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“Remembering The Forgotten Mechanic”

**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's 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 bi-plane 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 bailing wire struts**

**But for each of these flying heroes there were thousands of little renown,
and these were the men who worked on the planes but kept their feet on the ground**

**We all know the name of 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 war time 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 wings are not easily won
But without the work of the maintenance man our pilots would march with a gun**

**So when you see mighty jet aircraft as they mark their way through the air,
the grease stained man with the wrench in his hand is the man who put them there**

Anonymous