exactly no one when the Vega was declared the grand champion. Both planes, the grand champion and the runner-up, are a credit to their owners and were a pleasure to judge. ☺



which featured wing-warping, rudder control by means of a hand wheel device similar to a Cessna trim wheel, and, of course, no brakes and a tail skid. So the floppy-winged (that bamboo is flexible!) little bird was taken to Cottonwood, a nearby grass strip for its initial test flight. With Joe Maugeri (he is appropriately Santo-Dumont-small) perched on the wide leather strap across the two lower longerons that passes for a seat, the Air-Knocker was fired up and away he went. The Demoiselle sprang into the air with startling alacrity and proceeded to inscribe a wide circle toward a tree line despite all the furious rudder-wheel cranking Joe could muster. At the last moment the power was cut and the little bird cage plopped unceremoniously down — still in a bank — on one bicycle wheel, collapsing the spokes in the process. Joe was unhurt — until he tried to pull his feet out of the slightly compressed footrest and raked his foot across a ragged castle-nut. The resulting cut required several stitches which gives Joe the dubious distinction of being the first person to have been bitten by a Demoiselle in many a moon! The

Chet Wellman receives greetings from "Jose" (Ray Hegy)

