



Air-Log

The
University
of Texas
at Dallas

THE HISTORY OF AVIATION COLLECTION

The Admiral Rosendahl Collection
The CAT/Air America Archive

Winter 2004

The James H. Doolittle Library
The George H. Williams Library

Digital Archive nears debut in Spring of '04

This spring the History of Aviation Collection plans to "go live" on the Internet with the first digitally processed collections in the CAT/Air America Archive.

In an exciting step in the HAC's digital technology project, photographs from the Allen Rich and Robert Rousselot collections will be the first to be posted on the website

With this new technology, patrons throughout the world will be able to look at photographs and negatives from the CAT/Air America Archive and eventually other HAC collections.

The ambitious program to catalog, scan, and download onto the internet the bulk of the photographic images from the CAT/Air America Collection began during the summer of 2003.

The cataloging and scanning was completed by intern Thomas Allen who has since joined the staff full-time as an archivist. In the fall, another new full-time archivist, Paul Oelkrug, began to connect images with their metadata. During the past three months, Oelkrug and Allen have worked to complete the project.

2004 Jalonick Memorial Lecture set July 10

Attention HAC Friends! Please mark your calendars. The 2004 Jalonick Memorial Lecture on July 10 will feature aviation historian Col. C.V. Glines, U.S. Air Force (Ret).



Col. C.V. Glines

Author of more than 35 books, he has won numerous writing awards, including the prestigious Lyman Award for aviation writing. Widely known as the biographer of Gen. Jimmy Doolittle and the Doolittle Raiders, Glines will focus on Gen. Doolittle's outstanding career in aviation in his July 10 lecture. The event is free but seating is limited to 100 in the McDermott Library Auditorium located on the University of Texas at Dallas campus. A reception will follow the lecture. Contact Carole Thomas at 972-883-2570 for details.

2004 Reunion Set for Dallas, June 3-6

AIR AMERICA

The Air America Association will hold its annual reunion June 3-6 at the Westin Park Central hotel in Dallas TX. More than 300 former employees, spouses, and friends are expected to attend. The reunion will consist of informal meet and greet gatherings, a general business

meeting, and a formal banquet.

The HAC will hold a reception for the Air America Association in the Special Collections Department of the McDermott Library on Saturday, June 5. UTD is the official home of the CAT/Air America Archive. For more information please visit the Air America Association website located at:

<http://www.air-america.org>

Doolittle Raider Hoover Goes West

Colonel Travis Hoover, 86, pilot of the second B-25 to take off from the carrier Hornet for the 1942 Doolittle raid on Japan, died on Saturday, January 17, 2004 at Joplin MO. He was buried at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. His death leaves 17 surviving Raiders out of the original 80 who flew on their epic mission.

Hoover remained in the China-Burma-India Theater briefly after the

See Hoover on Page 2



Patrizia Nava

Thomas Allen

Archivist Hired

Thomas J. Allen, graduate of Indiana University with a Master's degree in Library Science, and a bachelor's degree in European History from Chapman University has joined the archival staff. His experience includes internships at the Richard Nixon Library in Yorba Linda, CA and the National Archives Agency in Laguna Niguel, CA. From May-August 2003, Allen was an intern in UTD Special Collections. In addition to his traditional archival duties, he is scanning and organizing photographs for use in an online digital collection.

German Translator Added

Patrizia Nava, a native of Germany, has joined the HAC staff on a part-time basis as a translator of German holdings. Her primary duty is to translate and create a database for the extensive collection of German aviation books, scrap books, maps, and periodicals acquired from Ed Ferko estate.

Mrs. Nava earned a Master's degree from the University of Heidelberg with a major in Medieval and Modern History, Romance Philology and Literary Studies.

Dien Bien Phu lecture May 7

Dr. Erik D. Carlson will present a 2 p.m. lecture on May 7 at UTD about Civil Air Transport and the fall of Dien Bien Phu that occurred 50 years ago.

Meet HAC Advisory Board Members Lewis Burridge and Janice Barden

The History of Aviation Collection (HAC) Advisory Board includes 16 outstanding citizens who represent a cross-section of aviation interests from various parts of the country. They meet annually at UTD for a progress report on the collection.

A. Lewis Burridge of Ripton VT graduated from the U.S. Navy Aviation Cadet program in 1942. He instructed for Marine pilots and served in the Pacific Theater, 1944-1945, and China/Manchuria, 1945-1946. He was a pilot for CNRRA Air Transport in 1946 and joined Civil Air Transport (CAT) as a pilot the following year. He served as director of the China Areas for CAT for two years, then was Assistant to the President of CAT for three years, directing airlift operations during the Korean War.

Mr. Burridge later served from 1956-1985 in the Far East as an executive for Sterling Drug Inc. Meanwhile, he was a director for three Japanese-American Joint Ventures from 1964-1969. During his service in the Far East, he was president of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan and the

Philippines and active in other civic and business-related organizations. He is currently president of the New England World Trade Corp. and Kent Associates.

Ms. Janice K. Barden, widely known in the business aviation community, is founder and president of Aviation Personnel International of New Orleans. Her firm, founded in 1971, specializes in personnel functions related specifically to the business aviation industry. Included are recruiting, personnel selection, evaluation, human factors analysis, reference checking, wage and salary administration and succession planning.

Ms. Barden holds a degree in Industrial Psychology from Kent State University and is a member of the Flight Safety Foundation, the National Business Aircraft Association, the Professional Aviation Maintenance Association, and the Psi Chi National Honorary Psychology Fraternity.

She has chaired seven conventions of the National Business Aircraft Association and the Flight Safety Corporate Aviation Safety Seminar.

Hoover received the Distinguished Flying Cross

Continued from page 1

raid and subsequently flew combat missions from England, North Africa and Italy. Peacetime service included tours in Okinawa and Turkey. His stateside assignments were in Washington DC, Texas, California, Mississippi and Kansas. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with nine Oak Leaf Clusters. He

retired as a colonel in 1970.

The City of Tucson donated 80 goblets to the Doolittle Raiders in 1959 to be used annually to toast those who have gone between reunions. Hoover's silver goblet will be turned down at their reunion in Tucson in mid-April. Between reunions, the goblets are on display at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs CO.



Carlson Lecture Highlights Texas Aviation Pioneer Carl Cromwell

Dr. Erik Carlson, head of Special Collections at UTD, presented a lecture at the university, titled, “Texas Aviation Pioneer Carl Cromwell: Taking Chances in the Western Skies.”

Cromwell became famous when he directed the drilling of the world’s deepest oil well in the Santa Rita fields near Big Lake TX in 1923. That discovery on land owned by the University of Texas, fueled the endowment that today supports a nine-university system.

Cromwell recognized that to make the new oil business more efficient in the vast expanses of West Texas, the industry needed commercial airline service. So without the stability of a government air-mail contract, he launched Cromwell Air Lines out of San Angelo, Texas. With great strength of personality, Cromwell organized and promoted his fleet of three airplanes. He assembled a crew of crack pilots who later enjoyed success in the industry. Unfortunately the airline began on the eve of the great stock market crash of 1929.

One Cromwell plane was destroyed by fire at Dallas Love Field. After only nine months, the airline folded in July of 1930. In 1931 Cromwell was killed in an auto accident while visting relatives in the northeast. Carlson noted that Cromwell was ahead of his time and was stricken with the unfortunate timing of the Depression.

The lecture was based on Carlson’s paper, “Carl G. Cromwell and Cromwell Airlines: The Dawn of Commercial Aviation in West Texas, 1928-1931” that was published in the *West Texas Historical Association Year Book*, Volume 79, October 2003.

Special guests included Rubyann and Gordon Darnell Jr., relatives of Cromwell chief pilot Gordon Darnell Sr. Also on hand was Debbie Montgomery, a cataloger in the McDermott Library whose grandfather was Cecil Darnell, brother of Gordon Darnell Sr.



Debbie Montgomery with relatives Rubyann and Gordon Darnell Jr.



Dr. Carlson signals the countdown

HAC Celebrates 100th Year of Wrights’ Powered Flight

At exactly 10:35 a.m. (Central Standard Time) on Dec. 17, 2003, a large turnout in the Special Collections Department noted the moment when the Wright Brothers made their first powered and controlled flight at Kill Devil Hill on North Carolina’s Outer Banks.

While the formal celebration was taking place at the actual site near Kitty Hawk, NC, Dr. Erik Carlson directed a count of 12 seconds that was the time taken by the initial flight of 120 feet. The department also marked off 120 feet at two locations on the third floor of the McDermott Library to show the historic distance.

James Walker Papers Ready for Research

Those interested in early commercial aviation history in Texas should consider the James Walker papers. Walker started his long career in aviation with Cromwell Airlines, Inc. in San Angelo in 1929. After Cromwell Airlines went out of business, he flew for Bowen Airlines in Fort Worth. During World War II Walker flew for the U.S. Army Air Corps. After the war, James Walker had an outstanding career with American Airlines.

The University of Texas at Dallas
An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action University
History of Aviation Collection
Website: www.utdallas.edu/library/special/index.html
Phone: 972-883-2570 Fax: 972-883-4590
Editor C.V. Glines
Design & Contributor . . Tom Koch
Contributor Erik D. Carlson, Ph.D.

WINTER 2004



Air-Log

The University of Texas at Dallas
Box 830643
Richardson TX 75083-0643

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Richardson TX 75080
Permit 108

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED