



April 28, 1991 Wyandotte Distinguished Graduate Inductee



Emerson Mehlhose Class of 1931

Emerson Mehlhose was an important member of the Aviation Club that was organized at Roosevelt High School in 1925. He helped build the first full-sized glider ever constructed in a high school. He went on to build other gliders and airplanes, and became a pilot instructor. He has a commercial pilot license and flies single engine and multi-engine planes.

Emerson Mehlhose is recognized and honored as an Aviation Pioneer of America. He distinguished himself as a record holder of three United States soaring titles for distance and altitude. During World War II, he served as a consultant for the United States Government on aviation projects. He was elected to the National Soaring Hall of Fame in 1974, and is a member of the Quiet Birdmen of America.

Emerson Mehlhose has operated the family business since 1936, and his ice creams are considered the finest in Michigan. The Mehlhose Company has been honored as a Centennial Business in Wyandotte by the State of Michigan.

Emerson Mehlhose has served Wyandotte as a Past Master of the Masonic Lodge 170, and active member of the Congregational Church, and as an officer in the Wyandotte Historical Society.