



FRIENDS OF BELLANCA AIRFIELD, INC. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The distinctive Air Service Hangar on Frenchtown Pike (Rte 273) in New Castle, Delaware, is a unique one-and-a-half-story structure that is all that remains of the once-bustling Bellanca aircraft factory and flying field complex.

Bellanca Aircraft Corporation was founded in 1928 by Giuseppe M. Bellanca, with the encouragement of local city fathers. The hangar was part of a busy test site for Bellanca aircraft as well as a general aviation facility from the late 1930's until the late 1960's.

An appealing feature of the Bellanca Field hangar is the graceful arched roof that extends the length of the building. The impressive, original wooden-beam truss work survives and is in good condition. The intricate system provided a span large enough to accommodate the wide wingspan of aircraft.

The preservation outreach group, Friends of Bellanca Airfield, Inc. has been formed to preserve this classic hangar, owned by the Trustees of the New Castle Common. The volunteer group, FoBA, is working in cooperation with the Trustees in pursuing an economically feasible adaptive use for the structure. A key possibility is a regional aviation museum or an air/water/land transport interpretive center.

The hangar was recently evaluated by Delaware State Department of Historical and Cultural Affairs and was found to be eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. It qualifies on its architectural merit, and its association with a significant event or person. It is a prime example of a transportation relic, and is of historic importance to the city of New Castle and the State of Delaware.

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PLEASE CHECK IF INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR FoBA, Inc.

ANNUAL FoBA, Inc. MEMBERSHIP: PATRON: \$75. INDIVIDUAL: \$25. STUDENT: \$5.

PROFESSIONAL: \$100. BUSINESS: \$500. CORPORATE: \$1000+.

Please make checks payable to and mail applications to Friends of Bellanca Airfield, Inc. P.O. BOX 267, New Castle, DE 19720. Website (Email): www.friendsofbellanca.org (contact@friendsofbellanca.org)

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