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William Mook wrote:

Robert Thomas Jones was the inventor of the oblique wing concept shown here.

http://www.nasa.gov/centers/ames/news/releases/1999/99_50AR.html

Cheers

"RELEASE: 99-50AR

FAMED NASA AERODYNAMICIST R.T. JONES DIES AFTER LENGTHY ILLNESS

Robert Thomas (R.T.) Jones, inventor of the swept-back wing, basic to all of today's high-speed aircraft, died today at his Los Altos Hills home. He was 89."

<>Ah, the subtle joys of the NASA PAO are once again revealed! The swept wing was first proposed by German engineers at an Italian aeronautical conference in 1936.

"An internationally-acclaimed expert in many fields of science and technology whose research was essential to the development of supersonic flight, Jones is perhaps best known as the inventor of the oblique wing design. This radical design concept pivoted an entire straight wing attached to the fuselage, forming a scissor-like appearance as flight

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speed increased."

Blohm and Voss P.202, 1944: <http://www.luft46.com/bv/bvp202.html>

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