

Telephone interview with John Thorin of Escanaba April 5, 1993

John first flew to the island in 1946 so his recollection of life here is post-WW II.

Re: my queries of Dec. 9, 1992

* 3. - Escanaba-based pilots who flew to WI:

Ralph Olsen, Dr. Farmer, Nelly Arntzen, John Thorin, Lee Lathrop,
Clyde Cole, Fred Meringer.

* 4 knew of Terry Atkins & Dickie Bjornsson instances

* 5 Wally's biplanes - "Swallow" /st Tommy Morris "Scout"

WTF learned how to fly at Kelly Field, Texas in 1926.

2nd Lt. in Army Air Force. Established UP Airways at
Wells, Michigan with Harold Westcott from copper company.

At any time flew passengers between Green Bay - WI.

Thorin began flying in 1937, 1938.

N.B. Ron Mantel regularly flies to island.

Other sources in Escanaba

wife Debbie Arntzen	786-3216	(906)
brother Arnie Arntzen	786-2100	(906)
son Norman Arntzen	786-3301	(906)

Wally's appearance 5'9" lean, round face, turned up nose
good looking