

**Charles L. Duckworth**  
**Chase City, Virginia**



Charles L. Duckworth is a native of Chase City, Virginia and from an early age has dedicated himself to the growth of aviation in Southside Virginia and across our State. His many decades of service to Virginia aviation has included airport development and service in the Civil Air Patrol and Charles has been recognized both in Virginia and the United States for his efforts. After learning to fly under the tutelage of Virginia Aviation Hall of Fame Member Noel C. “Pappy” Ellis, Charles organized a 10 member flying club which became the nucleus for the Chase City Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol. He was instrumental in gaining the squadron’s original charter, served as a squadron commander and would be recognized by the CAP National Headquarters for over 50 years of service to the CAP. As the Chairman of the Chase City Airport Commission, Charles was instrumental in acquiring, developing and overseeing the operation of the Chase City Airport, a vital aviation link to Southside Virginia. In 1970 Charles was appointed by Governor Linwood Holton to serve on the Governor’s Advisory Committee on Aviation, a post he held for 8 years. Charles is well known in civic and service clubs and local schools as a ready speaker about and a champion of general aviation. Weekends often found him at the airport giving school students their first ride in an airplane. Charles still serves on the Brunswick-Mecklenburg airport commission and so continues a long tradition of service to the development of aviation in Virginia.