



McAllister Museum of Aviation



Volunteer Don Rasmussen, a retired educator, illustrates some of the principles involved in flight to one of several groups of young people who have toured the museum.

Visitors Welcome

- Thursday, Friday & Saturday: 11 am-3 pm
- Come in and talk with one of the volunteers
- Entry fee: \$5/adult, children 12 & under free.

McAllister Museum of Aviation is a nonprofit 501(C) (3) organization. Donations are welcome and may be tax-deductible.

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of McAllister Field
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Charlie D. McAllister

Pioneer aviators Charlie and Alister McAllister acquired and rebuilt their first airplane, a Standard J-1, in 1925. In 1926, after taking flying lessons from instructor/aerobatic pilot Tex Rankin, they flew their plane to Yakima, where they opened their flight school.

There was no airport then - simply Goodman's pasture. In 1927 the airport was built. Just before Charlie passed away in 1998, Yakima's airport was renamed McAllister Field in his honor.

McAllister’s flying school operated for 73 years, making it the oldest continuously operating flight school in the Northwest. Charlie's death at age 95 marked the transformation of the flight school into the McAllister Museum of Aviation. The year 2012 marks the 86th anniversary of McAllister's on the airfield in Yakima.

Charlie designed and built his glider the Yakima Clipper in 1931 and 1932. With him at the controls, it was flown in an attempt to break the world soaring endurance record



in June of 1933. After a Northwest record of 8 hours and 52 minutes aloft, the wind abated and Charlie was forced to land short of a world record. The Yakima Clipper made more than 40 flights; since 1987 it has been part of the collection of the Museum of Flight in Seattle.

From Charlie's connection to Orville Wright, who signed his first flying license, to Bonnie Dunbar and her space shuttle mission, the history of aviation has many ties to Central Washington.

Charlie's Gift Continues

The museum’s member-volunteers provide guided tours on request, and generate activities and events throughout the year.

The museum can be rented for special occasions.

Displays include models, memorabilia, World War II nose art reproductions, and stories of yesteryear. Exhibits honor several people with local connections, including Bonnie Dunbar, Dr. Melvin Stohl, Gini Richardson, Dick Scobee, and several World War II veterans.

Museum member-volunteers can provide presentations on the science of aviation to visiting school groups.

The museum hosts various fund-raisers throughout the year and holds open house on Veterans Day.

Pilots can buy self-serve aviation fuel 24/7.