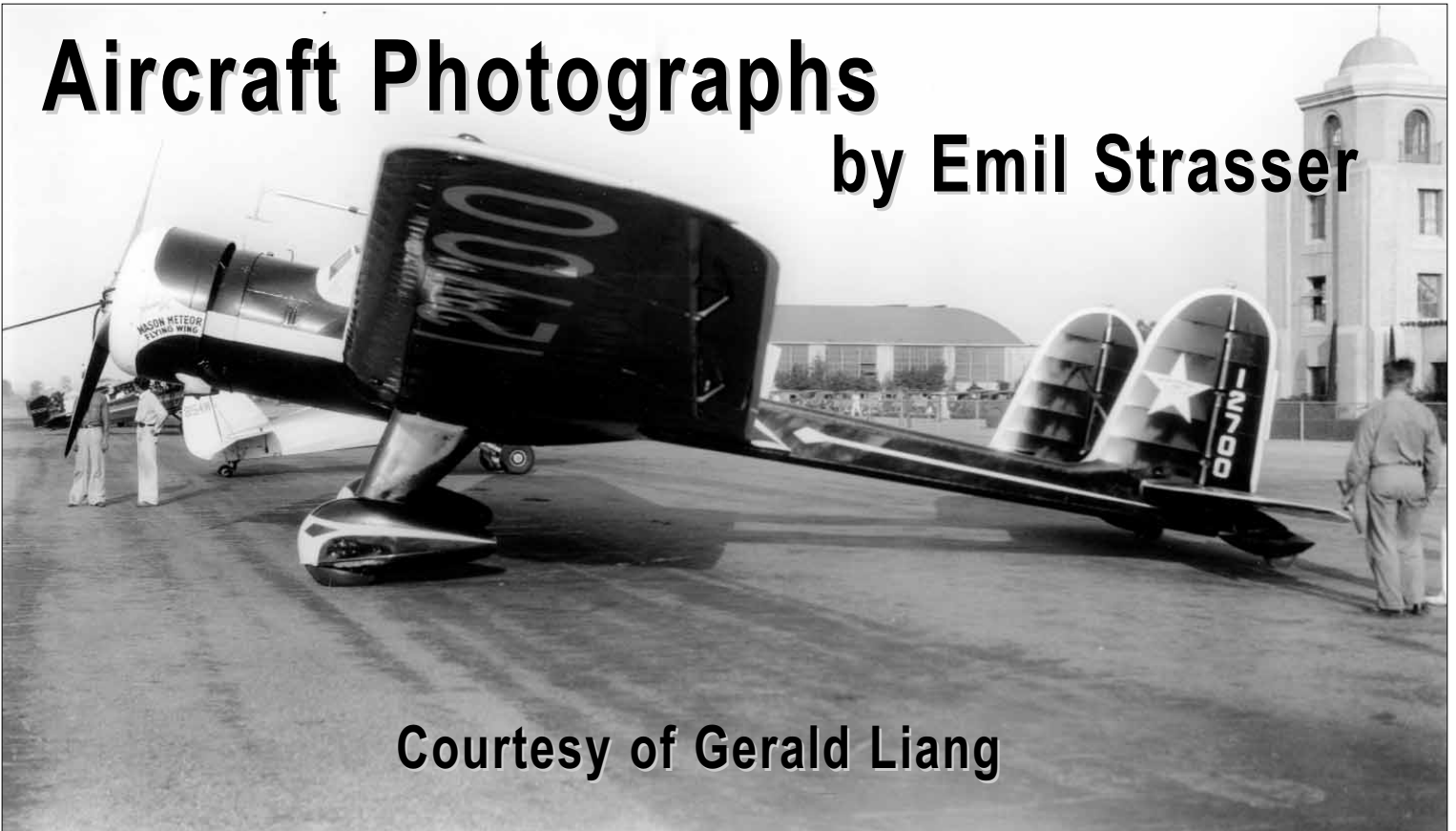


Aircraft Photographs

by Emil Strasser



Courtesy of Gerald Liang

The Vance "Mason Meteor Flying Wing," NR12700, c/n 1 at Mines Field, Los Angeles, Calif., in July 1936.

Here is another trip into the past of American aviation that we hope will bring back some pleasant memories.

Emil's home town was Akron, Ohio. Many of the photos

in this part of the series were taken there. A few were taken in California and the National Air Races in Cleveland, Ohio. We sincerely appreciate Gerald Liang's darkroom work and generosity making these priceless photos available to the Society.



Race pilot Art Chester and his racer "The Goon," NX93Y, at the National Air Races of 1939 in Cleveland, Ohio. "The Goon" used a Menasco C-65-4 inline engine. Chester won the 1939 Greve Trophy Race with a record breaking speed of 263.4 mph. "The Goon" was forced out of 3rd place and the race in the 18th lap of the Thompson Trophy Race by a tired engine.



A Douglas XO-46, USAAC 33-291, at Akron Municipal on April 4, 1938. Note the Wright Field Test insignia on the aft fuselage.



Left: The Vance-Dallas Model 1, NR12899, c/n 1, powered by a Pratt & Whitney Twin Wasp R-1830. Emil made this photo at Van Nuys Airport, Calif., on August 23, 1936.

Below: A General-Western P-2-S Meteor NC12294, c/n 106, of 1933. A 100-hp Kinner K-5 supplied the power. Emil made this photo at Grand Central Air Terminal, Glendale, Calif., in July 1936.





Curtiss O2C-1 Helldiver, Bu No. A8945, U.S. Navy. The enclosed cockpit was rare. The plane was powered by a Pratt & Whitney R-1340-4 rated at 450 hp. The date of the photo is March 20, 1932, the location is the Municipal Airport at Akron, Ohio.



Boeing P-12E, USAAC 32-28 at Akron Municipal on February 15, 1937.



Above: Douglas BT-2A basic trainer of the U.S. Army Air Corps. During 1930, 30 Douglas O-32A Observation aircraft were converted to BT-2A Basic Trainers. A Pratt & Whitney R-1340-11 rated at 450 hp powered the BT-2A.



Left: A Douglas XA-2, USAAC 25-380 powered by an inverted-vee "Liberty" air-cooled V-1410, 420-hp engine. This plane was a O-2 reworked during 1926. Note the six 0.30 cal. machine guns that armed this very early attack aircraft. Note also the engine starter crank on the right side of the fuselage aft of the engine.



Left: Emil made many photo trips to Orange County Airport in Santa Ana, Calif., through the years. This is a Garland-Lincoln LF-1, N12237, c/n 3, of 1936 owned by Frank G. Tallman. The photo was taken in 1963 and not developed until 1999.

Right: Douglas BT-1 basic trainer converted from a O-2K Observation plane. Forty of 59 O-2Ks produced were reworked to the BT-1 configuration. This ship belongs to the 112th Squadron, Ohio National Guard. Akron Municipal Airport, Ohio, is the location. The Fourth of July 1933 is the occasion.



Left: Emil Strasser with the "Red Baron" RB-51, race no. 5, N7715C, at the 1977 Reno National Championship Air Races. (Photo by Gerald Liang)