

Sanity is relative. My grandfather began a family late in life and during an unusual year, 1929... Soon he was the CEO of a Massachusetts company called "The New England Airship Corp." later renamed the "Dartmouth Airship Co." It was the first commercial airship company in the United States and one of its first airships was christened the "Neponset" in 1930. The Depression kept the blimp advertising, aerial photography, and passenger business from growing as fast as he would have liked, and thus a mail delivery was attempted at the mooring mast of the Empire State Building as a publicity stunt in 1931. The traffic below of rubbernecks caused the city to ban any future attempts ;-)

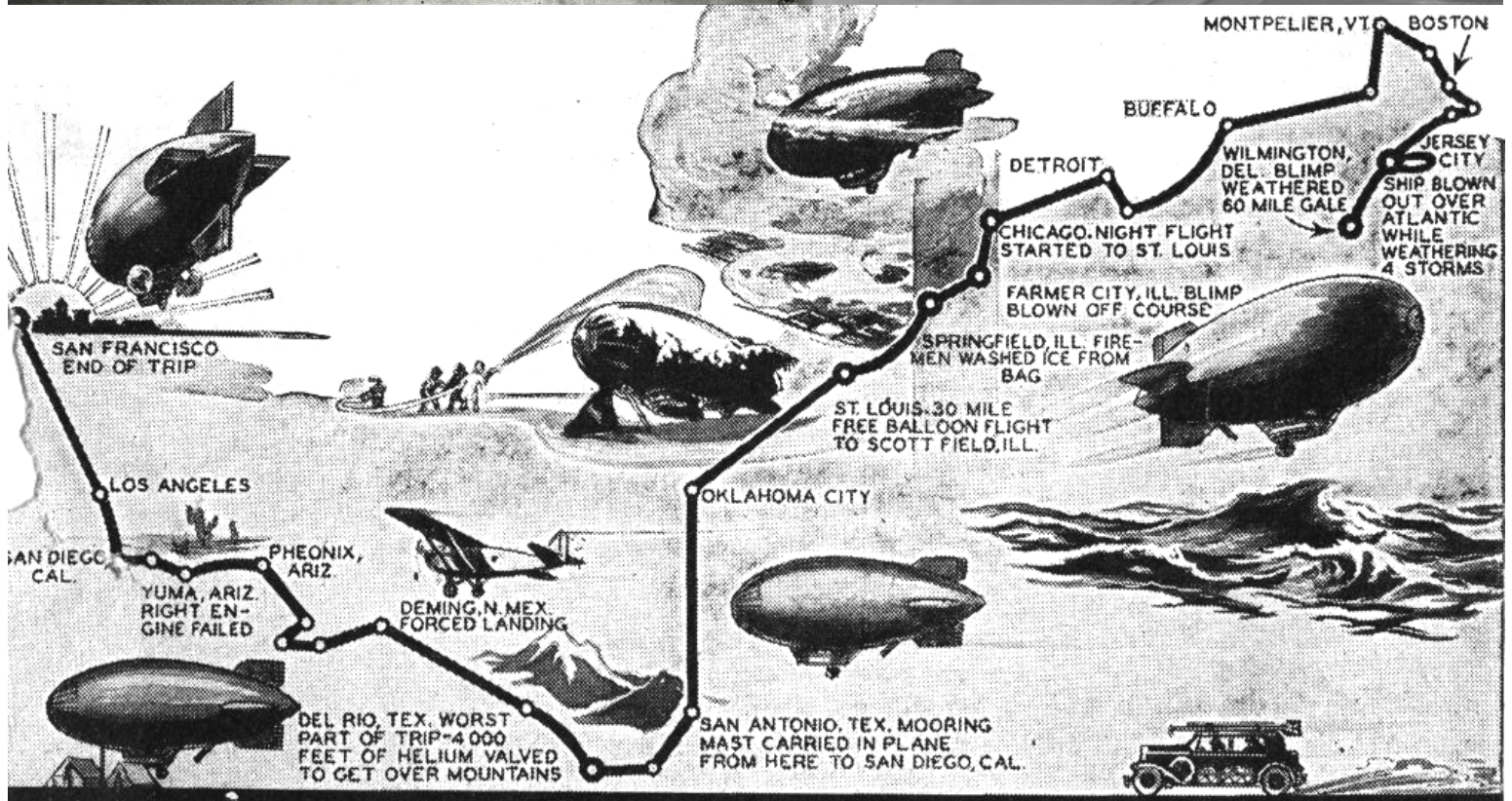
Another Massachusetts company – Noodler's Ink - has christened its largest pen the "Neponset" (in the shape of a dirigible and constructed of the original fountain pen material – ebonite/hard-rubber, which was first vulcanized in 1844 by Charles Goodyear in Massachusetts & whose company produced my grandfather's blimp). The Neponset is fitted with a **three tined music style nib**, named the "Vishnu Victory" nib in honor of the 2.5 million World War II allied soldiers of India as well as reference to the source of the rubber used in both the pen and the original blimp Neponset. In the age of the handheld computer, Noodler's Ink has produced for you a pen on par with the classic pens...from the age of the dirigibles. Sane or not, a bit of the past is here for your hand to uniquely compose your own eternity upon the page with the most classic of scripted lines possible with a fountain pen. I know my grandfather because of a good pen and very durable ink. Your descendants might recall a digital image or recording lost to a server crash, **or** you might put the spoken word upon a page where they will know your hand made the line in person. \*Please note: only the feed is ebonite in the Acrylic Neponset Music pen.



Noodler's first nibs were approximately 20<sup>th</sup> century #2 in size (shown as nib #1, overleaf), they are now flexible as a standard offering. Conventional nibs (vented) are still available in the Ahab/Konrad size in both tipped and untipped models. Untipped are the most affordable modern nibs as they are the least costly to manufacture and are made for artists and calligraphers who desire a custom angled italic of their own making (hint – use wire cutters to cut the angle you desire and 600+ grit polishing paper to finish smooth). BROAD is unique among Noodler's nibs in that it has the same mount as a music nib, which gives significant added strength – but also greatly increased the cost of production. The three tined "Vishnu Victory" is only available on the Neponset line of pens. Note that the Neponset feed is a hand cut three fissure ebonite feed unlike any other Noodler's feed. It is the most costly nib/feed combination made by Noodler's, but with many practical reasons.

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Assembled in Massachusetts from parts made in New York, Maryland, Massachusetts, and India.

Noodler's Neponset