

President's Message

Spring 2005

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

It is with great pleasure that my family and I are settling back into life in the Bay Area. After almost ten years directing the redevelopment of Toronto's International Airport, I am delighted to be home and excited at the prospect of focusing my energy on the bright future of the Aeronautical Society. Moving into our fifth year we are looking to expand our base of supporters, grow our membership, and continue to support the San Francisco Airport Commission Aviation Library and Louis A. Turpen Aviation Museum.

I am pleased to take this opportunity to introduce our two newest board members: Mary Griffin and Judd Iversen. They are a welcome addition to our Board of Directors, and we are looking forward to working with them.

Our continued thanks to you for all your efforts on behalf of the Society. We look forward to the new year and all that it will bring.

Louis A/Turpen President

OUR MISSION AND GOALS

The mission of the San Francisco Aeronautical Society is to support the San Francisco Airport Commission Aviation Library and Louis A. Turpen Aviation Museum by:

- Seeking donations to the collection
- Raising funds for acquisitions to the collection
- Promoting scholarly research within the collection
- Producing educational publications, lectures, and seminars
- Identifying subjects for oral histories
- Sponsoring special exhibitions

The goals of the San Francisco Aeronautical Society are to:

- Create a volunteer group of aviation professionals and enthusiasts to provide broad-based support for the promotion of the San Francisco Airport Commission Aviation Library and Louis A. Turpen Aviation Museum
- Establish a San Francisco Aeronautical Society general membership

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Louis A. Turpen, Patrick A. Murphy, George Doubleday II, William K. Coblentz, Angela Gittens, Mary Griffin, Judd Iversen, Zoe Dell Lantis Nutter, Jean Kaye Tinsley, Athena Tsougarakis, Mrs. G. Wilkinson Wright

Hon. Dianne Feinstein, Honorary Member

Society Co-Sponsors San Francisco Airport Museums' Flight Attendant Symposium

The San Francisco Aeronautical Society in partnership with the Flight Attendant Medical Research Institute sponsored the San Francisco Airport Museums' Flight Attendant Symposium on November 30-December 2, 2004. More than 500 attendees enjoyed the three-day symposium on the flight attendant profession held at San Francisco International Airport.

The symposium provided an educational forum for indepth focus on the profession bringing together experts in the field and related disciplines with members of the profession and the general public. Lectures and panel discussions included such topics as historical perspectives celebrating the development of the profession, the evolution of the profession's labor organization, occupational health and medical issues, and current challenges facing today's flight attendants.



Left to right: Alan Blum, MD, Director, Center for the Study of Tobacco and Society; Elizabeth A. Kress, Executive Director, Flight Attendant Medical Research Institute (FAMRI); Patricia L. Young, flight attendant, trustee, FAMRI; Bland Lane, flight attendant (ret.), trustee, FAMRI; Lani Blissard, flight attendant, trustee, FAMRI; and Suzette Janoff, flight attendant (ret.)

Symposium speakers, panelists, and colleagues enjoyed a welcoming reception that included opening remarks by Louis A. Turpen and a private viewing of the San Francisco Airport Commission Aviation Library and Louis A. Turpen Aviation Museum.

Curators of the San Francisco Airport Museums led participants on an informative walking tour of SFO's International Terminal and exhibition galleries. The symposium was held in conjunction with the exhibitions Air Hostess: A History of Female Flight Attendants and Up In Smoke: Tobacco and Flight Attendant Health.

FAM 14 is the abbreviation for the world's first transoceanic Foreign Air Mail route, which originated in San Francisco and linked the East and West by air. The FAM 14 masthead photograph was taken by Clyde Sunderland and shows Pan American Airways' China Clipper over the city of San Francisco on November 22, 1935, departing on the first transpacific commercial flight to Manila. Courtesy of Pacific Aerial Surveys.

SOCIETY CELEBRATES AT 2004 ANNUAL RECEPTION, WELCOMES NEW FELLOWS

On the evening of April 23, 2004, more than 150 guests attended the annual reception for the San Francisco Aeronautical Society. Members of the Aeronautical Society and distinguished guests were treated to a private viewing of the San Francisco Airport Commission Aviation Library and the Louis A. Turpen Aviation Museum while enjoying a welcoming address by Louis A. Turpen and an award ceremony.



Left to right: Society Director Jean Kaye Tinsley, Society President Louis A. Turpen, Society Director Marion Davis Wright, and photographer and donor William T. Larkins.

The presentation of the annual gift to the Museum was one of the highlights of the evening. Board members Marion Davis Wright and Jean Kaye Tinsley had the honor of presenting the gift of underwriting the print production of twenty-eight photographs by the renowned aviation photographer, William T. Larkins, for exhibition. Mr. Larkins has donated the works to the San Francisco Airport Museums. William Larkins, a fellow of the San Francisco Aeronautical Society, is the founder of the American Aviation Historical Society. His career began with this military training in aircraft recognition. The photographs in the body of work being produced and funded by the Aeronautical Society depict aircraft at SFO used by a variety of airlines from the 1930s to the advent of the jet age in the late 1950s.



Left to right: 2004 Society fellowship inductees Barbara J. Hansen, Edith Lauterbach, Georgia Panter Nielsen with John H. Hill, Curator-in-Charge of Aviation, San Francisco Airport Museums.

Fellowships in the Society were awarded to individuals recognized for their singular contributions to the aviation community. Aeronautical Society directors Zoe Dell Lantis Nutter and Athena Tsougarakis presented fellowships to Barbara J. Hansen, company archivist for United Airlines and member of the Board of Directors of the United Airlines Historical Foundation; Edith Lauterbach, former flight attendant and co-founder in 1945 of the Airline Stewardesses Association, the world's first flight attendant union; and Georgia Panter Nielsen, former flight attendant, international historian of the Association of Flight Attendants, founder of *Air Reporter* and member of the board of directors of the United Airlines Historical Foundation.

Exhibition Highlight: Louis A. Turpen Aviation Museum

Air Hostess: A History of Female Flight Attendants August 2004–September 2005

For many women wishing to join the work force in the 1930s, one career stood above the rest. Flying for the airlines in the profession variously referred to as stewardess or air hostess and now called flight attendant offered a unique mix of glamor, hard work, risk, and reward. As the glamorous side became well known to the public, the underlying principles and challenges of this demanding job were less known. The stewardess image was carefully cultivated and became inseparable from the air travel experience. Behind the image, however, was a dedicated professional woman, trained and ready to take on responsibilities for the welfare and safety of the traveling public—all the while expected, and able, to be poised, graceful, and attractive. In this exhibition, the occupation of the female flight attendant and its organizational history is examined from the perspectives of practical career issues and a strategically created public image through airline uniforms, training materials, employment documents, and photographs.

AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS ACHIEVEMENT IN AVIATION AWARD AT GALA EVENT

U.S. Transportation Secretary Mineta Receives 2003 Achievement in Aviation Medallion

The Honorable Norman Y. Mineta, Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation, received the 2003 San Francisco Aeronautical Society Achievement in Aviation Medallion. The annual award is given to an individual or organization whose work demonstrates significant achievements and contributions to the development of air transport.

Secretary Mineta entered politics in 1967 serving as a member of the San Jose City Council and in 1971 became that city's mayor. From 1975 to 1995, he served as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives and as a member of Congress. His legislative and policy agenda included major projects in the areas of economic development, science and technology policy, trade, transportation, the environment, intelligence. the budget.



Left to right: Society Director William Coblentz presenting Secretary Mineta with the Achievement in Aviation Medallion for 2003

and civil rights. After leaving Congress, Secretary Mineta the chaired national Civil Aviation Review Commission. which issued recommendations on reducing traffic congestion reducing the aviation and accident rate. Many of the commission's recommendations were adopted by the Clinton administration, including reform of the FAA that enabled it to operate more like a business. Secretary Mineta became the first Asian Pacific American to serve in the Cabinet as U.S. Secretary of Commerce under President Clinton. On January 25, 2001, he became the 14th

U.S. Secretary of Transportation. In nominating him, President Bush said, "Norm made a reputation in the halls of Congress as someone who understands that a sound infrastructure in America will lead to economic opportunity for all Americans." As Secretary of Transportation, Mineta oversees an agency with 60,000 employees and a \$56.3 billion budget. Secretary Mineta's dedication and longstanding leadership have earned him the respect and admiration of many in the field of civil aviation. His ability to lead and implement public policies promoting the safety and success of the transportation industry will continue to improve air transportation in the future.

Aeronautical Society Director William Coblentz proudly presented the Achievement in Aviation Medallion to Secretary Mineta at the Society's annual reception held on April 23, 2004. Society President Louis A. Turpen stated, "The Society is honored to have the opportunity to express its appreciation to Secretary Mineta for his long-standing leadership in developing our air transport system both regionally and nationally." San Francisco Airport Director John L. Martin declared, "This is a fitting tribute to recognize the achievements of Secretary Mineta in meeting the challenges facing today's aviation industry." Secretary Mineta delivered the Society's annual Spirit of Flight Lecture to the Society members and the public on April 24, 2004. His talk, which took place in the San Francisco Airport Commission Aviation Library and Louis A. Turpen Aviation Museum, focused on the current state of commercial air travel.



Left to right: Secretary Norman Y. Mineta, Society President Louis A. Turpen, and Peedee Turpen.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS & SAVE THE DATE May 6, 2005

The San Francisco Aeronautical Society's 2005 Annual Reception is scheduled for Friday evening, May 6th at the San Francisco Airport Commission Aviation Library and Louis A. Turpen Aviation Museum. Invitations will be mailed in early March. Join us as we celebrate another year of aviation accomplishments. All proceeds from the Silent Auction and Raffle will help to support the San Francisco Aeronautical Society.



Society Director Angela Gittens and Secretary Norman Y. Mineta.

PREPARING FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF FLIGHT: Norman Y. Mineta, Secretary, United States Department of Transportation San Francisco Aeronautical Society Spirit of Flight Lecture No. 5

The San Francisco Aeronautical Society initiated the Spirit of Flight Lecture series in 2002. In conjunction with its annual reception, the Society presents distinguished individuals to speak on subjects ranging from the historical achievements to the future challenges of aviation.

In 2004, the Honorable Norman Y. Mineta was awarded the Society's Achievement in Aviation Medallion for his longstanding dedication and leadership in the improvement of our national air transport system. The following edited excerpt is from the Spirit of Flight Lecture presented by Secretary Mineta on April 24, 2004.

Last December I had the privilege of flying with President Bush to Kitty Hawk to celebrate the centennial anniversary of powered flight, and as the miles between Washington, D.C., and North Carolina melted away, I could not help but marvel that this great jet, a Boeing 747, Air Force One, relied on the same basic principles that the Wright brothers had worked out for that little plane made of wood and canvas. And as he often does, the president captured the essence of the moment when he proclaimed—and I quote—The Wright brothers' invention belongs to the world, but the Wright brothers belong to America —end quote.

Now, there is, indeed, something very American about the spirit of flight, and it is the spirit of exploration, the spirit of reaching beyond boundaries and exploring new horizons. Earlier this week I had lunch with Chuck Yeager, a man who epitomizes the spirit of flight. Being with Chuck Yeager is a living history lesson. Chuck was telling us about meeting Orville Wright in 1945 at an air show. Imagine these two great aviation pioneers, the creator of the Wright flyer, who, incidentally, was seeing for the first time his first jet, standing there with a man who two years later would fly a jet to break the sound barrier. It gives you a perspective on how much aviation's first century was an American century, and it is a legacy of leadership that I hold dear and one that I am proud to play a part in carrying forth into this new century.

Our aviation accomplishments are truly remarkable. Civil aviation today represents 9 percent of our domestic gross national product. That means over \$900 billion and over 11 million jobs. And in the span of 100 years we have gone from that single plane and from that single flight to more than 9 million flights that crisscross our great nation annually, today carrying more than 628 million passengers.



Left to right: World Wings International members Doreen Goad, Bjorg Truco, Ululani, Jan Boelke, Helene Hills, and Karen Law-Hing with Secretary Mineta.



Norman Y. Mineta, Secretary, United States Department of Transportation

America has become the most mobile society on earth. But, ladies and gentleman, aviation is still a young industry. It is still growing and changing dramatically as it matures. And while my vantage point as Secretary of Transportation does not give me a crystal ball, what I am seeing tells me that this dynamic industry will continue to revolutionize our lives in the years ahead. And if we do our job right, the flying public will be looking at seamless travel from curb to curb, the use of unmanned vehicles for shipping, routine commercial space travel and tourism, and scientific advances will move us for the first time in talking about things like positive environmental impact, micro-jet taxi service, and breaking down the financial and technical barriers to air travel.

Now, that's just the beginning of the promise that the next generation of flight holds, and I believe that the government's most significant and challenging role in this dynamic industry is to provide the infrastructure and the capacity to accommodate whatever level and type of demand the future may bring. We have applied tremendous resources and focus to preventing the kind of congestion that choked the aviation system in the summer of the year 2000 in our investment of modernizing airports, expanding and building new physical infrastructure to keep up with the demand over the next decade, and we enter this summer's very busy travel season with new tools to avoid gridlock and delays.

VOLUNTEERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Aviation Library and Museum Volunteers Recognized at Annual Appreciation Celebration

On December 14, 2004, a Volunteer Celebration was held in the San Francisco Airport Commission Aviation Library and Louis A. Turpen Aviation Museum. Airport Director John L. Martin expressed his appreciation for the important contributions that each volunteer brings to their work in meeting and providing information to visitors.



Blake Summers San Francisco Airport Museums Director and Chief Curator and John H. Hill Curator-in-Charge of Aviation, awarded Certificates of Appreciation. In 2004, the fifty-six volunteers logged over 3,000 hours in service to more than 29,000 visitors and library patrons. Once again their professional work and personal touch in welcoming the public has added a valuable dimension to

Julianne Ward-Northrop, Volunteer of the Year

the library and museum experience.

Volunteer of the Year honors went to Julianne Ward-Northrop for a remarkable 143 hours of exemplary service. Honorable Mention for their exceptional work went to David G. Coen, Howard East Jr., Robert McCrory, and Benjamin Thomas.



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Volunteers celebrated at the recognition ceremony in honor of their dedicated service to the San Francisco Airport Commission Aviation Library and Louis A. Turpen Aviation Museum.

Thanks to Our Supporters

The San Francisco Aeronautical Society was founded in 1997 as a nonprofit organization. It serves as the affiliate support group of the San Francisco Airport Commission Aviation Library and Louis A. Turpen Aviation Museum. Now in its twenty-fourth year, the San Francisco Airport Museums, a division of the Airport Commission, has gained an international reputation for its innovative programs. It is the first and only museum in an airport to have been accredited by the American Association of Museums. The Society seeks donations to the collection; raises funds for acquisitions to the collection; promotes scholarly research within the collection; produces educational publications, lectures, and seminars; identifies subjects for oral histories; and sponsors special exhibitions.

The Society would like to thank all of the corporate founding members, patrons, and all the general members of the Society for playing an important role in preserving aviation history.

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MARY GRIFFIN PROFILE IN AVIATION



Mary Griffin

Mary Griffin brings many years of public service experience to her role as a new member of the San Francisco Aeronautical Society Board of Directors. Ms. Griffin served as an elected official in San Mateo County from 1976 through 2001. She twice served as mayor during her eleven year tenure on the Millbrae City Council.

In 1987, Ms. Griffin was elected to finish the unexpired term of then Supervisor Jackie Speier and was re-elected three times to that office until

the term-limit date of January 2001. She was elected president of the board three times, and served as its representative on many boards and commissions, including regional bodies that addressed transportation, land use, and airport issues. As a member of the Association of Bay Area Governments from 1989 to1992, she acted as vice president and president. She was a signatory to the original memorandum of understanding that created the San Francisco Airport Community Roundtable in 1981. She acted as chair of that body from 1998 to 2000. As a commissioner of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission from 1993 to 2001, she chaired the grant review and allocations committee and served as a member of the executive committee.

Ms. Griffin is a former educator who is currently involved in many community organizations, including the Hiller Aviation Museum, The Northern California Presbyterian Homes and Services, The Skyline College President's Council, and the Millbrae Lions Club. Ms. Griffin is married to Walter Ramseur, a retired United Airlines captain, and has three children and six grandchildren.

San Francisco Aeronautical Society P.O. Box 250250 San Francisco, CA 94125-0250 We would like to thank fellow board member Mary Griffin for her commitment to the mission and goals of the San Francisco Aeronautical Society.

Aeronautical Society Members Benefit from Discounts at SFO Retail Establishments

International Terminal Aviation Inc. Level 3, pre-security 20% discount (except magazines) Deli Up Café Level 3, post-security 20% discount Osho Japanese Cuisine Level 3, pre-security 10% discount

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The San Francisco Airport Commission Aviation Library and Louis A. Turpen Aviation Museum is located at San Francisco International Airport, International Terminal, Level 3. It is open Sunday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The telephone number is (650) 821-9900.

For additional information and to learn about volunteer opportunities, please contact the San Francisco Airport Museums at (650) 821-6700, or email curator@sfoarts.org. Please visit our website: http://www.sfoArts.org



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