

TEX RANKIN



- ◆ **BORN IN TEXAS IN 1894**
- ◆ **AEROBATIC PILOT, FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR AND AIR RACER**
- ◆ **SERVED IN THE WASHINGTON STATE NATIONAL GUARD.**
- ◆ **HE OPENED A FLYING SCHOOL AT WALLA WALLA, WA MAY 4, 1920 THEN LATER MOVED IT TO PORTLAND, OR.**
- ◆ **"THREE FLAGS" FLIGHT FROM VANCOUVER, BC TO AGUA CALIENTE, MEXICO. HE COVERED THE 1,350 MILES IN 13:7:49.**
- ◆ **RANKIN WAS THE FIRST FLYER TO TAKE OFF IN CANADA AND LAND IN MEXICO ON A NON-STOP FLIGHT.**
- ◆ **ON JANUARY 10, 1930, RANKIN ESTABLISHED AN OFFICIAL RECORD (NATIONAL AERONAUTIC ASSOCIATION) FOR COMPLETING 19 CONSECUTIVE OUTSIDE LOOPS.**
- ◆ **1931, RANKIN CLAIMED A NEW WORLD RECORD FOR OUTSIDE LOOPS AFTER HE COMPLETED 78 CONSECUTIVE LOOPS IN 88 MINUTES. EVENTUALLY, HE ESCALATED HIS RECORD TO 131 AT CHARLOTTE, NC LATER IN 1931.**
- ◆ **HE WAS KILLED AT KLAMATH FALLS, OR IN A PLANE CRASH AT AGE 53 ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23, 1947**