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In search of the \$100 Hamburger

By David Koelzer

The story begins on a beautiful warm Wednesday morning. The kind of Wednesday morning which we had not see for several months. It was one of those spring mornings where a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love or a slightly older man's fancy turns to burning up a little bit of that avgas which has been waiting patiently in those wings tanks. To this end, Todd Millard invited me to join him in aviation's eternal quest for the hundred dollar hamburger.

After kicking around a few destinations we decided on Lone Rock's Piccadilly Lily, a favorite of 33'ers. The trip would be long enough to exercise the Columbia 400's legs but still get to lunch in a reasonable time. I met Todd at his hangar just as he had finished his pre-flight. I hopped up into the cabin and Todd showed me how to strap in. He apologized for the cramped cabin conditions. Of course, for me, coming from my Sonex, the Columbia's cabin felt like a luxury SUV. However, I suppose for Todd, coming from his luxury SUV, the Columbia's cabin felt like a Sonex!



Todd gave me a quick tour of the twin Garmin glass panels, dual electrical system, turbo charger, air conditioner and in cabin Swedish masseuse. (ok, I made that last one up, Todd only sprang for the “economy” package)

Todd ran through the start up check list which has several more steps that my Sonex’s check list. Part of the start up procedure included a reboot of the glass-panels to re-sync the system’s communications. (computers are computers wherever they are).



After a couple shots of primer, the big Continental TSIO-550 rumbled to life and was soon purring like a kitten...that is, like a 550 cubic inch, 310 hp, turbocharged kitten. We taxied for take-off and with the wind right down runway 31 we were quickly off and climbing at an impressively steep angle. It did not take us long to reach our cruise altitude. Even with a stiff head wind, the ground speed was reading a number which I have only seen once in my Sonex and that was in a steep dive as part of my Vne tests. Todd let me take the controls and it took a few minutes to get the feel. It was a little stiffer than I was used to but positive and much livelier than Todd’s old Skylane.

It did not take us long arrive at Lone Rock and in a few minutes we had taxied up to the Piccadilly’s front door. Even though there was only one other plane on the ramp, indoors there was sizeable crowd just finishing up lunch. We were able to find a table overlooking the ramp and we enjoyed the sunshine coming through the picture window. With in a few minutes the waitress had our order and not long after we were enjoying some very tastily burgers. As it turned out the check for our lunch was substantially less that the title of this article would suggest. With our burger lust satisfied, Todd and I climbed back into the generously appointed tan leather seats, and head back to Cedar Rapids, happy to be enjoying a nearly perfect flying day but saddened that we had not discovered the elusive \$100 hamburger. However, I vowed that day to continue the quest no matter how many tanks of Todd’s \$4/gallon avgas we have to burn to find that burger!



Aluminum Overcast Comes to Cedar Rapids

By Todd Millard

Our Chapter has been offered the chance to do a B-17 tour stop again this summer and this time on a weekend shortly before July 4th. The previous visits have been extremely fun and successful, so we are looking forward to it again.

The plane will be arriving on Thursday, June 19th and departing on Monday, June 23rd. So the main activities will be on Friday through Sunday with flights in the morning and ground tours in the afternoon.

John and Connie are working on times to do Young Eagle rides as well. David Koelzer has volunteered to be the Tour Stop Chairman and will be looking for volunteers to help with the flight line, ground tours, etc.

This will be a busy event for our Chapter and we will need everyone's help but it will be a fantastic chance to get up close and personal with this grand piece of history and spend a pleasant day at the airport. If you can help out any or all of the days please notify John or Connie for Young Eagles or David Koelzer for B-17.

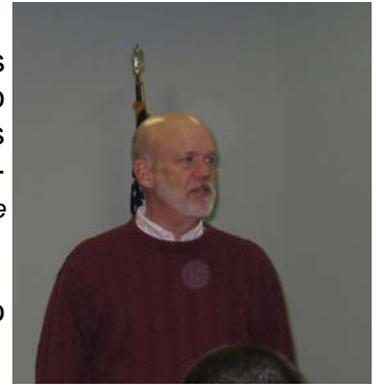
If you want to book a flight go to <http://www.b17.org/>



Last Meeting - Handling Qualities

Our first annual “Polar Bear” swim at our March meeting did not go off as planned. Most members complained that it was too warm for a swim so we fell back to plan “B” and I think all would agree that Ed Wischmeyer’s discussion of “Aircraft Handling Qualities” was far more entertaining, informative and enjoyable than a dip in a frozen pond. *(Always remember, the newsletter Editor / Sonex builder, invariably gets the last laugh)*

A big thanks goes to Ed Wischmeyer for leading the discussion and to Mark Navratil for arranging the meeting.



Next Meeting – Spring Banquet, Paul Berge

By Todd Millard

It is spring and time to for Chapter 33's annual Spring Banquet. We are in for a treat this year as our speaker will be Paul Berge (<http://www.paulberge.com>). Paul is a flight instructor, former air traffic controller, author, former editor of IFR magazine, and radio personality. You may also know Paul from Iowa Public Television's “Living In Iowa” program’s “Side Roads” travel series. He'll be sharing some hilarious air traffic control stories and reminding us of the fun and romance of flying.

The banquet will be held on Saturday, April 19th at the Holiday Inn in Coralville, located conveniently just off the I-80 Coralville 1st Ave exit. The evening starts with a social hour and cash bar at 6:00 pm and dinner starting at 7:00 pm. The buffet dinner will consist of Roast Beef Jardinière, Chicken Breast Supreme, Green Bean Almondine, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Wild Rice, and Tossed Salad.

The cost is \$22 per person. We have room for about 60 people, so please make your reservations early. Please send your information to Todd Millard (todd@skifishfly.com) by April 15th. It should be a fun and entertaining way to kick off the flying season.



Movie Night at the Inn

By Jay Honeck

After showing a different movie every Tuesday for over two years, we're continuing our "Best of the Best" series in April. As always the Movies start at 7pm, Kiwi FlightSim available at 6:30 pm. For planning purposes, here is the upcoming schedule:

Tuesday, 4/1	The High & the Mighty	Tuesday, 4/8	The Great Waldo Pepper
Tuesday, 4/15	Hells Angels	Tuesday, 4/22	Spirit of St Louis
Tuesday, 4/29	The Tuskegee Airmen		

Alexis Park Inn & Suites (right next to Rwy 25 at Iowa City Airport), Admission & Snacks: Free!

Fly Market

FOR SALE One tenth share in a 1975 Piper Arrow. Cloud 9 Flying Club. Full IFR. Hangared at CID. Asking \$6,000 or best offer. Includes 12 hours flight time. Moved, must sell. Keith Johnson (217) 483-7929.

FOR SALE Garmin 96C in at \$450.00. I think they sell new for around \$495 but I've included the auto kit which is another hundred or so. This is a small battery operated color display with obstructions. It will run for 12 to 13 hours on two AA batteries. I've got a 496 now and have to use my gell cell to keep it running! Jim Zangger 712-477-2230 (home) 605-370-1139 (cell)

FOR SALE GOLD WING aircraft in flying condition - Ken Dodson 319-629-4669

FOR SALE Wing & tail parts for UltraLite type airplane. Any Offer - John Banes 319-846-2033

FOR SALE P-38 Lightning ultralight for sale. - Dan Knoll at 848-4406 for details.

FOR SALE 2000 Phantom X1 Ultralight, 125 total hours, Rotax 447 engine, BRS 750 parachute, 10 gal tank, Great Flying Aerobatic Airplane, More info available at www.phantomaeronautics.com \$7000 or make an offer, - Jerry Maxwell Phone (319) 393-8560



Chapter 33 Calendar

Apr 6 18th annual University of Dubuque Flight Team Fly-in/Drive-in Breakfast, Dubuque Regional Airport, Dubuque, IA,

Apr 8-13 Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland Florida

Apr 19 6pm Spring Banquet, Paul Berge Holiday Inn, Coralville, RSVP before 4/15

Apr 23-24 Iowa Aviation Conference. Sheraton West Des Moines Hotel, for more information visit www.iawings.com

May 3 7-10am Tulip Time Flight Breakfast, Pella Municipal Airport, Shuttle available to Tulip Festival - May 1, 2, & 3,

July 12 Zangger Vintage Airpark Fly-In Super Flying activities begin at 1300 with a Poker Run, Flour Bombing and Spot Landings. BBQ Pork Supper from 1700-1900 and Hot Air Balloons until dusk.



One of the hazards of winter flight instruction!

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