

October 19th, 1928.

Mr. Richard H. Depew,
c/o Fairchild Airplane Company,
Farmingdale, L. I., N. Y.

My dear Mr. Depew:-

There is a move on foot among the old fliers to organize--and this move has crystallized into the formation of the tentative organization of the "EARLY BIRDS" or "OLD TIMERS" -- open only to those who have actually soloed prior to the outbreak of the War.

This is the direct outcome of a small get-together meeting held recently after the Los Angeles Air Races.

Your name has been suggested as one who might be eligible and interested. If this is so we shall be glad to hear from you.

At present there are no dues and no obligations. Later on it will be necessary to charge nominal dues to cover the cost of mailing notices, etc.

A line by return mail to the above address will be appreciated.

Yours very cordially,

THE ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE
Association of Old Time Airmen.

By:-

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Committee

Jack Vilas	Ernest L. Jones
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Mr. P. G. B. Morriss,
25 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Morriss:

In reply to your letter of October 19th, regarding the tentative organization of an association of old time air-
men, I am very much interested in this. Two or three days ago,
~~Mr. P. L. Valiant of the International Business Publishers'~~
Corporation, was in and told me about this.

Regarding my eligibility, I was a charter member of the Cornell Aero Club at Cornell University in 1909, building and flying gliders there in 1910-1911, and learned to fly at the Maurice Farman School at Buc, France, August 1911, receiving Aviator's Certificate #641 of the Aero Club, France (International Aeronautic Federation) dated October 6, 1911.

I shall be very glad, indeed, to hear more about this and believe that such an organization will be most interesting to the real "Old Timers" and that it will serve to draw them closer together.

Very cordially yours,

Richard H. Depew, Jr.,
Sales Engineer.

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