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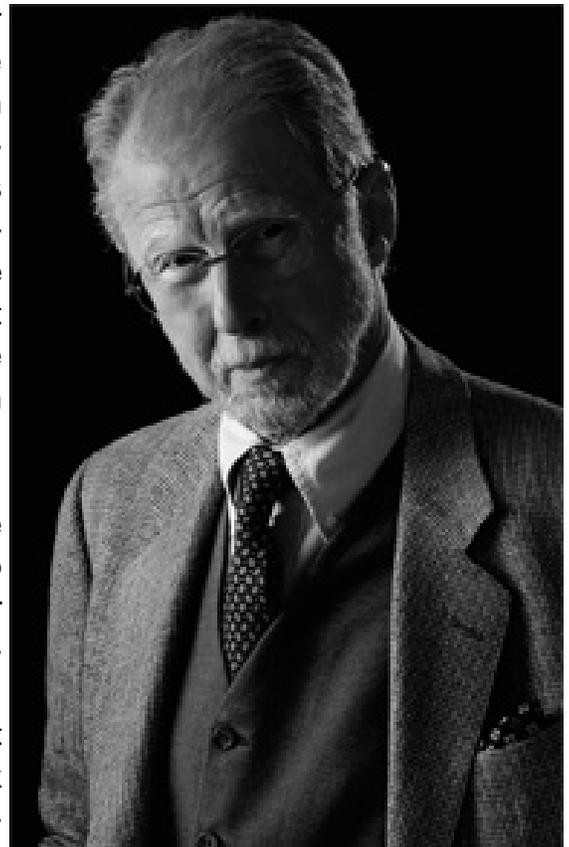
Read Back – With Wings Like Eagles

By Jim Meade

“Never fly straight and level for more than 30 seconds in the combat area,” is rule 7 of Flight Lieutenant Adolph “Sailor” Malan of No. 74 Squadron, a South African who proved to be one of the best British Aces of the Battle of Britain. His 10 rules of air fighting, discussed on page 169-170 of this book, were published and distributed as posters during the war.

With Wings Like Eagles is a 2009 book by bestselling author Michael Korda published by HarperCollins Publishers of New York. Korda has an axe to grind and it's pretty sharp by the time he's done. Korda's main theme is that the Battle of Britain was in large part won by preparations made as far back as the mid-'30's by what are generally considered pacifist governments. They authorized construction of the Hawker Hurricane and Supermarine Spitfire fighters which wreaked havoc on Germany's bomber fleet. In this era when the Douhet strategy preached that the bomber will always get through, ordering a large fighter fleet was unpopular in many areas.

He also believes the battle was won by the leadership of Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding and Air Vice-Marshal K.R. Park of No. 11 Group stationed in southeast England. Dowding and Park believed in committing fight-



ers to strike incoming German bombers as quickly as they can. In contrast, Air Vice-Marshal Leigh-Mallory who advocated the big wing strategy of pitting huge formations of British fighters against German fighters flying cover.

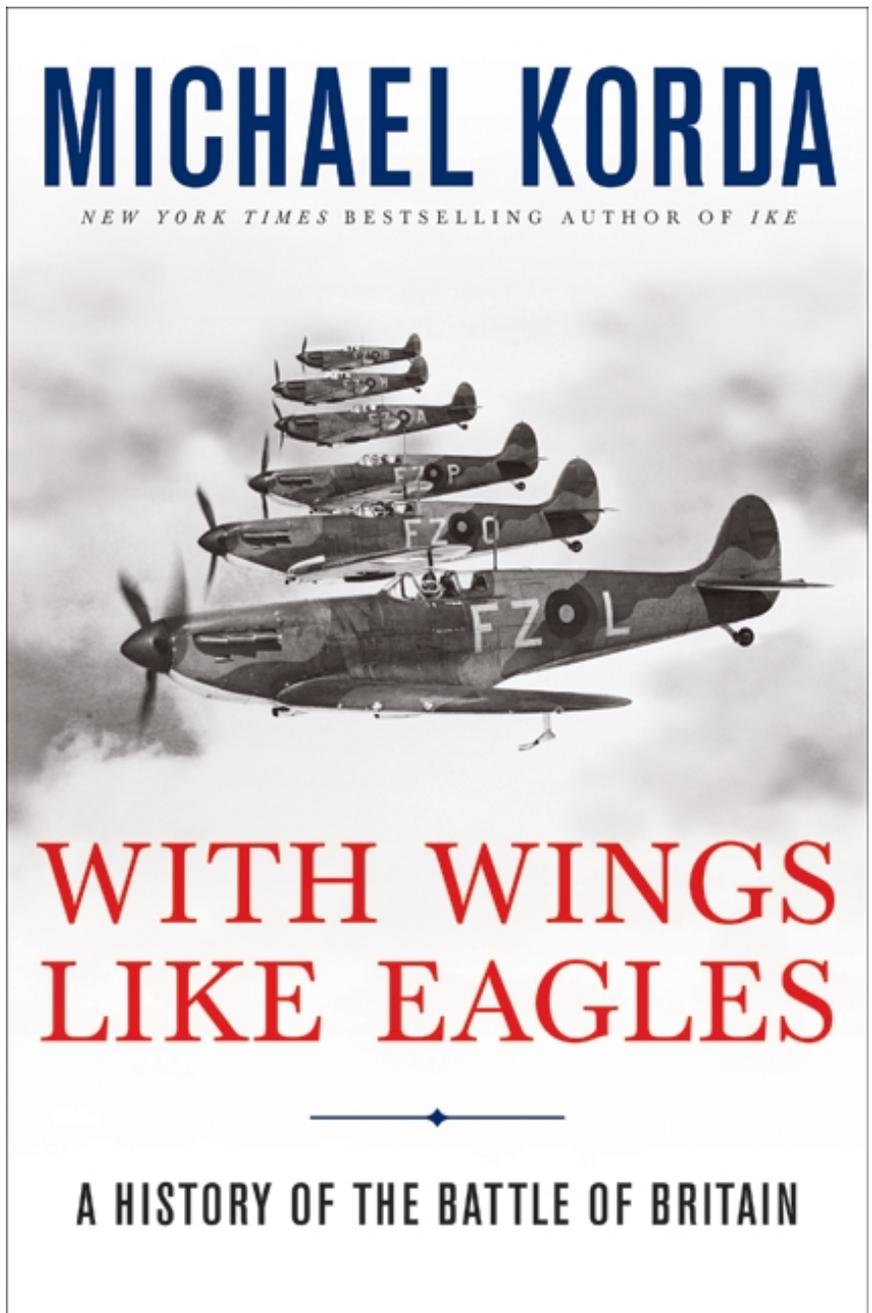
At times, Korda leads us to believe that the Germans nearly defeated themselves. He faults their intelligence and leadership, especially at the strategic level.

The book does a good job at the strategic level but is full of real accounts and explanations of dog-fighting. “The controls were not “power assisted” in any way..Combat was physically exhausting for even the strongest of fighter pilots.” “Fighter pilots who survived were cold-blooded killers.” “A pilot coming to a fighter squadron fresh out of an Operational Training Unit had almost no chance at all of surviving his first five “sorties” in combat.” In addition to his own pilot stories, Korda gives examples of others who write well of aerial contact in this time. Len Deighton is one author recommended.

Factors such as where combat took place are important. British pilots tended to fight over their land and a wounded pilot and even a wounded plane could often be saved. Germans frequently lost wounded pilots for the duration of the war, though those that went down in the English Channel had better life saving gear than the British.

It may surprise you to learn that very soon after the Battle of Britain, Dowding was relieved of command. Politics and in-fighting did to him what German pilots could not.

Korda writes a very entertaining and interesting book that sheds new light on how the Battle of Britain was fought and won. I highly recommend With Wings Like Eagles.



7th Annual Iowa City Fly-in/Drive-in Pool Party

By Jay Honeck

All aviation enthusiasts are invited to enjoy FREE food, beverages, snacks, and music – all served at hotel poolside – Saturday, July 25th, 2009, 3 PM to ??? At The Alexis Park Inn & Suites

We're located adjacent to Runway 25 at the Iowa City Airport, and will be providing FREE transportation to and from the airport all day long. You and your family are invited to join in the "Pre-Oshkosh" festivities, so bring your swim suits. And enjoy our FBO's 25 cent-per-gallon fuel discount during Oshkosh week. Why? It's just our way of thanking the aviation community for another great year as the only aviation-themed hotel in the Midwest. Flying into Airventure? Practice the FISK approach into OSH on our full-sized flight simulator, soak away the day's stress in our pool, and enjoy a traditional Midwestern cookout -- all FREE. Want to spend the night? Book early, as they always book up fast. EAA discounts are available. Limited camping space on the property is available, too -- free of charge.

Then, on Sunday morning (not TOO early) any pilots interested in flying into Oshkosh Airventure will be welcome to join us in a loose gaggle flight through the Fisk Arrival into Oshkosh. Some years we have three planes, other years more, but it's always an educational experience. If you've never flown into Oshkosh -- the busiest airspace in the world – it certainly helps to harness the experience of those who have, and it's fun, too. See ya there.

Iowa City Open House

June 6 & 7 8:00am - 5:00pm Iowa Flight Training and Whirlybird Helicopters are teaming up to provide fixed and rotary wing training at the Iowa City airport. Iowa Flight Training has been training fixed-wing pilots since 2003 and began operating at the Iowa City airport January 1st. Whirlybird will be working with Iowa Flight Training beginning June 1st.

Tim Busch, President of Iowa Flight Training commented, "This team is a natural. Whirlybird is based in Utah, and President Adam Wilkinson grew up in Iowa and wants to help Iowans learn to fly helicopters. As you know, I've been very much involved in growing the pilot population in Iowa, so this is a great match."

IFT and Whirlybird flight instructors will be on hand to help answer questions about flight training, with Fixed and rotary wing training aircraft on display. There will be special prices on introductory flights for both airplanes and helicopters. We will also be taking registrations for upcoming ground school classes.

For more information, contact Tim Busch at 319-373-3971 or Info@IowaFlightTraining.com.

Marion Young Eagles

Photos by Denny Hodge





Last Meeting - Spring Banquet

Greg Zimmerman, Greg Downes, and Jill Fishbaugh gave us a little taste of living at an airport at our Spring Banquet at the at the Cedar Rapids Marriott.

Of course the airport they were talking about is no ordinary airport but rather Spruce Creek Airpark near Daytona Beach Florida. Not only does this airpark have 4000' x 176' of prime runway but taxiways leading all they way up to your house. The airpark also boast an active flying community and an impressive array of aircraft from experimentals to warbirds.



I think the entire Chapter should plan on a visit with Greg, Greg & Jill next January and see if Spruce Creek is as nice as nice a place to live as they say. What do you say guys?

Next Meeting – Cook-out and Spot Landing contest

It has become almost a tradition this time of year so we will once again have a cook-out Saturday, June 13th at Monticello Airport courtesy of Armin and Betty Jacobs. But before the grilling (10:00-10:30) we will find out who will knock Steve Ciha off his pedestal and become the new reigning spot landing champ for 2009. Steve's mark will be a tough one to bet. His combined total for three consecutive landings was only 70 feet off the spot. So start practicing.

Armin and Betty will provide the burgers, brats, buns and drinks. We ask everyone to bring a side or desert to share.



21st Annual Zangger Fly-In Supper

Saturday, July 11, 2009 1400 - Dusk 21st Annual Zangger Fly-In Supper Event Zangger Vintage Airpark (2VA), Larchwood, IA This is the 21st Annual Fly-In Supper at Zangger Vintage Airpark. It is intended to promote aviation and as a fundraiser for the Lyon County Historical Society. A Poker Run starts at 1400 with a spot landing contest and flour bombing. RC models will fly during the Pork BBQ supper starting at 1700. Sanford Life Flight helicopter will be on display and Hot Air Balloon flights will follow the supper until dusk. Young Eagles flights hosted by EAA Chapter 289. Contact: Jim Zangger Phone: 605-370 1139, Send an Email Larchwood, IA Zangger Vintage Airpark (2VA)



Fly Market

FOR SALE: My 1958 172. I have owned the airplane for 30+ years. I am changing to Sport Pilot so can't use the 172 anymore. Airplane is based north of Cedar Rapids, Iowa at my private strip. The airplane is low time and clean. All logs available. Fresh annual on 6/30/08 shows compression to be: (77, 78, 78,77,77, 78)/80. Autogas STC, Cleveland brakes, new Gill battery 2006, mufflers rebuilt 2005, new intake hoses 2005. Airtex interior, good paint. TTAE 2620 SMOH 823 Radios are basic New ICOM A200. Dave Yeoman 319-377-4188



Chapter 33 Calendar

June 7 Fly-In Breakfast, & EAA 33 Young Eagle Rally. Washington Municipal Airport

June 7 59th Annual Flight Breakfast, Audubon Municipal Airport

June 7 Algona Pilots Association Flight Breakfast, Algona Municipal Airport

June 7 Annual Flight Breakfast, Denison Municipal Airport

June 13 10am-1pm Chapter cook out and spot landing contest, Montecello Airport

June 14 Spencer Airshow and Flight Breakfast Northwest Iowa Regional Airport, Spencer IA

June 21 Optimists' Fly-In Breakfast, Maquoketa Municipal Airport

June 20-21 Quad City Air Show, Davenport Municipal Airport

June 23-26 Air Race Classic, ending in Atlantic Iowa on the 26th

June 28 9am-3pm Friends of '8 Charlie 4' Open House and Fly-In at the Mathews Memorial Airport (8C4), Tipton. Just a plain ole fashion open house/fly-in. Lions club food stand where PIC's eat free, static displays, Jr. Pilot Center, National Guard stuff, old time music, a few demonstrations and fly-bys, etc.

June 28 Annual Fly-In Breakfast, Marion Airport

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