HAC Holds 2002 Jalonick Lecture on Commercial Aviation History

On July 27, 2002 the History of Aviation Collection played host to the George III and Dorothy Cockrell Jalonick Memorial Distinguished Lecture Series featuring Auburn University history professor W. David Lewis, Ph.D. Currently, Lewis is writing a biography on the spectacular life and times of Eddie Rickenbacker, WWI fighter ace and successful commercial airline executive. Lewis is a specialist on the history of commercial aviation in the United States.

Dr. Lewis’s lecture was entitled “The Hero in His Prime: Eddie Rickenbacker and Eastern Airlines, 1934-1941.” Lewis spoke to a near capacity audience of 70 people in the McDermott Library Auditorium. The lecture included a slide show of Rickenbacker from his days as an auto racer, World War I pilot, and president of Eastern Airlines. After the lecture, guests toured the Special Collections Department during a reception for Dr. Lewis. Guests enjoyed a hot and cold buffet and beverages as they mingled with Lewis.
The CAT/ Air America Memorial at UTD

2002 Civil Air Transport Reunion

Members of the Civil Air Transport Association (CAT) will meet for their annual reunion from September 5-8, 2002 in San Antonio, Texas. The gathering of former CAT employees will consist of informal meet and greet sessions, a general business meeting, and a banquet. For more information please contact Pat Schier at 512-258-5288 or you can email her at sawaddi123@austin.rr.com.

The University of Texas at Dallas History of Aviation Collection Web Site is www.utdallas.edu/library/special/index.html

2004 Air America Reunion Set For Richardson, Texas

Good news — the 2004 Air America Association reunion is planned for Richardson, Texas. The History of Aviation Collection will hold a reception in honor of the Air America Association at the McDermott Library. UTD is the official archive of Air America and the home of the CAT/Air America Memorial. More than 300 former Air America employees, spouses, children, and friends descended on Renton, Washington for the 2002 (May 29- June 1) Air America Association annual reunion. The reunion was marked by informal gatherings and the general business meeting. Many of the attendees toured the Museum of Flight in Seattle. The banquet was highlighted by a talk by journalist Joseph Golden.
New Books in the History of Aviation Collection Library

Every month new releases and older titles on all aspects of aviation history are cataloged and added to the HAC Library. Toni Huckaby, Special Collections cataloger, is in charge of processing books bought or donated to the History of Aviation Collection. Here are a few of the dozens of books added over the last quarter.

Cain, Anthony C. *The Forgotten Air Force: French Air Doctrine in the 1930s.* (new)


Selvaggi, Rossi. *A History of Randolph Air Force Base.* (donated)

Pisano, Domick. *Charles Lindbergh and the Spirit of St. Louis.* (new)

Franks, Norman. *Casualties of the German Air Service 1914-1920.* (new)


Meet A Volunteer

Don Lane is one of 10 experienced volunteers at the History of Aviation Collection at UTD. Most of the volunteers are former military personnel whose service has been related to aviation. Don was born in New York City and graduated from Delahanty Institute in 1955. His major field of study was radio/TV, electronics and computer programming. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1955-59 as a radar, electronics and telephone technician. His overseas service was in Japan and Okinawa. He was stationed stateside at Shaw AFB, South Carolina.

After release from active duty, Don served with IBM at New York City, Endicott and Poughkeepsie before transferring to Dallas/Fort Worth. As a civilian he worked on several generations of computers and has maintained a general interest in aviation. He retired from IBM in 1987 and was a programming consultant until 2000.

Don is also a volunteer at the C.R. Smith/American Airlines Museum and serves as an Ambassador Volunteer at D/FW Airport. He is the in-house computer expert for the History of Aviation Collection and prepares data bases to simplify archival searching.

Killeen, Texas To Honor Doolittle Raider

Killeen, Texas will again honor Captain Robert M. Gray, one of Doolittle’s pilots on the 1942 raid who was later killed in India. Gray was born in Killeen and attended high school there. The city is constructing a new civilian passenger terminal adjacent to Robert Gray Army Air Field at Fort Hood, to be opened in April 2004. At that time, commercial air service will be moved from the Killeen Municipal Airport. The building will include a life-size bronze statue of Gray, a large model of his B-25, *Whiskey Pete*, and other memorabilia. They plan to extend an invitation to the Doolittle Raiders to hold a future reunion in Killeen.

2003 Doolittle Tokyo Raider Reunion in California

The surviving Doolittle Tokyo Raiders accepted an invitation to hold their 61st reunion in April, 2003 at the Jimmy Doolittle Air and Space Museum at Travis AFB, California. At that time, the museum will be officially dedicated to their leader, a native Californian.

Two of Doolittle’s Tokyo Raiders died recently. J. Royden Stork, co-pilot on Crew No. 10, died on May 2, two weeks after attending the reunion at Columbia, South Carolina in April, the 60th anniversary of their mission. Col. Henry A. Potter, navigator on Crew No. 1 piloted by then Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle, died on Memorial Day, May 27. There are now 21 living Raiders out of the original 80 who flew on their epic mission of April 18, 1942.
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