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## Bangor Meeting Notes

The Bangor meeting at the Pilots Lounge of the General Aviation Terminal at the Bangor International Airport was a lot of fun. Among those present were Norm Houle, Oscar Blue, Frank Powers, Clark Thompson, Don Strout, John Craig, Owen Cooper, Cliff Haines, Jim and James Chichetto, John Miller and Leo Boyle. After introductions around the room, a brief review of some of the coming events (listed below) and those just past was held. These included the MPA Air Show at Sanford, the Greenville Fly-In and the Ottawa meeting of the Northeast Aero Historians. Jim Chichetto told about the Staceyville "Sea Fury" site and a future trip up there. Other crashes were brought up and locations and possible remains were discussed. Many thanks to Bob Zieglaar and Don and Connie Strout for their help in arranging the site for the meeting.

## Hope Soars for the "White Bird"

A major part of the morning was concerned with the search for Nungesser and Coli's "White Bird." Bill Nungesser from New York had called regarding a French documentary film producer who is very interested in this story. In 1997, the 70th anniversary of their flight, he would like to fly a replica of the "White Bird" from Paris to New York. In the meantime, he is most interested in the searches now going on. Around the 20th of September, he expects to be in Newfoundland to go out in the field with the Enigma group searching up there. After that, around October 1, he hopes to come to Maine and join MAHS in the search of Big Spruce Mountain.

It was agreed that the best place to base would probably be Greenville, with accommodations available and the airport for aircraft and helicopters. Before then, John Miller is going to try to get some good photos of our object. I am also writing to Larry Klitch of the M.W. Sewall Co. per Clark Thompson to ask them if they are mapping in the area if they can try to get a photo for us. We will keep you posted as more exact information becomes available. As close as Oscar can pinpoint the object's location, it is at the 2790' level at 48° 32' 11-12" North and 69° 14' 42.2" West.

## Information, Please . . .

Norm Houle is looking for information on the old airport at Fryeburg, run by Joe Slovak. The Fryeburg Historical Society has nothing on it. Joe is supposedly alive and living in Florida.

## Check Bett's for Aviation Books

It was a pleasure to get into Bangor and see Stuart Tinker at Bett's Bookstore. He has a great selection of new aviation books, and his upstairs has loads of good used aviation books. If you need any aviation books, contact Stu at Bett's Bookstore (207-947-7052) or better yet, drop by and browse — you're sure to find something you can use. Faced with another huge chain bookstore coming in to the Bangor Mall, he needs our support.

## "Little Friends"

The fighters that met the bombers over the targets to protect them in WWII and especially to escort them home were known as "Little Friends" to the bomber crews. I found out the meaning of the phrase at the Bangor meeting. On the way from the Main Terminal to the General Aviation Terminal, my car just died. Almost immediately, Cliff Haines and Frank Powers came by and took me the last mile to the meeting. Afterwards, Cliff and Frank, Jim and James Chichetto and Oscar Blue escorted me back to my car. Oscar tried to pinpoint the cause (with Jim's tools) 'til AAA came. They towed me to Haley's Goodyear at the Bangor Mall, and Cliff and Frank followed. After diagnosis (timing belt), Cliff and Frank took me to Bett's Bookstore and we all had lunch while the car was being repaired. They then followed me as far as Augusta to make sure I had no more problems. Thank you all, Little Friends!

## 1996 Flying Downeast Calendar

Keep your eyes open — the 1996 calendar with a great selection of new and exciting photos will be out soon. To be sure of yours, call Leo at 207-854-9972.

## Great State 'O Maine Air Show

The Brunswick Naval Air Station was host to the Great State 'O Maine Air Show and the USAF Thunderbirds on July 22nd and 23rd. We were there with a large table and display. Hundreds of people stopped by the table to get and give information. We got new members and sold t-shirts, raffle tickets and calendars. We still have loads of people to get together with and do more hangar flying — have patience, we'll get there someday soon.

If you were lucky, you were there on Saturday. The traffic jams were bigger and better! We had a long conversation with Clay Carkin, side by side on the way into Brunswick on Route 1 after the show. Saturday we were treated to great demonstrations by Patty Wagstaff and the Red Baron and Pepsi teams. In the afternoon, the Thunderbirds gave their usual superb show. Regrettably, Sunday morning brought the fog, and it stayed and teased and stayed and finally all aerial activity had to be cancelled.

Again, we wish to thank all the extremely helpful personnel of the Brunswick Naval Air Station. They were all very kind to us and made everything run smoothly.

### More Thanks To . . .

Thanks to Don Strout and Jim Chichetto for the Bangor area clippings they brought to the Bangor meeting for me. We also want to thank Wayne Briggs of Scarborough for two great posters. One is a post-WWI Navy Recruiting poster and the other is for the Greenville Fly-In some years past.

Dana Smith of Air-Tech in Sanford was able to identify the picture on the upper left of page 4 of the July newsletter. The plane is a Curtiss Pusher and the pilot was Beckwith Havens. This was apparently the second plane there, as he refused to fly the first one and they had to send to Massachusetts for it. We still need the date (1910-1912). If it was prior to August 15, 1911, it might have been the first flight in Maine.

And Ed Maliar of Bohemia, NY continues to send great Lewiston/Auburn information plus a great story on the DC-3 on floats which you'll hear more about at Greenville on September 9th-10th.

## Welcome, New Members

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115. Dean F. Comisky (*Flying*)  
HC74, Box 460  
Millinocket, ME 04462 207-723-4497
116. Ernest Kostis (*Sanford Airport*)  
15 Main Street, #K  
Sanford, ME 04073-3502 207-324-3365
117. Robert Fulmer (*Aviation/Military History*)  
P.O. Box 221  
So. Freeport, ME 04078 207-865-1903
118. Carl J. Betterley (*B&M, NEA, FAA*)  
70 Perkins Avenue  
Old Town, ME 04468 207-827-7955
119. Ken DeWitt (*Old Town*)  
P.O. Box 350  
Old Town, ME 04468-0350 207-827-2116  
(*Winter: 1660 Harvard St., Clearwater, FL 34615*)
120. Jonathan Goldstein  
312 Sunset Blvd.  
Carrollton, GA 30117-4131 404-832-2502

### Change of Address:

54. John Miller  
93 North Road  
Newburgh, ME 04444 207-234-2777

### 97. George P. Cantara

It is with great regret that we have to report the passing of member George Cantara of Biddeford on July 16, 1995. George was one of those great mechanics who could solve all the mysterious problems. He worked for years for the Harry B. Center Garage, Rumery's Boat Yard and Hansen Chrysler-Plymouth. He enjoyed boats, model airplanes and old airplanes. Surviving are his wife, his mother and five sons. Our deepest sympathy is extended to all his family. We'll miss you, George.



Military Air Show, Owls Head. L to R: James Chichetto, Rob Rohr, Leo Boyle, Frank Powers, Jim Chichetto (standing).



Great State 'O Maine Air Show, BNAS. Ed Rohr helping out.

October 1928: Be sure and study this new airway bulletin if you are planning on flying into the new Portland Airport in Scarborough.

## PORTLAND, ME

Name: Portland Airport

Class:

Municipal. Rating \_\_\_\_\_.  
Owner and operator, Portland Aircraft Corp.

Position:

Lat. 43° 40', long. 70° 15'; alt. above sea level, 22'; mag. var., 16° 56' W., 1928; annual increase, 5'.  
Distance and direction from city, 5 1/2 miles SW; just off the Boston Post Road.

Description:

Size, see sketch; acres, 193; shape, triangular.  
Surface, sod and clay; gradient, slightly rolling; drainage, tile.  
Landing runways, two, 2800' x 300', 3600' x 400'; in center of these two runways is a strip 1500' x 300'.  
Marking thereof, none.

Obstructions:

Telephone poles to S.; tower to NW; buildings to NW;  
trees to NW and N; creek to E; RR to S.  
Marking (day), none.  
Lighting, red; red on pole line and unfavorable approaches.

Marking and identification:

Standard 100' white circle, in center of landing area.  
Name on hangar or in field, none.  
Other marking, none.  
Wind-direction indicator, illuminated cone on beacon tower.

Lighting:

Beacon, 24", rotating, 6 rpm, 2,000,000 cp to NW.  
Boundary lights, white surround field.  
Approach lights, green at ends of runways.  
Flood lights for landing, at SE corner.  
Other lighting; hangar flood-lighted, also office building.

Accommodations:

Personnel for servicing, yes.  
Landing fee, none; storage rates, \$3 per night, including service.  
Hangars, one, 60' x 80' x 16'8" clearance.  
Repair facilities, minor; spares, none.  
Specification fuel and oil, yes.  
Guard, yes; fire apparatus, none.  
Quarters, in city; meals, in city.  
Transportation to city, trolley and taxi.  
First aid, none.  
Mooring mast, none.

Communications and signal equipment:

Telephone, yes; telegraph, by phone.  
Radio, none.

Meteorological data:

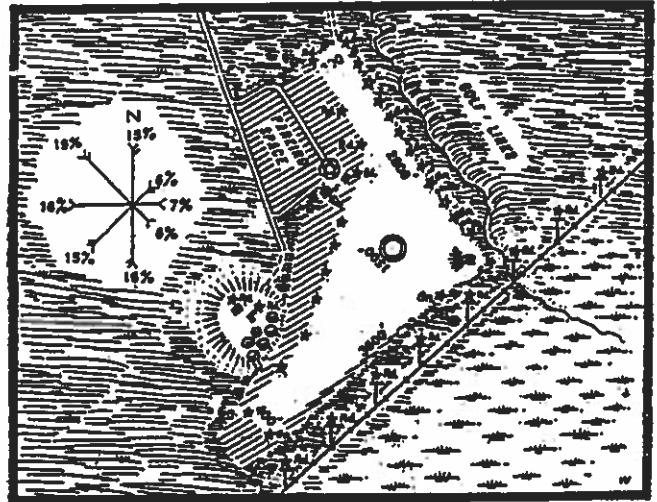
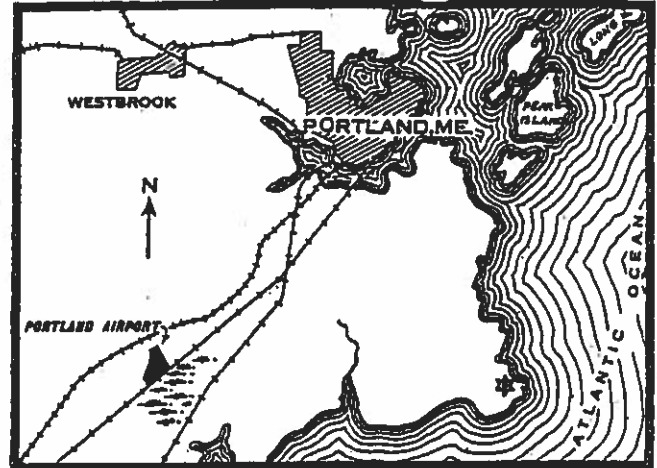
Prevailing winds, summer S, winter NW and N, annual NW.  
Heaviest winds are usually from S in summer and N or NW in winter.  
Winds of 40 mph or over are recorded 1 dpm Oct.-Mar., incl., and infrequently Apr.-Sept., incl. Highest recorded velocity is about 61 mph.  
Dense fog occurs 1 or 2 dpm Nov.-Apr., incl., and about 4 dpm May-Oct., incl., with greatest frequency during July and Aug. Light fog occurs 3 or 4 dpm Nov.-Apr., incl., and about 7 dpm May-Oct., incl. Fogs are most frequent at night, usually disappearing by 9 am.  
Precipitation as heavy as 1" or more in 24 hours is recorded about 8 dpy, chiefly from Nov.-June, incl. Average monthly snowfall Dec.-Mar., incl., is about 16" and during Apr. and Nov. about 5".  
Weather map and display board, none.  
Nearest weather bureau, Portland, ME  
Nearest upper air observer, Boston, Mass. (W.B.)

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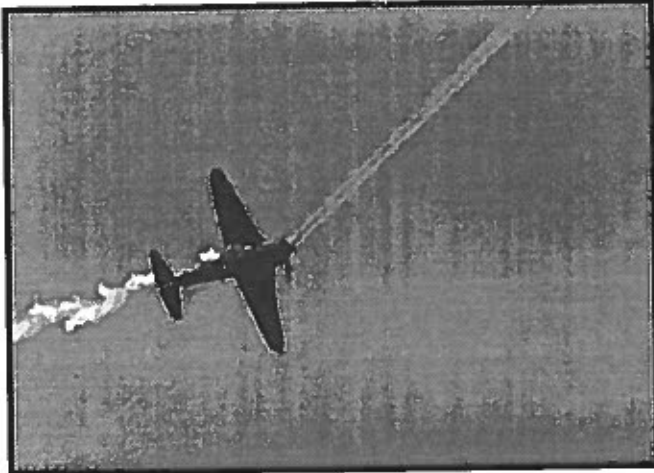
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No. 451, Washington, October 8, 1928

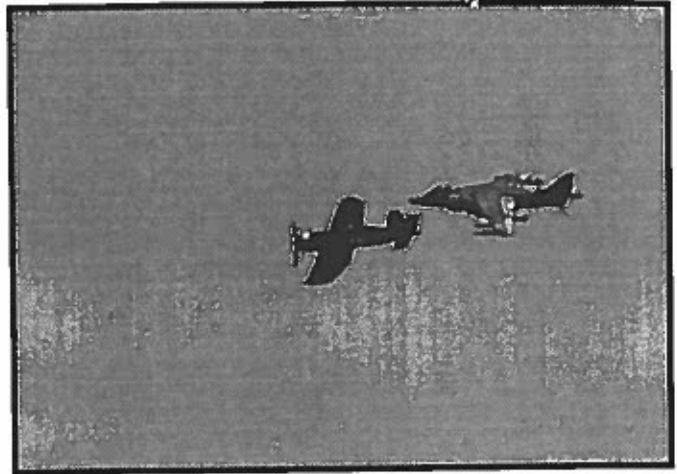
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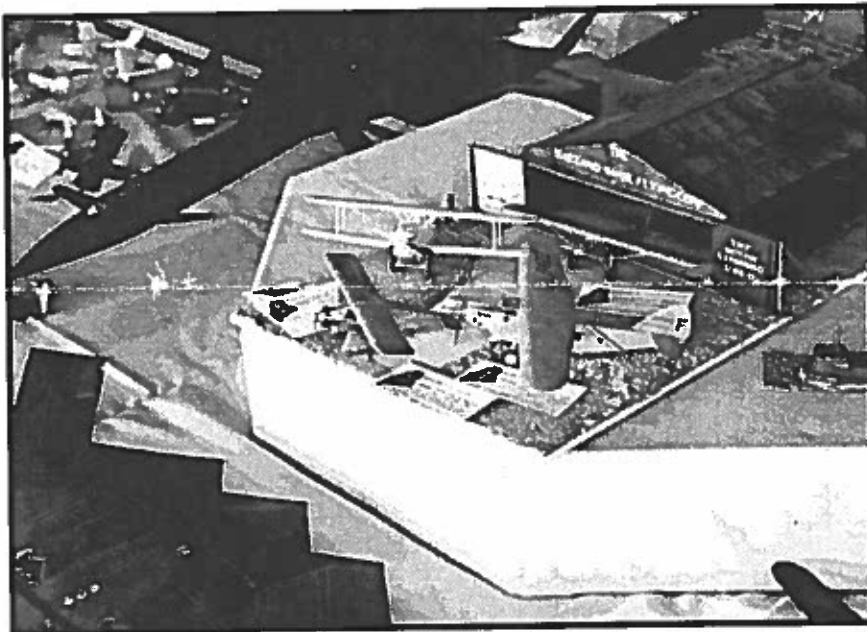
## Summer Views from the MATHS Scrapbook



*Dan McCue's Yak II in action at the Military Air Show at Owls Head. Dan will be featured at the MPA Air Show at Sanford, September 2 and 3. See you there!*



*Jim Chichetto caught this great photo at the Military Air Show at Owls Head on July 2. Here we see Ed Shipley's FG-1D Corsair in formation with the USMC AV-8B Harrier.*

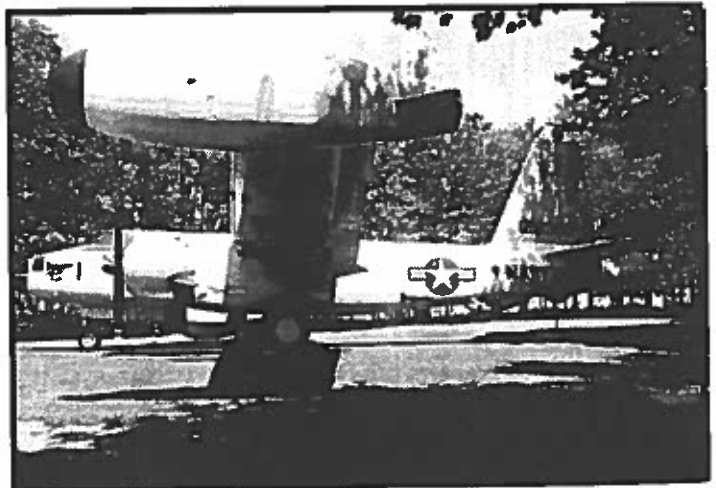


*Beautiful diorama of Harry Jones' hangar at Old Orchard Beach in the 1927-29 period. Models shown are scratch-built and include Bellanca J "Pathfinder," Levasseur PL-8 "White Bird," Ryan NYP "Spirit of St. Louis," Bernard 130 "Yellow Bird" and real Old Orchard Beach sand. All built by member Clifford Haines of Augusta.*

### Maine Aviation Historical Society RAFFLE

To help raise money for the Society, George Guzzi of Pine Point, ME and Newton, MA, noted aviation artist, has donated a beautiful print of a Curtiss P-40 over Kunming, China. This print is signed by George and Fred Christensen Jr., 10th leading World War II fighter ace with 22 aerial victories. We have had this print framed and will raffle it off. Tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5, and will be limited to 600 tickets. The drawing will be held at noon, September 10th at Greenville or when all tickets are sold.

Six tickets are enclosed. Please return the stubs with your \$5. Take a chance on winning and help support the Society, or try to sell them.



*T.K. Dudley provided us with this unique shot of the Lockheed P2V-5FE Neptune, gate guard at the Brunswick Naval Air Station.*

### Upcoming MAHS Meetings

September 2-3	9 a.m.	Air-Tech Hangar, Sanford, ME Airport*
September 9-10	9 a.m.	Greenville Seaplane Fly-In, Greenville, Maine *
October 19	9 a.m.	John Miller's Airstrip, 93 North Rd., Newburgh, ME
November 11	9 a.m.	TBA
December 9	9 a.m.	TBA

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

### Calendar of Events

August 26-27		Bowman Field Fly-In, East Livermore, ME
September 2-3		MPA Air Show and Fly-In, Sanford Airport, ME
September 9-10		Greenville, ME Seaplane Fly-In
September 16	9 a.m.	NHAHS Meeting, Terminal Bldg., Concord, NH Airport
October 7-8		31st Northeast Aero Historians Convention, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
October 7-8		Magnificent Flying Machines Air Show, Rentschler Field, East Hartford, CT
October 8		Fall Flying Finale, Owls Head
October 21		NHAHS Bus Trip to New England Air Museum. Leave from Concord, NH Airport.
October 22		Great Fall Auction, Owls Head

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

### Upcoming Events

■ John Taylor will hold his Annual Bowman Field Fly-In at East Livermore on August 26th-27th. It will feature breakfast and lunch, a baked bean supper on Saturday, overnight camping, plane and helicopter rides, a sky diving exhibition, an ultralight display, a giant flea market and an aviation flea market. For more information, call John at 207-622-4676 or 207-622-4846.

■ The Maine Pilot's Association is holding an air show and fly-in at the Sanford Airport on September 2nd-3rd. We plan to have a table in the Air-Tech Building along with the EAA, MPA, MECAA and others. Pancake breakfasts will be available and there will be a lobster bake Saturday night. Among the acts to be featured will be Danny McCue with his Yak II; Tony Rudder and his Harvard 4; Stan Segali, Flying Farmer; Pitts Special Iron Eagles; N.E. T-6 Demo Team; Bob Barringer in his T-28; Homebuilts; Helicopter; Radio Control Models; and the Lebanon Sky Divers. Presidential Aviation will host a pancake breakfast (\$5.00) from 7-9 a.m. Sanford Air will host a Saturday lobster bake (\$20.00) at 6 p.m. Let's support the MPA and attend this show in force. MAHS will be there. Gates open at 10 a.m.

■ And the next weekend, September 9th-10th, is the 22nd Annual Greenville, Maine International Seaplane Fly-In. Once again, Max Folsom and Company host this great event, featuring their DC-3 on floats. Free camping is available, there is a shuttle service to the airport, and all kinds of contests plus a craft show in Greenville. MAHS will be there. For more information, call 207-695-2821.

■ The 31st Annual Northeast Aero Historians meeting will be held in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada on October 6th-8th. The theme, "Defining the Envelope," will explore Canadian flight test and development programs over the last 50 years. There will be films and hangar flying, speakers, a fly market bazaar, exciting door prizes, great comradeship, a tour of the Canadian National Aviation Museum and its storage and restoration facilities. Call Leo Boyle at 207-854-9972 for programs and registration forms, and also about plane or car pooling.

■ Aero Center officials announced today they will present an air show in early October to commemorate the opening of the new facility at Rentschler Field in East Hartford. The Magnificent Flying Machines Air Show will be held on October 7th-8th. The show will pay tribute to the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II as well as the 70th anniversary of Pratt & Whitney.

The event will feature a wide array of World War II military aircraft and other vintage military, commercial and experimental planes. Stunt pilots will perform aerobatic maneuvers and formation flying. Pratt will also host a display featuring many of the engines the company has built over the last 70 years. Special activities for children also are planned.

Gates will open at 9:00 a.m. each day and flying will begin at noon. Ticket prices are \$10.00 for adults, \$7.00 for senior citizens and \$5.00 for children under 12. Children two years of age and under will be admitted free. After September 22nd, ticket prices will be \$15.00, \$12.00 and \$10.00 respectively.

■ For more information on the October 21st NHAHS bus trip to the New England Air Museum from Concord, NH, contact member Dick Bleakney at 603-227-0779.

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