

Aircraft Photographs by Bill Yeager



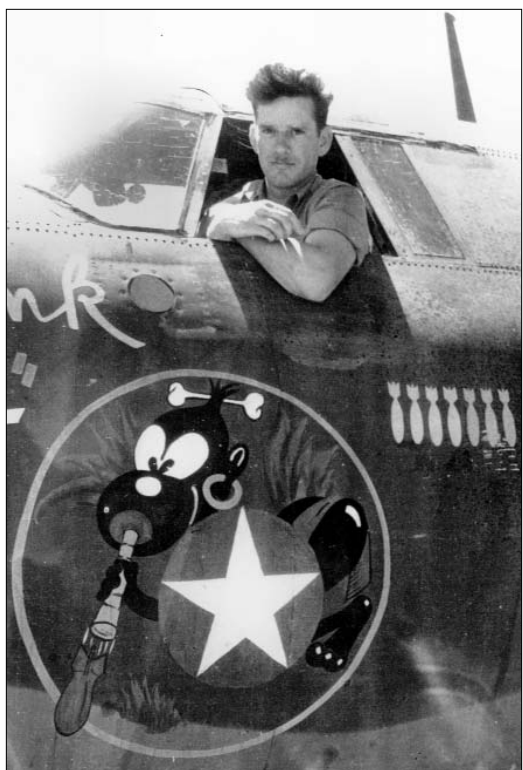
From the Emil Strasser and Walter M. Jefferies Collections

Douglas DST, NC16002, c/n 1496, of American Airlines "Flagship Illinois" takes off from Cleveland, Ohio, in November 1939. (Photo from the W.M. Jefferies collection)

In 1933, Emil Strasser and Bill Yeager started a friendship that would last a lifetime. Both Bill and Emil were from Ohio, Bill from Cleveland and Emil from Akron. In 1939 they were official photographers for the National Air Races in Cleveland, Ohio.

When WWII engulfed the U.S., Bill became a Martin B-26 pilot in the U.S. Army Air Forces and Emil went to work for Goodyear Aircraft in Akron, Ohio. Bill Yeager made the USAF a career. Emil moved to California in 1945 but remained friends with Yeager until his death.

We hope these photographs from days long gone by will bring back some happy memories.



Left: Bill Yeager in the left seat of a Martin B-26.

Right: Emil and Bill in a photo made during WWII. (Photos courtesy of Gerald Liang)





A Fokker Super Universal NC9724, c/n 826, about to land at Cleveland, Ohio, on March 17, 1940. (Photo from the W.M. Jefferies collection)

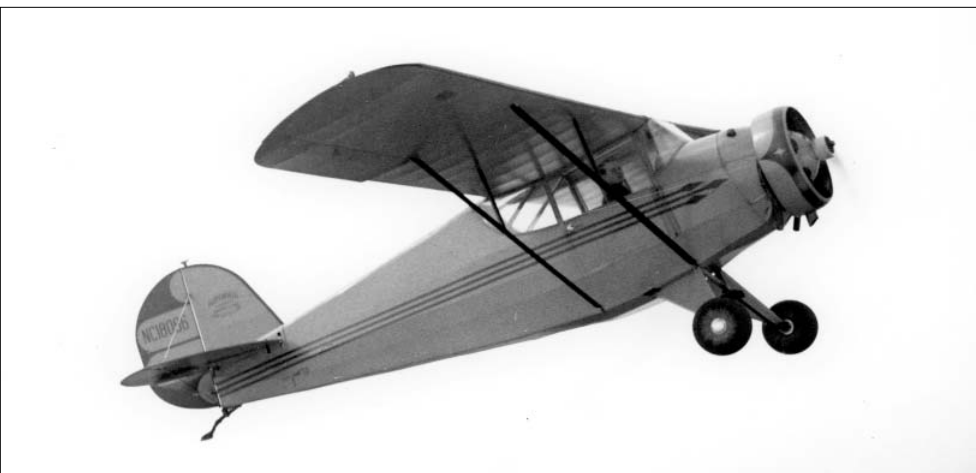
Right: A Lockheed Y1C-12 of the U.S. Army Air Corps at Cleveland, Ohio, on February 3, 1938. (Photo from the W.M. Jefferies collection)



Left: A Fairchild J2K-1 of the U.S. Coast Guard. This J2K-1 was commissioned in 1937. (Photo from the W.M. Jefferies collection)



A Hamilton H-47 Metalplane, NC538E, date and location unknown. (Photo from the W.M. Jefferies collection)



Left: A Porterfield 35-70, NC18066, with a tail skid in photo Yeager took on June 21, 1937. (Photo from the W.M. Jefferies collection)

Right: A Martin B-10 at Wright Field to test a modification for photo recon work. The date of the photo is July 30, 1937. (Photo from the Emil Strasser collection courtesy of Gerald Liang)



Left: A U.S. Navy Boeing F4B-2 about to depart from Akron, Ohio, on December 26, 1936. (Photo from the W.M. Jefferies collection)



Left: From WWII, a Curtiss AT-9 Jeep, 41-5887, at Williams Army Air Base, Arizona, in May 1942. (Photo from the Emil Strasser collection courtesy of Gerald Liang)

Right: A pretty Fairchild 24J, NC20602, c/n 3403, on June 8, 1938. (Photo from the W.M. Jefferies collection)



Left: A United Air Lines Douglas DC-3A "Mainliner" at Cleveland, Ohio, on July 7, 1937. (Photo from the W.M. Jefferies collection)

Right: A U.S. Coast Guard Lockheed R30-1 Electra acquired from the U.S. Marine Corps in March 1936. (Photo from the W.M. Jefferies collections)

