



## WAC FLY PAPER 1931-2025

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### COMING EVENTS

- COFFEE TALK MAY 30, 8AM
- MEMBER MEETING MAY 30, 10AM
- FAMILY OUTING JUNE 27, 3PM
- CORN ROAST TBA

### BOARD MEMBERS

DENNIS MOHR – President  
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### Crites Memorial Aviation Fund



As a young man Dale devoted much time to aeronautical research. His work on "controlling airflow over lifting surfaces" led to the construction of an experimental slotted wing craft which flew in 1931 and 1932 answering many questions about boundary layer control.

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During World War II Dale was active as an instructor pilot in the Civilian Pilot Training Program.

Dean was a precision flier as evidenced in 1938 when he astounded an air show crowd by picking up a handkerchief with a wingtip. Dean has the proud distinction of being included in the group of first airmail pilots, back when this was considered a very dangerous occupation. His accomplishments in aviation include the Waukesha Aviation Club's Achievement Trophy and being named Wisconsin's Outstanding Pilot by the Civil Air Patrol (CAP). Before becoming manager of what was then the Waukesha County Airport, Dale served as President of the Wisconsin Aviation Association and as President of the Spring City Flying Service. Dean served two terms as President of the Waukesha Aviation Club. In recognition of Dean and Dale Crites' dedication and contributions to aviation the Waukesha County Board, in 1980, renamed the Waukesha County Airport, Crites Field. In recognition of their lifelong dedication to the field of aviation, a fund has been established through the Waukesha County Community Foundation to encourage new pilots to pursue aviation training. Every year there will be a scholarship awarded to an applicant starting at \$1000. As the fund increases in value, the sum awarded will also increase. Contact the Waukesha Aviation Club through their website <https://www.wacwi.com/> To [www.waukeshafoundation.org/critesaviation](https://www.waukeshafoundation.org/critesaviation) donate