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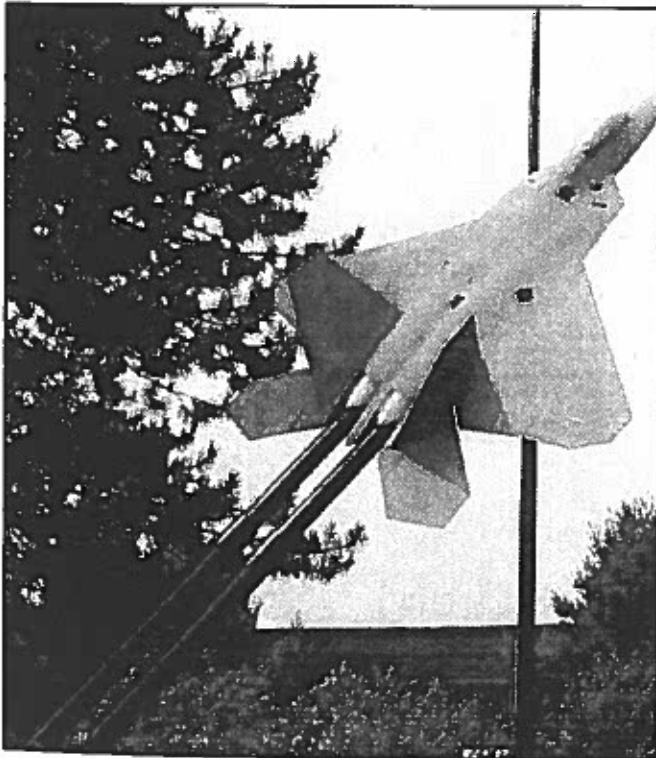
Pratt & Whitney: "25 Years in Maine" Celebration

On June 27, 2004, a celebration was held at North Berwick to celebrate Pratt & Whitney's presence in Maine for 25 years since 1979. Governor Baldacci and Senator Collins were there to represent the state.

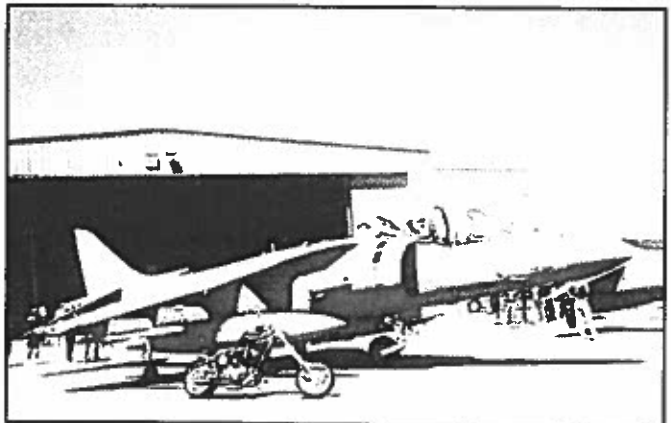
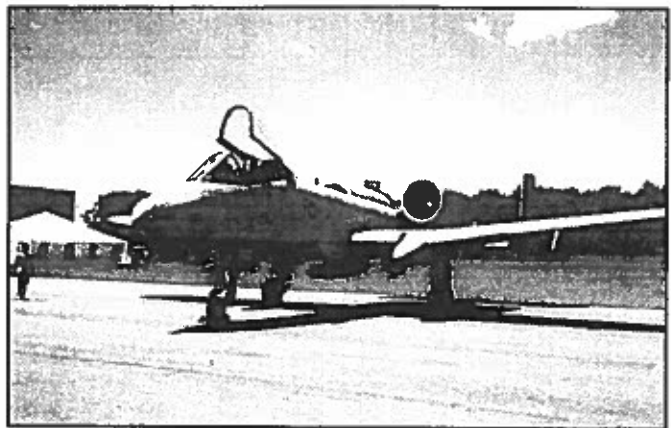
In reality, their Maine roots go back to their beginning in 1925. Hundreds of Mainers migrated to Connecticut over the years to work at Pratt & Whitney there, many spending their entire career with P&W before retiring back to Maine.

Member Bob Umberger is one of those who worked all over the world, including North Berwick, before retiring. Company President Louis R. Chenevert congratulated the workers on their work ethics and their safety record. He then unveiled a statue of an F-22 Raptor jet fighter at the plant. Currently, there are about 1400 employed at this plant.

Below: The statue of the F-22 Raptor fighter at the North Berwick Plant of Pratt & Whitney which was unveiled and dedicated at their 25th anniversary celebration. (Photos by Bob Umberger Jr.)



Newsletter Editor: Leo Boyle



Top: An A-10 Warthog at the Sanford Airport for the Pratt & Whitney "25 Years in Maine" Celebration on June 27, 2004. *Bottom:* A Harrier at Sanford. Their arrival and departure were a sight to behold.

Editor's Note

Will the new *Dirigo Flyer* editor, whoever you are, please contact the Board of Directors or Leo Boyle ASAP?? **Thank You!**

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Monthly meetings
are held at 10 a.m.
on the second Saturday
of each month
at various locations.

See calendar for details.

Maine Aviation Historical Society Maine Air Museum Monthly Members Meeting · July 10, 2004

Call to order. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Shaw at 1000 hrs at the Maine Air Museum. Eighteen members and guests were present.

Treasurer's Report. No report, treasurer absent.

Secretary's Report. Townsend was absent at the June meeting. Minutes were taken by Cornett. These were accepted as read from the *Dirigo Flyer*.

Membership. Boyle reported 162 members with three new members and one reinstatement. There were four non-renewals in the past month.

President's Report. Vice President Shaw noted that help is needed to operate the museum on the weekends with upcoming weekends needing museum attendants.

Museum Report. Cornett. Several new articles have been recently been donated. An original patch from the 48th FIS at Presque Isle, some models, some money was donated toward the General Aviation display, the return manifest for the stowaway that was on the *Yellow Bird* transatlantic flight. The letter will become part of our transatlantic display.

Physical Plant. Cormier. The third roll-up door has been installed. Downeast Sheet Metal is coming over to give us an estimate on the final duct work. Bay One scraping has been done and there is some cement work to be done followed by painting the bay.

Old Business. P-3 Orion. Only one is currently available and it is in unflyable condition in Florida. The Navy supply of surplus P-3s has been sold to India and P-3s being returned from Spain are being transferred to the Forest Service.

New Business. The Past Perfect Software package has been installed. Membership lists are being transferred from the newsletter editor to the museum computer. We were represented in the Bangor 4th of July parade. Special thanks to Jim Nelligan for his hard work at the museum. Shaw went to the Bowdoinham Airport where a truckload of magazines were picked up that had been donated to the museum. Hank Marois donated a TV and a VCR. Biographical material on Albert Stevens has been received from the Belfast Library. Stevens was a resident of Belfast.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 1031 hours.



Summer Excitement



With summer comes excitement — not only the great planes coming and going but great new exhibits to enhance the museum for our visitors. There is something for everyone to do and enjoy, so sign up now to volunteer and bring some excitement into *your* summer!



Museum Hours

The Maine Air Museum opened for the season on May 29, 2004.

We will be open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.

Please see Les Smith or Ed Armstrong to volunteer for some shifts at the museum → → → → → where the planes fly by!

**Maine Aviation Historical Society
Maine Air Museum
Board of Directors Meeting · July 10, 2004**

The meeting was called to order at 1038 hours in the office of the Maine Air Museum, by Vice President Shaw. Present: Shaw, Sederquist, Cornett, Cormier, Townsend (recording), Johnson, and Boyle. Absent: Armstrong, Nodding, Gopan, Quinn.

Items:

1. E-mail used for board business. There is continued discussion and concern about the types of business that can or should be conducted via e-mail. There were suggestions concerning levels of urgency, daily discussions, and decisions concerning minor expenses. No conclusions were reached. Shaw will work up a statement concerning some of the business that can be conducted via e-mail.
2. The meeting scheduled for September is the same date as the Greenville Fly-in. It was decided to set the September meeting of the Maine Aviation Historical Society as the third weekend of September for this month only.
3. We will order more MAHS ball caps. We decided to order six dozen at a cost of \$6.75 each. Cormier will take care of this matter.
4. Adjournment. This meeting was adjourned at 1100 hours.

*William Townsend
Recording Secretary*

Board of Directors Meeting · July 22, 2004

Call to order. The meeting was called to order at 1800 hours at the Maine Air Museum by Chairman Noddin. Present: Noddin, Shaw, Cormier, Sederquist, Quinn, Townsend, Johnson, Armstrong, Gopan. Absent: Cornett, Boyle.

Lease from the City of Bangor. We currently pay \$1 per year which will be followed by a percentage rate of 5% of our gross sales commencing on the sixth year. This will begin on April 1, 2005.

Huey Paperwork. Gopan not present at the time this was discussed. Noddin has some of the paperwork and will be seeing Garbinski within the week.

Luscombe. The attachment of wings and the placing of the aircraft on outside display is planned for 7/22 after the directors meeting. It was moved: "that we restrict the Luscombe to static display at the museum." Seconded. Passed unanimously. It was moved: "that Scott Grant be offered the position of crew chief to the Luscombe and request that he submit a list of costs to maintain it as a static display." Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Staffing Issues. We are still staffing on a week-to-week basis.

New Leadership. It was moved: "that we table Cornett's letter of resignation from the Board of Directors." Seconded. Passed unanimously. Shaw is resigning as an officer at the end of his current term as Vice President.

Fundraising Discussion. Townsend suggested that the fundraising movement be renewed. It was suggested and several members agreed that we need to seek out a business-oriented rather than an aviation-oriented individual to head up our fundraising efforts. It was decided we would try by the next meeting to come up with suggestions as to possible business leaders to approach for assistance.

General Aviation Display. Donors of money and material of the display are concerned about when the display will be ready. The back drop has been constructed and a variety of pictures received. Cormier will be in charge of finishing touches.

Representation of the Organization. There is a concern about the general membership, some of whom have made statements concerning the organization. There has also been some wasteful duplication of time and resources due to projects initiated by individual members. It was felt that we need a policy statement that any solicitations and projects be presented to the Board of Directors in advance.

Frank Powers Letter. Powers had volunteered to work on reorganizing the office. At this time we feel we should decline his offer.

Snowman Printing Bill. It was moved: "That we pay Snowman Printing a total of \$2400 for printing the book The History of the Air Force in Maine." Seconded. Passed.

Adjournment. This meeting was adjourned at 1930 hrs.

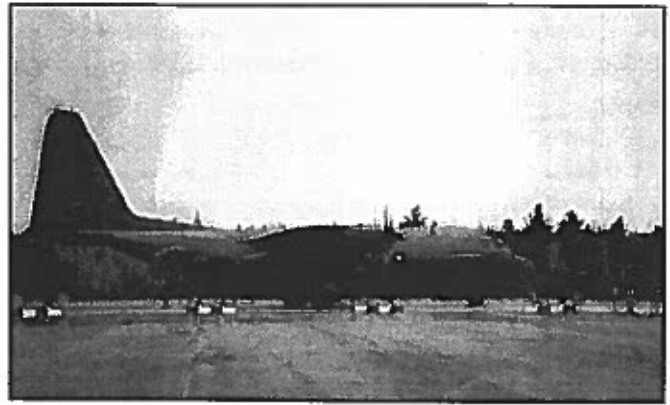
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Catch the Excitement at the Maine Air Museum

Photos by Mike Cornett



Royal Navy Harrier at Bangor.



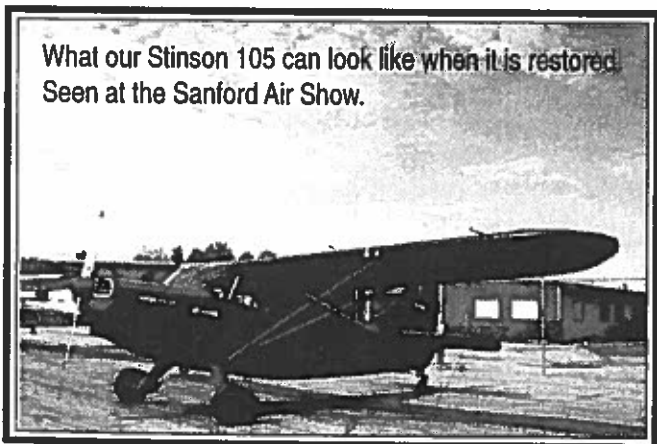
AC-130 at Bangor.



Lockheed L-1011 Tanker of the Royal Air Force at Bangor.



An RAF Tornado at Bangor.



What our Stinson 105 can look like when it is restored.
Seen at the Sanford Air Show.



Information, Please

This Aeromarine 39B was used by Lenox Saw Blades on a promotional tour from Portland, Maine to Daytona, Florida. It was flown by Harry D. Copeland in 1920-21.

Does anyone have more info on this flight? Please let your editor know if you do. (Photo from World War I Aero, #184)

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Portland International Jetport · Portland, Maine
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Dear Aviation Fans:

The Portland International Jetport will be hosting the First Annual Aviation Past and Present Aircraft Static Display on September 18 and 19, 2004. We will have many vintage aircraft represented at this event. Some of the aircraft include the following:

B-17G Flying Fortress and B-24 Liberator. These two warbirds are truly remarkable planes. The combat records of both the B-17 and the B-24 speak for themselves.

F4U-SNL. Known for its ability to out-fly enemy fighters and pound ground targets, the Corsair is one of the most versatile piston-engine fighters ever produced.

B-25J Mitchell. Legendary events such as the Doolittle Raid and the countless bombing missions during WWII are brought to life through the B-25. Whether looking up at the Norden Bombsight in the nose of the Mitchell, or watching this famed warrior roar past the crowd line, people love to see the B-25.

TBM-3 E Avenger. Whether discussing the Battle of Midway, or the sinking of Japan's two largest battleships, the TBM was a key player in the battle of the Pacific during WWII.

Also represented at the event will be modern day military aircraft from the Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force. Attached is a copy of "DD Form 2535" which has been sub-

mitted to each military installation public affairs office. The event has been approved.

Many other weekend activities have been planned for event participants. Shipyard Brewery will be hosting an arrival social on Friday September 17th at 6:00 p.m. that will include a lobster bake. On Saturday night, event participants will be treated to a sunset cruise of Portland Harbor followed by an old-fashioned hanger dance open to the public. Hotel rooms will be available at the Double Tree Hotel in Portland, Maine at a discounted rate. Please call 207-774-5611 to make your reservation. A very limited number of complimentary rooms are available, please call me at 207-756-8027 to inquire. Transportation to and from the hotel will be provided.

The airport is in the process of making many infrastructure improvements and facility upgrades. By September 17th runway 11/29 will have 7200 ft. available for arrivals and departures. It is currently 6800 ft. The airport will provide security at the event both during the show and after hours. For more details please contact me directly.

Gregory T. Hughes, Marketing Manager
Portland International Jetport
Tel: 207-756-8035 Fax: 207-791-8955

Always An Exciting Event

The Quonset Air Museum and USS Saratoga Museum Foundation have confirmed the date of the next meeting of the Northeast Aero Historians. The date is October 22-24, 2004.

I enclose a copy of Frank Lennon's e-mail with some of the details (see ad in next column). Frank would appreciate any suggestions from the members regarding speakers and, in particular, names, places and events of aviation history in Rhode Island.

Frank and/or Bill Sheridan can be reached at:

USS Saratoga Museum Foundation
P.O. Box 28581
Providence, RI 02908
tel: 401-831-8696
fax: 401-831-8707
e-mail: savesara@aol.com

The Quonset Museums have never sponsored an NEAH meeting before and are, in fact, relative newcomers to the field of aviation museums which makes their offer highly commendable. Conversations with Frank and Bill confirm their enthusiasm and commitment to have a thoroughly enjoyable weekend.

I will be glad to mail you the program as soon as it is available (probably about mid-September). In the meantime, member museums are obligated to do their own promotion.

See you in October!

OCTOBER 22-24, 2004



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QUONET AIR MUSEUM
North Kingstown, Rhode Island**

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Speeches, lunch and banquet on Saturday.
Tour on Sunday.

Program and registration forms will be available
by September. For more information, call
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fax: 401-831-8707 e-mail: savesara@aol.com

Buy a Brick and Support the Maine Air Museum

The Maine Air Museum is proud to announce the new Memorial Pathway Program. Here's how it works:

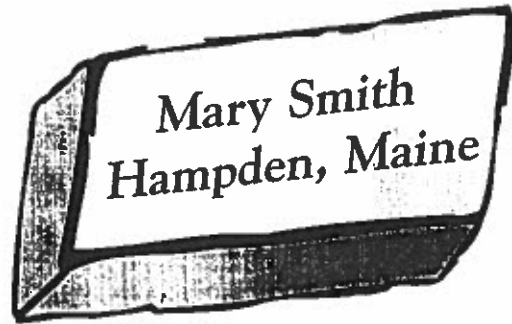
To successfully carry out and reach the museum vision, and to refurbish building 98, the Maine Air Museum needs the financial support of business and public community leaders and individual private citizens. Your interest in preserving the rich Maine aviation history will require funding presently not available to the museum effort. To this end, the museum board has established the following contribution plan for receiving your monetary donation and recognizing your gift permanently in the museum pathway and wall of honor. Remember: your donation is fully deductible.

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★ Cirrus Member (Cj) — \$2500 Donation

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- August 7-8 All Day Aerobatic Spectacular, Owls Head Transportation Museum, Owls Head, Maine.
- August 14 10 a.m. MAHS Meeting, Maine Air Museum, Bangor, Maine.
- August 21-22 All Day Skyhaven Airshow '04, Ossipee Valley Aviation, Rochester, NH.
- September 9-12 All Day International Seaplane Fly-In, Greenville, Maine.
- September 18-19 All Day PWM Aircraft Display Show, Portland International Jetport.
- September TBA All Day MAHS Meeting, Maine Air Museum, Bangor, Maine.
- October 22-24 All Day Northeast Aero Historians Meeting, USS Saratoga Museum, North Kingstown, RI.

Welcome, New Members

466. **Steven Grant**
 30 East Elm Street
 Yarmouth, ME 04096

467. **Mike Foster**
 438 Finson Road
 Bangor, ME 04401

We Still Need Volunteers

We still need volunteers to work in the museum! We need people to work on our engine displays, touch up and production of historical displays, office work, computer filing, and, of course, yard work. We also need a serious model builder to assist in repairing, cleaning and constructing models, dioramas and other displays.

To volunteer, call 1-877-280-MAHS. To check the dates on which we need help, link to:

MaineAirMuseumvolunteerschedule.org

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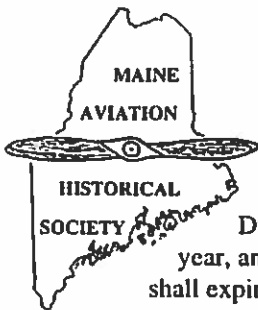


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August Meeting

August 14, 2004

10 a.m.

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