

AIR MOTOR WITHOUT FUEL

Motor Operated Electro-Magnetically Tested at Detroit

Detroit, Feb. 25. (AP)—Major Thomas G. Lanphier, flight commander at Selfridge field, told the Associated Press today that experiments are being made at the field with an airplane motor operated electro-magnetically without fuel, but that nothing definite as to its practicability had been developed.

The flight commander said that the motor invented by **Lester J. Hendershot**, a Pittsburgh electrical engineer, "may or may not amount to anything," depending upon future tests.

Major Lanphier also was authority for the statement that Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh witnessed an experiment with the motor yesterday in a hangar at the field but he declared that Lindbergh merely was an "interested spectator" and had no connection with the invention.

The major, who said he also witnessed the test of the motor, appeared enthusiastic over it but declined to discuss the possibility of it revolutionizing automotive power.

He refused to discuss details of the motor, but William B. Stout, president of the Stout Air Service, Inc., who said he viewed the model in Pittsburgh three weeks ago, declared it draws its energy directly from electrical currents in the air or ground. Stout said the demonstration he saw was very impressive and "actually uncanny," and said he would like to see a large model operated.