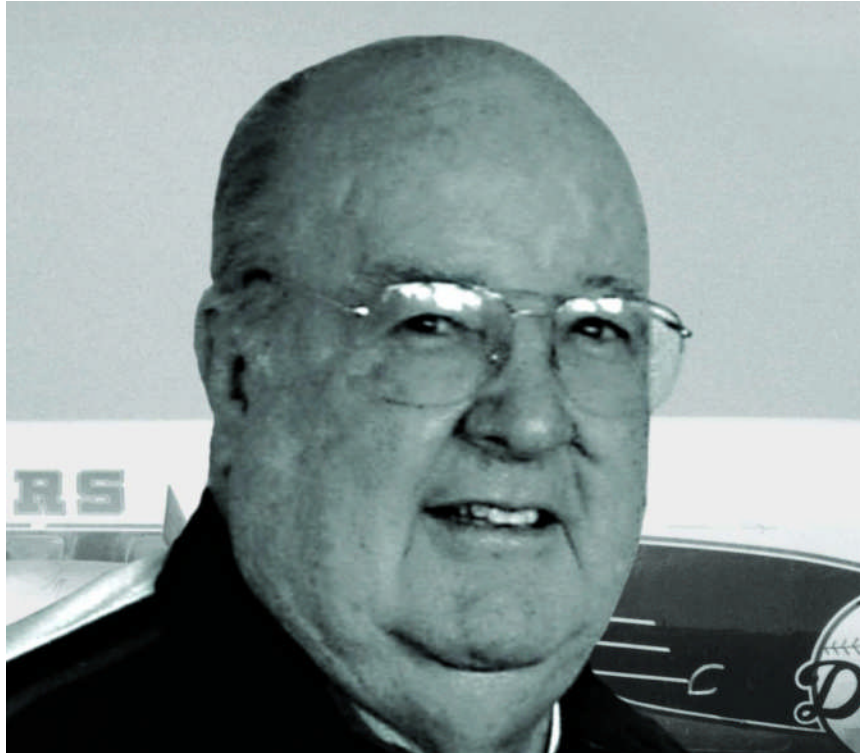


FAA Entrepreneurial Excellence Hall of Fame Recipient
June 13, 2006



H.R. "Bump" Holman
Sun Aviation, Vero Beach, Florida

The Holman family's legacy in Vero Beach dates back to 1925 when Bud Holman, Bump's father, moved to Vero Beach, Florida to open a Cadillac dealership. A few years later, Bud headed up a committee to build an airport in Vero Beach. The committee sought contributions to help pay for the project. The President of B.F. Goodrich Tire and Rubber Company became a major donor for the airport. As a result, the Vero Beach Airport took its name from the company's best-selling tire and Vero Beach Silvertown Airport became a reality.

Through Bud's contacts, the airport became home to the Los Angeles Dodger's baseball team in 1948. The following year the Dodger's spent their spring training schedule in Vero Beach. That year they won the World Series. Now christened, Dodgertown, the Dodger's signed a 21-year lease in 1952. A stadium was soon built. The stadium could seat 5,000, more seats than the city had residents. The then president of the Dodgers, Walter O'Malley, decided to name the Stadium, Holman Stadium to honor Bud who had devoted much of his time and effort towards making Dodgertown possible.

Bump was born and raised in Vero Beach, he calls himself, a real Florida Cracker. He was not shy to say he was born November 20, 1932 which makes him a very young 74. He began flying at 15 and soloed just 12 hours short of his sixteenth birthday. Don't tell the FAA. He attended Florida Southern in Lakeland and upon graduation, became the chief pilot for the Dodgers baseball team. He served in this position until 1968 when he went to work for the many family businesses which included a car dealership, citrus groves, a cattle business and of course aviation.

Bump as been devoted to seeing Sun Aviation grow and prosper over the years. They now have 50 employees with avionics and maintenance departments, they are a Piper Service Center and sell Shell Aviation Products.

Neither rain nor hurricanes can diminish his enthusiasm for the industry he loves. He owns a Bonanza and is currently working on restoring a Republic Seabee which is almost complete and will soon be ready for flight.

The Holman family is involved in Sun Aviation. His brother Tom is vice-president, son Bud is the Comptroller and son Peter is the Line Service Manager.

Construction of a new 42,000 square foot hangar is almost complete. The enlarged space will provide plenty of room for the aircraft needs at Sun Aviation. We must ask him why the nickname Bump!