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515 Banquet Enjoyed By All

An Evening With General Robin Olds



Gen. Robbin Olds and Ivon Klohe share outstanding military aviation careers.



Ron O'Dea (right, with wife BJ, left) served under Gen. Olds in Europe.

Those of us who attended the June 7 chapter banquet enjoyed an evening of socializing, good food, and an entertaining talk by General Robin Olds. A few days before the event, it appeared that attendance might be low. Dean got on the phone and did a lot of calling. As a result, attendance was good, and the banquet actually cleared expenses. Part of that outcome was thanks to the generosity of the

Holiday Inn. They contributed the sales tax, gratuity, and the room charge. Dean, thanks for all of your hard work that made this event a success.

General Olds, a triple ace and recipient of many decorations, regaled us with his tales from his 30 years in the Air Force. In World War II, he flew P-38's escorting B-17's over Germany. He expressed

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When: July 2, 2002 • 7:30 PM
Where: Military Science Building • CSU Campus • Ft Collins
Program: Bill Hale, an instrument flight instructor for the Bonanza Society will be our speaker.

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his utmost respect for the bomber pilots and crews. They had to hold their headings and altitudes regardless of enemy flak and fighters, whereas our fighters had a little latitude to move out of harm's way, within reason. Once, he and one other P-38 pilot attacked about 55-60 ME-109's from behind. Unfortunately, after dropping tip tanks, he forgot to switch tanks. Just as he was lined up to fire on an ME-109, both engines quit. He immediately realized his error,

but since he was still lined up, he fired anyway and scored a hit. Then he switched tanks and got the engines running again. General Olds claims that he is the only known fighter pilot to have shot down an enemy plane while piloting a "glider."

Once, General Olds resorted to performing an unauthorized aerobatics show in an F-101. His scheme was to screw up in order to avoid being promoted to general. He wanted to fight in Vietnam, and he knew that he wouldn't be allowed to do that if he were promoted. The ploy worked, and he was "punished" by being sent to Vietnam, where he shot down 4 MiG's. Eventually, after remaining a colonel for about 12 years, he was promoted to general. His next assignment was to command the U. S Air Force Academy, and only generals can do that.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to courageous men like General Olds, and can only hope that future generations will produce leaders of his caliber.

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Banquet Attendees Praised

In a note to Dean Hall, personal portions of which were omitted, General Robin Olds had some words of praise for those who attended our recent banquet: "I thank you sincerely.....for the opportunity of meeting.....the EAA members Friday night. Perhaps you are used to it, but all of the people there at the Friday meeting filled me with reassurance that all is well in Middle America, a feeling not engendered by the media nor by casual observation while traveling."



This July 20 event is free to the public. A pancake breakfast will be served, and there will be World War II War Birds, acrobatic exhibitions, modern military-, and experimental aircraft.

Blue Angels Come To Ft. Collins-Loveland **AIR SHOW COLORADO**

July 27 - 28



After more than a decade's absence from the front range, the Blue Angels will again perform at the Ft. Collins-Loveland airport on July 27th and 28th. In addition to the Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Team, there will be an F-16 tactical demonstration, civilian acts, jump teams, static displays, and according to the air show's recorded message, "much more."

The air show hotline number is 303/482-3079. Tickets are \$10 for adults at the airport, or \$8 in advance at King Soopers; \$6 for kids under 12 at the airport, or \$4 in advance at King Soopers; kids 3 and under enter free.

If you care to volunteer in some way, call the hotline and leave a message.

Write for FUN (*But Not for Profit*)

Dean Hall has written a series of short biographies for our newsletter. He has proposed, and we concur, that writing for the newsletter should not be the domain of any one person. It should be open to any of the talented people in our chapter to submit a flying story, autobiography, or a biography of a friend or acquaintance in the chapter. In our chapter, we have a lot of entertaining stories and instructive experiences that need to be shared. Some of you probably already have

the outlines of such a story already formulated in your mind. Just about everyone has a hangar story. Please complete your story, biography, or autobiography, and submit it. Some of you may not feel comfortable with that, but don't let that be an obstacle. If any of you feel that you have material that would have some interest to the members, but do not want to write it yourself, please feel free to contact Ron Grob or Dean Hall, and we will write it.

Chapter 515

TOOLCHEST

Here is a list of tools and equipment either owned by the chapter or available for use by members.
CONTACT: Walt Ellwood, 635-3436, wellwood1@compuserve.com

Engine hoist
Flat bed trailer
Instrument panel hole cutter
Nico press, with gauges
(bolt cutter style)
Scales
Stoves
Torque wrench

Tools that members may loan out
Lycoming Engine Overhaul Stand
(Mel Callen, 587-4824)--may work with a Continental
Cable Fitting Swaging Tool
(Hugh McTeague, 586-5910)

T-28 RIDE FOR A LUCKY RMFI SPONSOR

Here may be a great opportunity for someone who has yearned to get a ride in a T-28. Tom Lucas informed me that a sponsor might still be needed for a T-28 for the Rocky Mountain EAA Regional Fly-In (June 29th and 30th). The fee is \$500, but check with Steve Beach, 303/469-7661, or by email at rsbeachco@aol.com to be sure that it is still available.

If you have signed up to volunteer at the fly-in, or if you wish to volunteer, please contact Cheryle via email at cherylesullivan@aol.com with your requests or wishes, and to get your assignment.

Further information about the fly-in is available on the web site: www.rmrfi.org

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Granby Fly-In July 6 (EAA Chapter 1267)

The Middle Park EAA Chapter 1267 will hold a Fly-in/ Drive-in Pancake Breakfast at the Granby Airport, in Granby, Colorado, on **Saturday, July 6, 2002**. Granby (GNB) is on the Cheyenne and Denver sectionals, Radio Frequency is 123.0, Runway 9-27 is 5000 ft. in length. 100 LL fuel is available.

The breakfast will be all-you-can eat, featuring pancakes, sausage and beverages, and will be served from 7:30 until 10:00 AM. Cost of the breakfast will be \$4.00 (no charge for children under 6). Pilots and co-pilots who fly in will receive a complimentary breakfast. Pilots will be eligible for a number of prizes which will be awarded in various

categories. Proceeds from the breakfast will be used to support the EAA Chapter's educational and outreach efforts, including an Aviation Scholarships and Young Eagles.

Experienced local pilots will be available to answer questions about mountain flying in this picturesque area. EAA Chapter 1267 members will also provide housing for pilots who wish to stay over Saturday night and fly out on Sunday morning.

For additional information and/or accommodations, please call Rod Kauber, 887-0514, or Art Wilson, 887-2283, or E-mail Art at

awilson@winterparkweb.com.