Inducted in 1979, T. E. “Boots” Frantz soloed in 1929 and was active in general aviation for more than 40 years. During the 1930s he barnstormed in Southwest Virginia and opened a flying school in Roanoke, Va. During WWII, he served as an Army Primary Flight Instructor. Frantz was the first to offer an air charter service to the Roanoke Valley and actively promoted and provided this service for many years. He served on the Roanoke Council Aviation Advisory Committee and was a charter member of the Virginia Aviation Trade Association.