

Sikorsky Archives News

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VS-300 Final Configuration with Floats. Pilot Igor Sikorsky.



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The NEWS Resumes Publication

We are pleased to be able to resume publication of the Archives newsletter after a two year hiatus. The format is the same as it was originally, but instead of focusing on essentially one subject each number, we will keep it more general with the emphasis on what the Archives are doing or are planning.

New Officers

The Archives has a new president, Daniel Libertino. Danny is a retiree who spent most of his career in the Worldwide customer service organization. During this time he travelled widely to Germany, Turkey, Korea and Australia, supporting various helicopter models. Bob Brady becomes archives Director, replacing Harry Hleva who is standing down. Bob's background includes service in the USAF, a period at Sikorsky in the Engineering Department, and at the FAA. Biographies of Danny and Bob appear on Page 3.

Video Interviews Underway

Art Linden is conducting video interviews of retirees helped by Mark Caswell of Communications. The interviews are conducted in Igor Sikorsky's office in the Engineering Department which has been preserved as it was the day of his death. Subjects interviewed to date are Lew Knapp, Miller Wachs, Bill Paul, Sergei Sikorsky, and Charlie Martin. These tapes will be kept in the Archives and will be available to any individual or organization for use in research, or making video programs.

Volunteers Wanted.

Unfortunately it is only a dedicated few who presently volunteer their time to catalog drawings, documents and photographs dating back to 1910. We could use some help, so if you have nothing much to occupy your time on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, why not come to the Barrett House and help out. There is still much sorting and cataloging to do, email messages to be downloaded and processed, and planning future activity.



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Management Changes Announced

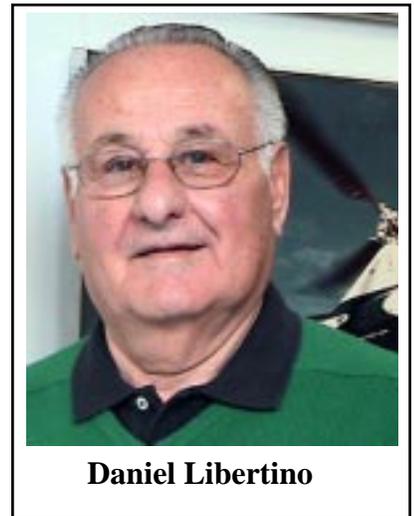
Sikorsky Historical Archives has a change in Leadership effective November 1, 2004. At the August 25, 2004 Board meeting the resignations of Ron Schlegel, President, and Harry Hleva, Director, were accepted. The nominations of Dan Libertino for President and Bob Brady for Archives Director were immediately voted on and approved by the Board. Ron has resigned from the Board. Harry will remain on the Board and he has been given the well earned title of "Senior Advisor to the President." Harry's historical recollection of Sikorsky Aircraft dating back to the early 1940's is invaluable in carrying out our work.

President

Dan brings 54 years of association with Sikorky helicopters to the position of President. He started in the industry in 1951 at the USAF Helicopter Training School in San Marcos, TX on the H-5D and later at San Marcos he was involved with the H-19 (S-55). Upon his discharge from the Air Force, he spent a few years with Petroleum Helicopters during the early offshore helicopter activities before joining Sikorsky Aircraft in 1956 and then retiring in 1997. During his forty year tenure with Sikorsky, he spent 30 years on field assignments across the U.S. Continent and also spent many years on assignments in the world including Australia, Korea, India, Turkey and Germany. Since retirement, Dan has actively volunteered his time with the Sikorsky Historical Archives and has found it rewarding and very interesting.

Dan has enthusiastically accepted the position and looks forward to continuing the preservation and recording of Sikorsky's Legacy that was so aptly started by Harry Pember in November 1995 and then followed by Ron Schlegel. His mission is to actively expand the cataloging of Sikorsky memorabilia and increase the number of volunteer participants as well as extend the hours of operation. He has already started on one of his goals which is to upgrade the Archives computer system. Updating the web site and reorganization of the nearby Reception Center Building will follow in the near future. This building will be converted to a full administration and reception center and this will include facilities for visitors to conduct research. It will also have a meeting center.

The Archives thanks all our members for their past and present support and we greatly appreciate your keen interest in Preserving the Legacy of Igor I. Sikorsky. We hope you will continue to spread the word to others about getting involved in 2005. The Archives has been a successful operation due to the dedication of all the volunteers and members.



Daniel Libertino

Archives Director



Hugh R. Brady

Hugh R. (Bob) Brady has been a volunteer for five years. He has a wide variety of aviation experience. After graduation from UCONN, he joined the USAAF during the Korean war. Upon release he remained in the Air Force Reserve as an Aircraft Maintenance Officer until 1971, being discharged as a captain.

Bob joined Sikorsky Aircraft in 1955 as an Engineer working in liaison (shop contact), airframe design, then as a project engineer on Navy HSS-2, Commercial S-61L, and lastly the Army CH-54 Flying Crane.

In late 1969 Bob joined the FAA, serving in the Aircraft Certification District Office (ACDO) in South Windsor, Connecticut, then in the FAA Branch Office in Burlington Mass. In 1987 he was promoted to Manager of the Harrisburg, PA. ACDO.

Bob Brady Contd.

His last assignment was in Belgium as a Senior Program Manager - Manufacturing based in the American Embassy in Brussels, dealing with foreign civil aircraft and components for use in the US.

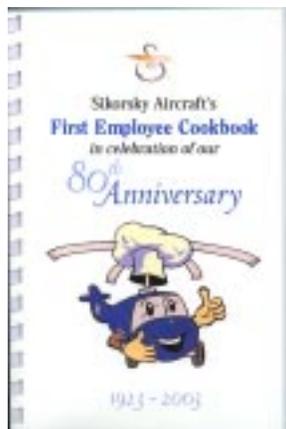
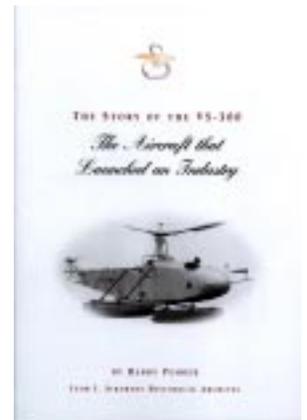
Having spent 52 years in aviation, picking up a Commercial pilot's license along the way, he retired from the FAA in 1995, vowing that he had had all the aviation he wanted. But wait; Bob and wife Audrey returned to Connecticut after a 25 year absence and look he's back in aviation!

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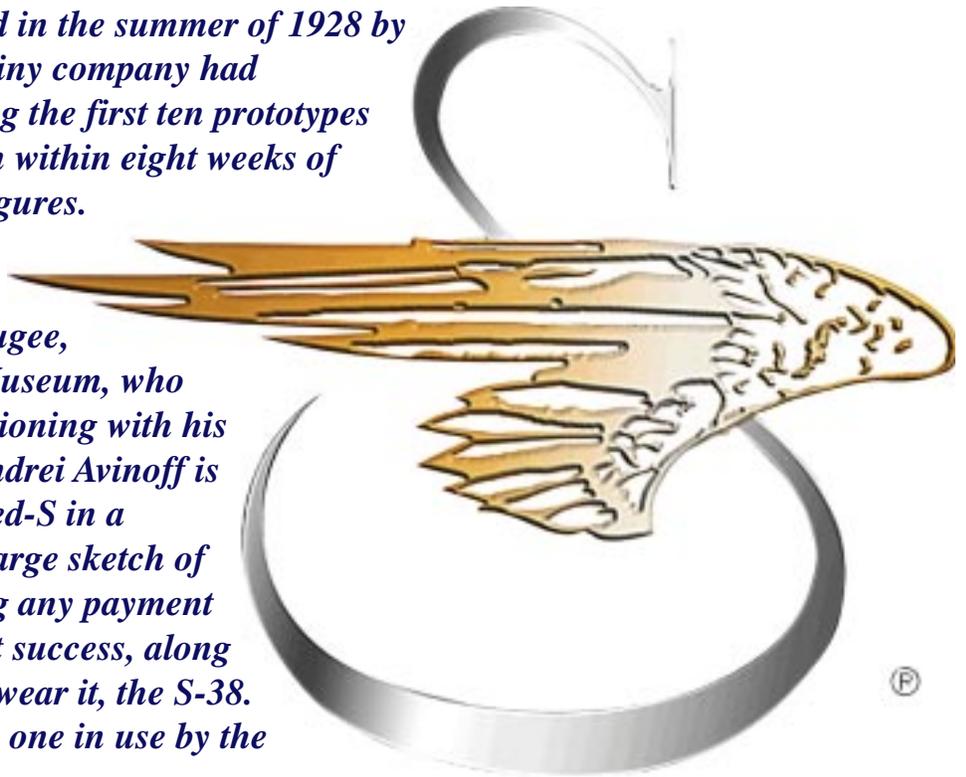
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The Story of



The Winged-S symbol was created in the summer of 1928 by a friend of Igor Sikorsky, whose tiny company had suddenly made it “big” by building the first ten prototypes of the S-38 and selling all of them within eight weeks of publication of the performance figures.

The man responsible for the logo was a talented White Russian refugee, a director of the Pittsburgh Art Museum, who was also a fine artist. While vacationing with his sister’s family on Long Island, Andrei Avinoff is reputed to have created the Winged-S in a matter of hours. He presented a large sketch of the logo to Igor Sikorsky, refusing any payment for his work. It became an instant success, along with the first Sikorsky aircraft to wear it, the S-38. This gold and silver version is the one in use by the company today.



Some other ways the logo has appeared, including the short lived “Spaghetti S” version. The heading “The Winged S” was the title of an early company newsletter which was published in January 1930.

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