

## So, Who Would Name an Airport Parlin Field?

BY KENNETH ANDLER,  
COMPILED BY SCOTT WESTOVER

As members of the New Hampshire Aviation Historical Society, we tend to be interested in the details that capture the character of aviation in New Hampshire. Many of us have visited Parlin Field and taken advantage of everything we could need being right on the field. From fuel to Mexican food and fly-fishing to storytelling, it is a great way to put some fun in your flying. The following excerpt from the history and rededication of Parlin Field will provide a more complete picture of this special airport. "In 1929 a group of citizens, called together by the late Judge Jesse M. Barton, met in Citizens Hall and resolved that Newport should have an airport. Although George A. Fairbanks generously offered his field on Elm Street, this site was considered unsuitable. The decision was made to lease the fields at the junction of Route 10 and the North Newport Road from Austin Corbin, and to proceed to raise money by public subscription of donations to a corporation formed for this purpose, and stock to be issued for the same.

"Suzanne Parlin, of Croydon, widow of Albert N. Parlin, made a contribution of \$5000 and the future airport was named the Albert N. Parlin Field in his honor. The corporation formed with Judge Barton as President, and the other officers and directors were George E. Lewis, Lewis J. (Josh) Young, William F. Sullivan, and Michael J. Hourihan. An old stone wall and line of trees, which divided in two the present NW-SE runways, and running from the North Newport road to die bend in the river were immediately removed and much grading done. A steel hangar and house for the airport manager were erected. Although noted pilot Bob Fogg of Croydon and Concord had landed there years before improvements were made,

probably the first airplane to land at the "official" Parlin Airport was piloted by J.M. Lambertson in 1930.

"Running head on into the great depression, the Airport Corporation occasionally requested modest financial help from the Town. This, as historian Samuel H. Edes has written in his historical sketch of the Airport, resulted in a 'twenty-year contest between a comparatively small number of citizens who could see that air facilities should and must be located here and who proceeded with energy and dispatch to put their ideas into effect; and those who considered any such idea a wild flight of fancy on the part of people possessed of too much imagination and too little common sense.'

"Sometimes knocked down in Town Meeting but never knocked out, Judge Barton and the other founders of the airport managed to keep public sentiment alive to the need for an airport. After Austin Corbin died in 1938 the Town bought the land from

his Estate in 1939. The Airport was thereafter in charge of the Town's Airport Committee on which have served Jesse M. Barton to his death in 1943.

Graded and improved from time to time, the vital improvement came when the North-South runway was widened and lengthened and the North Newport Road relocated. Much credit

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Legendary New Hampshire aviator Bob Fogg flew into Parlin Field before it had a name. (Ron Garceau's collection, courtesy Maura and Dean Stetson.)

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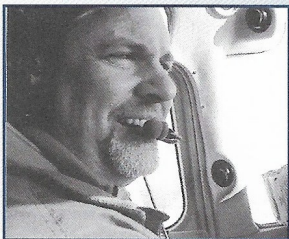
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## Meet Director Thomas W. Haas

Tom Haas, of Durham, NH is a pilot and owner of Great Bay Aviation, an aircraft charter broker company located at the Portsmouth International Airport. Tom is also a flight instructor with Avarax Flight School, located at Portsmouth International Airport. These two businesses are the culmination of Tom's passion for aviation and the preservation of aviation history.

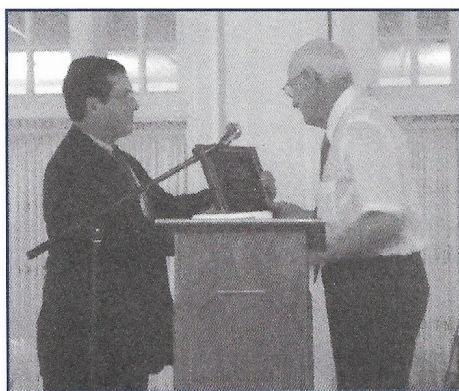


Tom has spent the past three years restoring a 1947 Piper Cub, which he can now fly around the seacoast area, as well as a proud new owner of a Cessna 182.

Tom is co-chair of the Board of Development for the AOPA/Air Safety Foundation, and is a member of the AOPA's "Hat In The Ring Society." He also serves on the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, Piscataqua Regional Board. He received the Philanthropist of the Year Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals for New Hampshire in 2004.

## Bob Fortnam Named Member of the Year

The 2007 NHAHS annual meeting and banquet held at the Manchester



Bob Fortnam receives "Member of the Year Award" from Steve Lord

## From the Cockpit

### Many Hands Make Light Work

As the new officers and Board members for your Society start a new year, there is much to do - membership to build, a Museum to run, funding to obtain, archives to organize. As an organization built on volunteers, we depend on people who can lend a hand. Truly, the applicable phrase is that "many hands make light work". And, hopefully, add to the fun!

We are blessed with a core of volunteers that have done a variety of tasks for the Society. To a person, they say they enjoy what they do, which is why they do it. There are many opportunities to help within the Society and I urge everyone to seek out something they can do, and want to do. We all have a common interest in aviation and everything we do has something to do with aviation. Working with Steve Lord on the Membership Committee or with Pat Duffy on the Development Committee means you get to talk to other people with the same interest in aviation as you! Working with Vinny Devino at the Museum means dreaming up new and better ways to show aviation history. Or, if you belong to a group, or know of a group, that is looking for speakers, you can expose them to your favorite topic of aviation by putting us in touch with them by contacting George Comtois, Carla Ferns, or any of the officers.

Education is a primary goal of the Society and we are always looking

Country Club on Friday October 5th was dedicated to the "spirit and service of the volunteer".

To quote Membership Committee chairman, Steve Lord, "...we would not be where we are today with out the members that volunteer their time to staff the museum and help out with our various events."

Bob Fortnam was cited for his dedication and enthusiasm for his work within



for opportunities to expose young people to the same world of aviation that has been such a big part of our lives. If you know of a Girl or Boy Scout group working toward their respective merit badges in aviation, send them, or bring them yourself, to the Museum or to a Society function. Besides being fun to be with, kids are the future of aviation (and, of your Society).

It is true that one gets out of an organization what one puts in to it. I hope you all can get both fun and a sense of achievement by helping out your Society in whatever way suits you best!

Clear skies and calm winds!

Dick Ludders, President

and outside the society. As a member of the Membership Committee he has single handedly signed more new members than any one! He never leaves home without membership applications. Bob also volunteers as a museum docent, at society events and is on the speaking circuit telling the story of his WWII experiences. (see: The View From 35-17)

Congratulations Bob Fortnam!!

# Member News

## Welcome, New Members!

Fall 2007

Ray Grenier	Nashua, NH
Jeff Bauer/Aero Club of NE	Danvers, MA
Bernard Gambino	North Conway, NH
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## New Life Members

Kenneth O'Neil	Largo, FL
Phyllis Stibler	New Castle, NH

## New Corporate Member

AeroSat Avionics	Amherst, NH
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for this is due those concerned with the airport at about that time, including Leonard Powers, Harry Woodard, Dr. Benson and Judge Shulins who were also town counsel. This new airstrip was dedicated July 10, 1949. This runway was black-topped in 1953 and later extended to its present length of 3,450 feet.

For more information about Parlin Field, and to catch up on the latest activity taking place at this living piece of New Hampshire's aviation history, visit [www.newportnh.net/airport](http://www.newportnh.net/airport).

## IN MEMORIUM...Founding Members

JACK EDWARD DENISON

9/25/25-10/3/07

Leo Boyle, membership #2, Portland, ME and Jack Denison, membership #33 of Rochester, NH both founding members and strong supporters of NHAHS have "gone west".

In 1967 Leo Boyle, founded with friends, the Maine Aviation Historical Society and was later instrumental in establishing the Maine Air Museum in Bangor. An avid aero historian, in 1997 he was presented the Gaddis Cup by the Maine Pilots Assn and the prestigious State Award from the Aero Club of NE in 2003.

From the April 1995 "The Aeronaut" Vol 1, Issue 1 the following quote... "Our thanks to the principal members of the Maine Aviation Historical Society for promoting and shepherding the formation of our society. Namely Norm Houle and Leo Boyle." And the rest, as they say, is history!!

Jack Denison "was a builder, an inventor and a clever innovator who loved spending time in his workshop, affectionately known as "The Barn". After a 29

FRANCIS LEO BOYLE

6/7/25-9/14/07

year career with TWA as a flight engineer on the "Connie", B-707 and L-1011 he and his wife Betty settled in Rochester, NH across from the Skyhaven Airport.

NHAHS members were often guests at "The Barn" for meetings and on June 17, 1996 Fritz Weatherbee's "New Hampshire Crossroads" featured Jack in a segment on "a well known and respected personality in New Hampshire aviation".

Jack was also the editor of the NHAHS publication "The Aeronaut" from 1999-2001.

Active in EAA chapters 106 and 225, he was presented both the Lifetime Achievement award and an Award of Excellence.

Both Leo and Jack will be missed by the aviation communities of Maine and New Hampshire but their legacy lives on.

NHAHS also mourns the loss of member Peter J. Moulis who passed away November 24, 2007. Born in Manchester in 1923, Peter was a veteran of WWII having served in the Army Air Corps as a flight engineer on a B-24 in Europe.

## Jack Ferns Receives DAR Award

At an award ceremony held at the John Stark House on November 12, 2007, the Molly Stark Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution presented NHAHS past president Jack Ferns with the DAR's Americanism Committee's Medal of Honor for his leadership and initiative as a founding member of NHAHS and the Aviation Museum of NH. This award is the highest honor given by the national society in recognizing outstanding leadership, trustworthiness, service and patriotism by a U.S. citizen.

Phyllis Gagnon, Molly Stark Chapter Regent presented Jack with the medal, plaque and a check to NHAHS. As part of the afternoon's program Jack presented a history of NHAHS



Phyllis Gagnon, right, Molly Stark Chapter DAR Regent presenting Medal of Honor as Laura Kessler, DAR Americanism Committee national chairman looks on.

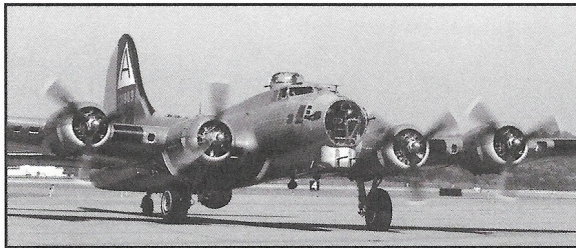
and the preservation of the 1937 terminal and it's "new life" as the Aviation Museum of NH.

# Wings of Freedom Tour 2007

BY BOB HOUGH, TOUR MANAGER

As I close and lock the gate at the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport...I wonder...how did we, again, get so lucky. The WWII Bombers have just flown off to their next destination, and we've just concluded 3 days of exquisite weather, enthusiastic crowds, and great flying.

For the second straight year, The Collings Foundation Wings of Freedom Tour was in residence adjacent to the Aviation Museum of NH at the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport September, 19,20,21, 2007. The excitement and interest these planes generate is astounding. On the first day, long before the planes arrived,



the crowds had already started to gather to watch the bombers land. Over the 3 days, 850 to 900 people came to see the planes and tour the museum – almost double the number from last year. And 50-55 people went for rides in the bombers.

An added bonus this year was having the North American B-25 Mitchell Bomber “Tondelayo” on the ramp along with the B-17 “Nine O Nine” and the B-24 “Witchcraft” from last year. The B-25 Mitchell is a twin engine medium bomber with Wright R-2600 engines of 1,850 hp each. Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle made the B-25 famous for the April 1942 daring raid on the Japanese mainland from the aircraft carrier USS Hornet – a mission that initially was not thought possible and for which the B-25 was never designed. Nearly 10,000 B-25 bombers were manufactured.

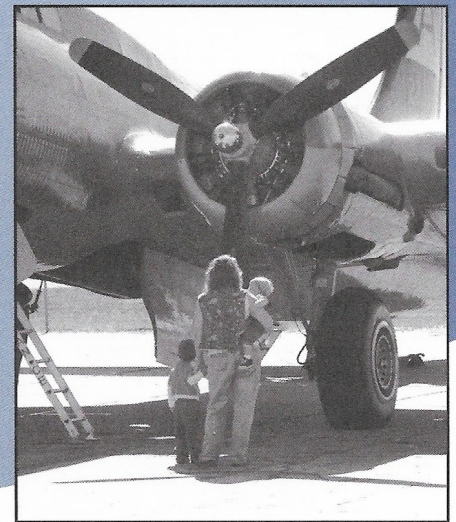
The crowd was as diverse as it gets – from pre-schoolers in mothers’ arms to nursing home residents in wheelchairs. Everyone wants to see these planes up close, see them fly, or even go for a flight. One lucky flyer was Malcolm Currier, NHAHS member and museum volunteer. He was the winner of the NHAHS raffle for a ride on the B-17. Malcolm flew on the bomber from Laconia for the arriv-

al into Manchester. There were also a few impromptu history lessons out on the ramp such as when one youngster told his buddy: “I think these planes were used during the Civil War.”

And then there were the Veterans! They were clearly the highlight of the Wings of Freedom Tour. Veterans cherish the opportunity to get “back in the cockpit” after as much as 65 years. And they are the ones that made these planes “get the job done”. Their experiences shaped our lives and our country. As the Veterans moved among the planes, visitors gravitated toward them – to hear their experiences and their sacrifices. It is important for our veterans to tell their story and it is important for us to listen. They have a rich history to tell if we would just stop and listen. At one point, a large crowd was huddled under the belly of the B-17. When I went over to investigate, there was a Veteran in a lawn chair answering questions about his missions in the big bomber.

Another Veteran was receiving handshakes and thanks near the gate as people entered. We can’t thank them enough. The Wings of Freedom Tour is a wonderful acknowledgement and recognition of their service to our country.

During all three days, the NHAHS volunteers were out in force ready to jump in and help wherever they were needed, whether it was in the museum, helping with parking, or out on the ramp pushing wheel-



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chairs. It didn’t matter what “assignment” they had or what they were there to do. They did whatever was needed and their efforts really made the whole event click. My hat is off to them with a special thanks! Most importantly, NHAHS could not even begin to have an event such as this without the generous financial and resource support of the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, Wiggins Airways, the Collings Foundation, Great Bay Aviation and Hoyle-Tanner Associates. These groups’ partnership with NHAHS forms the foundation that makes the Wings of Freedom Tour possible and such a great community success.

Overall, I can’t think of a better way to spend 3 days than to be immersed in such a living history of aviation and meeting so many “aviation historians”.

See you on the ramp next year!

## Wings Of Hope Air Show

PEASE ANG BASE, PORTSMOUTH, NH, AUGUST 18-19, 2007

For the first time in many years an air show was back in NH!! As part of the kick-off for Air Force Week celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Air Force the NH Wings of Hope Foundation and the Brian Injury Association of NH put together a 2 day show at the Air National Guard base at Pease.

This event was a perfect venue for NHAHS to reach almost 80,000 attendees of a whole new demographic and make

them aware of our work in preserving NH aviation history and introduce the Aviation Museum of NH.



After some heart stopping moments at the Friday set-up when we learned that the air show committee had forgotten to get us a tent... the Air Guard to the rescue!! Thanks to Col Dennis Hebert, we ended up with a great military tent

with sides and windows. It was perfect and

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# RECENT GIFTS

## GIFTS

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WINGS OF FREEDOM TOUR—Bob Hough, Tour Manager



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# 2007 Programs and Events

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Member Events/January, April & December	Wings of Hope Air Show
"Buy a Brick" Campaign	Opening Reception/NHDOT
"The Aeronaut"	Sponsored Grenier Field Exhibit
Library Pass Program	Wings of Freedom Tour
Archiving Workshop/Materials/Shelving	Tri-City Expo
School/Scout Museum Tours	Museum Day
Annual Membership Directory	Annual Banquet and Silent Auction
Daniel Webster College Aviation Expo	FREE Admission to the Aviation Museum
Grenier Field Homecoming	

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Bob Fortnam	Patricia Mitchell	

# The View from 35-17

BY GEORGE COMTOIS,

Director of Collections and Programs

When the editor asked me to write this quarter's column about the museum's acquisitions I was, for a moment, blocked. Not that our collections haven't been growing, but what to say about them other than the usual museum-speak: category, dimensions, condition. Not exactly heart-stopping stuff.

But then two things occurred to me: One - just how many newsletters do you receive that induce palpitations or make riveting bed-time reading? And two - many, if not most of the things people give us are more than casually interesting. For example, do you know I've got a B-17 in a shoebox, tucked under my desk? Bet you didn't know one of those could fit there.

Of course, I exaggerate (just a little). What I do have are what's left over from one of our museum docents B-17. The one he - Robert Fortnam - crash-landed in Holland in 1942. And there in lies a tale worth spinning.

After Bob and most of his crew walked away from the airplane, the Germans

found and blew it up. Over the years local farmers retrieved pieces of the plane as souvenirs and saved them. When Bob revisited the site in the 1990s, one of those farmers brought a box out from his bedroom containing the metal scraps he had gathered over the last 50 years or so and gave them to Bob.

In turn Bob, upon returning to the states, donated them to The Grissom Aviation Museum in Peru, Indiana. Recently, another of our museum docents, Mal Currier, while traveling with his wife, Deborah, stopped in Peru, visited the Grissom museum, saw a reference to the plane parts, explained who he was and asked if he could have them to return to New Hampshire and Bob. The Curator agreed and voila here they are. So through a series of coincidences they have found their way back to Bob, and our museum and now play a key role in his public talk about his experiences as a WW II bomber pilot and prisoner of war.

This, in turn, brought to mind another unusual WW II relic given to us by Everett Adams of Manchester, NH: his

Short Snorter. How many of you have one of those? I, for one, didn't even know what it was, but now the museum has one with an explanation.

The Short Snorter is a bill, generally an American dollar, which has been signed by several people to testify that the owner has flown the Atlantic Ocean. This interesting custom originated during the early part of WWII. Our Short Snorter is actually comprised of 14 pieces of paper currencies from different nations, including the U.S., occupied France and occupied Italy.

Mr. Adams acquired his Short Snorter on a flight from Presque Isle, Maine to Prestwick, Scotland on October 4, 1943. It is encased in a very well preserved leather wallet.

The most famous Short Snorter from the war years was one signed by Winston Churchill, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Joseph Stalin, and several members of their official entourage. That one, I think, is in the British Museum in London.

In the past year we have acquired

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## "A Tale of Two Markers" Madison, NH—Spartanburg, SC

After many years of research and several revisions the historic marker in Madison NH noting the nearby homestead of the Granville Family has been placed adjacent to the Madison Historical Society building. Through the efforts of former NH State Historic Preservation Officer, James McConaha, former NHAHS member Dick Bleakney, who now resides in North Carolina and Jack Ferns, a vision initiated in 1995 has come to fruition.

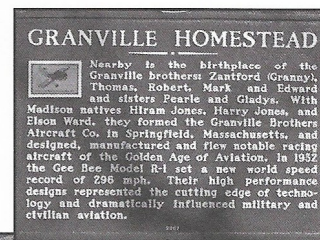
The Madison marker reads: "GRANVILLE HOMESTEAD" "Nearby is the birthplace of the Granville brothers: Zantford (Granny), Thomas, Robert, Mark and Edward and sisters Pearle and Gladys. With Madison natives Hiram Jones, Harry Jones and Elson Ward, they formed the Granville Brothers Aircraft Co. in Springfield, Massachusetts, and designed, manufactured and flew notable racing aircraft of the Golden Age of aviation. In 1932 the GeeBee Model R-1 set a new world speed record of 296 mph. Their high speed performance designs

represented the cutting edge of technology and dramatically influenced military and civilian aviation."

The Spartanburg, SC historic marker commemorates a last flight and the end of an era. Having been victim to the stock market crash of 1929 the Granville Brothers eventually went their separate ways. "Granny" and two of his engineers set up an office in New York City and continued to design new planes. In order to raise funds, Granny decided to sell his last plane, a Model E Sportster to a buyer in Texas. He decided to deliver it himself but never reached his destination, crashing in Spartanburg, SC in bad weather. Zantford Granville was only 32 years old.

Early summer of 2008 NHAHS will have a formal dedication ceremony of the Granville Homestead marker in collaboration with the Madison Historical Society.

Editor's note: Thank you to NHAHS member Mike McKendry, who happened upon the Spartanburg, SC marker on a layover.



TOP: Granville Homestead Historic Marker adjacent to the Madison NH Historical Society building. PHOTO BY: CHRISTOPHER "KIT" MORGAN, NHDOT

BOTTOM: "Granny" Granville Historic marker at Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport-Spartanburg, SC. PHOTO BY: JEANETTE TERRY/KSPA

# Events Past & Future

## Upcoming Events

*Presenting Amelia Earhart*

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 28, 2007**

**MILLYARD MUSEUM**

FREE admission for NHAHS is a benefit of membership (see description below)

*Member Event*

**MARCH, 2008**

TBD

*DWC Aviation Expo*

**SATURDAY MARCH 29, 2008**

Daniel Webster College

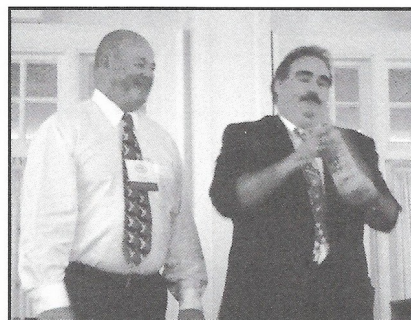
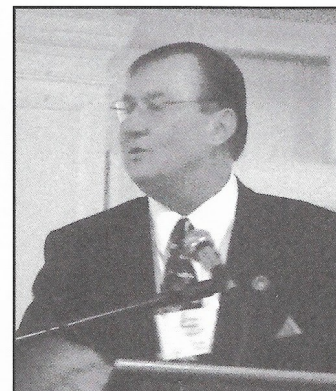
*Coming Attractions!!!*

Charlie Cashin Day at the Museum  
Granville Marker Dedication  
Monthly Museum Themes

## "A Celebration of the Spirit and Service of the Volunteer"

**2007 ANNUAL MEETING, SILENT AUCTION AND BANQUET  
MANCHESTER COUNTRY CLUB • FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2007**

*RIGHT: Guest Speaker: Ret. Chief, Howie Franklin—Air Force One steward to 5 US Presidents "All you wanted to know about Air Force One and more." Howie shared "insider" stories and anecdotes from his years served aboard AF-1.*



*LEFT: Back by Popular Demand: MARKO Master Magician seen here with his able (?) assistant Don Bourassa.*

*RIGHT: Dick Ludders, incoming President welcoming guests.*



### Meet Amelia Earhart First Lady of the Air



Presented by the Manchester Historic Association  
in partnership with the  
New Hampshire Aviation Historical Society



Friday, December 28, 2007 – 1:30 p.m.

Millyard Museum, 200 Bedford Street, Manchester, New Hampshire  
Appropriate for ages 10 to adult. Younger children are welcome to attend  
with adult supervision. Pre-registration is recommended.

Tickets are included with the regular museum admission fee.

For more information call (603) 622-7531

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Adults \$6

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Children 6-18 - \$2.00

Children under 6 FREE

MHA Members FREE

Family Maximum - \$18.00

Members of the NHAHS receive free admission  
to this program and to the  
Millyard Museum all day on December 28 (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.).

Historic re-enactor Jessa Plaia will interpret the pioneer aviatrix Amelia Earhart from the vantage point of 1936. Earhart was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic, and she was also a social worker, the best-selling author of three books, and a designer. Jessa Plaia is acclaimed for recreating history through solid research, compelling writing, and accomplished artistry. The presentation will be followed by an informal question and answer session.

For directions to the Millyard Museum and other information, check out the Manchester Historic Association website [www.manchesterhistoric.org](http://www.manchesterhistoric.org)

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quite a few such items for our growing collection, including uniforms, photographs, manuscripts, maps and model aircraft. If you have an item or items that relate to the history of aviation in New Hampshire or New Hampshire aviators, please contact us. We'd love to talk with you. And remember, all such donations are tax deductible.

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right on the flight line!!

Members Bob Hough and Tom Haas offered their vintage Widgeon and Piper Cub, respectively, for static display. Bob also set up the Wright Flyer Simulator that had a waiting line of young and old alike all day both days. Member Dan Ford stopped by on Saturday to chat with guests and sign copies of his book "Flying Tigers".

It was a long but productive weekend and many thanks to all the volunteers who helped set-up, worked shifts on Saturday and Sunday selling raffle tickets and merchandise, signed up new members and waved the NHAHS flag.

# NHAHS Membership Application

**YES!** I want to become a member of the New Hampshire Aviation Historical Society!

Please check the appropriate box and enclose your check for dues made payable to the NH Aviation Historical Society.

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The Gee Bee Model A Sport Plane (pictured in the society's logo) was the first plane built by the Granville brothers in Boston, Massachusetts. They built nine in Springfield, Massachusetts followed by a series of sportsters (monoplanes) and finally leading to the famous Gee Bee supersportster racers, one of which established a new world land-air speed record. It was flown by James Doolittle.

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