

VAA NEWS



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Tom Poberezny Inducted Into San Diego Hall of Fame


Congratulations to EAA Chairman Emeritus Tom Poberezny, who was inducted into the San Diego International Air & Space Hall of Fame on November 5. Tom was honored for his leadership of EAA, his 25-year air show career, and the creation of EAA's Young Eagles program. Other inductees included Apollo astronaut Walt Cunningham, Voyager pilot Dick Rutan, the U.S. Navy TOPGUN school, and World War II pilot Jerry Coleman, perhaps better known as a second baseman for the New York Yankees in the 1950s and a Hall of Fame baseball broadcaster. Paul Poberezny had been inducted into the same hall of fame in 1996.



EAA Mourns Death of Longtime Aircraft Technician

EAA staff members are mourning the loss of co-worker Ted Mos-

John Underwood Inducted Into VAA Hall of Fame



During ceremonies held the evening of October 27, 2011, noted author and aviation history enthusiast John Underwood was inducted into the Vintage Aircraft Association's Hall of Fame. Other inductees included Jack McCornack of Cave Junction, Oregon (Ultralight Hall of Fame), the late Tony LeVier of La Canada, California (International Aerobatic Club Hall of Fame), the late David B. Lindsay Jr. of Sarasota, Florida (Warbirds of America Hall of Fame), and Ed Fisher of Gilbert, South Carolina (Homebuilders Hall of Fame).

“Each of these five individuals has made a unique contribution to the world of flight that has benefited all of us,” said Rod Hightower, EAA president and CEO. “These inductees serve as an example for everyone involved in flying and represent the best that recreational aviation has to offer. We recognize their commitment and passion for flying and are honored to welcome them into the EAA Sport Aviation Hall of Fame.”

We'll have more on Underwood's lifetime in aviation in the January issue of *Vintage Airplane*.

man, whose expertise in aircraft maintenance kept EAA's B-17 and Ford Tri-Motor flying on tour for the past 20 years. Mosman died on October 20 after a battle with cancer. He was 57.

Mosman, an Iowa native, joined EAA in 1980 when the organization's headquarters were in the Milwaukee area, then made the move to Oshkosh with EAA in the early 1980s. He was an integral part of EAA's B-17 and Tri-Motor restorations and worked on

every aircraft owned by the organization. He also assisted air show performers and others who hangered aircraft at the Kermit Weeks Flight Research Center during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. “Whenever we needed something done on the B-17 when it was on the road, Ted was right there; he was a natural mechanic,” EAA Founder Paul Poberezny said. “He'd always go along on the test flight afterward and listen to make sure everything was right.”



More Information on Bellanca N6561N

As is often the case with our vintage aircraft, there's much more to the story of an aircraft featured in our pages than meets the eye. Such is the case of Bellanca Cruisemaster N6561N, and in the caption accompanying the photo of the airplane published in the October issue, we should have filled in a few more blanks. Prior to being acquired by its current owner, Ron Hansen, it was owned by Al Pontious and Jere Calef.

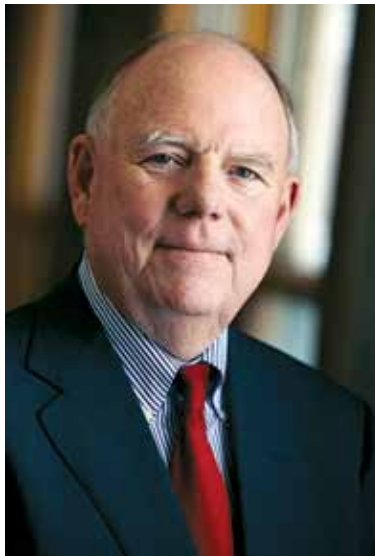
After being damaged when the left main gear leg collapsed on landing at the Columbia, California, airport during the annual Bellanca fly-in, the airplane was declared to be a total loss by an insurance company. It was disassembled and placed in storage pending its disposition. The most likely outcome was that the airplane would be sold for parts.

Pontious, who has owned, maintained, and restored Bellancas for many years and who is a well-known expert on Bellanca aircraft, did not want to see another Bellanca delegated to the parts bin, so he and Calef purchased the pieces, brought them home to Mojave, and began the repair/restoration. In addition to the damage caused by the gear collapse, there was significant damage inflicted when the aircraft was disassembled and transported to the storage facility. After a little more than a year's worth of effort, N6561N again took to the skies in the condition shown in the October issue. Mr. Hansen subsequently purchased the aircraft from the partners, who were glad to see another Bellanca cruising the skies.

VAA Dues

Per Section VI., Dues, of the VAA's bylaws, the VAA board of directors has voted to set the yearly dues of the association at \$42 per year, effective March 1, 2012.

Louie Andrew Honored With Henry Kimberly Leadership Award



Louie Andrew

Longtime Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, attorney Louie Andrew was awarded the Henry Kimberly Spirit of Leadership Award for his volunteer efforts on behalf of EAA and the community during the Sport Aviation Hall of Fame banquet October 27 at the EAA Aviation Center in Oshkosh. As part of the award, named for renowned Oshkosh business leader and EAA supporter Henry Kimberly, Andrew received a

\$1,000 prize to designate toward any of EAA's programs.

Andrew's advice, knowledge of the community and region, and passion for flight contribute to his effectiveness in his role as interim chairman of EAA's board of directors. He also serves as chairman of EAA's executive committee and a director for the International Aerobatic Club.

He began flying at the Fond du Lac airport at age 14, soloed on his 16th birthday, and obtained his private pilot certificate at age 17. Andrew, who holds single- and multi-engine land and instrument ratings, flies a Piper Aztec and an Aeronca Super Chief that are based at Fond du Lac County Airport.

Andrew, a University of Notre Dame and Marquette University Law School graduate, has been a practicing attorney in Fond du Lac for 45 years, specializing in corporate and real estate law. He also owns and operates Guaranty Service Group Inc., which operates seven title insurance offices and provides services to lenders in the state of Wisconsin and six other Midwestern states. Andrew and his wife, Sue, live in Fond du Lac and are parents of five children.

