

Paul Schultz - history of UP aviation (Menominee, Michigan)

1994 - July 25, Monday - Mike & Judy Berger flew me from the Island to Green Bay and Mike arranged an interview for me with Paul Schultz (Aviation Consultant and Historian).

In an hour and a half chat with Paul I learned that his book project entails a history of UP aviation from 1897 to 1940. Paul often gives slide presentations (such as his recent one to the Delta County Historical Society at Escanaba). He was trained as an aeronautical engineer and was himself a pilot.

Paul is a widower who lives alone at a shore front ranch house (brick & white fence) five miles north of the Menominee City limits just three houses beyond the old (1928) airport. Books, newspaper clippings, pictures and boxes occupy floor, chair and sofa. Like many purposeful searchers Paul keeps finding new material. I get the impression he will never complete his book if he doesn't get to it soon as he is now 77.

Paul has never flown to the Island but he is of course quite interested in Wally Arntzen of Escanaba (who more than anyone else epitomized Island aviation between 1920 and 1941).

Paul did not find EAA especially helpful as a resource. Instead he goes to a San Diego outfit for visuals. Practically all of his photos are black & whites.

As despite his background Paul has a keen interest in early aircraft. He does not involve himself with WW2 vintage planes and what has come after 1945.

906-863-3655

PAUL L. SHULTZ

**Aviation Consultant
and Historian**

**N2164 Highway M-35
Menominee, MI 49858**