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Leo Boyle 1925 – 2007



This issue is dedicated to Leo Boyle, a founding member, former president, and newsletter editor of the Maine Aviation Historical Society.

Francis Leo Boyle, Jr., 82, of Portland and Westbrook, died on Friday, September 14 after a brief illness.

Leo was born in Portland, son of Francis Leo Sr. and Teresa M. Boyle, on June 7, 1925. A 1943 graduate of Deering High School, he served in the Army Infantry during World War II in Europe, where he received a Purple Heart and earned a Bronze Star for heroic action under enemy fire. He attended Purdue University and graduated from the University of Maine.

In 1948, he married Elizabeth Ann (Betty) Pryor of Lafayette, Indiana, and became a sales representative for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company in Portland. In 1965 he purchased Jones Book Shop at 611 Congress St. and ran his beloved bookstore with friend and business partner, Priscilla Shaw, for more than 15 years. During this time he appeared as a book reviewer on local television and in 1967 he and his friends founded the Maine Aviation Historical Society.

Leo was passionate about flying from early childhood when his parents brought him to his uncle's farm in Stroudwater and to Old Orchard Beach on weekends to

watch planes take off and land. Throughout his life he was an avid Aero Historian, and was awarded the Gaddis Cup by the Maine Pilots Association in 1997, and the Aero Club of New England's prestigious State Award in 2003 for his "vision and effort in establishing the Maine Aviation Historical Society and his life-long enthusiasm for the preservation of Maine's aviation heritage."

A featured speaker at the annual Fly-In in Greenville and at the Owls Head Transportation Museum, Leo was instrumental in establishing the Maine Air Museum in Bangor, and served on the board of directors of the Maine Aviation Historical Society and the Portland Chamber of Commerce Jetport Committee. He was curator and author of the Chamber's ongoing exhibit, "A History of Aviation in Maine," at the Portland International Jetport.

After his retirement from Hanson Chrysler Plymouth in South Portland, he operated the Consignment Corner Shop in Scarborough.

Leo is survived by his wife, Betty, of Portland; daughters Teresa Falsani and husband, Robert, of Duluth, Minn., Barbara Boyle and husband, Eugene Takahashi, of Davis, Calif., and Aletha Boyle and husband, Dana Ellis of Belgrade; sister, Mary Boyle of Portland; grand children, Tara Falsani Harkins and Kelly Falsani, Shea and Cameron Ellis and Keenan Takahashi; great-granddaughter Meri Harkins; friends, the Rev. Lynne Campbell and Lisa Jones; his wonderful friends and caregivers at Birchwoods at Canco; and his dachshund "Dapple."



President's Report

The fall weather is here and we will soon be expecting snow. We have scheduled the November 10th meeting at the Lewiston-Auburn Airport and the December meeting will be held at the Pittsfield Airport. Since we are not heating the Museum we will also hold the January and February meetings at another location to be determined later.

We have a basic slate of Officers for the coming year but would welcome anyone who has an interest in the Society and Museum to enter their names on the ballot. The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary,

Treasurer, and three Board positions are up for election. We will confirm the slate of nominees at the November meeting and send the ballots out for the vote in early December. If you wish to add your name or another name to the ballot please contact me as soon as possible at les@maine.edu or call the Museum and leave a message.

We have closed up the Museum for the winter and are ready for a well deserved rest. I can't thank enough the time commitments of Mike Cornett, Hank Marois, and Jim Nelligan. They are responsible for the Museum being open this summer. These three gentlemen worked almost every weekend again this summer.

Keep warm and try to attend one of the away meetings of the Society this winter.
.....Les Shaw

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Information wanted about the Eastport, Maine Airport.

The Dirigo Flyer is looking for any information about the Eastport, Maine Airport during or before WWII.

Who built the airport and when was it built?

Did the United States Navy operate out of there during WWII?

Are there any aircraft pictures taken at Eastport?

If you have any information about the Eastport Airport, please send same to:

Norm Houle, Maine Air Museum, PO Box 2641, Bangor, Maine 04402

Books available through the Maine Air Museum.

Memoirs: With an Angel By My Side by member Alfred Cormier.

His flying life as told by Al and available exclusively from the Maine Air Museum. \$16 at the museum, \$20 via mail order. To order, visit, call, or email the museum.

The United State Air Force in Maine, Progeny of the Cold War by John Garbinski

Another exclusive book from the Maine Aviation Historical Society. Softbound, 134 pages, 151 illustrations. \$20.00 (plus \$3.00 postage and handling). To order, visit, call, or email the museum.



Buy a Brick and Support the Maine Air Museum

The Maine Air Museum is proud to announce the new Memorial Pathway Program. To successfully carry out and reach the museum vision, and to help refurbish Building 98, the Maine Air Museum needs the financial support of businesses and public community leaders and individual private citizens. To this end, the museum board has established a means for receiving your monetary donation and recognizing your gift permanently in the museum pathway and wall of honor. These donations are fully deductible.

Details available on our web site: www.maineairmuseum.org or from the museum by request.

AT THE MUSEUM

42nd Bombardment Wing (H) Memorial

This display is dedicated to the men and women who served in the 42nd Bomb Wing at Loring Air Force Base near Limestone, Maine and is sponsored by the 42nd Bomb Wing Alumni Association.



The display case contains memorabilia from the Wing and the base. The right map shows a typical airborne alert mission flown during the “Cuban Missile Crisis”. Fully armed B-52’s from Loring supported by KC-135’s deployed at bases in Spain would fly these 25-30 hour missions. The B-52 crews constantly monitored radios listening for the “Go Code” which would send them to their targets in Russia. Every two hours, two more B-52’s would launch and fly the mission.

The middle map shows a typical mission flown by 42nd Bomb Wing crews during the Viet Nam War. This shows B-52’s taking off from Anderson Air Force Base, Guam flying west and being refueled by 42nd Bomb Wing KC-135 aircraft deployed to Kadena Air Base, Okinawa. The B-52’s attacked targets in the Hanoi – Hai Fong area and landed at U-Tapao Air base in Thailand.



The map on the left shows a typical mission made during the “First Gulf War” with KC-135’s and B-52’s launching from Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean and striking targets in southern Iraq and Kuwait.

During all of these actions, the 42nd Bomb Wing, Loring Air Force Base, never lost a man or woman due to enemy action.

...article and displays by Hank Marois



Maine Aviation Personalities: Katherine “Kay” Menges Brick.

Kay was born on August 8, 1910 in Dixmont, Maine. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from Boston University and a Master of Arts degree in Psychology. In September 1941 she obtained her pilot’s license in an Aeronca Chief at Teterboro, New Jersey, joining the New York – New Jersey Ninety-Nines after 13 years of teaching.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, the Civil Air Patrol was created; all the planes were moved, a little more west each time, away from the coast. An intelligence officer in the first Bendix Squadron, she participated in military training missions. With over 200 hours in her Chief and her husband Frank's Fokker Super Universal, she was recruited by Jacqueline Cochran for the WASP class 43-3.

After graduation, Kay was assigned to Biggs Field, El Paso, Texas. She did tow target missions, searchlight missions, smoke laying tracking, chauffeuring, radio control missions, and some ferrying planes.

Kay was a member of UFO (United Flying Octogenarians) – those who after 80 years of age hold a current pilot's license. She was past International President of the 99s, International Secretary, Executive Boards, and first Budget Chairman, Governor and Secretary New York – New Jersey Section; charter member of Coyote Country chapter (California); past Vice President National Silver Wings; Secretary P-47 Pilots Association.; Secretary National Pilots Association; member AFA (Air Force Association), member AWA (Aviation Writers Association).

Kay was instrumental in the development and history of the Powder Puff Derby (AWTAR, Inc. –All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race), serving on the board of directors for 25 years, 13 as Chairman/Executive Director. Kay participated in many air races and won the Nolde Derby flying a Vega BT-13, New York to Miami in 1948. she flew numerous other races placing 2, 4, 8, and 11 in U.S. , Canada, and Mexico. She served on the Federal aviation Administration Committee 1968-71; was appointed FAA Safety Counselor 1972-76; Institutor/Chairman “Colt for Kim ad Women of Korea”; Institutor/Chairman Votive Model of AE's Vega, to hang in the Protestant chapel and JFK International Airport.

Kay received the Federation Aeronautique Internationale Paul Tissandier diploma 1973, AE medals 1949, 60, 76; New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame 1978, OX5 Pioneer Woman's Award 1981; OX5 Hall of Fame 1983, Silver Wings Paul Fromhagen Award 1993.

Kay was listed in “Who's Who in Aviation & Aeronautics 1983”, “The World Who's Who of Women 1984”, “Forgotten Wings” 1992, “Lady Birds II” 1993, “Sisters of the Sky” 1988.

Kay was married to Frank Reeve Brick, a World War I naval pilot.

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44° 48' 2.10" North 68° 48' 36.02" West



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Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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Corporate	\$100 annual	Newsletter, Museum Admission
Supporting	\$100 annual	Newsletter, Museum Admission, 4 free passes
Lifetime	\$500*	Newsletter, Lifetime Membership
	* 2 annual \$250 payments	Number, Museum Admission, 10 free passes

We need volunteers: pilots, mechanics, maintenance, librarians and exhibit specialists, etc.

Please call me. I want to be active in the organization.

I cannot join now, but would like to help. I am enclosing a check for \$_____.

Contributions over \$20 are tax deductible within the limits of the law.

I wish to support and obtain membership by purchasing a memorial book.

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