

A photograph of four vintage Waco biplanes flying in formation over a hilly, forested landscape. The planes are in various colors: a dark purple one in the upper left, a red one in the upper right, a red one in the middle, and a blue one in the foreground. The background shows rolling hills and a clear sky.

WINGS OVER OREGON

THE WESTERN ANTIQUE AEROPLANE AND AUTOMOBILE
MUSEUM FLY-IN GATHERS A FANTASTIC ARRAY OF VINTAGE AIRCRAFT
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Four different models of Wacos over Hood River: Lead 1932 Waco UBF-2 flown by Hayden Newhouse, 1941 UPF-7 flown by Robin Reid, 1935 YPF piloted by Lars Lundquist, with Wes Valpey in the 1928 Waco ATO on the outside.

Located just a few miles south of the town of Hood River, Oregon, is the Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum (WAAAM) that now consists of 175 vintage aircraft and around 225 automobiles. The facility is located at the Ken Jernstedt Airfield. Does that name sound familiar? Well, for readers of *Air Classics* it should! Born and educated in Oregon, after graduating college in 1939 Ken Jernstedt joined the Marine Corps and applied for pilot training. Getting his wings in 1941, he reported to MCAS Quantico. However, the young man was clandestinely recruited to become a member of the American Volunteer Group — the Flying Tigers. Flying P-40s, he became the