

Remember These Men

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Through the history of world aviation, many names have come to the fore
Great deeds of the past in our memory will last, as they're joined by more and more.

When man first started his labor in his quest to conquer the sky;
He was designer, mechanic and pilot, and he built a machine that would fly...
But somehow the order got twisted, and then in the public eye,
The only man that could be seen was the man who knew how to fly!

The pilot was everyone's hero, he was brave, he was bold, he was grand,
As he stood by his battered old biplane with his goggles and helmet in hand...
To be sure, these pilots all earned it, to fly you have to have guts...
And they blazed their names in the hall of fame, on wings with baling wire struts...

But for each of these flying heroes, there were thousands of little known,
And these were the men who worked on the planes but kept their feet on the ground
We all know Lindbergh, and we've read of his flight to fame
But think if you can of his maintenance man, Can you remember his name?

And think of our wartime heroes, Gabreski, Jabara and Scott...
Can you tell me the names of their crew chiefs? A thousand to one you cannot!

Now pilots are highly trained people and their wings are not easily won...
But without the work of the MAINTENANCE MEN, our pilots would march with a gun...
So when you see mighty aircraft as they make their way through the air,
The greased stained man with the wrench in his hand, is the man who put them up there...

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