

BELLRINGER

November 2010

Lawrence D. Bell Aircraft Museum

In February 2010 Board Director, Mr. Gerald Romine, resigned as President and Mr. Tim Whetstone became the new President. In 1976 the Mentone Chamber of Commerce chose Mr. Romine to appoint a Board of Directors, establishing the Lawrence D. Bell Aircraft Museum in Mentone Indiana. Mr. Romine has remained an active member of the Board.

During the year the museum staff has continued to add memorabilia to the museum collection. The Mentone section is growing and continues to accept donations of items. Grants from the Kosciusko County Community Foundation and the Kosciusko REMC Roundup Fund were used to paint the Bell 47G and 47H helicopters. Both are on display. Additional donations were received from Cargill, Inc., and a Memorial for Mrs. Olive Tucker.

A Grant was received from the Epson Corporation in the form of a scanner allowing the staff to begin digitizing the 40 thousand plus Bell negatives on file. The project is expected to take several years to complete.

Coffees were held to inform travelers of upcoming tours. This year the Museum

sponsored several bus tours utilized by 106 travelers to Washington D. C., Southern Indiana, and Chicago Christmas shopping.

Trips for 2011 are now being planned for the Canadian Rockies by train, Kentucky, and Chicago shopping.

The newly designed brochure was completed and distribution has begun.

The Lawrence D. Bell Aircraft Museum has completed its 34th year by hosting the *Rotors Over Mentone*. Twelve helicopters answered the call to participate in the first ever event of this type at the museum. The weather was not the greatest but a large crowd of onlookers supported the event.

The event was made possible with the assistance of: Mr. Chuck Surack, Sweetwater Sound, Inc., Mr. Steve Johnson, Goshen Helicopter, Inc., Mr. Randy Sharkey and Mr. Zane Gillin both of Goshen Airport, Inc. The First Baptist Church of Mentone allowed the use of their open fields and parking facilities. Mr. Mark Vanlaningham allowed the use of his property for landing approaches. Support was also received from: Teel's Family Restaurant, Bull Dog Bar and Grill, and Allen's Country Market, Board Members and Friends of the Museum.



Gerald Romine, Bell Museum; Steve Johnson, Goshen Helicopter; Randy Sharkey & Zane Gillin, Goshen Airport



Pat Allen, Allen's Country Market; Jerry White, Bell Museum



Karen Clark, Teel's Family Restaurant; Jerry White, Bell Museum



Gerald Romine, Bell Museum; Tim Carter, Bulldog Bar and Grill

Mr. Chuck Surack, Sweetwater Sound, Inc. (not pictured) was also given a certificate of appreciation.

Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation for Assisting With *Rotors Over Mentone*

The biggest events of the day were helicopter rides, the arrival of the American Huey 803, Parkview Samaritan, the Eurocopter of Mr. Chuck Surack, and the remaining helicopters from all over.



The Museum continues to operate as a Not-for-Profit, tax exempt, 501 (c) (3) Corporation. Our funding activities include programs to help with contributions, promote membership and encourage corporate sponsorship. The museum had a good year with 967 visitors of which 97 were students. Visitation hours continue October through May by appointment.

We want to keep you informed about the museum and museum activities. We need to be fiscally responsible with rising costs. Using your e-mail address can help.

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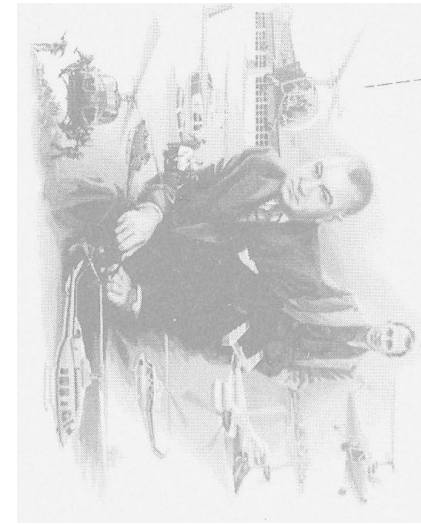
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