

Al's Diary-Dec. 25th 1939-D.O.B. July 20th. 1910-5'9 1/2" 120lbs.
Jan. 7 1940 looked at lots 14,15,16,17. on Norembega Rd.
Jan. 12 1940 First flying club meeting.
Feb. 14 1940 Really fed up with airport.
Mar. 6 1940 Ellinor soloed.
Mar. 8 1940 85 at flying club meeting.
Mar. 12 1940 Saw Dan Moran, offered \$2,500.00 for Al's equity in land.
Mar.22 1940 Bought new 16mm Movie outfit.
April 16 1940 Paul Mantz flew in with a Boeing 247-D to shoot "Keep him Alive"
April 18 1940 Auntie gave Al \$1,550.00 to buy new F-2.
May 5 1940 Took up glider twice.
May 8 1940 signed up for conscientious objector at draft board.
June 7 1940 agreed to sell Jim Most 1/2 interest in Government program. Figured we can net about \$1,000.00 per month.
June 6 1940 Received contract for 50 Cal Tech students at \$320.00 each.
June 10 1940 ordered 4 new Porterfields, sent for \$7,000.00 from Central trust.
June 12 1940 Received \$7,000.00 from Cincinnati, They sure give me good service.
June 15 1940 Jack Rafferty, Jim McGrew, Bob Barlow and Al Thomas left for Kansas City to get new Porterfield's.
July 5 1940 signed over half interest to Jim.
Aug 20 1940 Took pictures of new Porterfields flying in formation.
Aug 20 1940 bought new Buick convertible.
Sep. 1 1940 had new Buick painted. got it back Sep. 7th
Sep. 8 1940 Floyd Hobby jumped instead of Ralph, ripped both chutes.
Nov 16 1940 Bob Barlow towed sign over Los Angeles for the first time.
Dec 7 1940 I flew sign but it broke half way and rope caught in tail so didn't complete tow. wish sign job was in hades, don't like it!

Dec 10 1940 Weather bad BT-9 nosed over at end of field.

Dec 12 1940 Test hopped Waco F-2 after rebuilding.

Jan 9 1941 I get \$30.00 each day for towing sign.

Jan 10 1941 Bought 3 acres of land on Norembega.

Jan 21 1941 Received closing check from trust.

Feb 13 1941 Found oil on airport 1st sound at 1600 feet, three more deeper.

Feb 29 1941 Gave Bob Smith financial statement (\$50,000.00)

April 13 1941 Loyed Meloclear made parachute jump.

April 19 1941 New hanger completed.

June 20 1941 Moved into our new house.

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