

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO THE MEMBERSHIP

With this issue of the Journal, we complete two years of successful endeavor, and the efforts of many persons are reflected in the eight fact-filled, well-illustrated Journals produced so far. Our sincere thanks to the persons who made all this possible.

In producing the Journals, much behind-the-scenes activity never comes to light. Members preparing articles must do considerable research, typing, writing to others, and this is mailed to the Editor. He then has to assimilate these articles, and pictures, type stencils, arrange the pages according to content, have the Journals printed, stapled, and mailed. Deadlines are everpresent, and problems are his constant companion. It must be realized that all this activity is in addition to the regular breadwinning jobs we all have, the time devoted to the AAHS is our off time, and is strictly in the interest of aviation history. All this is leading up to a request for material in the form of articles, pictures, letters, and correspondence from the general membership in order to have the Journals reflect a general cross-section of the interests and activities of its membership. Without doubt, many of you have read articles in the Journal and have some additional information or correction to make, yet for some reason withhold such information. The Journals are your publication, and in order to be a representative organ must have more response from individuals. You need not be a Hemmingway to have material published in the Journal, we are interested in factual and complete accurate information on American aviation history, and if you have such information, then the Editor will be most interested. Why not drop him a line today and advise him of your interests, or contemplated articles for the Journal, any information will be welcome.

Administratively, progress is being made on the incorporation of the AAHS, a roster is being prepared, and copies of the Constitution and By-Laws are being printed. Reprints of Volume #1 can be obtained by sending Three Dollars (\$3.00) to the Secretary. Dues for 1958 are \$5.00, and it is requested that you send your checks in early to insure receiving the Journals on time. Membership is also still open to persons interested in the subject of American aviation history, if you know of any person so interested, application blanks can be obtained by writing the Secretary.

It is my intention to be as brief as possible in these messages, I cannot see the purpose in taking up valuable space in the Journal that could be better used to further our interests. However, I feel that the above remarks are being made in the interest of all of us, and hope to see a better response from the membership, especially those who have so much to contribute by just the mere writing of a letter. We have been constantly expanding, both in size and scope, the future looks bright, and even more promising, let us continue our progress by contributing to the Journal and by bringing in new members.

Warren D. Shipp, President
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