

# **The Register of the Davis-Monthan Municipal Airfield, 1925-1936**

**With Cross-References to the Pilots  
Who Landed There And Their Aircraft**

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## PREFACE

You are holding a copy of one of the most important civil, commercial and military aviation artifacts of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It is a “Who’s Who” of aviation personalities of the Golden Age of Flight (roughly 1920-1940). As well, it records comings and goings of the premier aviation technologies of that era. It is a profound history in the raw.

The Register of the Davis-Monthan Municipal Airfield lay open at Tucson, Arizona for pilots and passengers to sign for more than a decade of the Golden Age, between February 6, 1925 and November 26, 1936. During that time 3,689 landings were recorded in the Register. The landings were logged meticulously, by hand, by 1,962 unique pilots, flying 2,129 unique aircraft. They carried 2,061 unique passengers.

The original Register is a large, folio-sized leather-bound tome. It currently lives protected in a glass case at the Operations Office of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson, Arizona. Its resting place of honor today is only yards from where it welcomed its Golden Age visitors back in the 1920s and 30s.

In a broader sense, even though it is a southwestern U.S. artifact, from the Register stems all manner and direction of United States and international aeronautical development. The thousands of people, aircraft, places and events recorded here helped spawn the intellectual and physical infrastructures of global aviation practice and technologies, in peace and in war, during the 20th century. It is not an overstatement to say they formed the ideas, performed the actions, and served as loci from which, in many significant ways, we enter our second century of powered flight.

You have more than just a copy of the Davis-Monthan Airfield Register. You are holding a time machine that unlocks concise but powerful histories of aviation people, technologies and flight milestones of the era. It introduces you to a Golden Age pilot’s world of dust, leather, dead reckoning and low-altitude turbulence.

The Register and all its pilots, passengers and aircraft are celebrated in further detail at [WWW.DMAIRFIELD.ORG](http://WWW.DMAIRFIELD.ORG). Please log on, strap in and enjoy them all!