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## THE HISTORY OF AVIATION COLLECTION

The Admiral Rosendahl Collection  
The CAT/Air America Archive

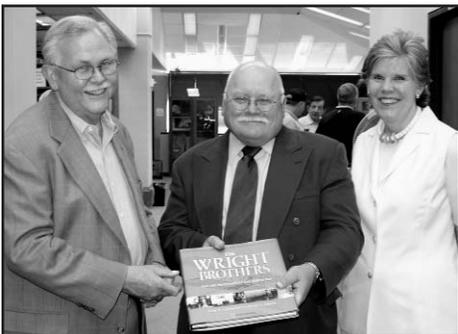
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The James H. Doolittle Library  
The George H. Williams Library

### Virtual Image Archive

The History of Aviation Collection started its first digital imaging project during the summer - the Virtual Image Archive (VIA). The McDermott Library purchased Encompass for Digital Collections software for the Special Collections Department. Encompass is a digital management system that allows patrons to search for material by keywords and to access the images on the worldwide web. Photographs, slides, film, negatives, and documents from individual collections in the CAT/Air America Archive are being scanned, cataloged, and integrated into the Encompass system.

During the summer archival intern Thomas Allen scanned and created descriptive metadata for a majority of the photographs and negatives in the CAT/AAM collection. This fall HAC archivist Paul Oelkrug will enter metadata and link the photographs with the Encompass system. The first images should be available on the McDermott Library website by the end of October, 2003.



Event sponsors George Jalonick IV, left, and his wife Mary Jalonick, right, accept the latest book about the Wright Brothers from the author Tom Crouch, Ph.D., of the Smithsonian Institution.

### Overflow Crowd Attends 2003 Jalonick Lecture

The McDermott Library Auditorium was filled to capacity for the 2003 Jalonick Memorial Lecture that featured Tom D. Crouch, Ph.D., Senior Curator of the National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution. On June 28 Crouch lectured on one of his specialties, the Wright Brothers, during the 100th Anniversary year of powered and controlled flight. The event was organized by the library's Special Collections Department and History of Aviation Collection. After the lecture, Dr. Crouch was honored by a reception in the History of Aviation Collection. Earlier in the day, Crouch was interviewed on the Glen Mitchell radio show on 90.1 KERA. He was also interviewed by the *Dallas Morning News* Richardson edition.



### 2003 Air America Association Reunion

More than 300 former Air America employees, spouses, children, and friends attended the 2003 Air America Association reunion in Jacksonville, Florida. The reunion was marked by informal gatherings, a riverboat dinner, a tour of the U.S.S. John F. Kennedy, a general business meeting, and a banquet. At the business meeting head of the History of Aviation Collection, Erik D. Carlson, Ph.D., gave a progress report on the CAT/Air America Archive. The 2004 Air

America Reunion is planned for Richardson, Texas, June 3-6, 2004. The History of Aviation Collection will hold a reception in honor of the Air America Association in the Special Collections Department of the McDermott Library. UTD is the official home of the CAT/Air America Archive.



### 2003 Civil Air Transport Association Reunion

Members of the Civil Air Transport Association (CAT) will meet for their annual reunion from October 23-25, 2003 in Reno, Nevada. 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 email her at:

sawaddi123@austin.rr.com.

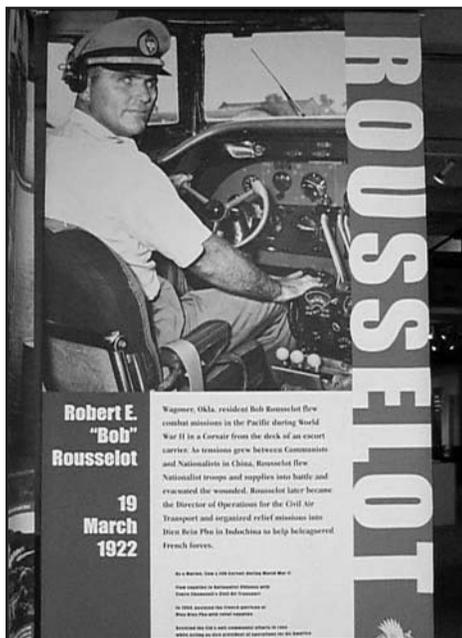


Thomas Allen

### Graduate Summer Intern Works on America Archive

Thomas Allen, a graduate student at Indiana University, spent the past sum-

mer working in the History of Aviation Collection (HAC) as an archival intern. Allen is working on his Master's of Art in archival science. During his internship, Allen answered patron requests, processed several archival collections, created new computer databases, and cataloged a newsletter collection. He spent most of his time with the CAT/Air America Archive helping to rearrange the collection for growth, creating a shelf-list database, scanned and cataloging several hundred Air America photographs for the new HAC Digital Image Project, and reprocessing the Air America film collection.



This is a part of the Bob Rousselot display at the Oklahoma Aviation and Space Hall of Fame.

## CAT/AAM Pilot Rousselot Enters Oklahoma Aviation & Space Hall of Fame

Robert E. "Bob" Rousselot was inducted into the Oklahoma Aviation and Space Hall of Fame at the Omniplex in Oklahoma City on September 20, 2003. McDermott Library Director and former head of the Special Collections Department Larry Sall attended the formal induction ceremony with several hundred other friends of the inductees. In addition to Rousselot four other prominent Oklahomans were honored.

Bob and his wife Ann were present along with sons Wade and Jason. Among the presenters at the program were Senator Jim Inhofe and accepting on behalf of Bob were Wade and Congressman Brad Carson. Bob was honored for his combat flying in a Corsair off the deck of an escort carrier during World War II and his heroic efforts in China with Claire Chennault's airline, Civil Air Transport also known as CAT.

Later Bob became CAT's Director of Operations during some of the hotter periods of the Cold War. He was also in a similar capacity with Air America. With his induction into the Oklahoma Aviation and Space Hall of Fame, Bob joins the likes of Will Rogers, Gordon Cooper, Wiley Post, Jimmie Mattern, Apollo Soucek, Burrell Tibbs, Tom Braniff and Clyde Cessna. Those honorees are in good company with Bob Rousselot.

Wagner, Okla. resident Bob Rousselot flew combat missions in the Pacific during World War II in a Corsair from the deck of an escort carrier. As tensions grew between Communists and Nationalists in China, Rousselot flew Nationalist troops and supplies into battle and evacuated the wounded. Rousselot later became the Director of Operations for the Civil Air Transport and organized relief missions into Hainan, China in Indochina to help beleaguered French forces.

## Doolittle Raider Honored

The late Col. Henry A. Potter, navigator on General James H. "Jimmy" Doolittle's B-25 that bombed Tokyo in April 1942, was honored recently at Randolph Air Force Base, San Antonio. A building housing the 562nd Flying Training Squadron and the navigation school was dedicated in his honor in ceremonies there on Aug. 15, 2003.

Potter was born in Pierre, South Dakota on September 22, 1918. He attended South Dakota's Yankton College and the University of Oregon prior to entering military service at the outbreak of World War II in Europe. Upon completion of navigator training, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in June 1941. After the famous raid against Japan, Potter had



Col. Henry A. Potter

stateside service in Michigan, Colorado, Washington, DC, Florida and California. He also served in Germany from 1954 to 1958. He held the rating of master navigator and was an enthusiastic supporter of the Commemorative Air Force. Potter died on May 27, 2002.



Toni Huckaby

## Meet the Staff . . .

Dallas native Toni Huckaby has been the cataloger for the Special Collections Department for 16 years but her history with the University of Texas at Dallas goes all the way back to the mid-1960s when the school was known as the Graduate Research Center of the Southwest (GRCS)

Armed with a classics degree from Austin College, she did not foresee much future in teaching so instead became a technician reading magnetometer data for Dr. Ian Gough in GRCS' geosciences department. From her 5-foot height, she recalls looking eye-to-eye at the trees around the Founders Building and often noticed the farmer who plowed the surrounding wheat fields.

The library was operated by one person - Marge Wheeler. "She was treated with great respect and that impressed me," said Toni. "Libraries were one of my favorite places but I had not thought about being a librarian." Toni was inspired to obtain a Masters of Library Science degree from Texas Woman's University. She worked in Richardson Public Library

and Dallas Public Library as a cataloger before returning to UTD.

Cataloging books that come to the History of Aviation Collection is close to her heart. "I feel a special tie to aviation because my father (Anthony Aguilar) was a partner in Associated Air Center at Love Field. The company helped people purchase airplanes, install interiors and avionics. I grew up with the smell of aviation gas."

So it is no surprise that she relishes seeing the special donations of aviation material that come into Special Collections. "I get to catalog and describe each book in the record and classify it into the collection," she said. "Physical processing can be challenging work with such old and fragile material."

In 1994 Toni was honored by her peers with the prestigious McLemore Award for Library Excellence.



Dr. Joe Leeker and his wife, Betty, work on the new Air America Aircraft database.

## **New Air America Research Resource Available**

The CAT/Air America Archive at the University of Texas at Dallas has just made available on the History of Aviation Collection Website, "The Aircraft of Air America" by Dr. Joe F. Leeker. Dr. Leeker is a professor at Chemnitz University in Germany and a dear friend of the CAT/Air America Archive. "The Aircraft of Air America" is the definitive resource for anyone interested in the unique history of Air America. This database is the culmination of 10 years of research by Dr. Leeker. Joe and his wife, Dr. Betty Leeker, have donated the copyright of

this work to the University of Texas at Dallas. Many thanks to Joe and Betty for all their work! Please send any questions or comments directly to the History of Aviation Collection. And please enjoy! Here is the link:

<http://www.utdallas.edu/library/special/aviation/AirAmerica/index.html>.

## **Carlson Lectures Twice on Early Commercial Aviation**

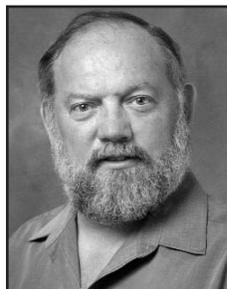
In April 2003, Erik D. Carlson, Ph.D., Head of the History of Aviation Collection presented a paper titled "Carl Cromwell, Cromwell Airlines, and the Dawn of Commercial Aviation in West Texas," at the West Texas Historical Association meeting in Lubbock, Texas. In September, Carlson presented a paper titled "American Air Transport: First Attempt For an Airline in West Texas?" at the East Texas Historical Association conference in Nacogdoches, Texas.

## **Bailey Collection Ready**

The Frank Bailey Collection was added to the Ferko-Williams World War I Aviation Collection. The Bailey papers were processed by archival intern Thomas Allen. Researchers interested in British World War I aviation should contact the HAC.

## **Rick Biddenstadt Retires**

F. W. "Rick" Biddenstadt, photographer for the university and designer of the Air-Log and the Special Collections website, retired effective Aug. 31 after 19 years of service. A retirement party was held for him in the Special Collections Department and was attended by the McDermott Library staff.



Rick Biddenstadt

## **Special Collections History of Aviation Collection Accession Policy**

The staff and volunteers of the History of Aviation Collection (HAC) are often asked what types of materials are desired from donors. Items must have relevance to the history of aviation and include hard and soft cover non-fiction books, magazines, still photos, motion picture films, video tapes, personal memoirs, aircraft pilot and maintenance manuals, scrapbooks and correspondence files. Guidelines are as follows:

1. All donated materials must be directly related to aviation and storable in the space at the university allocated to the HAC. They become the property of the University of Texas at Dallas and will be made available to researchers and scholars for study without restriction or exclusion. Classified materials should indicate that they have been declassified by competent government authority.

2. Donations cannot be accepted if the donor requests they be returned to the donor or designees at some future date. There can be no stipulation that any donated materials will be or must not be put on public display.

3. Donations become the property of the University of Texas at Dallas and may be sold, traded, discarded or transferred by the university to other facilities such as museums or other collections if they are duplicates of materials on hand, or are deemed unsuitable for retention because of condition, subject matter or space is unavailable.

4. Appraisals of donated materials by qualified appraisers must be sought at the donor's expense. HAC staff and volunteer personnel are prohibited from making appraisals for tax deduction purposes.

5. Reproduction of donated materials, including motion picture films, videos, DVD disks and photographs, may be arranged at the requester's expense.

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