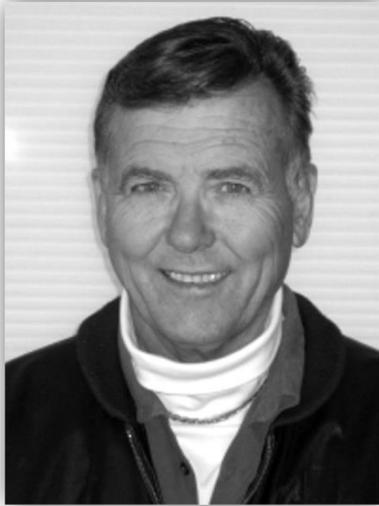


NORTH DAKOTA AVIATION HALL OF FAME

Robert “Bob” Odegaard

Inducted: 2011



Robert Odegaard was born and raised in Kindred, North Dakota. Bob’s love for aviation started as a child on the family farm where he would watch DC-3s fly overhead.

Bob founded and operated Odegaard Aviation, a fixed-base operation and aerial spray firm. He was airport manager for the Kindred airport and was instrumental in building the airpark adjacent to the airport.

He developed the air foil spray boom, later called the Superboom, which continues to be marketed internationally. Bob also built the first taxi-thru indoor aerial spraying loading facility.

In 1989, Bob, a certified A&P mechanic, started rebuilding his first P51 Mustang, Dazzling Donna. That was the beginning of the Mustang wing business, Odegaard Wings, Inc., which has been operating ever since.

Bob was the rebuilder and former owner of the Super Corsair, Race 57, a historic aircraft that brought worldwide attention to North Dakota because of its uniqueness and rarity.

Bob raced at the Reno Air Races, performed at numerous air shows, was featured in many aviation magazines and books, and was involved in the production of the movie *Thunder over Reno*. Perhaps his dedication to the future of aviation is best illustrated by *Duggy*, a DC-3 painted bright yellow with a smiling face. *Duggy* excites young people at air shows around the country.

Bob was active in the formation of the Fargo Air Museum. He also served as a member of the Board of Directors for the North Dakota Aviation Association. An active member of the Kindred community, he helped raise funds to build St. Maurice’s Catholic Church and served on the church council. He supported Kindred High School athletics as a Booster Club member. He was a Kindred volunteer fireman, has hosted many volunteer community pancake breakfasts in his hangar and was a member of the local American Legion.

Bob received numerous awards, including the Henderson Air Racing History Award; the Aviation Mechanic Safety Award; the 1999 Aviation Heritage Trophy; and the 1999 People’s Choice National Aviation Heritage Invitation. His enthusiasm for flight and for repairing and rebuilding aircraft inspired those who met him or marveled at his creations.