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[[image No. 81 - hand sketch of a Boeing seaplane design]]

[[image No. 82 - black & white photograph of man in front of diagram of 40 ft - 80 ft wind tunnel]]

[[image No. 83 - black & white photograph of 4 men standing in the window of an airship]]

[[caption]] Young Hunsaker in a Berlin airship of Count Zeppelin, with his 1913 companion, mustachioed Albert Francis Zahn (83). At Moffett Field, Cal., pushing the power button for a new wind tunnel (82) in the Ames Aeronautical Laboratory, June, 1944. Margin markings (81) from 1917 Boeing seaplane design. [[/caption]]

Jerome Clarke Hunsaker

"My interests in aviation were sparked in 1908, the year I graduated from Annapolis, because the Army had contracted with the Wrights for their first military aircraft. Actually," Dr. Hunsaker observed, "my interests were with the spirit of the times."

His interests have remained in aviation for more than half a century and touched a wide parameter of educational, governmental, industrial, and military accomplishments. In the early part of his military career, he was sent to MIT to study naval architecture and engineering, "where my beliefs were confirmed that there was a good deal of application between the dynamics of flight and ship stability." In short order, Hunsaker, and a "bright, young fellow, named Donald W. Douglas," also an Annapolis graduate, were building a wind tunnel and expanding investigations into aerial dynamics.

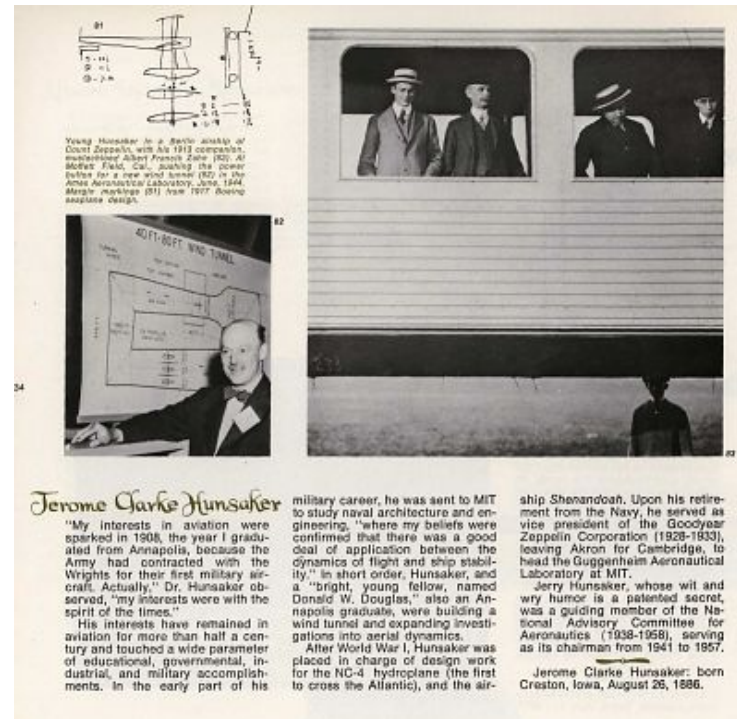
After World War I, Hunsaker was placed in charge of design work for the NC-4 hydroplane (the first to cross the Atlantic), and the airship Shenandoah. Upon his retirement from the Navy, he served as vice president of the Goodyear Zeppelin Corporation (1928-1933), leaving Akron for Cambridge, to head the Guggenheim Aeronautical Laboratory at MIT.

Jerry Hunsaker, whose wit and wry humor is a patented secret, was a guiding member of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (1938-1958), serving as its chairman from 1941 to 1957.

[[image - small drawing of a propeller]]

Jerome Clark Hunsaker: born Creston, Iowa, August 25, 1886.

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