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From: Gibson-Glass, Mary
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 12:35 PM
To: Miller, Steve
Subject: FW: Resolution Request
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Steve,

I think this is for you.

Thanks,

Mary

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From: Watson, Anna
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 11:01 AM
To: Gibson-Glass, Mary
Subject: Resolution Request

Hi Mary,

Senator Cowles would like to do a resolution honoring the life of Paul Poberezny, founder of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA).

Attached is a word document I have come up with to summarize what we would like the resolution to reflect. I found most of the information from this The New York Times Article: <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/02/us/paul-poberezny-pilot-who-founded-popular-fly-in-dies-at-91.html>

If you need further information please let me know. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Resolution Honoring the life of Paul Poberenzy, Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)

Founder

Paul Poberenzy, Experimental Aircraft Association founder was born on September 14, 1921.

Paul piloted his first aircraft at the age of 15, the first aircraft he ever rode in, which was a single-seat glider he restored himself.

Paul was a veteran who served during World War II as a flight instructor in the Army and later became a member of the Wisconsin Air National Guard and flew a C-47 cargo plane during the Korean War.

In 1953 Paul founded the EAA by bringing a group of aviation enthusiasts together in the basement of his home in Milwaukee, WI.

With Paul's leadership, the EAA has grown into a worldwide organization with over 180,000 members and approximately 1,000 chapters.

The EAA's first yearly "fly-in" was held in September of 1953 with 22 aircrafts. As the event grew into the EAA "AirVenture", it now brings together close to 10,000 aircrafts and over 500,000 people annually. The event is referred to as "Oshkosh" by aviation enthusiasts.

The EAA, now located in Oshkosh, WI, operates the AirVenture museum and displays over 200 historic planes.

Final Flight – Paul's final flight was in April 2012 on one of his favorite planes, a vintage B-17 bomber.

Death – Paul passed away at the age of 91 on August 22, 2013 in Oshkosh, WI.

The New York Times

September 2, 2013

Paul Poberezny, Pilot Who Founded Popular Fly-In, Dies at 91

By WILLIAM YARDLEY

Paul Poberezny, who at 15 piloted the first aircraft he ever traveled in — a single-seat glider he had restored to working condition — and later founded what became one of the largest aviation organizations in the world, died on Aug. 22 in Oshkosh, Wis. He was 91.

The cause was cancer, said Sean Elliott, the vice president of the Experimental Aircraft Association, which Mr. Poberezny founded in Wisconsin in 1953 and now has more than 180,000 members.

Mr. Elliott shared piloting duties with Mr. Poberezny on his final flight, a run with one of Mr. Poberezny's favorite planes, a vintage B-17 bomber, in April 2012.

Mr. Poberezny, who served as a flight instructor in the Army during World War II, had a career in aviation that paralleled the rise of commercial air travel beginning in the 1950s, but that otherwise had little in common with the jet age. He preferred to build and fly planes himself, and he often said that one benefit of making forced landings in unexpected places was meeting new people.

In the early 1950s, after returning to his native Wisconsin and eventually joining the Wisconsin Air National Guard — he flew a C-47 cargo plane during the Korean War — he joined an informal group of do-it-yourself airplane builders and tinkerers. In 1953 they formed the association, at first using Mr. Poberezny's basement in a Milwaukee suburb as its headquarters.

The association eventually moved to Oshkosh, where it had established a popular annual “fly-in.” When the first fly-in was held, in September 1953, 22 aircraft arrived. Now called EAA AirVenture, the fly-in attracts about 10,000 aircraft and more than 500,000 people. Participants, who have included celebrity pilots like Harrison Ford, often refer to the event simply as “Oshkosh.”

Over the years the event has included aircraft like the plane Leland D. Bryan customized in the 1950s with wings that folded in two places so that it could be flown or driven on a road. (Mr. Bryan once drove the plane 40 miles and flew it 400 as he made his way to an association meeting.) Experimental helicopters, antique war planes, current military aircraft

and new corporate charter planes have also taken part.

The association developed a lobbying arm that works with Congress and the Federal Aviation Administration to shape regulations involving experimental and small planes.

“At the present the same regulations that applied to the experimental work on the Boeing 707 jet apply to us,” Mr. Poberezny told The New York Times in 1959. “But regulations that apply to an elephant shouldn’t apply to a mouse.”

The association now operates a museum in Oshkosh with more than 200 planes in its collection and a recreation of a 1930s airport.

Paul Howard Poberezny was born on Sept. 14, 1921, in Leavenworth, Kan. His father, Peter, emigrated from Ukraine. His survivors include his wife of 69 years, the former Audrey Ruesch; a son, Tom, who is a past president of the association; a daughter, Bonnie Parnall; two granddaughters; and a great-granddaughter.

Mr. Poberezny was 17 when he first flew solo across the country, in 1939. He went on to fly hundreds of home-built airplanes, sometimes at low altitudes and slow speeds, but also aircraft like the Sabre F-86, in which he flew faster than the speed of sound. He served as the president of the Experimental Aircraft Association from 1953 to 1989. In 1999, he was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame.

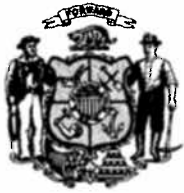
Mr. Poberezny grew up poor in Milwaukee. He became fascinated by flight as a boy, but he did not fly in a plane himself until one of his schoolteachers gave him a damaged Waco Primary Glider. Mr. Poberezny had not been much of a student, but he was able to repair the glider quickly and figure out how to lift it into flight by towing it from the back of a car.

“After that,” he told The Christian Science Monitor in 1970, “they just couldn’t keep me off the runway.”

This article has been revised to reflect the following correction:

Correction: September 2, 2013

An earlier version of this obituary referred incorrectly to the cargo plane that Mr. Poberezny flew during the Korean War. It is the C-47, not the C-17. It also misstated the name of the organization he founded. It is the Experimental Aircraft Association, not the Experimental Aircraft Organization.



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2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

- 1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Paul ~~Poberenzy~~. Poberenzy
- 2 Whereas, Paul ~~Poberenzy~~, the founder of the Experimental Aircraft
- 3 Association, was born on September 14, 1921; and
- 4 Whereas, Paul piloted his first aircraft at the age of 15, the first aircraft he ever
- 5 rode in, which was a single-seat glider he restored himself; and
- 6 Whereas, Paul was a veteran who served during World War II as a flight
- 7 instructor in the Army and later became a member of the Wisconsin Air National
- 8 Guard and flew a C-47 cargo plane during the Korean War; and
- 9 Whereas, ~~In~~ 1953 Paul founded the EAA by bringing a group of aviation
- 10 enthusiasts together in the basement of his home in Milwaukee; and
- 11 Whereas, with Paul's leadership, the EAA has grown into a worldwide
- 12 organization with over 180,000 members and approximately 1,000 chapters; and
- 13 Whereas, the EAA's first yearly "fly-in" was held in September of 1953 with 22
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2 "Oshkosh" by aviation enthusiasts; and

EAA

3 Whereas, the EAA, now located in Oshkosh, operates the AirVenture museum
4 and displays over 200 historic planes; and

5 Whereas, Paul's final flight was in April 2012 on one of his favorite planes, a
6 vintage B-17 bomber; and

7 Whereas, Paul passed away at the age of 91 on August 22, 2013 in Oshkosh;
8 now, therefore, be it

9 **Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the legislature
10 commends the life and public service of Paul Poberezny and mourns his passing.

(END)

Poberezny



PAUL POBEREZNY

Founder, Experimental Aircraft Association

Paul H. Poberezny is one of the most decorated men in the international aviation community, having received literally hundreds of trophies, awards and honors for his countless contributions to the world of flight. He is a 1999 inductee to the National Aviation Hall of Fame in Dayton, Ohio, America's place of honor for its most legendary aviators, and in 2002, received the prestigious Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy from the National Aeronautic Association. Paul is best known, however, as founder of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), which has often been described as the world's most dynamic aviation organization. Each year, EAA's international Fly-In Convention, named "EAA AirVenture," draws more than 500,000 people and 10,000 airplanes to Oshkosh, Wis., for one of the world's premier aviation events.

Paul organized the first Fly-In in 1953, the same year he founded EAA with a handful of other aviation enthusiasts in Milwaukee, Wis. From the basement of his Hales Corners (Wis.) home, Paul and his wife, Audrey, nurtured the small group and watched it grow each year. Paul toured the U.S. and other nations on behalf of EAA, spreading a "grass roots" aviation message far and wide. He made frequent trips to Washington, D.C., to speak to Congressional leaders and federal aviation authorities, where he defended the rights of amateur aircraft builders and sport aviation enthusiasts while earning his livelihood as a military pilot and aircraft maintenance officer. Today, Paul is considered one of aviation's leading spokesmen here in the United States and around the world, representing the interests of more than 170,000 active EAA members at local, national and international events.

The career of Paul Poberezny includes nearly 30 years of distinguished military service as a pilot, test pilot and a veteran of both World War II and the Korean Conflict. Prior to retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, Paul became the only man in the armed forces to attain all seven aviation wings the military had to offer. Paul was able to accomplish this feat without ever having the benefit of military aviation training, a truly remarkable achievement in itself.

As a youngster, Paul built model airplanes from scratch. By the time he was 16, he had restored a battered Waco glider and taught himself how to fly. He has been in love with airplanes his entire life, although he has often remarked, "I've learned more about people through my association with aviation than I ever did about airplanes." In all, Paul has logged more than 30,000 hours of flight time over more than 70 years of flying. He has piloted nearly 500 different types of aircraft, including more than 170 amateur-built airplanes. He has also designed and built more than 15 different airplanes and is currently working on a number of separate airplane projects in his private workshop. Paul also served as Publisher/Editor of EAA's publications, including five monthly magazines and numerous technical manuals and research papers, for 34 years. The memoirs of his early years, titled *Poberezny ... The Story Begins*, were published in 1996 and chronicles Paul's background and dedication to aviation.

Admired for his leadership and ability, Paul has served on the Board of Directors of many local, regional, national and international organizations. He is, without question, one of the foremost visionaries and innovators in the world of aviation today.

www.eaa.org/media/paul_poberezny.pdf

Paul Poberezny

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Paul Howard Poberezny (September 14, 1921 – August 22, 2013) was an American aviator and aircraft designer. He founded the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) in 1953, and spent the greater part of his life promoting homebuilt aircraft.

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Paul Poberezny

Born	September 14, 1921 Leavenworth County, Kansas
Died	August 22, 2013 (aged 91) Oshkosh, Wisconsin
Cause of death	Cancer
Residence	Oshkosh, Wisconsin
Employer	EAA founder
Known for	Founder of the Experimental Aircraft Association
Spouse(s)	Audrey Poberezny
Children	Bonnie Poberezny Tom Poberezny

Experimental Aircraft Association

Poberezny started the EAA out of his Hales Corners, Wisconsin home in 1953. He retired as EAA President in 1989, remaining as Chairman of the organization until 2009. As of 2013, the organization had approximately 170,000 members in more than 100 countries.^[1] EAA's annual convention and fly-in, known as EAA AirVenture Oshkosh in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, attracts a total attendance in excess of 500,000 people annually.

Paul's son Tom Poberezny was the Chairman of the annual Experimental Aircraft Association annual Fly-In Convention since 1977, and was president of EAA from 1989 to September 7, 2010. In March 2009, Paul Poberezny stepped down as Chairman of EAA and his son took on these duties as well.

Military career

Poberezny served for 30 years in the United States Air Force, including active duty during World War II and the Korean War. He retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He attained all seven aviation wings offered by the military: glider pilot, service pilot, rated pilot, liaison pilot, senior pilot, Army aviator and command pilot.



The Acro Sport II home-built biplane, designed by Paul Poberezny



Paul driving "Red One" at Airventure 2010

Aircraft experience

Poberezny flew over 500 aircraft types, including over 170 home-built planes.^{[2][3]} He started flying at the age of 16 with the gift of a WACO Primary Glider that he rebuilt and taught himself to fly in.^[4] He designed, modified, and built several home-built aircraft and had more than 30,000 hours of flight time in his career. Aircraft that he designed and built include:

- "Little Audrey"
- Poberezny P-5 Pober Sport
- Pober Jr Ace
- Pober Pixie

Awards

In 1986 Poberezny was inducted into the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame,^[5] and in 1999 he was inducted to the National Aviation Hall of Fame in Dayton, Ohio. He received the National Business Aviation Association's 2001 Award for Meritorious Service to Aviation, and the 2002 Wright Memorial Award Trophy. In 2008 the Wisconsin Historical Society named him as a "Wisconsin History Maker," recognizing his unique contributions to the state's history.^[6]

Personal

In 1996 Poberezny teamed with his daughter Bonnie, her husband Chuck Parnall, and Bill Blake to write *Poberezny: The Story Begins*, a recounting of the early years of Paul and Audrey, including the founding of EAA.^[7]

Poberezny died of cancer on August 22, 2013 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.^{[8][9]} He was survived by his wife and two children.

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External links

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From: Watson, Anna
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