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The President’s Flight Deck

Monday, June 23rd, will bring us together for our monthly Chapter gathering. We will begin the dinner/social hour at 6:00 PM where we will enjoy the culinary offering of Greg Crow, specifically tacos! This will be a great rainy-day meal! We will follow the dinner hour with Chapter updates at 7:00 PM. Following the updates we will have Josh Welter present on his visit last year to the 80th D-Day anniversary remembrance in France. Josh says the remembrance is highly celebrated in France, and he has plenty to show us. As always, if you can help with any early kitchen prep and final clean-up your assistance will be appreciated!

Our June 28th fly-in event is nearly here! There are a few offerings this year, namely a “Can I fly?” seminar, “Can I be an AMT” seminar, tour of US Aviation maintenance facility, Twin Cities Ford Model A car club attendance, and a few more. Be sure to check out our webpage! Your assistance in promoting this event benefits all of us. There are flyers in the Chapter building, and I can print more if needed.

I plan to see you at the Chapter meeting!

Kevin



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Young Eagles



Our EAA237 Young Eagles scheduled for Saturday, June 14th this month was cancelled due to weather.

The next event will be from 9 AM to 2 PM July 12th at Atlantic Aviation.

All chapter members are invited to come out to support our effort to provide a safe, fun, and memorable experience for these young people, who share our interest in aviation. It's always fun to watch the smiling faces after they return from their flights!

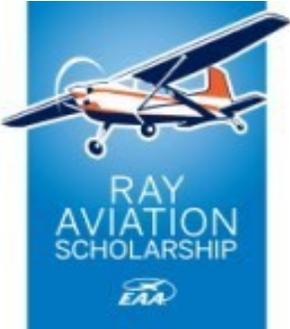
If you would like to help, please set up a profile at <https://EAAchapters.org>. Your normal, EAA.org login should get you in. Need help? Contact Michael.Grzincich@EAA23.org.

Aviation Explorer's Post

The Explorer's have been on a break for the summer. The advisors are planning for AirVenture and will be going as part of the Aviation Explorer Base staff this year. Hope to see everyone there!



Ray Aviation Scholarship



Dear EAA Chapter 237,

May has been another productive and exciting month of flight training. I finished up all remaining training requirements and had so much fun on my cross-country solos.

Now that my check ride is scheduled for June 24th, I have been focused on preparation for the big day.

Thanks agains for your continued support and encouragement. I look forward to sharing more updates soon!

Sincerely,
Drew Lindquist
*2025 Ray Aviation Scholarship
Recipient*



VMC/IMC Club at EAA 237

3rd Tuesday of the month

VMC Club starts at 6:30 PM

IMC Club starts at 7:30 PM

Location: EAA 237 Building



Pilots and non-pilots are welcome to attend either or both parts of the meeting.

VMC and IMC Club monthly meetings are where pilots can network and share knowledge and experience. The meetings use real-world scenarios to engage members, and allow a free exchange of information that improves awareness and skills. The intent is to create a community of pilots willing to share information, provide recognition, foster communications, promote safety, and build proficiency.

The IMC Club monthly programming is developed and produced by EAA, but it does not use a lecture or presentation format. Instead, an actual scenario is presented and is followed by a group discussion – so audience participation is encouraged! Since everyone has a different experience level and different airplane capabilities, we can all benefit from the discussion.

Wings Knowledge Activity credits are available to VMC/IMC Club participants that sign in with the email address they registered on faasafety.gov.

The next meeting will be held on June 17th with VMC Club starting at 6:30 PM and IMC club starting at 7:30 PM.

Chapter 237 Upcoming Events

- * **IMC/VMC meetings** - Tuesday, June 17th - **VMC** 6:30 PM-7:30 PM/**IMC** 7:30-8:30 PM
- * **Chapter 237 Meeting** - Monday, June 23rd - Dinner starting 6:00 PM & Meeting at 7:00 PM
- * **Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast** - Saturday, June 28th - 7:30 AM-12:00 PM
- * **Young Eagles Rally** – Saturday, July 12th – 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- * **IMC/VMC meetings** - Tuesday, July 15th - **VMC** 6:30 PM-7:30 PM/**IMC** 7:30-8:30 PM
- * **AirVenture** - Monday, July 21st – Sunday, July 27th



(FIRST DAY AS A PILOT...)

CONTROL

TOWER: Can you give me your position?

ME: I'm next to a cloud that looks like a lion.

CONTROL

TOWER: Can you be more specific?

ME: Simba.

The Lighter Side

When you finally find the guy who's been meowing on 121.5



Normal Airport



Airport in East & Burrows 6



Teacher: What's so funny?
Me: Nothing
My brain:



June Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast

Below is the flyer for next month's Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast. Please spread the word and share the invitation. Everyone is welcome!

Volunteers still needed!



Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, June 28th, 2025

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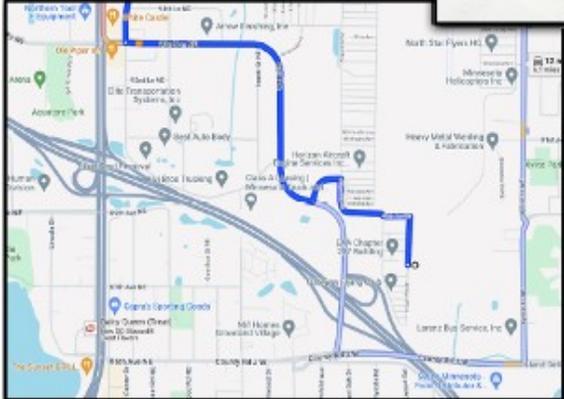
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Event Updates at <https://chapters.eaa.org/eaa237/flyin>
and at <https://www.facebook.com/EAA237>
Contact: Kevin Sislo - email: president@eaa237.org or 763-486-6475

Quick Links

Thank you Frank Huber for sharing these fantastic links!

Vintage Aviation News:

- “The Remarkable Life and Tragic Death of Major Richard Bong, America’s Top Ace” by Morena Aguiari
<https://vintageaviationnews.com/warbird-articles/the-remarkable-life-and-tragic-death-of-major-richard-bong-americas-top-ace.html>

Note from Frank: “This link takes you to a great 35 minute video about Richard Bong plus access to a bunch of videos about Pappy Boyington.”

- “Polaris Program’s MiG-29 is the Fastest Privately-Owned Warbird in the World” by Mike Killian
<https://vintageaviationnews.com/warbird-articles/polaris-program-mig-29-is-the-fastest-privately-owned-warbird-in-the-world.html>
- “Back to Its Roots: B-29 Doc Returns to Original Paint Scheme” by Adam Estes
<https://vintageaviationnews.com/warbirds-news/b-29-doc-takes-on-a-new-look.html>

Air Facts Journal:

- “The time when I almost landed short” by Warren Anderson
<https://airfactsjournal.com/2024/07/the-time-when-i-almost-landed-short/>
- “A Different Kind of Pilot Decision – Choosing Not to Fly” by Serrhel Adams
<https://airfactsjournal.com/2025/05/a-different-kind-of-pilot-decision-choosing-not-to-fly/>
- “From the Archive: Different Worlds” by Air Facts Staff
<https://airfactsjournal.com/2025/05/from-the-archive-different-worlds/>

AV Geekery:

- “England vs. Germany: A Tale of Two 24-Cylinder Engines” by Bill Lindner
<https://avgeekery.com/england-vs-germany-a-tale-of-two-24-cylinder-engines/>
- “P-51 Restoration Honors Aircraft and Triple Ace Pilot Ken Dahlberg” by Bill Lindner
<https://avgeekery.com/p-51-restoration-honors-triple-ace-ken-dahlberg/>
- “Flying Freight: The Rise of America’s All-Cargo Airlines” by David H. Stringer
<https://avgeekery.com/the-rise-of-americas-all-cargo-airlines/>

Simple Flying:

- “How The SR-71 Blackbird’s J58 Engine Made History In High Speed Aviation” by Alexander Mitchell
<https://simpleflying.com/sr-71-blackbird-j58-engine-history-high-speed-aviation/>
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High Above the Clouds – A book review of *Operation Vengeance*

Reviewed by Bob Henkes

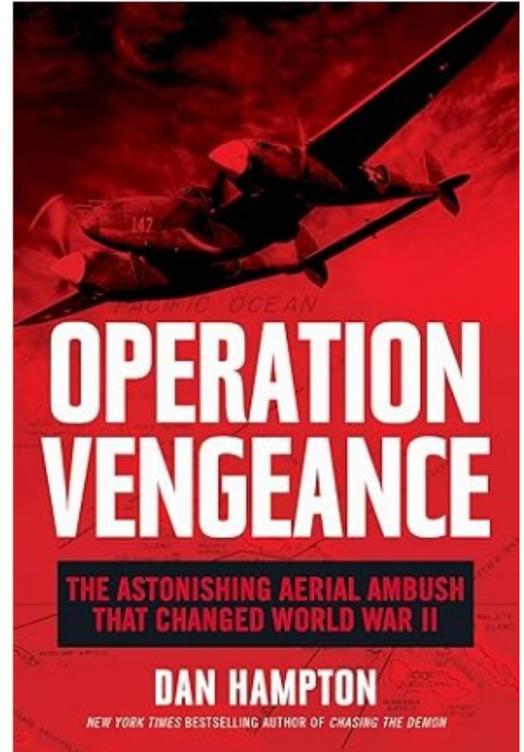
Published on August 11, 2020 and written by Dan Hampton, *Operation Vengeance* is a book about the American military operation to kill Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto of the Imperial Japanese navy. This is one of the best researched stories of WWII written that I have ever read. If you are a history reader, this is a must. It does have its moments of boredom but they are outweighed by what Paul Harvey would call the rest of the story.

This is the story of the pilots that accomplished the astonishing aerial ambush on April 18, 1943 that changed World War II. The story follows the situation as it was in the Pacific and what the Allied Forces were facing. It is a story of the 16 men of the 339th that flew the mission, how their careers brought them to that point in time, and what happened to them following the mission. The detail of research that Dan Hampton has done will enthrall you by the detail of what most would call significant. But Mr. Hampton point out the truth of each little item to include whether using the intelligence would jeopardize the source.

From a pilots point of view, one is in awe of the dead reckoning skills of the flight commander to fly across endless ocean and to be at the precise location to intercept the admiral's plane is just astonishing.

My uncle flew P-38s in WWII from the 80th fighter squadron making friends with aboriginal headhunters. Although I have read his stories, they pale in comparison to the one Dan Hampton tells here.

Some of the background stories can get a little boring and lengthy, but if you can get past that, this book is a good read. You can also find the 2020 documentary by the same name and author if you search for it.



The tail of Admiral Yamamoto's G4M Betty bomber that was shot down on April 18, 1943. The wreck is still located there today. (Wikicommons)



Photo of members of the Yamamoto Mission of April 18. Captain Rex Barber is on the far right, with mission commander Major John Mitchell. Captain Tom Lanphier is behind the right shoulder of 13th Air Commander, Lt. Gen. Nathan Twining. (National Archives)



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