

**MS-333**

**Huffman Prairie Aviation History Society Records**

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## **Introduction**

The Huffman Prairie Aviation History Society Records were accessioned in 2004 under its name at the time, Huffman Prairie Chapter of AAHS. The collection was generated and donated by the Huffman Prairie Chapter of AAHS, a Dayton area organization of aviation historians and enthusiasts.

MS-333 consists of meeting announcements, newsletters, correspondence, minutes, transcripts and videotapes of program speakers, membership lists and member biographies dating from 1990 to the present. Filling 6 Hollinger boxes (1.5 linear foot of shelf space), the records have been organized as follows:

- Series I: Administrative Papers
- Series II: Meetings
- Series III: Membership
- Series IV: Presentations

There are no restrictions on the use of the records. Additions to this collection are ongoing.

## **Organizational History**

The Huffman Prairie Aviation History Society began as the Huffman Prairie Chapter of the American Aviation Historical Society, formed in 1990 by several individuals from the Dayton, Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area to share experiences and knowledge of aviation history. The national organization of American Aviation Historical Society was founded in 1956 as a non-profit educational organization. The primary objective of the organization is the preservation and dissemination of the rich heritage of American aviation.

Since its inception, the Huffman Prairie group has maintained close ties and a mutually beneficial relationship with the Special Collections and Archives Department at Wright State University. The organization supports the mission of the Archives by volunteering to organize and identify aircraft in aviation collections, and by donating archival materials and aviation books to enrich holdings in the archives. In appreciation, the Archives' staff hosts the monthly chapter meetings on the first Monday of each month and makes arrangements for speakers at the meetings. Until 2010, the meetings were held in the University's Paul Laurence Dunbar Library. Due to the increased size of the group, the meetings were moved to the National Park Service's Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center in July of 2010. On occasion the group may take a field trip in place of the meeting. In addition, the Archives mails a monthly meeting announcement, which over time has included a newsletter, list of upcoming speakers, and a newsletter by Stuart Faber titled "Hangar Flying", which highlights aviation items of interest. The meetings begin with opening remarks and sharing of news items and announcements, followed by an informational program on an aviation-related topic given by a chapter member or guest presenter. From 2004-2010, speaker presentations were videotaped, and the tapes are included in this collection. The 2005 membership list includes more than 100 names, however attendance at the meetings range on average between 20-45.

It is important to note that during 2006 the chapter voted to sever the association with AAHS, in part to demands of the national organization concerning dues, officers, and meeting organization. The group voted to rename themselves the Huffman Prairie Aviation History Society.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The records document the programming of the Huffman Prairie Aviation History Society. The records also include personal and professional information about its members and articles written or published by them.

Series I: The Administrative Papers include the meeting announcements and accompanying newsletters which are mailed to members once a month. The announcements and newsletters are arranged chronologically and consist of a meeting reminder, a newsletter from the Head of Special Collections & Archives at Wright State University, a program schedule of speakers for the upcoming months, and a newsletter by Stuart Faber, a member who compiles aviation items of interest. Also included in this series is correspondence relating to the founding and the activities of the organization, including the decision to disassociate from AAHS and to become a new, independent organization called the Huffman Prairie Aviation History Society.

Series II: The Meeting Program Materials document the main activity of the Huffman Prairie group, its monthly meeting. This series includes attendance sheets, minutes, and transcripts.

Series III: The Membership series includes membership directories, biographies, photographs, and oral histories by and about the members.

Series IV: The Presentations series includes VHS and DVD copies of speaker presentations.

## Container Listing

<b>Series I</b>		<b>Administrative Papers</b>	
<b>Box</b>	<b>File</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	1	Announcements & Newsletters	1996-2000
	2	Announcements & Newsletters	2001-2002
	3	Announcements & Newsletters	2003
	4	Announcements & Newsletters	2004-2005
	5	Announcements & Newsletters	2006-2007
	6	Announcements & Newsletters	2008-2009
	7	Announcements & Newsletters	2010-Present
	8	Attendance Sheets	2002-2009
2	1	Attendance Sheets	2012-Present
	2	Speaker Schedules	
	3	Separation from AAHS and name change	2006
	4	Parking information and registration	1997,98,99, 2006
	5	Donation information for collection support	n.d.
	6	Correspondence	1990-present
<b>Series II</b>		<b>Meetings</b>	
2	7	Minutes	1990-1996
	8	Presentation transcripts	2001-2005
	9	Red Tail Reborn Event materials	March 2007
	10	Bob Gilliland Event materials	May 2007
	11	Ed Mechenbier Event materials	September 2007
	12	Raymond Rang	Oct 2010 & Jul 2012
	13	Larry Blackmoor & Bill Nichols	Jun 2011
	14	James Martin	Mar 2012
<b>Series III</b>		<b>Membership</b>	
3	1	Calling Lists and Directories	1990-2006
	2	Biographies, A-F	2000
	3	Biographies, G-Z	2000
	4	Biographies, Charlie Frey	2000
	5	Biographies, Charlie Frey	2000
	6	Biographies, Golem, Bud	1979-2007
4	1	Biographies, Otto Peter Morgensen	2002-2006
	2	Oral Histories	2000

<b>Box</b>	<b>File</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Date</b>
4	3	Photographs	2001-2007
	4	Photographs, Airplanes	undated
	5	Publications by members	1998-2000
	6	Donations, miscellaneous	1997-
	7	Donations, Harrison "Bud" Golum	2007
	8	Donations, Misc	2011-2012
<b>Series IV Presentations</b>			
<b>Box</b>	<b>File</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Date</b>
5	1	Charles Frey: Valkyrie B-70	Feb 2, 2004
	2	Stuart Faber "The Confession of a Glider Addict"	Mar 1, 2004
	3	Tom Tullis and Roger Miller "Korn Brothers"	May 3, 2004
	4	A: Terry Kesler "Replica of Wight 1903 Engine" B: Tom Griffin "Doolittle Raider"	A: Jun 7, 2004 B: Jul 12, 2004
	5	Glenn Varney "The Stealth"	Aug 2, 2004
	6	Jack Mecham "Black Mariah"	Sep 13, 2004
	7	Bob Ready "My Gal Sal"	Oct 4, 2004
	8	Col. Richard Kehl "F-16 Multi-National Fighter Program"	Nov 1, 2004
	9	Lorna Federer and Louis Cmiel "Effort to put Wright Brothers Ancestors Burial Site on Aviation Trail"	Jan 3, 2005
	10	Mike Millard "Thunderbirds"	Feb 7, 2005
	11	Wayne and Karen Pittman "Army Aviation at North Field and March Field in Southern California before WWII"	Dec 5, 2005
	12	Unmarked Tape	
6	1	Ed Cope "Early Alaska Bush Flying, 1920-1930"	Mar 7, 2005
	2	Tom Tullis and Dean Hess "An Aviation Art Lecture"	Apr 4, 2005
	3	David Hills "Contractors on the Battlefield Operations OEF & OIF"	Jun 6, 2005
	4	Bill Denlinger "Thundergod's Corp Suicide Japanese Pilot"	Jul 11, 2005
	5	Bill Speyer "My Two Flights to Alaska: In a Tri-Pacer in 1960 and in my homebuilt Glassair in 1999"	Aug 1, 2005
	6	Joe McDaniel "The Wright Brothers' Flight Control"	Sep 12, 2005
	7	Jeff Underwood "The Air Corps During the Interwar Years"	Oct 3, 2005
	8	Dawne Dewey "Retracing the Wright Brothers' Flights in France"	Nov 7, 2005
	9	Emil Dansker "Fighting 17, the Jolly Rogers"	Jan 9, 2006
	10	Bill Denlinger "Life Aboard the Aircraft Carrier"	Feb 6, 2006

		Theodore Roosevelt, Tiger Cruise, 1997”	
	11	Vic Bilek “The Cold War and the Test of the Yak 23 at WPAFB, 1954”	Mar 6, 2006
<b>Box</b>	<b>File</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Date</b>
7	1	A: David Hills “Supersonic Transports” B: Wally Baldwin “Video: Charles Lindbergh” C: Adam White “The Restorers” D: Dufero “Memthis Berie	A: Apr 3, 2006 B: May 1, 2006 C: Jun 5, 2006 D: Jul 10, 2006
	2	A: D. Vaughan “The Use of Flying Activites and Events in Juvende Aviation Literature Series” B: John Warlick “Wright B Flyer” C: C. Kachurek “Cold War Aerospace Technology Program”	A: Aug 7, 2006  B: Sep 11, 2006 C: Oct 2, 2006
	3	A: Dr. Reggy Chabrian “Women in Aviation International” B: Jeff Duford “47 Thunderbolt” C: Martha Lunken “Lunken Airport D: Steve Pribish “Model Man and Miscellaneous Memories	A: Jan 8, 2007  B: Feb 5, 2007 C: Mar 5, 2007 D: Apr 2, 2007
	4	A: Bob Gilliland “State Route 71 Test Pilot” B: Eddie McLaurin “Tuskegee Airman” C: Les Garber “Mistakes the Wright Brothers Made” D: Gen. Mechenbier “To Vietnam and Back”	A: May 7, 2007 B: Jul 2, 2007 C: Aug 6, 2007 D: Sep 10, 2007
	5	A: Phil Marshall “Helicopters in Vietnam” B: Frank Hah “Bullistic Missiles and NASA” C: Walt Huy “Wright Image Group”	A: Oct 1, 2007 B: Dec 3, 2007 C: Jan 7, 2008
		DVD’s	
	6	Phil Marshall “Flying Helicopters in Vietnam”	Oct 1, 2007
	7	L. Col. Joe J. Drach and Chief Master Sgt, Bud Golem “Flying with the Stars”	Nov 5, 2007
	8	Dr. Ronald Kerans “Design Innovations of the Wright Brothers”	Feb 4, 2008
	9	Capt. Kenneth Ginader “The Joint Strike Fighter	Mar 3, 2008
	10	Ron Schloemer “Disaster at Indian Springs”	Apr 7, 2008
	11	Walt Hoy “Confessions of a Helicopter Pilot”	May 5, 2008
	12	Sarah Rickman “Nancy Love and the WASPs”	Jul 7, 2008
	13	Sarah Bryn Rickman “Nancy Love and the WASPS”	Jul 7, 2008
	14	Jack Mecham “An Aviation Cadet’s Perspective On Pilot Training”	Aug 4, 2008
	15	Jack Mecham “An Instructor’s Perspective on Pilot Training”	Sep 8, 2008
	16	Phil Marshall “Flying Helicopters in Vietnam”	Oct 1, 2008
	17	Robert Kasprzak “World War I Pilots and Personalities of the 28 <sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron”	Oct 6, 2008
	18	Robert Kasprzak “World War I Pilots- 28 <sup>th</sup> Aero	Oct 6, 2008

		Squadron”	
	19	Ron Schloemer “Building McNamara’s Wall”	Nov 3, 2008
	20	Lt. Col. Martin Lindsey “Scramjet Propulsion Engine”	Feb 2, 2009
<b>Box</b>	<b>File</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Date</b>
7	21	Walt Hoy “1911 Wright Simulator”	Mar 2, 2009
	22	Squire Brown “Wernher von Braun and Apollo”	Apr 6, 2009
	23	Walt Hoy “B in a Box”	May 4, 2009
	24	Fred Schauer “Advanced Propulsion”	Jun 1, 2009
	25	Vic Bilek Tape 1, “Operation Paperclip”	Apr 5, 2011
	26	Vic Bilek Tape 2, “Operation Paperclip”	Apr 5, 2011
	27	Richard Black, Tape 1, From NY to the Design Branch	May 3, 2011
	28	Richard Black, Tape 2, From NY to the Design Branch	May 3, 2011