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ROSSMOOR LEISURE WORLDERS OF THE MONTH

Since the beginning of Leisure World, executives of Rossmoor Corporation were impressed with the high caliber of people moving into the community. As a salute to them a program called "Rossmoor Leisure Worlders of the Month" was started in 1976.

Each month a committee selects a resident to be honored and on the first Monday a simple ceremony is held in the rotunda of the main sales office, during which a short biography is read and a large framed portrait is hung. At the end of the month, the portrait is presented to the honoree.

Neighbors, friends and family (many from great distances) attend the ceremonies, which are open to all residents of Leisure World.

Several biographies of Leisure Worlders of the Month will be published in each issue of this Journal starting on page 49.

***LEISURE WORLDER of the MONTH* – JEROME LEDERER**



Safety was the prime concern of Jerome Lederer throughout his 50 years in aviation. Both with civilian and government organizations in aviation and space probes, he worked for and wrote about safety in flight. His last position before retiring was director of safety for NASA.

In 1965 Lederer was awarded one of the highest honors in aviation, the Wright Brothers Memorial Award, presented for his improvements in all elements of flight safety. Two years later, he was invited to organize the new Office of Manned Space Flight Safety for NASA and eventually headed the entire safety program there.

Previously for 20 years he had served concurrently as director of the Flight Safety Foundation and of the Cornell Guggenheim Aviation Safety Center. He was also director of the Safety Bureau of the Civil Aeronautics Board which developed into the present National Transportation Safety Board.

This aviation pioneer began his career as an aeronautical engineer in the old United States Air Mail Service after graduating from the College of Engineering at NYU. Later he was chief engineer in charge of loss prevention for Aero Insurance Underwriters from 1929-1947 and his many other positions included first director of the Safety Bureau of the Civil Aeronautics Board from 1940-42. The following two years he was director of training for the Airlines War Training Institute, organized to train airmen for the U.S. Air Transport Command.

Quite understandably, Jerome Lederer is listed in "Who's Who in Engineering," "Who's Who in Aviation," "Architects of the Age of Flight" and "American Men of Science."