

THE DAEDALUS FLYER

The Daedalus Flyer is a quarterly magazine published by the Daedalian Foundation at no cost to the members of the Order of Daedalians. The Daedalian Foundation is a tax-exempt organization that relies on contributions, donations and bequests from the Daedalian membership to fund a comprehensive and varied scholarship program. The Foundation was established by the Order of Daedalians in 1959 to encourage safety of flight through scientific, educational, and charitable means. The educational means became the Daedalus Flyer.

The Flyer is the primary source of information about the Order of Daedalians and the Foundation for all members. It is also the basic, vital expression of those forces, and feelings, which bind all Daedalians together. To the extent we Daedalians are a cohesive group, it is this journal, the Daedalus Flyer which is the bonding agent. It is our aim to put out a quality magazine which not only presents news and information about Daedalians, but also makes Daedalians feel good about being Daedalians. It's your journal and it deserves your support! The Flyer is the official journal of the Order of Daedalians.

WE ARE ALWAYS SEARCHING FOR DAEDALIAN AUTHORS

Have you ever wondered why some Flights - or individuals - seem to appear in the Daedalus Flyer so frequently? It is simply because they do a better job of providing copy (news) and photographs to your editor. The editorial staff at National Headquarters is not staffed to do much original writing for the Flyer. We are almost completely dependent on input from the membership for the Flyer's contents. There are thousands of tales, yarns, war stories, sea stories and downright historical writings out there that we would like to have. In addition, all Daedalian Flights have activities of interest to their fellow Daedalians in other locations. This short piece is intended to give Flights and individual members help in getting some of them printed in the Daedalus Flyer. Briefly, to improve your chances of being published in the Flyer:

- DO -

- Analyze the contents of recent issues for ideas on selecting your subjects.
- Careful research and documentation.

- Include good photos with thorough identification.

- DON'T -

Send us previously published articles. We may encounter a copyright problem.

GETTING PUBLISHED

Whether you want something printed as a Flight or as an individual, your first problem is to get the Editor's attention! The Quarterly Flight Activity Report is not the place to do it. It is not slanted toward Flyer coverage, nor does it contain suitable photographs as a rule. Please don't misunderstand though - Flights do need to put all their activities in their quarterly Activity Reports to compete for the Jimmy Doolittle Distinguished Flight Award, and to provide National Headquarters with the information it needs-so keep sending your reports in. By the same token, your Flight newsletters are your best internal information tool for your own Flight. You need a good one. Just realize that neither of these are designed to meet the needs of the Daedalus Flyer. To get something from the Flights published in the Flyer, write it and submit it separately from your regular reports. Send it directly to the Editor. For Individuals: Send your proposals directly to the Editor. Flights and/or individuals can submit items for any department of the magazine including:

- FLIGHT LINE
- NEWS BEAT
- YARNS/WAR STORIES
- FEATURE STORIES
- POEMS
- OBITUARIES
- FOUNDER MEMBERS
- REUNION NOTICES
- AWARDS

- SCHOLARSHIPS

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS ARE TOP NEWS IN FLYER

The Daedalian Foundation and the Order have an impressive Awards and Scholarship program and it is one that every Daedalian can be proud of. The top safety awards for the Armed Services and Civil aviation are Daedalian awards. The top USAF maintenance, supply, weapons systems development, and MWR awards are Daedalian awards. We sponsor more than \$100,000 in scholarships annually. Yes, we have a superb Awards and Scholarship program in support of Daedalian objectives. But we don't do a very good job of informing our own members, nor the public, of our Awards and Scholarship program. Flights and individual members have a vital - a critical - part to play in our Awards and Scholarships program. We rely on Flights and/or individual members to present many of the Awards/Scholarships in appropriate ceremonies. It is imperative the recipient and attendees at the ceremony know what the award/scholarship is, who sponsors it, and what we are.

Photographic coverage is a must. When presenting any award/scholarship, ensure photographs and the details of the event get sent to the Editor promptly. We owe it to all our members who make our Awards and Scholarship program possible through their contributions, to receive feedback and the results of their support. This is an area of special emphasis.

FLIGHT LINE IS POPULAR

Members want to read about the activities of other members and their Flights. News of Flight meetings and outstanding special activities. This is where you can tell everyone what your Flight is doing and learn how other Flights do. Your Flight should strive to have an article in every magazine. We suggest each Flight identify a Flight Correspondent whose primary assignment is to get good material in. A few Flights are already doing this and it is their material that is being published. A Flight Correspondent and a Flight Photographer acting together can make an outstanding combination to present material to the Flyer.

LAST FLIGHTS

We print death notices of all our members (all categories) in our "In Memoriam" column, and we attempt to print an obituary on each Founder Member after they depart on their Last Flight.

FOUNDER MEMBERS Here at National, we generally do not have full and complete details on the Founder Member's life nor the time of his passing. We rely on notification from the Flight for that information. Many Flights have already compiled, in conjunction with the Founder Member and his family, the obituary notice they wish to have appear upon the Member's passing. Then, all that is necessary, is to fill in the date of death and we will take it from there. We have so few Founder Members left we wish to properly acknowledge them as they make their Last Flight. We need your help to do so.

DEADLINES MUST BE MET

We publish quarterly but we are not precise. From year to year, issues may vary slightly. You should get your article in as quickly as you can. The following deadlines are guidelines. The best rule is to get it in early. The earlier the better.

Spring issue

Copy due by 1 February

Published April

Summer issue

Copy due by 1 May

Published July

Fall issue

Copy due by 1 August

Published October

Winter issue

Copy due by 1 November

Published January

Don't wait for these dates. We, of necessity, work on a long lead time. We are not a weekly magazine with a large staff. (In fact there are only two of us!) For example, the write-up you see in the Spring issue in April, promoting our convention in June, was drafted in February. Plan ahead. If timing is tight, call the Editor at (210) 945-2113 or Fax (210) 945-2112 or e-mail us at icarus@texas.net and we'll try and work it out.

FORMATTING

Typed is best. Double spaced helps a lot. Longer stories should be sent on a 3.5 computer disk. The important thing is to get the story down and all the facts laid out. Most vital is to get your research done. If you do not do it, the Editor will and if he doesn't have the time, it won't get published. There are over 17,000 experts out there who know more about everything than the Editor knows about anything. So, we try to be sure of our facts all the time. Sometimes we make it. When we don't, there's no place to hide.

DAEDALIANS TELL THE BEST STORIES (LIES?)

DAEDALIAN YARNS: This is the place for hangar tales, biographical accounts and personal experiences by and about Daedalians engaged in flight. Usually short (under 2,000 words) and exclusively for the Daedalus Flyer.

DAEDALIAN FEATURES/STORIES: Considered to be the finest example of Daedalian writing, we like to feature them when a good one comes along. They require careful research, good writing and are usually longer, taking months to put together. You are the best source for ideas and materials for these writings. The Editor expects exclusive use of such stories until they are printed in the Flyer.

PHOTOS/AUTHOR BIOS: Don't forget the photos ! Color prints are preferable. Please don't send negatives! We will return your photos upon request. Include a picture of the author and a short bio for all stories. The readers want to know all about you. So, don't lie too much!

GREAT IDEAS NEEDED - - - NOT GREAT WRITING

Do you need to be a great writer? You already are. We strive for an informal, conversational style of writing within the context of standard, accepted norms of grammar, syntax and scholarship. Keep in mind, however, the Editor rarely can use a submission without changing it. So don't be upset when it is edited. It happens to everyone.

Colonel Bill Stewart, former editor, tells an interesting anecdote. As a researcher, and jack-of-all-trades on the Daedalus Flyer, he was satisfied he had developed all the facts on a prominent Daedalian who had just made his Last Flight. As the writer, he wrote a powerful and moving obituary, pronounced it outstanding and had it typeset. As the Editor, he came along and cut it 55%!

Editing is something Editors do. Good tight editing is one of the best ways to hold costs in line. The Daedalus Flyer sells no advertising and is not self supporting. The magazine is a big expense for the Order, and we must operate within a budget. More than that, the Editor arranges the magazine and gives it shape, style and substance. Each issue is like a process of conception, gestation and birth, but that's what gives it character and personality. That's what good editing does. Sorry we can't pay you any royalties, but the authors who have published in the Daedalus Flyer have found the process fulfilling-and they are happy they did it. We think you will be also.

THREE IMPORTANT TIPS

Examine your own history/experiences and your Flight for stories of interest to the readers. Plan ahead six (6) months to what issue you would like to appear in. Plan now for a Flyer article to describe upcoming events. But be patient when it takes several months to get your story into print. Remember we are a quarterly magazine. We like to have several articles/yarns in the process of development. We cannot guarantee in which issue they will be printed. If, and when, it finally appears in the printed version it will be worth the wait. Please encourage everyone in your Flight to get their current address in to us. Too many of our members are NOT getting the magazine because we don't have their current addresses. We mail Second Class, which means the Post Office will forward it, but the National Headquarters still needs your current address. Daedalians who do not get their magazine, their dues notice, and other important information from National Headquarters, wind up getting dropped. Don't let this happen to you.

Let your Editor stress that the magazine is no better than you make it. Without your contributions, it becomes a dull rag-not achieving its objectives. Please keep your submissions coming. It doesn't matter if you are a new lieutenant or a seasoned warrior. We need you !

BIG SMILES!

Do photos help? More than any thing else! Color photos (prints) work just fine. Now that we have gone to full color, we will be looking for outstanding color pictures. You will receive a credit line for it. Maybe you have the next cover

photo. Usable photos show good contrast, should be interesting, make a point, and support the story. We cannot use slides, news print, or Xerox photos.

Identify EVERYTHING about the photo. Name all the people, all the objects, background, the time and place, who took it, who sent it in- Everything! Do NOT write on the photo itself-front or back. Write the information on a separate piece of paper and stick that on the back of the print with masking tape or "post it," something that will not harm the photo. Do NOT use scotch tape! Larger prints are usually better than smaller prints. Photos are not normally returned, but are kept on file. If this causes a problem, talk to the Editor. Speaking of photos, we really like historical photos! (W. W. I to present day; airplanes, scenes, people, events, and especially if it is about a Founder Member). Same rules apply on identification. If you come across any old photographs in good condition, and well identified, send them to the Editor.