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MINUTES- NATIONAL SMOKEJUMPER ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

29 MARCH 1996

LOCATION : HOLIDAY INN PARKSIDE MISSOULA

TIME: 0845 - 1645

MEMBERS PRESENT: , ED COURTNEY
TOM KOVALICKY
JACK DEMMONS
LYLE BROWN
LOWELL HANSON
STEVE NEMORE

LARRY ANDERSON
GEORGE CROSS
BILL MOODY
LON DALE
EARL COOLEY
ED HEILMAN (SECRETARY,
NATIONAL FOREST)

- I. A BASIC OUTLINE OF THE DAY'S AGENDA WAS BRIEFLY DISCUSSED AND ADOPTED.
- II. THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 1995 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WERE READ AND DISCUSSED. KOVALICKY MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL. GEORGE CROSS SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS READ.
- III. (A) LOWELL HANSON PROVIDED THE JANUARY - DECEMBER 1995 TREASURER'S REPORT, WHICH WAS ACCEPTED WITH A "WELL DONE" BY THE BOARD.
(B) THE PROPOSED ONE-YEAR BUDGET (ATTACHED) WAS PRESENTED AND APPROVED. GEORGE CROSS MADE THE MOTION AND LYLE BROWN SECONDED IT.
(C) THE FINALIZED REPORT TO THE IRS ON THE 1995 SMOKEJUMPER REUNION IS STILL IN PROCESS AND WILL BE BROUGHT UP DURING A SUBSEQUENT MEETING.
- IV. DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE MUSEUM (NFSM), MUSEUM OF MOUNTAIN FLYING (MMF), AND THE NATIONAL SMOKEJUMPER ASSOCIATION (NSA) ALLIANCE:
ED COURTNEY STARTED THE DISCUSSION WITH A BASIC OVERVIEW. TWO MEMBERS FROM EACH GROUP OF THE THREE GROUPS WILL BEGIN CONDUCTING MEETINGS TO IDENTIFY THE MISSION FOR EACH ORGANIZATION. LON DALE AND ROGER SAVAGE WILL REPRESENT THE NSA. THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NFSM AND THE MMF ARE TO BE SELECTED.
ED HEILMAN, SECRETARY FOR THE NFSM AND RETIRED FOREST SERVICE EMPLOYEE, PROVIDED A DETAILED BRIEFING ON THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE NFSM. MAJOR POINTS ARE:
(A) ~~A 36 ACRE SITE LOCATED WEST OF THE AIRPORT IS AVAILABLE FREE TO THE NFSM AS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.~~
(B) A DETAILED SITE PLAN IS UNDERWAY AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY EARLY SPRING, 1996.

| Absent | Term Expires |
|---------------|----------------------|
| Dick Tracy | Dick 6-96 |
| Harry Roberts | 6-96 |
| F. Hopkin | 6-96 |
| Bill Werhane | 6-97 |

Hand Robinson 6-97

(C) THERE IS PRESENTLY NO NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE MUSEUM IN THE UNITED STATES.

(D) A FEASIBILITY STUDY WAS COMPLETED IN MID 1991 WITH POSITIVE RESULTS. THE TARGET FOMONIES NEEDED IS 12 MILLION (8 MILLION FOR A BUILDING AND A 4 MILLION ENDOWMENT). THE DESIRE IS TO COMPLETE A 300,000 SQ FT, 3 LEVEL BUILDING TO HOUSE THE MUSEUM, OFFICE SPACE, MEETING ROOMS AND STORAGE SPACE. THE PROPOSED DESIGN IS MODULAR AND TO BE BUILT IN PHASES.

AFTER A LENGTHY DISCUSSION LON DALE MADE A MOTION THAT THE NSA SUPPORT, IN PRINCIPLE, THE ENDEAVOR OF AN FSM BUILDING IN MISSOULA AND THE NSA HAVE OFFICE SPACE AND BENEFIT FROM THE ARCHIVES SUBMITTED FOR DISPLAY IN THE FSM. LARRY ANDERSON SECONDED AND THE MOTION PASSED WITH NO OBJECTIONS.

DURING THE DISCUSSION BILL MOODY RAISED THE ISSUE OF RECOGNITION OF SJ UNITS OTHER THAN FS, I.E., BLM AND PARK SERVICE. TOM KOVALICKY RECOMMENDED THE CREATION OF A "MARKETING PLAN: TO ANSWER THE QUESTION OF WHO ARE THE CUSTOMERS OF THE NSA AND WHAT DO THEY WANT. THE REPRESENTATIONAL QUESTION REMAINS OPEN FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND WILL BE RESEARCHED TO PROVIDE EQUITY TO ALL SJ UNITS REGARDLESS OF SPONSORSHIP.

V. THE NAS WILL CONTINUE SEEKING SUITABLE OFFICE SPACE FOR THEIR HQS. DURING THE INTERMIN WE WILL REMAIN AT THE MMF HANGAR. LYLE BROWN OFFERED TO DONATE AN OLD SERVICEABLE LOG CABIN AS AN OFFICE SHOULD SUITABLE REAL ESTATE BE OBTAINED.

VI. FUNDS: LAIRD ROBINSON AND LARRY ANDERSON WILL COORDINATE EFFORTS FOR NSA FUND RAISING. LARRY ANDERSON WILL EXPLORE CREATING A VIDEO (30 MINUTE DOCUMENTARY) TO PROMOTE NSA FOR MEMBERSHIP AND RAISE FUNDS.

OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS SUCH AS PATCHES, CAPS, BUMPER STICKERS, GRANTS AND DONATIONS WERE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH WITH NO SPECIFIC DECISIONS REACHED. THE SUBJECT WILL REMAIN A PRIORITY AND THE BOARD WILL SEEK AND VET GRANT WRITERS AND RESEARCHERS. A COMMITTEE WILL BE SELECTED FOR IDENTIFYING SOURCES OF FUNDS AND ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH THESE POTENTIAL SOURCES

THE QUESTION OF AN NSA MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE WAS RAISED TO COVER INCREASING OPERATIONAL COSTS. IT WAS DECIDED TO GET MEMBER FEEDBACK AND WORK OUT DETAIL FOR A POSSIBLE LIFE AND/OR CHARTER MEMBERSHIP.

MEMBERSHIP: THERE ARE PRESENTLY 1,040 MEMBERS IN THE NSA. (SEE ATTACHED). LAIRD ROBINSON AND LARRY ANDERSON WILL HEAD A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE TO DEVELOP BROCHURES AND RECRUIT ACTIVE SMOKEJUMPERS. *what is status*

VII. ORGANIZATION GROWTH/NEEDS AND CONSIDERATIONS:

A. THE ACQUISITION OF AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ENTAILED AN IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION. IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT IF THE AFOREMENTIONED NSA/NFSM/MMF ALLIANCE BECOMES A REALITY AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE NSA WILL BE NEEDED. THIS SUBJECT WILL BE ADDRESSED IN THE FUTURE.

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B. SECRETARY/GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE HANDIPERSON/CLERK IS NEEDED AS ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES INCREASE. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL CONTINUE TO HANDLE THESE DUTIES WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF OTHER NSA VOLUNTEERS UNTIL A SUITABLE CANDIDATE CAN BE IDENTIFIED.

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C. THE MONTHLY STIPEND FOR JACK DEMMONS, WHO IS ON DUTY AT THE NSA OFFICE DAILY, WAS RAISED FROM \$100.00 PER MONTH TO \$200.00 PER MONTH TO HELP DEFRAY PERSONAL EXPENSES RELATED TO MANAGING THE OFFICE. STEVE NEMORE MADE THE MOTION AND BILL MOODY SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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D. THE \$100.00 (MAXIMUM) REIMBURSEMENT INCENTIVE FOR TRAVEL AND/OR ACCOMMODATIONS WILL REMAIN THE SAME AS AN ENTICEMENT TO OUT-OF-TOWN DIRECTORS.

VIII. THE BY-LAWS OF THE NSA WERE REVIEWED BY DALE AND DISCUSSED BY THOSE DIRECTORS PRESENT. NO CHANGE.

IX. REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR'S ACTIVITIES: ED COURTNEY PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW AND JACK DEMMONS GAVE A BRIEFING ON THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER. THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE NEWSLETTER. THE NSA DID COMMENCE PARTICIPATION IN THE "ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROGRAM" IN MISSOULA AND WILL CONTINUE THIS PROGRAM IN THE FUTURE.

X. NOMINATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ELECTION. NOMINATION FORMS AND SUBSEQUENT BALLOTS WERE SENT OUT TO MEMBERS. ED COURTNEY WILL SEND AN INFORMATIONAL BOARD PACKET TO EACH NEW OFFICER ELECTED.

XI. REUNION 2000 LOGISTICS AND LOCATION: THE QUESTION OF LOCATION IS STILL UNDECIDED, WITH MISSOULA, BOISE, REDDING AND REDMOND BEING POTENTIAL SITES. MISSOULA APPEARS TO BE THE MOST POPULAR SITE. OTHER BASES WILL BE CONTACTED TO DETERMINE INTEREST IN HOSTING SUCH AN EVENT.

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XII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: LON DALE MOVED THAT THE SEATED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BE ASKED TO SERVE ONE MORE YEAR. JACK DEMMONS SECONDED AND THE MOTION PASSED UNAPPOSED. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACCEPTED. (NOT MUCH CHOICE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES).

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XIII. OTHER: THE BOARD ACCEPTED THE DONATION OF 200 AUTOGRAPHED COPIES OF PRESIDENT-EMERITUS EARL COOLEY'S BOOK ON SMOKEJUMPING

ENTITLED TRIMOTOR AND TRAIL. MONIES RECEIVED BY NSA FROM THE SALE OF THIS BOOK WILL BE PLACED IN AN NSA MUSEUM FUND. TOM KOVALICKY MADE A MOTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE DONATION AND LON DALE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED. TOM KOVALICKY FURTHER MOVED AND JACK DEMMONS SECONDED THAT A LETTER OF AFFIRMATION AND THANKS BE SENT TO EARL COOLEY. MOTION PASSED.

XIV. THE DATE FOR THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WAS SET FOR FRIDAY 4 APRIL 1997, LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1645 HOURS.

Addenda

The following addenda contains NSA correspondence after the BOD meeting of March 3, 1996, and before the special BOD meeting called on September 10, 1996.

- Memo, June 10, 1996: Revision of Standardized Forms
- Memo, June 10, 1996: General
- Memo, July 7, 1996: Membership, Renewals and General Update
- Joint Meeting Minutes, July 15, 1996: Forest Service Museum Corp., NSA, and Museum of Mountain Flying.
- Letter, August 22, 1996: Re: Memorandum of Understanding
- Special BOD Meeting notification, August 24, 1996



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MEMO TO: Members of the N.S.A. Executive Committee

FROM: Jack

RE: Revision of Standardized Forms

DATE: June 10, 1996

Attached are copies of proposed revisions of the two form letters for new memberships and renewal memberships--the old ones are outdated.

Some time ago I mentioned that the Smokejumper Profile sheet was not adequate for some of our Associate members--Pilots and Aircrew Members. Nothing was ever done and there wasn't any follow-up. Several pilots made mention of this to me, with the latest being a man who devoted most of his life to being a Smokejumper Pilot--Wally Tower, now retired.

True, this is a Smokejumper Association, but at the same time pilots and crewmen were highly encouraged to join as Associates. I have made mention of them in each newsletter, because they are a very important part of our group.

Another case in point is Johnny Robinson, Laird's brother. Once a Smokejumper Pilot, but not a Smokejumper. The Smokejumper Profile sheet does not meet his needs. Johnny was one of the very first members of this Association.

Attached is a copy of a profile sheet I made up for Smokejumper Pilots and Crewmen. Approximately 18 were sent out, plus copies to Roger and Larry Ashcraft. These sheets will be attached to the Smokejumper Profile sheets as added historical information.

Again, it has been quite some time since my initial recommendation on this subject.



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RE: Continuation of memo to members of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, dated 6/10/96.

As noted on the first page of this packet, we need another 24-page newsletter, which will be mailed out in July. There are again a number of pictures that can be used.

copy I have not been able to devote much time to the 12th newsletter up to this point because of other N.S.A. activities, such as the search for "missing" jumpers and pilots. The article on Danny On is finished and members of the "Static Line" staff were given copies, as was Carl Gidlund.

The modem for the Computer was installed, but we found that the equipment for tie-in with the internet would not function. The machine was taken into Missoula and the problem corrected (we believe). I had to pick the equipment up yesterday. Since Michelle has found an 8-hour day she was not here to reconnect the equipment, but Phil dropped by with his relatives and said he would come by later this afternoon and hook the parts up. (The cost for the work in Missoula yesterday came to about \$40.00.)

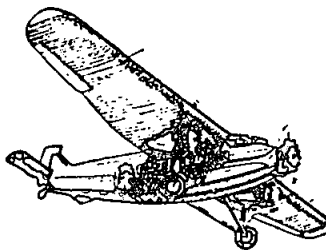
Enclosed is a listing of current Base Managers, the Board of Directors and Executive Committee members. The listing of the Board of Directors will be revised shortly.

copy My current time on this job still averages 240 hours per month. I am down here seven days each week--not 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., but I generally get out of here between 10:00 - 11:00 P.M.

During the period 7-12, 1996, I was paid \$600.00--\$100.00 per month. When it came to figuring taxes, the gal at H & R Block said the \$600.00 cost me \$90.00 in taxes, since the \$600.00 was marked as income on my form submitted by the N.S.A. Lowell has written to the I.R.S. to see what can be done in this matter.



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MEMO TO: Members of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors

FROM: Jack Demmons, Historian

RE: General

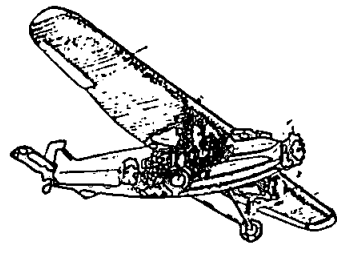
The following information relates to a number of topics. AT TIMES I WILL MENTION "I" WHICH IS NOT MY NORMAL WAY OF COMMUNICATING, BUT SINCE "I" DID THE WORK, SO BE IT.

During the early part of May an extensive search was started for "missing" jumpers and pilots. Letters have been sent to those we located. Barry Reed had checked with me on members who had not renewed for the period 1/1/94--3/31/96. He typed up names and addresses of those I had selected and we eventually mailed out a questionnaire, a letter explaining what we were doing, and an application blank to 175 former members. The results to date are shown below. Also, Redding sent us their latest master roster and I went through it and found 128 former Redding jumpers that we did not have addresses for, or current ones, and letters, plus application blanks were sent to them. Bruce Egger, MYC 46, did a lot of reasearch trying to find current addresses of former McCall jumpers. Letters were sent to 55 of these individuals. Results to date are shown below.

| Forms and Letters Sent to 175 Former Members, 1/1/74-3/31/96. | Number Returned (Rejoined) | Dues Collected |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------|
| | 63 | \$1,930.00 |
| Redding Jumpers Who Lacked Addresses or Complete Ones in Our Master Roster. (Letters and Applications sent to 128). | 22 | \$1,115.00 |
| McCall jumpers Who lacked Addresses or Complete Ones in Our Master Roster. (Applications Sent to 55). | 6 | \$ 305.00 |
| TOTAL: | | \$3,350.00 |



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TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED SINCE 5/16/96: (Amounts shown on page 1 are also dated since 5/16/96.) Current renewals are also included in the figure shown below.
\$4,626.00

It is my opinion that follow-up letters need to be sent to those who did not respond to the first letters, concerning former members who are delinquent in dues for the period 1/1/94-3/31/96. (As an example, I came across Bill Brennan and his wife in a restaurant last week. Bill mentioned he had forgotten to renew and took out his checkbook and paid up.) Sixty-three out of 175 have rejoined from this group, and I am certain we can get more with continued follow-up.

Advance renewal notices were sent out for June and July in May. June--50 sent out and 15 returned to date. July--41 sent out and 3 returned to date. (For May we sent out 79 renewal notices and 47 have been returned.)

We continue to receive renewals each week from members and former members who have been delinquent for some time.

Only 3 members have renewal dates for August. For September, 13 members have renewal dates.

On Friday, May 31st I conducted tours for 152 middle school students, with the assistance of active jumper Brian Brian Hicks--see letter I prepared, thanking him.

People drop in almost every day to look over our displays. (Both those of the N.S.A. and the M.M.F. Today a spray-retardant pilot came in and chatted for some time.) I have been handling sales for items on display by the M.M.F.--\$78.00 worth this week. M.M.F. caps are quite popular. The M.M.F. has individuals here on Saturday's from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. I am here as a rule from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. When our new items become available for sale--Lowell said by the end of June--I will be able to assist with the sales.

We are in need of someone to help with the processing of orders coming in from jumpers--items advertised in the last newsletter--once the items are on hand. As of this date we have orders from nine individuals. (As mentioned once before, during February and March I processed, recorded, prepared for mailing, and mailed more than \$1,000.00 worth of items. That is a big job and an area someone else needs to assist in.)

MEMO TO: N.S.A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: JACK DEMMONS, HISTORIAN

RE: MEMBERSHIP, RENEWALS AND GENERAL UPDATE

DATE: JULY 7, 1996

1. As mentioned earlier, 175 reminders were mailed to former members whose memberships in the N.S.A. had lapsed during the period 1/1/94 and 2/28/96. As of this date, of the 175, 68 have renewed, for \$2,040.00.
2. Mention had been made that Redding sent us its master roster. Of 128 invitations sent out to former jumper and pilots that we did not have addresses for--or current ones-- 25 have joined as of 7/7/96, for a total of \$1,195.00 (Each week we have been receiving applications from this group.)
3. Of the 55 names Bruce Egger (MYC 46) gave us, 7 have joined thus far for \$345.00. (For both the Redding and McCall listings, some letters were returned as undeliverable, basically because forwarding orders had expired. Research needs to be done here.)
4. For the above mailings the cost in postage came to \$114.56. The returns thus far total \$3,580.00. There will be more coming in from this group.
5. This weekend I mailed reminders to 44 former members whose memberships had lapsed during the period 3/1/96 - 5/31/96. I know we will get a number of renewals. (Postage cost was \$14.08.)
6. This weekend I also prepared a second mailing of reminders for those whose memberships had lapsed during the period 1/1/95 - 2/28/96--a total of 88. Here too, we will get more renewals. Some told me that even with the first mailing reminder, they forgot. I did not send notices out again for those whose memberships had expired between 1/1/94 and 12/31/94. Perhaps we can try again with this group at a later date. (Postage cost for the second mailing was \$28.16.)
7. For these reminders, it has cost postage, but the returns far outweigh the cost. Without the efforts expended we could have lost 67 former members forever of the group whose memberships had expired during the period 1/1/94 - 2/28/96. (I know we will be getting more than the 67 back.)
8. We have more leads on "missing" jumpers and pilots. Telephone calls have been made in following up these leads, and more need to be made, because we all too often were not given addresses, just general locations. Here again, the returns far outweigh costs.

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9. The Association is desperately in need of someone to work in the area of membership. Working in this field has put me behind in work on the 12th newsletter, which will be mailed out the end of this month. The work is time consuming and exhausting.

10. We have not been notified in all instances when newsletters have not reached their destinations. A case in point involves Wayne Webb, MYC 46, who was featured in the last newsletter. He and his wife had moved from Yuma to Nampa and he did not receive a copy of the newsletter--he had called here and mentioned this. He has one now. (The new notation we have on the cover page of the newsletter is supposed to guarantee--for a cost--that newsletters be returned here if they cannot be delivered.)

11. We are having a number of people drop in for tours of the N.S.A. and Museum of Mountain Flying each week. I generally am the only one on hand and take that added responsibility.

12. This past Saturday, July 6th, the M.M.F. had a "fly-in" and breakfast. Many people dropped by to view our displays and eat. A number of aircraft came in from out-of-town and out-of-state. (My job was to flip hotcakes, which I did for almost 5 hours.) A Travel Air 6000, Model B, flew in from McCall. This ship at one time belonged to the Bradley Mining Co. out of Boise and was then sold to the Johnson Flying Service. (It was here for the Air Show a year ago.) NC 8865 wound up in the South and was at the Beechcraft Museum at Tullahoma, TN, a town of about 17,000 people southeast of Nashville, where it languished for about 15 years in the museum. Mike Dorris--he flew the ship here Saturday, along with his wife and young daughter--and two partners purchased the plane. Hopefully, it will remain in the northwest. (We will be featuring Travel Air's in the forthcoming newsletter.)

13. We have a number of requests for items that were listed for sale in the last newsletter, and some calls concerning them. Once they arrive, we can place them on sale here in the hanger. Some visitors would like smokejumper items. (Two weeks ago I sold more than \$140.00 worth of Museum of Mountain Flying items--I, I, I, I, etc., but it was and is I.) Currently we have orders from 11 individuals for a total of \$289.50. ~~However, the items advertised in the last newsletter have not arrived here yet. Lowell at the June Executive Board meeting volunteered to handle incoming orders.~~

14. The expiration date notices on the newsletters have not done the job. If we had relied on them for renewals, we would be in a sorry state of affairs.

15. Current membership is about 1,118.

16. Recently Art Jukkala, Roger Savage and myself met to discuss the 12th newsletter. (Don Courtney was on a raft trip out-of-state.)

17. There will be a tour this Thursday of some 25 cadets associated with the Montana Aeronautics Division at Helena. I had been in touch with Jeanne Lesnik at that office, who handles documentation of downed aircraft in Montana and she will be with the group. At present, documentation of these aircraft at her office only extends back to about 1980. I have an extensive record collection of downed aircraft in Montana and Idaho going back into the 1920's. She is planning on coming over someday to go over those records. From 1940 on, many of the crashes involved smokejumper action or smokejumper alerts. (In Nov. 1950 some of us were placed on alert at Hale Field, prepared to depart at a moment's notice and parachute to the crash scene of a downed Northwest Airlines Martin 202, which disappeared in a storm while coming into Butte from the east. Fog prevented us from flying over the area, but the wreckage was spotted early the next morning by a ground party, along the eastern side of the Continental Divide where it had smashed into a vertical cliff, just short of missing the ridge. (One pilot, still attached to his seatbelt, had been tossed over the ridge. They came that close from missing the top of the Divide. Passengers and crew members had died instantly.)
18. We currently have 137 renewal postcards on hand. They had the old membership fees. I typed up an insert with the new rates, ran off 140 copies, and glued them over the sections on the cards showing rates.
19. We have only 12 members whose renewal dates are in September--August cards were sent out several weeks ago.--and those cards were mailed out today.
20. Since May 16th we have received \$5,261.00 in dues for renewals and new memberships.
21. A rather wordy report, eh what ol chaps? It is now close to 11:00 P.M. this warm Sunday evening and I'm going to stop for several beers on the way home after mailing out these last 88 renewal reminders.
22. A FINAL NOTE; WE ARE IN GREAT NEED OF SOMEONE TO HANDLE THE MEMBERSHIP ROLE. MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE IN THIS AREA. A JOB THAT REQUIRES PATIENCE, FORTITUDE, ATTENTION TO DETAIL, DEDICATION AND TIME!
23. My work for the N.S.A. still averages 240 hours/month, and may have to increase.

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Meeting Minutes: 15 July 1966

Joint Meeting to determine the feasibility of the three organizations, Forest Service Museum Corporation, National Smokejumper Organization, Museum of Mountain Flying, working together to continue the present Forest Service Museum proposal. The goal is to work together while each organization maintains its individuality

Representatives in attendance:

George Turman - Forest Service Museum Board
Gary Brown - Forest Service Museum Board
Lon Dale - National Smokejumper Association
Roger Savage - National Smokejumper Association
Lowell Hanson - National Smokejumper Association
Stan Cohen - Museum of Mountain Flying

Lon Dale opened discussion as to the possible kinds of agreement needed for the three groups to work together to develop the museum.

Suggestions were:

- Formation of a Joint Venture agreement rather than a new non-profit association since we all have non-profit status now
- Formation of a for-profit corporation with 1/3 of the stock held by each group
- Consider the Alliance agreement developed at Redding, CA for their museum project

Gary Brown explained the present status and progress of the Forest Service Museum project. He explained that this project had obtained 36 acres by a 30 year special use lease adjacent to the Missoula Smokejumper base. However, they are required to have begun the project within 5 years in order to retain the special use lease. They currently have one year remaining to begin the project. Planning to date includes a site plan for the 36 acres with a proposed 100,000 square foot museum and related infrastructure. This plan will initially have a 36' x 60' temporary building to be used as offices and a small museum. Later, this building would be converted to the maintenance building on the site plan.

The projected cost for the site plan building and infrastructure is \$251,000. This \$251,000 would have to be raised to complete this phase of the project. The portion of this cost allotted to the actual building would be \$108,000, with an additional cost of \$25,000 for the septic system. The balance of the \$251,000 includes the water system, roads and parking lots. Mr. Brown reported that he has prepared and will be submitting a grant application to Travel Montana. (note: Travel Montana Funds are raised by the bed tax to promote travel in Montana) Based on

this information, Travel Montana could allow a grant of \$65,000 on the \$108,000 building cost. This grant allows funds up to 60% of actual building costs, but not infrastructures. The balance of \$43,000 would have to be raised by the museum groups. He has planned a fund-raising project for the first phase of \$43,000. For this phase, he has requested the National Smokejumper Organization and Museum of Mountain Flying to each raise \$11,000 towards the \$43,000. The balance of \$21,000 to be raised by the Forest Service Museum Board. If the grant from Travel Montana is approved, they plan to begin work on the first phase in January 1997.

Lon Dale placed a phone call to George Gowan. George offered suggestions and discussion on the formation of the working agreement between the three groups. He was not aware of any major donor that would underwrite the entire project at this time. The National Forest Foundation was mentioned as a possible source of funding once the first phase had been completed.

Gary Brown requested a tentative commitment for \$11,000 each from The Museum of Mountain Flying and the National Smokejumper Association by July 19, 1996.
Meeting Adjourned.

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Re: Memorandum of Understanding

Dear Ed:

Please find enclosed a draft of the Memorandum of Understanding that I've prepared for the consideration of the Board. I attempted to make the Memorandum simple and capable of being expanded into a more complex document at a later time. I don't want to have any difficulties with the general sense of our commitment and cooperative effort with the Forest Service Museum frustrated over semantic arguments. It is my opinion that by associating with the Museum our organization has much more to gain than it could possibly obtain through its independent efforts.

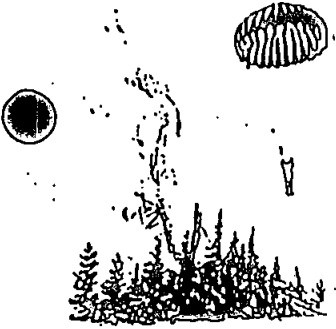
Sincerely,

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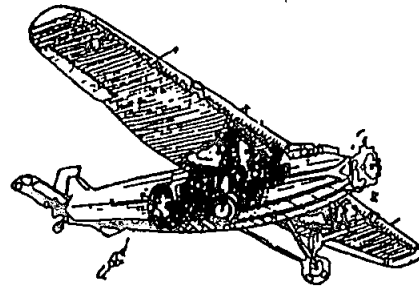

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August 24, 1996

To: Board of Directors, National Smokejumper Association

From: Ed Courtney

Re: Special Board of Directors Meeting

A special N.S.A. Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. MDT, in our office at the Missoula International Airport, Minuteman Hanger #14.

The agenda will include:

1. Discussion of Memo of Understanding regarding the N.S.A. working relationship with the National Forest Service Museum.
2. Discussion of the \$11,000. funding of a joint project with the N.F.S.M.
3. Life Memberships.

Enclosed are:

- a. Memo of Understanding which explains agenda item #2.
- b. Life Membership proposal.
- c. Minutes of the 7/15/96 meeting of the joint NSA/NFSM/MMF Committee.
- d. Attendance notification Form

Please read the information carefully before the meeting. And, please, please send the form back ASAP re your attendance.

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