

A KENTUCKY HISTORY MOMENT



Neon still adorns the building where Harry Clark Karsner kept his airplane. A historical marker notes the site. Photo by Louise Jones, Kentucky Historical Society.

OWEN COUNTY: AIR FIELD OWNER COMBINED AVIATION WITH EVANGELIZATION

A pilot and flight instructor, Harry Clark Karsner brought aviation to Owen County after World War II by opening an airfield. A neon sign on the side of his hangar proclaimed “Christ is the Answer.” Karsner regularly flew his “Gospel Plane,” broadcasting recorded sermons of evangelist Louis W. Arnold and music via a public address system. The pilot wore many hats, including deacon of the Old Cedar Baptist Church and Kentucky Aeronautics Commissioner.



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