



Holmberg celebrates 50 years in Aviation

This is the story: in 1957 an engineer at KLM, the Dutch airline, wanted to improve the poor performance of the microphones they used in the rather loud environment of propeller airplane cockpits. Somehow he managed to find a small company in Berlin that was developing transducers, and had found ways to cope with lots of ambient noise. The result was the 57-series cockpit microphones, and the amazing thing in an ever-changing world is that they are all still around. KLM has gotten married, the 57-Series microphone is still in production, and when Holmberg celebrated the event with a party at the historical Tempelhof Airport in Berlin last month, the now 93-year-old KLM engineer and his wife were guests of honor.

It was a time to celebrate and be celebrated. Employees, suppliers, customers, partners and politicians gathered in the airport's restaurant for good food, good drink, good music and very good company.

Over these 50 years Holmberg has grown to become the primary supplier to Airbus of microphones and handsets and, through partners, they also supply products to ATR and Bombardier aircraft. Aviation represents 45% of Holmberg's business and the rest is similar products sold for use in railways, emergency services, industry and to other component manufacturers.

Erie Aviation has represented Holmberg in the Americas for almost 20 years, and we were glad to be among the many wishing them a happy 50th and all the best for the future.

Holmberg's 57-Series Microphone

...it started it all!

