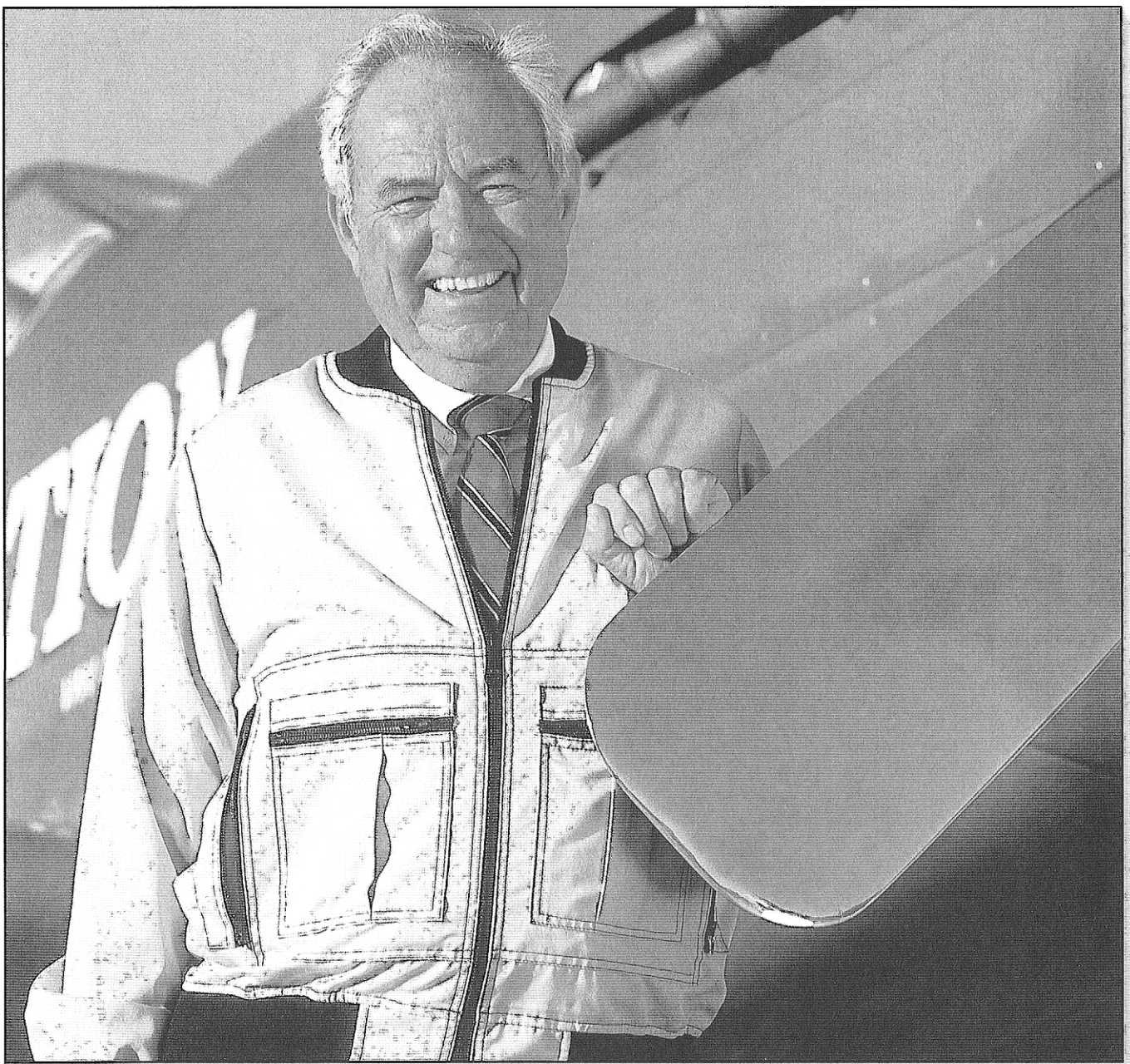


The Aero Club of
Northern California

The 2003 "Crystal Eagle" Award Winner

CLAY LACY



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Clay Lacy Aviation pioneered corporate and private jet aviation as we know it. This year CLA will be celebrating its 35th anniversary after incorporation in 1968 although its roots date back into the early and mid 1960s.

Clay Lacy and Clay Lacy Aviation have set records, won air races, tested aircraft and built a world-class company with a private jet fleet of over 30 aircraft, three locations and global capability. During this time Clay Lacy Aviation has assembled a team with one goal in mind: the pursuit and commitment to excellence in all facets of operation.

CLAY LACY

AVIATION PIONEER

Clay Lacy's life is a synopsis of aviation. His mother provided the dollar needed for a 7 year-old to fly high above the farmlands of Kansas in a Staggerwing Beech, returning to earth knowing he had to fly. His teen years were spent scrounging hours at the local airport and ferrying planes for an early mentor. At 19, with 1,500 hours logged, he talked his way into United Airlines, starting in the right seat of a DC-3. Forty years later, he was the senior United pilot when he retired, having worked his way through DC prop planes into the world of jets: 727, DC-8, DC-10 and finally, the 747-400 on the trans-Pacific routes.

There have been zigs and zags in Lacy's career but, except for one three-hour stint, he's never worked outside the aviation business. He worked in a grocery store as a teenager to make some money but, by noon, he knew he should be back on the flight line. He quit and never looked back.

In January 1954 Clay took leave from United Airlines to attend Air Force Pilot Training. After completing F-86 Gunnery School in August 1955, he returned to United Airlines and continued flying military fighters and other aircraft with the California Air National Guard. He was one of the first

pilots to receive a Learjet Type Rating in November 1964, and was manager of Learjet Sales for California Airmotive, the Learjet distributor in the seven Western United States.



Lacy flew a P-51 Mustang in the Reno Air Races for eight years, winning the 1970 Reno Unlimited Pylon Race with the purple Mustang. In 1971, he placed first in the last propeller unlimited cross-country race held.

In the early 1970s, Lacy helped pioneer the Astrovision aerial camera system. Clay does almost every airline commercial filmed, most Hollywood aerial filming, and much of the photo work for the aircraft industry and military.

Lacy is a pilot's pilot, holding world records, flying fighters for the Air Force, winning air races, and helping launch the bizjet industry. He holds an Airline Transport License with thirty (30) type ratings, helicopter, seaplane, flight instructor and flight engineer. He probably has more than 50,000 flight hours and doesn't even bother to tally the numbers anymore.

Perhaps his most memorable achievement was the 36-hour, 54-minute around-the-world-flight in the Boeing 747SP Friendship One, that carried 100 celebrities and aviation notables and raised \$500,000 for charity.

CLAY LACY IN HIS P-51 MUSTANG



Clay and Bill Ear (creator of the Learjet) and Danny Kaye in early 1966.

Clay Lacy



The Aero Club of Northern California
Twenty-First Annual Awards Presentation
 Hiller Aviation Institute
 October 18, 2003

Welcome and Introduction	Ron Blake
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Introduction of Aero Club Officers and Board Members	Ron Blake
Aero Club - NAA Certificate of Honor Awards	
• Marge Frenzel	Sharon Sweeney
• Gerald Shreve	Tom Leonard
• Nancy and Steve Sullivan	Jerry Bennett
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• Craig Utas	Scott Yelich
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Guest Speaker	
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The Crystal Eagle Award

The Crystal Eagle Award is presented annually by the Aero Club of Northern California to recognize an individual whose accomplishments have significantly contributed to the advancement of aviation or space technology.

The Crystal Eagle: A distinctive work of art

The Crystal Eagle Award is a unique work of art crystal handcrafted in Italy.

It is fitting that the eagle should be the symbol for the Aero Club's annual award. The North American eagle is recognized as a bird possessing great strength, natural grace, keenness of vision and power in flight. The eagle has historically been used by man to identify with flying.

The Crystal Eagle is mounted on a California redwood base, unique to Northern California. In its natural state redwood has unusual durability, commensurate with the recipients of this coveted award.

Crystal Eagle Award Winners

- 1983: General James "Jimmy" Doolittle
- 1984: Brigadier General Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager
- 1985: Stanley Hiller, Jr.
- 1986: William "Bill" Lear, Sr.
- 1987: James M. "Jim" Nissen
- 1988: Anthony W. "Tony" LeVier
- 1989: Elbert "Burt" L. Rutan
- 1990: George S. Cooper
- 1991: Allen E. Paulson
- 1992: Jeana Yeager
- 1993: Robert T. Jones
- 1994: Frank L. Christensen
- 1995: James S. Ricklefs
- 1996: Darryl G. Greenamyre
- 1997: Robert L. "Hoot" Gibson
- 1998: Donald D. Engen
- 1999: Paul H. Poberezny
- 2000: Wayne Handley
- 2001: Igor I. Sikorsky
- 2002: A. Scott Crossfield



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About our club . . .

The Aero Club of Northern California was formed to promote those activities which advance aviation and aerospace within Northern California.

We are a chapter of our parent organization, the National Aeronautic Association (NAA), which having been founded in 1905 as the Aero Club of America is the oldest independent, non-profit aviation organization in the United States, and the sole U.S. representative to the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI).

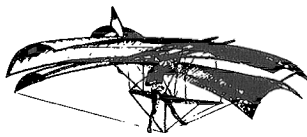
So central to aviation was the Aero Club that until 1926 it issued all pilot licenses in the United States.

The first five pilot licenses issued by the Aero Club were: 1) Glen H. Curtiss, 2) Lt. Frank P. Lahm, 3) Louis Paulham, 4) Orville Wright, and 5) Wilbur Wright. All other pilot licenses issued in the United States subsequent to these five were until 1926 issued by the Aero Club of America.

We embrace the goals of our parent organization in our efforts to support a vigorous aviation and space program for students at all levels of learning, and to recognize and honor those who have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of aviation and space flight.

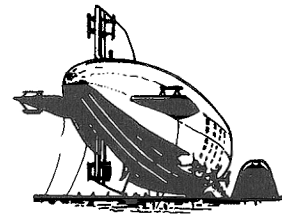
About our logo . . .

Incorporated in the logo of The Aero Club of Northern California are some of the most significant contributions the Northern California area has made to the art and science of flight.



Montgomery Flight - 1904

Often referred to as "The Father of Basic Flying" Dr. John Montgomery was a true aviation pioneer. San Jose was the site of many of his historic achievements. Alexander Graham Bell noted that, "All subsequent attempts in aviation must begin with the Montgomery Machine."



Moffett Field - 1933

Dedicated April 12, 1933, Moffett Field until recently was the United States guardian of the Pacific. It continues to be a major aviation facility supporting both federal and military operations.



China Clipper - 1935

Lifting from San Francisco Bay waters on November 22, 1935, the Clipper became the first airplane to fly the Pacific non-stop. Cutting over 15 days off the best surface time from San Francisco to Manila, it led to the elimination of the barriers of space and time.



NASA Ames Research Center - 1940

Northern California's continued contributions to involvement in the quest for our ultimate destiny is assured by the ongoing advancements in aerospace science and technology at NASA's Ames Research Center.