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CALLING ALL ADVENTURERS!

BIG SPRUCE MOUNTAIN EXPEDITION

With the coming of Spring, the rout of the snow, the drying of the logging roads and the long-range hope of good weather, our expedition to Big Spruce Mountain will take place after the May 20-21 weekend, probably over Memorial Day. Naturally, bad weather can force a postponement, but we are hopeful the sun will shine on us.

As you know, the primary reason for this expedition is the possibility that the aircraft wreck we believe to be on Big Spruce Mountain might be that of the "White Bird" of Nungesser and Coli. On May 8, 1927, they had attempted to fly from France to New York and just disappeared. After leaving the French coast, unconfirmed sightings and soundings were heard in Ireland, Newfoundland and the Round Pond area near Machias, Maine. Extensive searches have been made in the Round Pond area and in Newfoundland. To date, nothing positive has been found and the mystery remains.

In 1942, the U.S. Army Corps twice spotted a plane wreck on Big Spruce Mountain while searching for an RCAF crash on adjacent Saddleback Mountain. This object was aerial photographed in 1994 and 1995 flights over the area, and also shows up in the 1955 aerial photograph we recently obtained. It has been confirmed as a man-made object. After 53 years, it's about time someone went up to the site and checked out what is up there. This we plan to do.

A ground reconnaissance was made on May 6th to further explore the possibilities and the problems we might encounter. Three feet of snow leads to the delay until around Memorial Day. Further aerial reconnaissance will hopefully be made on May 13 and/or May 14.

Further information will be communicated by telephone. For the latest information, call Oscar Blue, Project Director, at 207-422-3987 or Leo Boyle, Project Coordinator, at 207-854-9972 (evenings) or 207-883-3772 (days). We will probably meet at the Webber Jones Airfield on Route 11 in Brownville at 9 a.m. on the designated day.

DIRECTIONS

Directions to the airfield are as follows:

From the Bangor Area: Route 95 North to Exit 53, Route 16 to Milo, Route 11 to Brownville Junction, Right on North Brownville Road to airfield.

From the Portland Area: Route 95 to Exit 39 (Pittsfield), Route 7 to Dover-Foxcroft, Routes 6 & 16 to Milo, Route 11 to Brownville Junction, Right on North Brownville Road to airfield.

WHAT TO BRING

- Four-wheel vehicle, if you have one
- Hand-held GPS
- Binoculars, cameras
- Two-way radio, walkie-talkie, etc.
- Hiking boots and the proper clothing
- Black fly dope, sunscreen, first aid kit

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JOINT MEETING REMINDER

The next meeting will be held at the Hampton, NH Airport for their 50th Anniversary. Thanks to Mike and Carol Hart, this will be a joint get-together with the New Hampshire and Massachusetts Aviation Historical Societies. We will have a joint display at the Aviation Flea Market with information about all the groups. It will be great to meet so many fellow enthusiasts who all live only short distances from each other.

Be sure to browse the Flea Market with all kinds of goodies like magazines, books, models and aircraft parts. A large number of antique era and home-built planes are usually in attendance, so bring your camera. Good food will be available, too. Everyone is invited to a get-together Saturday mid-afternoon and evening of all three groups for mutual hangar-talk, including discussion of a possible joint home for all of us. The more the merrier, so come one, come all. This will be held at the Barnstormer Restaurant at Pease International Tradeport in Portsmouth, NH, Routes 16 and 4.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome three new members with this issue:

104. Lindon E. Christie Jr. (Wright Bros., ME CAP)
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105. Roland R. Maheu (Pioneer Maine Stunt Pilot)
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SPECIAL THANKS

Our special thanks to F.E. (Ed) Maliar of Bohemia, New York for six photos of Clarence Chamberlin's Curtiss Condor at Auburn, Maine in the 1930s.

MEMBERSHIP LIST ENCLOSED

A complete list of all members to date is included for your information and use. Members who have *not* paid 1995 dues as of May 10 have an asterisk beside their names . . .

The Lindberghs' Unexpected Visit to South Pond in Warren, Maine

by Leo Boyle

Charles Lindbergh's first visit to Maine was in July 1927 when he flew to Portland in the "Spirit of St. Louis" on the first leg of his tour of the nation. Maine was to gain the distinction of being the only leg of his trip that was not completed on schedule. His first attempt to fly to Portland found the area beset by heavy fog and he had to divert to Concord, New Hampshire to spend the night. The next day, the new Portland Airport was again fog-bound, but Old Orchard Beach was clear. He landed on the hard sand and the "Spirit of St. Louis" spent the night in Harry Jones' hangar at the beach. He later flew over to the Portland Airport in Scarborough and resumed his tour from there.

After his marriage to Anne Morrow, Lindbergh became a frequent visitor to this state. Her family had a summer estate at North Haven and an airfield was available. Lindbergh stopped in Portland many times and in Brunswick on his visits to and from North Haven. In 1931, with a Lockheed Sirius 8 Special Float-Plane, Charles and Anne Lindbergh used North Haven as the jumping-off point for their Pacific Survey Flight. Working with Pan-American Airlines for whom he was an advisor, they flew across Canada, Alaska and Siberia to Japan and China. It was there that the flight ended when the seaplane was damaged while being lowered into the Yangtze River by the British Aircraft Carrier "Hermes."

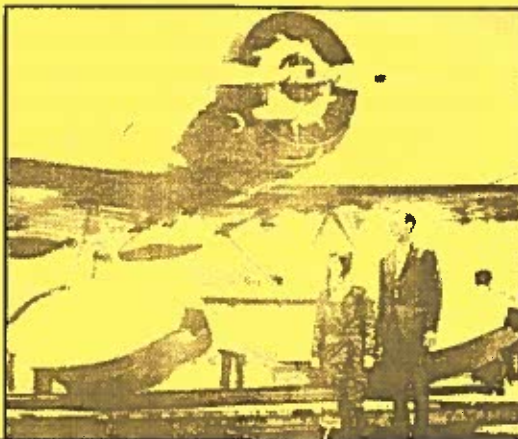
The Sirius was brought back to the United States and rebuilt by the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. It was re-engined with a new 700 hp Wright Cyclone engine and equipped with fuel carrying floats. Among the unique equipment carried was a small outboard motor in the baggage compartment. This motor could be mounted on the pontoon's spreader bar and it would slowly propel the plane in calm water. See Anne Morrow Lindbergh's book, *Listen, the Wind*, for a complete list of equipment, survival and otherwise, that they carried on their flight.

With everything checked and rechecked, the Lindberghs left Flushing Bay on Long Island, New York on July 9, 1933 bound for Halifax, Nova Scotia. North Haven, Maine was always a possibility if the weather closed in on them. And close in it did, but before they arrived at North Haven. Heavy fog covered the coast north and east of Portland, forcing them to

turn inland. Unable to get back out to sea with any kind of visibility, they found South Pond in Warren and landed the Sirius safely there. Anne, who was handling the radio, called the Radio Corporation of America office in Chatham, Massachusetts to let them know they were down safely somewhere "near Rockland." Charles took the outboard from the baggage compartment, hooked it to the spreader bar and "taxied" to shore.

They grounded near the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dorman of Rockland. They graciously accommodated the Lindberghs for the night. During the evening, Charles walked two miles to the nearest telephone to order a replacement cable for one which had broken in flight or upon landing. In the morning, the damage was repaired to enable the 10 minute flight to be made to North Haven. But first, they had to push the plane, which was stuck in the mud, to deeper water. Their overnight hosts assisted them in this chore, watched by about 100 curious spectators.

A quick take-off, a dip of the wings, and at 9:30 a.m. they were over North Haven. Landing in the cove, they were joined by Anne's mother, Mrs. Dwight Morrow, Charles' mother, Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh, and their son, Jon. After spending the day and evening with the family, they left the next afternoon for Halifax, Nova Scotia. Their survey flight would not end until December 19th when they would arrive back at Flushing Bay, Long Island, New York via the North Atlantic and the South Atlantic.



Famous floatplane pilots, Col. & Mrs. Charles Lindbergh next to Lockheed Sirius, 1933.

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Upcoming MAHS Meetings

May 20, 21	All Day	Hampton (NH) Airport Flea Market *
June 10	9 a.m.	TBA
July 1, 2	9 a.m.	Military Air Show, Owls Head Transportation Museum *
July 22, 23	9 a.m.	Great State o' Maine Air Show, Brunswick Naval Air Station *
August 12	9 a.m.	TBA
September 9, 10	9 a.m.	Greenville Seaplane Fly-In, Greenville, Maine *
October 19	9 a.m.	TBA
November 11	9 a.m.	TBA
December 9	9 a.m.	TBA

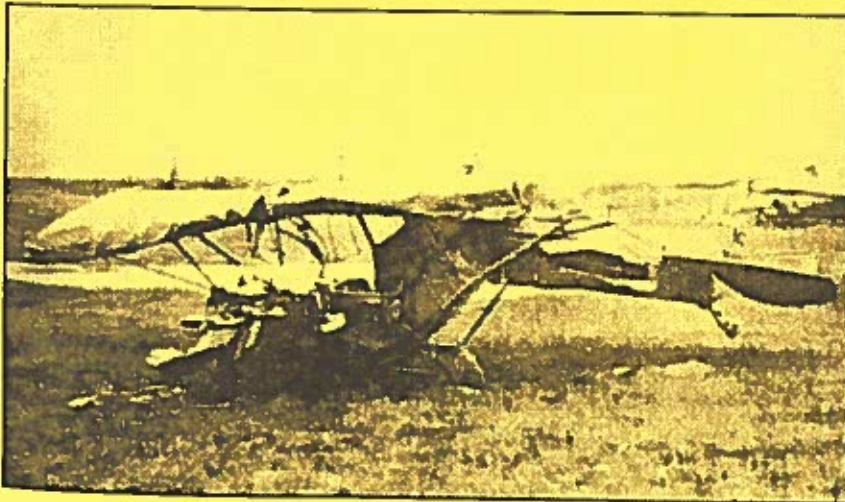
* Indicates that we will have a table and display at these events.

All these upcoming Maine Aviation Historical Society meetings are tentative and subject to change. The definite ones are July 1 & 2 at Owls Head, July 22 & 23 at Brunswick, and September 9 & 10 at Greenville.

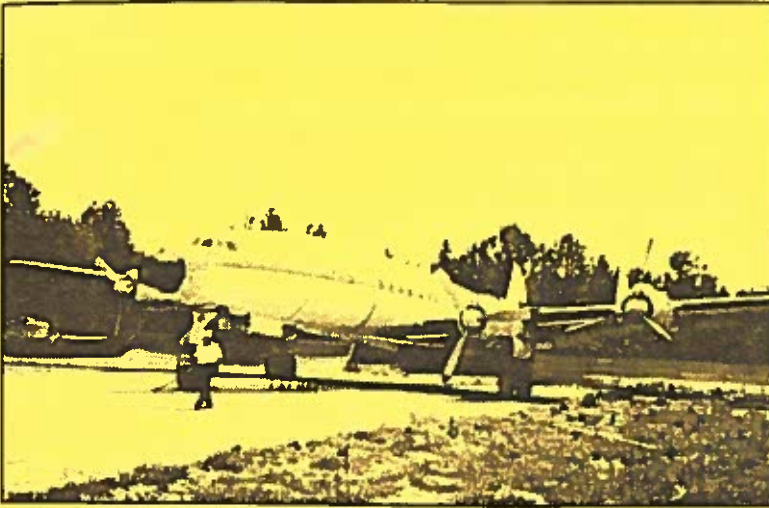
Calendar of Events

May 20-21		Hampton Flea Market, Hampton (NH) Airport - ME, MA, NHAHS Joint Meeting
May 28	10 a.m.	Air Show and Ford Festival, Owls Head
June 3-4		Mid-Atlantic Air Museum WWII Weekend, Gabreski and Morgan
June 4	10 a.m.	Air Show, Convertible and Custom Show, Owls Head
June 10		1st MPA Fly-In, Belfast Airport
June 10-11		Hanscom AFB Open House, Thunderbirds, Bedford, MA
June 17-18	10 a.m.	Maine State Soap Box Derby, Owls Head
July 1-2	10 a.m.	Military Air Show, Owls Head
July 9	10 a.m.	Air Show and 50s-60s, Owls Head
July 22-23	9 a.m.	Great State o' Maine Air Show, Brunswick Naval Air Station, Thunderbirds
July 22-23	10 a.m.	Air Show and Truck and Tractor Meet, Owls Head
July 27-Aug. 2		EAA Fly-In Convention, Oshkosh, WI
August 5-6	10 a.m.	Aerobatic Show and Transportation Rally, Owls Head
August 10-13		Sentimental Journey, Lock Haven, PA
August 12		Waterville, N.S. Fly-In
August 18-20		Great Falls Balloon Festival, Lewiston-Auburn, ME
August 18-20		Wings of Eagles Air Show, Batavia, NY
September 9-10		Greenville, ME Seaplane Fly-In
October 8		Fall Flying Finale, Owls Head
October 13-15		31st Northeast Aero Historians Convention, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
October 22		Great Fall Auction, Owls Head

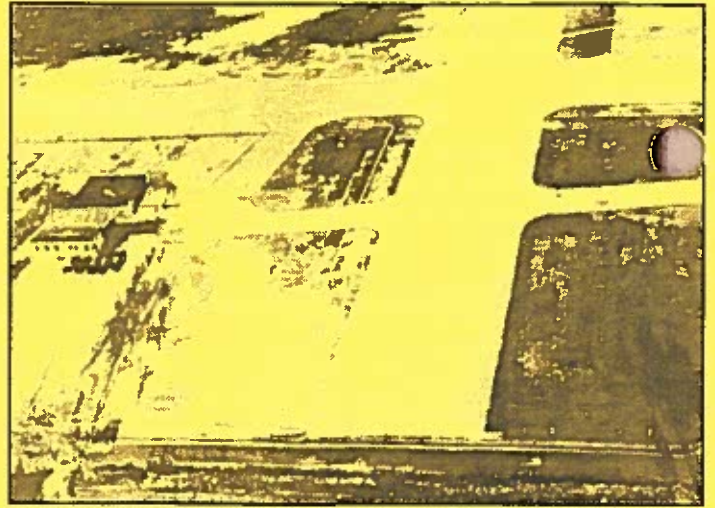
As we get dates, other events will be added. Let us know what you know.



"Wreck of the wing flapper plane, made in Ellsworth, Maine. This was the trial flight. A fellow by the name of Crane made it." Can anyone give us more information on this one?



The sister ship to the Lockheed Starliner at the Lewiston-Auburn Airport photographed at the Sanford (Florida) Airport on March 29, 1955. Norm Houle Photo



Mystery Airport — Where and When?

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