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The Caldwell Collection at Mustang Field

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***The Caldwell Collection at Mustang Field's 1931 Curtiss-Wright Wins Lindy Award at
AirVenture 2025***

EL RENO, OK (2025, August 1) — A fully restored 1931 Curtiss-Wright B-14R Speedwing, owned by Tony Caldwell and part of The Caldwell Collection at Mustang Field, has received one of the most prestigious honors in aviation, the Bronze Lindy Award at EAA's AirVenture 2025 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The Lindy Awards, named after legendary aviator Charles Lindbergh, are considered the highest recognition in the world of aircraft restoration. Each year, only a select few are awarded, and the Curtiss-Wright, based at El Reno's Regional Airport, earned the Silver Age Antique Champion distinction, celebrating craftsmanship, authenticity, and airworthiness.

"To have one of our aircraft recognized at this level is a huge honor for our team and past restorers of the project, but also for the city of El Reno," said Tony Caldwell, founder of The Caldwell Collection and longtime aviation enthusiast. "We are excited to bring aircraft of this quality to our new museum based at the former Mustang Field. This Lindy is one of four won by The Collection's beautiful antique aircraft. The Curtiss-Wright's journey to Oshkosh was a team effort. Caldwell and Collection board member Les Banta spent nearly two weeks of 12-hour days preparing the aircraft and then displaying it on-site, sharing its story, fielding questions, and

making sure every last detail was perfect for the judges and the thousands of visitors in attendance. Clay Adams, an accomplished pilot and close friend of the museum, flew the aircraft from Poplar Grove to Oshkosh, showcasing both its beauty and its performance in the sky

The aircraft, originally built as a one-off racer for the famous Casey Lambert and known for its incredible speed and sleek design, underwent a meticulous restoration to return it to its 1930s glory. The work was complete with its custom black and yellow paint job and a 450-horsepower Pratt & Whitney R985 engine.

The Curtiss-Wright will be on permanent display at The Caldwell Collection at Mustang Field, set to open October 4th, 2025, at El Reno Regional Airport. Housed in a restored 30,000-square-foot WWII-era hangar, the museum will feature over 25 antique aircraft and live restoration displays, becoming a destination for aviation lovers across the country.

For more information about the museum and to learn more about their Grand Opening on October 4th, go to www.thecaldwellcollection.org.

About The Caldwell Collection at Mustang Field

The Caldwell Collection, founded by Tony Caldwell, is a nonprofit aviation museum dedicated to preserving and sharing the stories of Golden Age aircraft and Mustang Field's vital WWII training history. Located in El Reno, Oklahoma, the museum will open to the public in Fall 2025.

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