

EAA's New Building Is Dedicated Saturday, January 14

THE EXPERIMENTAL Aircraft Association's new International Headquarters and the EAA Air Education Museum were dedicated Saturday, January 14, 1967, with an impressive ceremony.

This was the culmination of a dream that turned into plans only four short years ago. When EAA was formed back in 1953 no one even dared to dream that what took place on January 14 would ever be possible.

Through the desires of over 33,000 people to promote aviation, educate themselves, and enhance the state of the art of homebuilding of aircraft, the Experimental Aircraft Association with the constant leadership of the founder, Paul Poberezny, has become the outstanding organization for the sport flyer in the entire free world.

It was therefore very fitting that distinguished people should assist in the dedication of this quarter million dollar facility that has been completely paid for through the careful conservation of funds derived from donations by members, sales of publications, and donations by admirers of a group of people who did not seek government assistance.

The program began with the posting of the colors by the color guard of the 128th Refueling Squadron of the Wisconsin Air National Guard, after which the Rev. Father John MacGillivray, chaplain of the Royal Canadian Air Force at Winnipeg, Canada, gave the invocation.



Lt. Governor Jack Olson was a guest speaker for the dedication.

Chester R. Wellman, EAA director and vice-president of the Illinois Bank & Trust Co. at Rockford, Ill., was the master of ceremonies.

SPEAKING DURING the afternoon were Lt. Governor Jack B. Olson of the State of Wisconsin, Louis B. Casey, curator of the Smithsonian Institution's national air and space museum at Washington, D.C.; Robert Burbick, chief of regulations and directives of the maintenance division of the Federal Aviation Agency, Washington, D.C.; Mayor Theodore Fadrow of the City of Franklin, Wis., and Thomas J. Jordan, director of the Wisconsin Aeronautics Commission.


Lt. Gov. Olson presented Paul Poberezny with a citation signed by Gov. Warren Knowles commending him for "extraordinary efforts in education and safety in experimental aviation."

The lieutenant governor also commented that the Association has helped give Wisconsin a reputation as being an air-minded state.

Arthur Kilps, treasurer of EAA and building committee chairman, was recognized for the professional work that he put into the planning, securing of bids, and solicitation of material and labor donations to keep down the cost of the building.

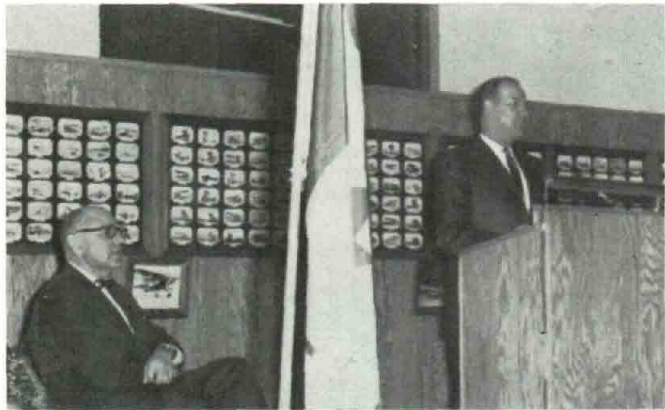
Presentations were made to Willis Chomo and Audrey Poberezny in recognition of the tremendous amount of work that they put into the supervision of the construction of the huge building. Through their combined efforts many thousands of dollars were saved by acting as contractors for the EAA and by organizing and supervising volunteer work parties.

George Gruenberger, president of Chapter 18 of the Greater Milwaukee area, presented a check in the amount of \$6,340.00 raised by the chapter in a recent fund drive. The money will be used to pay for the furnishing of the offices and lobby of the new facility.

The 275 by 120 ft. Museum building will be open to the public from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Mondays through Saturdays. Starting in mid-March the Museum will be open on Sundays. 



Fr. John McGillivray



Paul Poberezny, EAA president, speaks to group. Also pictured here is Chet Wellman, master of ceremonies.



T. K. Jordan, director of Wisconsin State Aeronautics Commission addresses the members.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
Executive Department
CITATION

IN RECOGNITION of the extraordinary efforts displayed by Mr. Paul Poberezny, President, Experimental Aircraft Association, in the promotion of aviation education, flying safety and experimental aviation; an individual who has earned the right to wear the wings of a command pilot, the highest honor accorded an airman by the United States Air Force; an individual who in 1966 was designated as "Pilot of the Year" by the National Pilots Association; an individual whose work with organizations like the Wisconsin Air National Guard is a source of pride to us all for the security of our State and Nation; and a Wisconsin citizen who has earned an international reputation for his high standards of flying;

I DO HEREBY officially commend Paul Poberezny of Hales Corners, Wisconsin, for channeling his enthusiasm and knowledge of flying into securing voluntary assistance in construction and operation of the EAA to house and preserve experimental and antique aircraft, and do also commend him for his many contributions in compiling and maintaining a lasting history of these aircraft.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Privy Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this thirteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven.

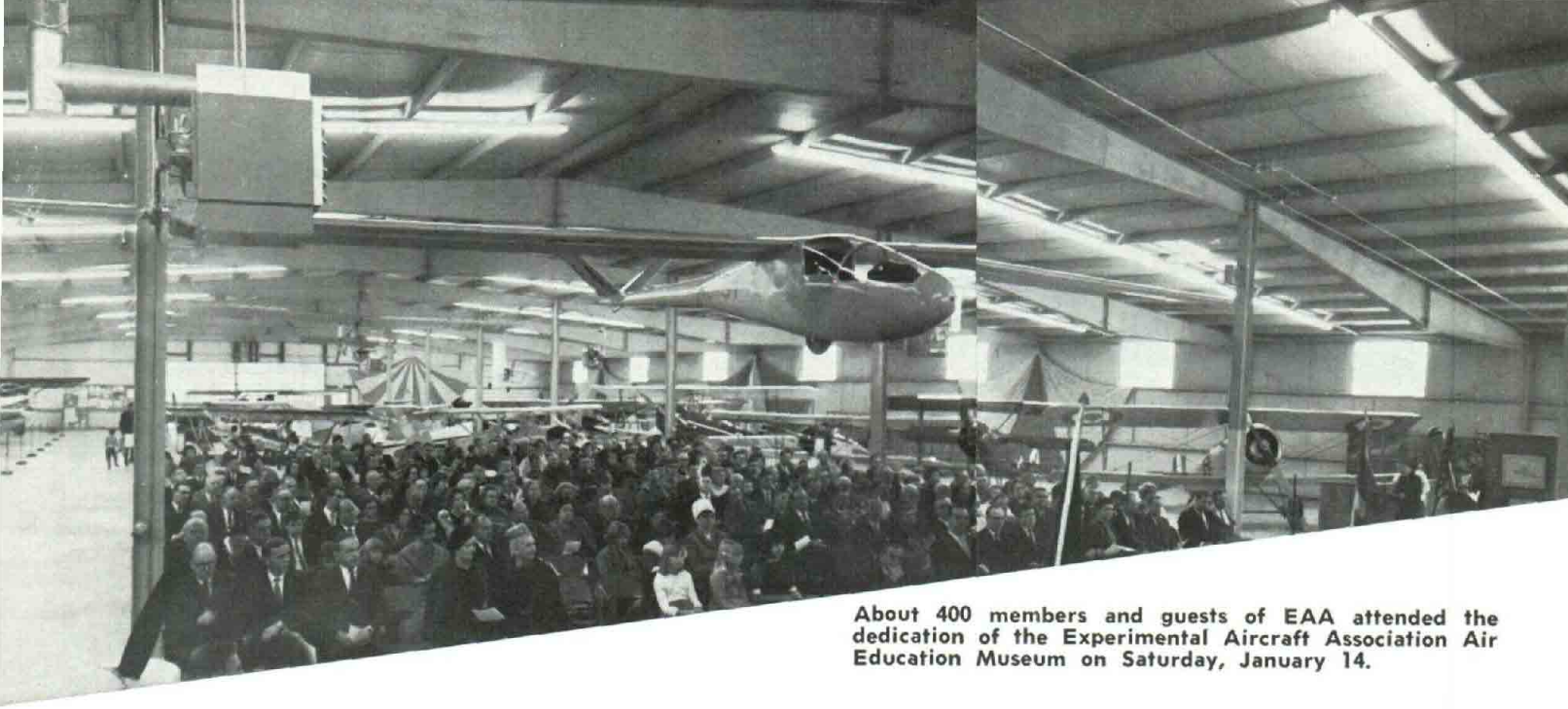
(Signed) WARREN P. KNOWLES
Governor



Lew Casey, curator of National Air Museum.



Paul Poberezny receives check for the Museum from Chapter 18 officers, George Gruenberger, Clayton King, Dick Fink, Ron Scott and Bob Weaver.



About 400 members and guests of EAA attended the dedication of the Experimental Aircraft Association Air Education Museum on Saturday, January 14.



Theodore Fadrow, Mayor of the City of Franklin, Wis. spoke to the members and guests.



Bob Burbick presents award to Bill Chomo.

CHAPTERS PARTICIPATE IN WEBER VALLEY AIR FAIR



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The 1966 Weber Valley Air Fair in Utah, participated in jointly by Chapters 23 and 58 in Salt Lake City and Ogden respectively, saw the formal debut of two new aircraft. The first (1) was a beautiful modified D-model "Baby Ace", N-91273, built by Charles Parkinson (EAA 15636) of Route 2 in St. Anthony, Idaho. Excellent workmanship is indisputable in this finely-finished old standard. Everything is streamlined, and the ship has a full electrical system. The other was (2) the Garner D-260, N-270PJ, a "Senior Aero Sport" recently completed by William Garner (EAA 5875) of 846 S. Bridge, also in St. Anthony, Idaho. It seems to conform strictly with the original, even to the paint job. Pictured next to it is the "Skyhopper" built by Fred and Cort Rosenhan. On display was (3) the Lutz-Cassutt "Flying Dutchman", N-13D, complete except for cover, shown with builder Eldon T. Lutz (EAA 21663) of 962 N. Monroe in Ogden, Utah.



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(Photos by George Bettridge)