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POST CARD



Aerial Route

THIS SPACE MAY BE USED FOR MESSAGE

*Mrs. G. L. Grater
749 Astor St
Rocktown
Pa*

THIS SPACE FOR THE ADDRESS

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THE SPACE BELOW MAY BE USED FOR CORRESPONDENCE.

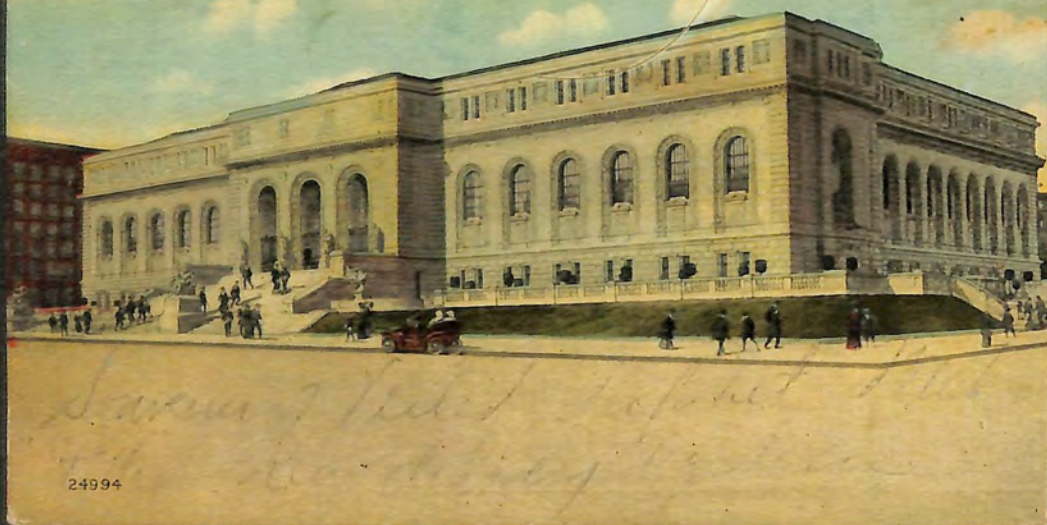


POSTAL CARD

THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY

*Veria Post
Gehnder Senf Leipzig
Germany in Sachsen*

New Central Library, St. Louis, Mo.



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Oct. 4, 1911.

St. Louis Mo.

This card sent by the
first U.S. Aeroplane Postal
Service in St. Louis, Mo.,
from
Alfred Beinlich

St. Louis Mo.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Mrs E. F. Rosenhagen
83 Gordon St
Cety

This Space For Writing Messages

One out to see
them play.
Why not write me
now and then?
See you soon 53 W. End,
Atlanta.

AEROPLANE MAIL SERVICE



Post CARD



E. H. Bell.
171 Bell Ave
Bayside
N. Y. State

This side for the Address only

Oct 21, 1911

Stover

GREETINGS-ROCHESTER'S
FIRST AERIAL POST.

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AEROPLANE MAIL SERVICE



(THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY)

Mrs C Bangs.
918 E Duffy St
City

After.....days, return to

AEROPLANE MAIL SERVICE

ALBANY, GA.



MR. NOBLE BURROWS,
OXFORD, ENGLAND,

GREAT BRITAIN
EUROPE.

Nov 28 1911

This card is being
sent by the air route
CMB

G.H.B.

G.H.B.

1193

Albany N.Y.

200

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This piece of mail was carried by
Aeroplane from Aviation Field
Postal Station to nearest regular
Postoffice at Compton, California.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

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LOS ANGELES, CAL.
JAN 28
1.30 P.M.
1912
AEROPHONE STATION

POSTAL CARD
JAMES O. SMITH
MINNEAPOLIS

Mr Willard O. Wylie,
508 East Bdy
Washington & Stanover St
Boston, Mass.

Personal.

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO
PASADENA AUDUBON SOCIETY
FOR PROTECTION OF WILD BIRDS

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74 2

731 East Walnut St.
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA



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Frank Wagner
5061 London Road
Duluth, Minn.

This piece of mail was carried by
Aeroplane from Aviation Field
Postal Station to nearest regular
Postoffice at Compton, California.

Let's see if I can find out how

This piece of mail was carried by
Aeroplane from Aviation Field
Postal Station to nearest regular
Postoffice at Compton, California.

From ARTHUR W. LINE
731 East Walnut St.
Pasadena, Cal.

*New address is above effective
Feb 1st 1912.*

This piece of mail was carried by
Aeroplane from Aviation Field
Postal Station to nearest regular
Postoffice at Compton, California.



BENTON HARBOR, MICH.
 POST JUL 18 1912
 AIR STATION

VIA AEROPLANE
 TO MAIN OFFICE
 U.S. POSTAGE
 1 CENT

Dear Mayme
 This is a machine 28 ft long + 38 ft wide. Mrs. Henry Johnston Walsh has just come back from delivering U. S. mail.
 Fontogary
 Mayme

1806
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POST CARD

Aeroplane Mail Service
 JUN 8 - 1912
 THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN HERE.
 LIMA, OHIO



THIS SPACE MAY BE USED FOR COMMUNICATION.

Dear Ada
 the o/c good
 2500 ft high
 nice flight
 due to all
 Papa

Ada V Bryant
 Springfield
 N. Haverhill

WEINER BAUM



Curtiss Aeroplane Flights

Lima, Ohio, June 6, 7, 8, 1912



47a
Aviation Meet



Ft. Recovery, Ohio
AUGUST
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Mr. G. W. Scheid

*Ft. Recovery.
Ohio.*

47c

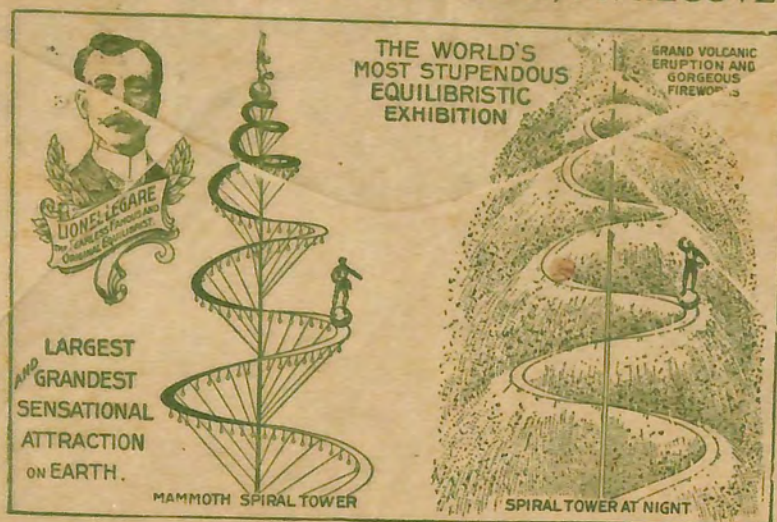


*a message from
the clouds.*

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*Pearl Cull
East Arch St.
Portland
I. Ind.*

HARVEST JUBILEE, AUGUST 6-7-8, FT. RECOVERY, O.



DON'T Miss This Great Attraction



Fort Recovery Ohio
Aug 6-7-8, 1912



United States Scott No. E8, natural straight edge guide line at bottom, used and tied on 2-cent entire airmail cover August 11, 1912 (Earliest Date Used on an airmail cover), genuine in all respects.





examined the item submitted and it is their opinion that it is:
EARLY 20TH CENTURY

Earliest Air Mail Special Delivery Cover ^{CP}

By Ken Lawrence

The American Philatelic Expertizing Service certified this special delivery cover in June. The opinion states:

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The US Pioneer Flights section of the *American Air Mail Catalogue* lists the covers carried on August 10 and 11 at the Washington Country Club Aviation Meet as No. 48 and 48a — “the first authorized airmail flown in the Pacific Northwest.”

August 10 represented “the first post-office sanctioned interstate airmail flight,” according to *Pearson Field: Pioneering Aviation in Vancouver and Portland* by Bill Alley (Arcadia Publishing, 2005).

The AVIATION / STATION postmark and the “U.S. Aeroplane Mail Service” cachet show that pilot Walter Edwards flew the cover over the seven-mile route on the date of the cancellation. The US Post Office Department had authorized Route 673,001 for these flights, in a code that assigned the first three digits to the state where the flight originated and the second three as the serial number flown within that state.



August 12 “PORTLAND, OREG. AUG 12 7:30 AM REC'D” datestamps on the reverse show the cover was returned from Vancouver on the morning after the flight, probably by train. The magenta auxiliary marking, “Fee claimed at office of first address,” shows that it was charged for and delivered by a special delivery courier.

Scheduled government air mail service, which included special delivery, began on May 15, 1918. We are celebrating its centennial this year. During the earlier 1910 to 1916 pioneer period, each pilot typically carried small quantities of mail from a temporary post office at a fair, carnival, or aviation meet to a nearby destination. Upon arrival the flown mail was deposited at the nearest post office

for ordinary handling to its destination.

As more than forty pioneer flights preceded Walter Edwards's Portland flights, the possibility exists that an earlier flown cover might have received special delivery service. The odds of finding such a treasure are not favorable, however, for many of those flights every surviving cover has been recorded. For others, none exist.

On March 8 of this year, Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries sold *The James P. Myerson Collection of Pioneer Flight Air Mail 1910-1916*. Myerson was the most successful collector of pioneer air mail in the history of the hobby, a truly magnificent achievement. His exhibit "Aerial Mail Headlines: 1910-1916" as it existed before being dismounted and sold can be viewed on-line at WWW.RFRAJOLA.COM/PIONEER/PIONEER.HTM.



facing slip, and flown items for both days

AAMC #48 - Mail was carried by Walter Edwards in his Curtiss plane on the first authorized airmail flights in the Pacific Northwest. He carried mail from a race track in Portland to the Parade Grounds in Vancouver.

Owning the best, Myerson collected two of the very few other pioneer air mail covers that were sent with special delivery prepaid, dated May 18, 1913, and October 17, 1914. Those are splendid covers, but not sent as early as mine. ■

Winning Ducks

Wildlife artist Curtiss E. Poormon of Mineral, Virginia, a longtime AFDCS member and the honoree for Court of Honor 28, is the winner of the 2018 Wisconsin Ducks Unlimited State Duck Stamp Contest. His painting of a pair of Common Goldeneyes was selected from five entries in the final round of competition during the last week of June.



POST CARD

COLE & CO.
AUTHORIZED DEALERS
EASTMAN KODAK CO.
ASBURY PARK, N. J.

CORRESPONDENCE HERE

NAME AND ADDRESS HERE



*We are sending
this from Derby
Aug. 23rd
E.A.C.*

*Mrs. E. A. Redcliff
48 Sandford Ave
City*

Aviation meet. Sig. E. R. Ackerman

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GRANT PARK
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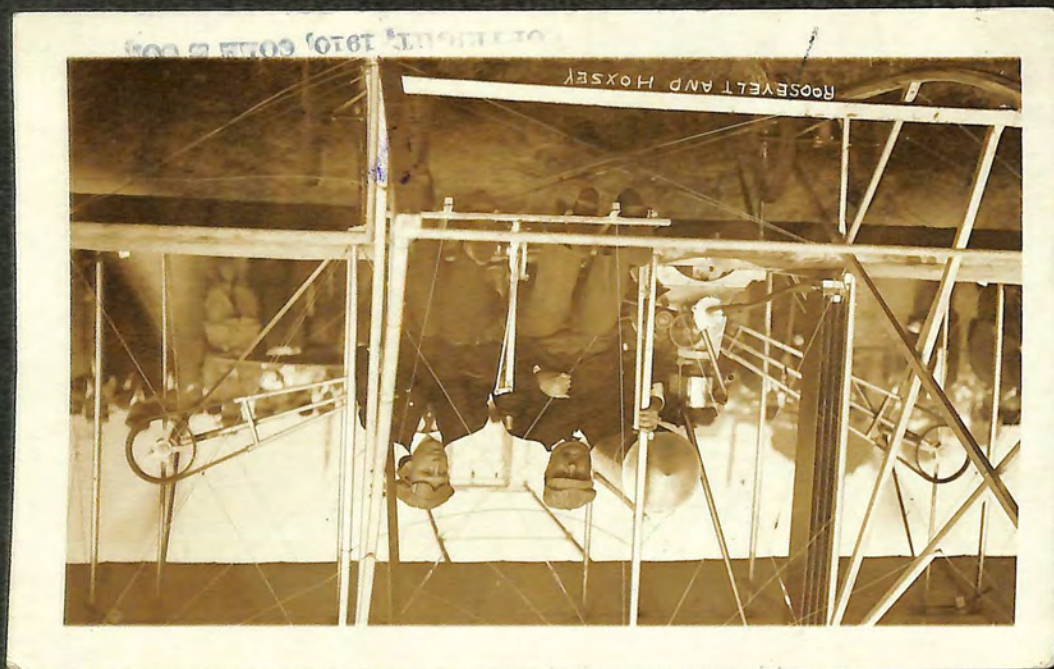
SEPT. 22, 1912.

*Sincerely,
Glenn L. Wastler*

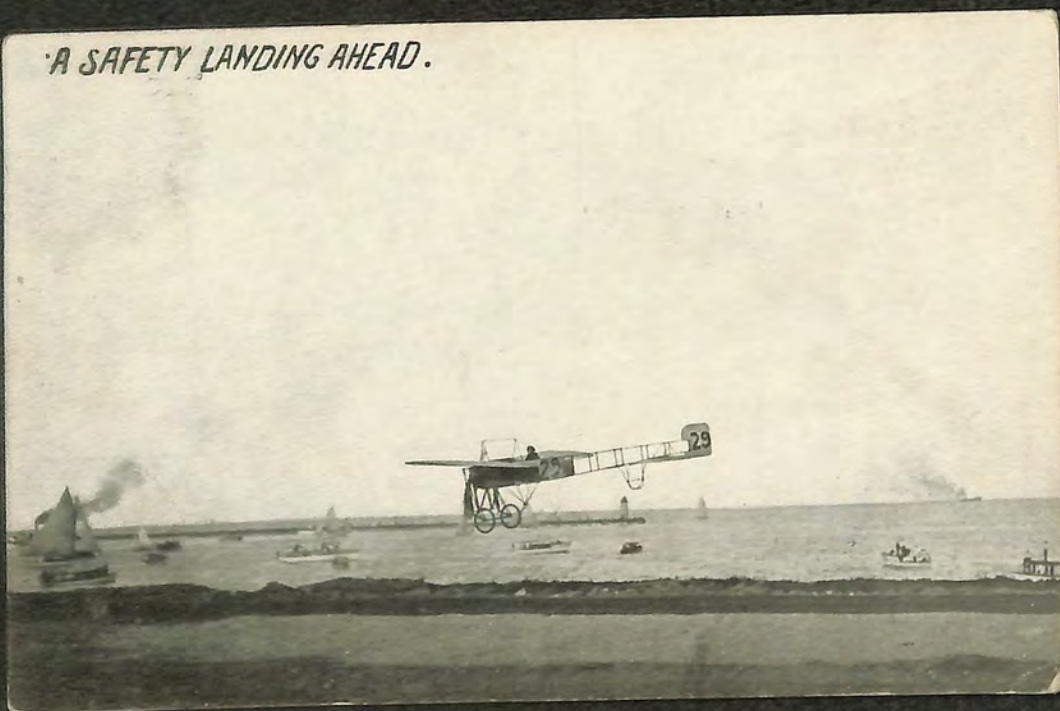
Post CARD



*H. A. Truby
New Kensington
Penn.*



A SAFETY LANDING AHEAD.



Aeroplane Mail Service
September 5th. And
Cedar Falls,



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Mr C. E. Henderson,
316 E. 18th Street,
Cedar Falls,
Ia.

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By AERIAL ROUTE
POST CARD

SEPT. 26, 27, 28, 1912
AVIATION FIELD
McLEANSBORO, ILLS.



BY AERIAL POST FROM **AVIATION AND STREET CIRCUS**
McLEANSBORO, ILL.

Auspices Commercial Club

SEPT. 23 to 28, 1912

MAILED IN THE AIR

From
Your
Obedient
Son

Myrtle Street
McLeansboro
Illinois

9/16/12.

Dear Char:

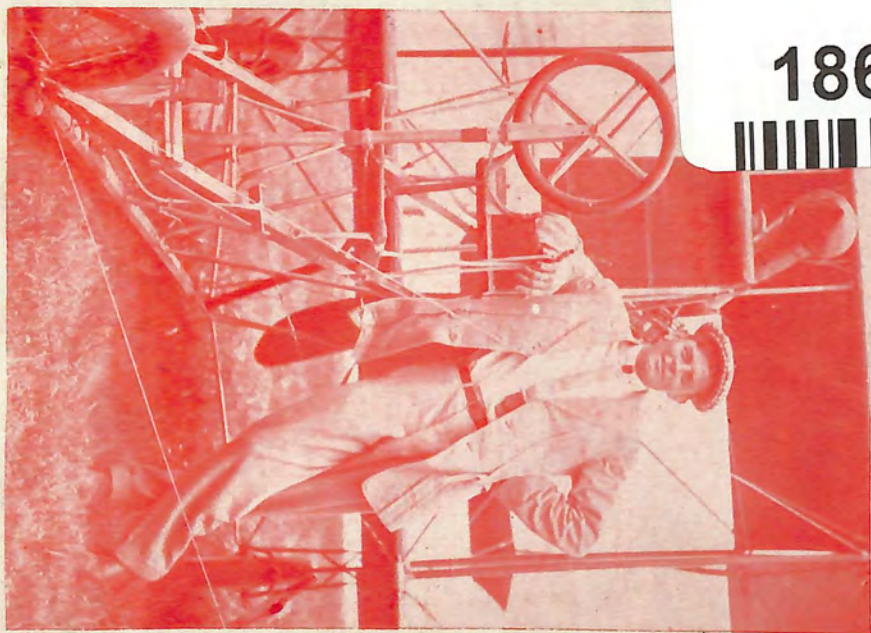
This may be a novelty
to you but some day it may be
rare. Please return to me.

J. B. H.

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FARRY A. TRUBY

Horace Kearny at McLeansboro, Ill.
Aviation and Street Circus



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