



Who's Who of Ballooning

By Ecbert Eecks

UPSON, Ralph Hazlett USA #- 48 (1888-1968) (GB)
 See APPENDIX-AH/AI/AR/AX. Sport balloonist. Aeronaut Extraordinaire.
 b: 21 Jun.1888 New York, NY;
 d: 13 Aug.1968 Burien (Seattle), WA; Died mountain climbing at age 80.
 e: Stevens Institute of Technology, ME-1910.
 p: LTA-Engineer for Goodyear Aviation Department 1910-21; Credited with developing the Goodyear Kite-Balloon of 1915; Started Wingfoot B-School in 1917; Outstanding B-Instructor; taught many famous aeronauts; Chief Engineer for Metalclad Aircraft Corp. 1921-33; Designer/ Developer of metalclad-airship (TC-4/ZMC-2) in 1929; Designer of railroad trains, Airplanes, Space vehicles; Consulting Engineer Stout Aircraft of Dearborn, MI 1942; Professor at the University of Minnesota.
 f: First B-Flight 1906 with F.P.LAHM; Student of F.P.LAHM; Made and flew his own balloon by late 1906; Very active until 1930 era; FAI-ACA B-License #48 issued 1914; Airship pilot-1917; Airplane license #10290 issued 1929; Glider pilot.
 l: 1926, Co-Author (w/CHANDLER) of "Free and Captive Balloons"; 1913-21, Won G-Bennett B-Race once in 3-tries; 1913-23, Won U.S.National B-Races three times.
 h: ACA-Gold Medal-1914; Outstanding Aero Services Award, Amer.Soc. of Mechanical Engineers-1929; Wright Brothers Medal-1930.
 m: ACA; Early Birds; Fellow, Royal Aero Soc.of Great Britain; Soc.of Auto Engineers.
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