



THE FLYING MONTEE FAMILY

Left to right: Harold Montee, Ralph Montee, J. W. "Daddy" Montee, and Kenneth Montee, all pilots and operating a flying service at Clover Field, Santa Monica, California.

Kenneth Montee served as flying instructor at Kelly Field, Texas, during world war I and after leaving the service he settled at Clover Field and taught his two brothers and his father to fly. His father was 60 years of age when he learned to fly and was considered an excellent pilot.

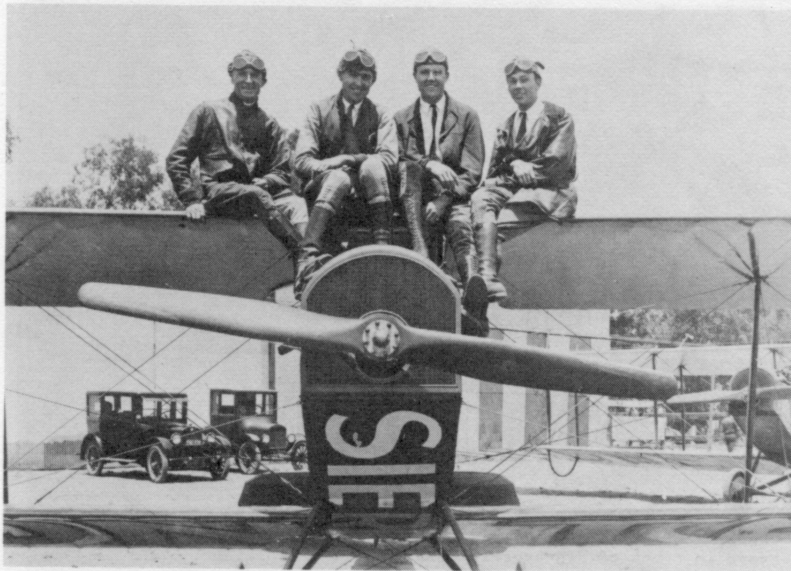
Kenneth Montee designed and built two versions of his "Dragon Fly" monoplane one of which he landed on Sunset Boulevard in front of the Beverly Hills Hotel. He also built a monoplane using a Jenny fuselage and a Hispano Suiza engine.

In 1925 he and E. L. Remlin built a small monoplane using a Curtiss K-6 150 horsepower engine which was named the "Silver Mosquito" capable of cruising at 112 miles per hour.

In September 1925 he built a biplane with an OX-5 engine with which he flew to the New York National Air Races in October 1925, winning the "On-to-New York" race. Second place was won by E.L. Remlin, World War I ace, flying the Montee-built "Silver Mosquito".



In August 2 to 10, 1925, the Montees attended a summer camp at Maxwell Field in company with all Pacific coast aviators.  
 On November 25, 1925, they flew to the Pacific Coast Club near Corona, California, and dedicated the new airport of the club.



James W. "Dad" Montee, with his son Kenneth as instructor, soloed in 1922 at the age of 60. In 1926 he flew as a passenger from Los Angeles to New York in a Douglas O-2 observation plane being delivered to the U. S. Army at Mitchell Field and piloted by Lieutenant Donald F. Fritch. The trip was made in 30 hours 20 minutes flying time which contrasted with Dad Montee's trip as a youth from the east to California in an ox drawn covered wagon at three miles per hour.

Kenneth Montee maintained an air service and factory at Clover Field where he built his original designed airplanes one of which won the "On to New York" race in 1926. The second place winner in this race was also built by Kenneth.

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Kenny Montee, in early custom built ship, taking off from boulevard in front of old Beverly Hills Hotel.



Montee "Silver Mosquito" used Fokker D-7 fuselage, Curtiss K-6 engine and custom built wing. Ship placed 2nd in "On to New York" segment of 1925 International Air Races.