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SCENES ATTENDING ARRIVAL of Flyers in Ford Reliability Tour at McCook Field—Many Women Among

PLANES IN THIRD ANNUAL AIR TOUR LAND IN DAYTON

Thirteen Ships Headed by Waco, Piloted by Troy Man, Arrive at McCook Field.

10,000 GREET FLYERS

Eddie Stinson Continues to Lead Field in Points for Ford Reliability Trophy.

McCook field assumed the atmosphere of former days when government activities were at their height for a few hours yesterday afternoon when 13 planes comprising the present squad of planes in the third national air tour landed at the field at the conclusion of a 195-mile trip from Kalamazoo, Mich.

Approximately 10,000 persons were at the field when the planes landed and visitors continued to enter the field until 9 o'clock last night to inspect the planes. Pilots of the planes entertained the group at the field with stunt flying and air manouvers following arrival of the last plane.

No trouble was experienced by the planes on their trip here and they landed at the field at intervals of a few minutes and taxied into their positions with accuracy. Besides the planes which came here on the tour there were three army Douglass planes and four commercial ships at the field.

STINSON STILL IN LEAD

Upon tabulation of merit points late yesterday afternoon following the arrival of the planes here it was found that Eddie Stinson who is piloting the "Miss Waco" has a total of 4,323.5 merit points which gives him a substantial lead.

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with a total of 3,348.2 but is closely followed by H. Page, pilot of the Hamilton, who has a total of 3,527.6 points. The Ford entry piloted by D. W. Burford is fourth in the standing with a total of 3,405.5 points.

Merit points are figured on the load carried, the speed of the planes, their piston displacement, time in taking off and landing and other details.

CHARTS DISPLAYED

The advance plane of the tour piloted by Lieutenant R. G. Breene of Wright field, arrived at the field at 1:45 o'clock. Ray Collins, referee of the tour was a passenger. All charts on which the planes are checked and their flying times recorded was brought by the two men and set up in headquarters at the

The first plane to land was the "Waco," No. 10, of the Embry-Riddle company of Cincinnati, which was piloted by Charles Meyers of Troy, Ohio. It left Kalamazoo at 3 o'clock and arrived at McCook field at 3:24, averaging a speed of 150 miles for the trip.

Other passengers in the plane were Richard Blythe and T. H. Embry of the Embry-Riddle company. "Whirlwind Jimmy," a pet monkey, also was a passenger.

Less than a minute later the "Gyro," No. 6, piloted by H. A. Elliott, arrived and taxied into position beside the "Waco." From then on for a period of 40 minutes the planes landed at steady intervals every few minutes.

EIGHT IN NAVY PLANE

Eight passengers occupied the first tri-motored plane to arrive here which was the navy plane No. 4, piloted by Larry H. Sek. Its appearance at the field attracted much attention as did the army and Ford planes of the same type which arrived later. The planes are all-metal monoplanes with ample space for eight persons.

Other passengers in the plane were Lieutenant-Commander A. C. Miles, Lieutenant H. R. Bowes, F. T. Strayer, senior vice-commander in chief of the World War veterans, Tom Colby and Harvey Klemmer.

Plane No. 11, the smallest plane in the tour, piloted by Johnny Wood, was the third plane to arrive. The Mercator plane, No. 24, piloted by H. C. Mumment, arrived next. A. F. Meade was a passenger in the plane.

A Ryan biplane, No. 22, piloted by Frank Hawks was occupied by Mrs. Hawks, Mrs. E. G. Goff and Ralph Young. Eddie Stinson, flying "Miss Waco" was the next flyer to arrive. Passengers in his plane were W. A. Mara, Rose Marie Schlee, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Schlee, Charles E. Flank and Henry Desenberg.

The "Buhl," plane No. 1, piloted by Louis G. Meister came on to the field just before plane No. 8, driven by E. W. Cleveland came into position.

The Crosley radio plane landed at the field next with Lieutenant John Paul Riddle at the stick. H. E. Sherwin, general sales manager of the Crosley Radio corporation, and Frank Ward, of the Embry-Riddle company, were passengers in the plane. A "sandbox" six-tube radio set is a part of the equipment of the plane.

FLY 1,128 MILES

Ford's tri-motor plane, No. 23, piloted by D. W. Burford, was the next arrival and was occupied by Harry Russell, Charles Thomas, E. P. Crook, James Peirson, Thomas S. Gilligan, Ralph W. Cram and E. G. Robertson.

R. Page piloted the Hamilton plane No. 2 with William Pabst, Miss Lillian Byrd, Archie Linch and Thomas Hamilton as passengers. Plane No. 4, the last to arrive at the field, landed at 4:11 o'clock with P. Banriff as pilot.

Upon their arrival at Dayton the planes had completed a total flying mileage of 1,128 miles. The tour started from Detroit and included the following cities in the order named: Buffalo, Geneva, Schenectady, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Kalamazoo and Dayton.

After the arrival of the last plane the crowd was released and they were free to inspect the many planes at close range. While all the planes attracted attention, the one piloted by Johnny Wood and the three tri-motor planes were surrounded by the largest groups.

PILOTS MEET WRIGHT

Each of the pilots was introduced to Orville Wright upon their landing at the field by Ray Collins, referee of the flight. Promptly upon landing of the planes a corps of mechanics attended to the oil and gasoline supplies and gave the motors thorough inspections.

A dinner was given in honor of the personnel of the flight last night at the Miami hotel and more than 300 persons were in attendance. Charles F. Kettering acted as toastmaster at the dinner. Mayor A. C. McDonald officially welcomed the flyers to this city.

Speeches were made by Colonel E. A. Deeds and Congressman Roy G. Fitzgerald in keeping with subjects relative to aviation, particularly to commercial aviation.

The purpose of the tour is to incite confidence by the public for commercial aviation. The flyers attempt to demonstrate the safety and dependability of their planes in their exhibitions before the public in the various cities which they visit.

The advance plane of the tour will stop-off for Columbus this morning at 8 o'clock and will be followed by the general group of the tour at 10 o'clock.

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CIRCLE BY AN AIRPLANE

WISEMAN, Alaska, July 5.—(AP)—Having made by airplane in three hours a journey

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But those bells cannot be found. Pearl W. Freeman, refused to speak of her or their daughter for periods of three weeks to one year. Buckeye Iron and Brass Works, Tuesday to have a cast made for Mrs. Freeman, 60 West st., charged