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## The B-17G and Memories Were in Town

The B-17G isn't as big as movies tend to portray it. In fact, it is hard to imagine ten airman in it. But some of the visitors that came over the holiday weekend knew only too well how close those quarters were.

Meet Bill Underwood of Missouri Valley, Iowa, a former B-17 copilot. He came with pictures, a few stories, and a deep admiration for the old bird. Mr. Underwood flew 28 combat missions, then upgraded to aircraft commander. However, the war ended before he could fly a combat mission as an aircraft commander.

In addition to photos, Mr. Underwood came with a list of the missions he flew. He is the fellow in the middle with his dog tags shining. In case the missions are hard to read—he flew 28 missions between 8 Jan and 21 April of 1945. The targets he flew to included Berlin, Frankfurt, and Dresden.

Mr. Underwood also mentioned that the B-17 he flew never had a name. But, he recognized the big "H" on Fuddy Duddy as belonging to his unit.

I felt honored to talk to Mr. Underwood and his wife. It looked to me as if this visit rekindled memories of a time when the world's future was uncertain. It was a time when men not only bonded together on the ground, but also thousands of feet in the air inside a cold, loud aircraft bound for a hostile country. Thanks Mr. & Mrs. Underwood for your service.



Bill Underwood - Member of the greatest generation.  
 Photos by Paul Kanka

UNDERWOOD, WILLIAM L. 2ND LT 0781461			OPERATIONAL MISSIONS		
DATE	TARGET	DATE	TARGET	DATE	TARGET
1. 8 Jan 45	Frankfurt	25. 16 Apr 45	Royan		
2. 10 Jan 45	Karlsruhe	26. 17 Apr 45	Dresden		
3. 1 Feb 45	Wesel	27. 19 Apr 45	Dresden		
4. 3 Feb 45	Berlin	28. 21 Apr 45	Ingolstadt		
5. 6 Feb 45	Chemnitz				
6. 9 Feb 45	Weimar				
7. 15 Feb 45	Kottbus				
8. 16 Feb 45	Wesel & Rhine				
9. 19 Feb 45	Wesel				
10. 22 Feb 45	Aalen				
11. 24 Feb 45	Bremen				
12. 1 Mar 45	Ulm				
13. 2 Mar 45	Dresden				
14. 8 Mar 45	Frankfurt				
15. 14 Mar 45	Hannover				
16. 17 Mar 45	Ruhland				
17. 20 Mar 45	Hamburg				
18. 30 Mar 45	Hamburg				
19. 3 Apr 45	Kiel				
20. 4 Apr 45	Kiel				
21. 7 Apr 45	Schwerin				
22. 11 Apr 45	Ingolstadt				
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### From our B-17 Tour Stop Chairman:

President Ward Combs and I would like to thank everyone for their help in the recent B-17 event at TACAir. Their assistance was very beneficial to the chapter, the interested people that came to view and ride in the aircraft, and the aviation community.

If I have missed anyone please contact me. It was difficult to handle all of the things that were happening during the five day stay, so please go easy on me. I don't think I will quit my job to become a full-time EAA B-17 Tour Stop Chairman.

Thanks to: Ray Anderson, Dick Austin, Ken Bahr, Ruth Bahr, Bob Cartwright, Duane Clausen, Bob Condrey, Jim Duke, Harold Grosskopf, Harlon Hain, Evan Holly, Paul Kanka, Will Kroeger, Don Meyer, Dale McClure, Vince Robertson, Jim Rush, Bill Stromenger, James Theiss

I give a special thanks to Sandy Faris for operating the Souvenir trailer for the entire three days. Sandy sold nearly \$2000.00 of merchandise in a miserably stuffy trailer, answered lots of questions, listened intently to Veterans stories, and tolerated the verbal abuse of a few that couldn't understand why we wouldn't unlock the gate so they could take pictures.

Lastly, a grateful thanks to Kip Simanek, Mike Wilwerding, Roger Anderson, and the entire TACAir staff. TACAir was instrumental in providing support for this operation, and act as liaison to the TSA and Eppley Security. TACAir found a way to achieve our plans and satisfy the stringent security requirements of a major passenger airport.

Kevin Faris

Chapter 80 Secretary

P.S. Around 80 people flew the B-17G.

P.S. from the editor: I had a good time at the B-17 and want to thank Kevin and Sandy for their hard work and dedication.

**Meeting Time & Location.** The Chapter 80 monthly meeting will be held at 7:00PM on Monday, July 11 at the main hangar of Hangar One at Millard Airport, Omaha, NE. It is still located on South 132nd Street between Q and Harrison.

## July Program

Roland Manarin will be our guest speaker again. He last talked to us in April 2004 about his Turbo pressurized Lancair IV-P Turbo. Well, it is now finished and he is proud to show it to us

### Calendar of Events: B-Breakfast/ L-Lunch

1st Sat of month	Fly-in B	York, NE
3rd Sat of month	Fly-in B	Crete, NE
July 9	Fly-in	Tarkio, MO
July 15-17	Skydiving	Plattsmouth, NE
July 16	Fly-in Supper	Oelwein, IA
July 17	Fly-in	Sioux City, IA
July 8—18	T-6 reunion	Wahoo, NE
July 21-24	Cessna 150-152 Fly-in	Clinton, IA
July 23-24	Wings Over Whiteman	Whiteman AFB, MO

**Young Eagles News.** Thanks for all the folks who signed up for Saturday...most of you did well to turn over and go back to sleep. The weather just didn't cooperate. Put August 20, Millard, 0730 and Clarinda, IA Sept 10th & 11th on your calendars and we will see what tricks the weather will play on us then. Jim Rattle.

**Watch out** for a multitude of skydivers if you are going to be near Plattsmouth, July 15-17th. The Lincoln Sport Parachute Club will be hosting a SkyDiving Boogie and will have two aircraft flying and anticipate a lot of jumpers in the air, so be very careful and listen to 122.7 (CTAF) and 120.1 (Omaha Approach) if flying near PMV during those days.

**EAA Chapter 80 T-shirts.** Some of you have asked about them and now we need to know how many people are interested. Member Tom Gulizia, who makes our hats, has offered to make the T-shirts for us. Ward Combs says he will take the orders, collect the money and deliver (at least at the meetings). Let Ward, or any of the Chapter Officers, know if you like the idea and would order one. Maybe we'll have a sneak preview at the meeting.

**For Sale:** 1966 Cessna 150 Model F. Less than 2000 hours total time on plane. Engine was topped in mid 1990's by Central Cylinder Service. Slick mags, new tires and tubes on main gear. Annual and new ELT battery in April of '05. Upgraded attitude indicator. Radios, transponder, encoder, nav/com, 2nd flip flop digital com. radio, intercom, Loran, single V.O.R, wheel pants, regular maintenance, complete logs (accurate). Total airplane in great shape. Contact Ted Drefs 1-402-614-276.

**For Sale.** Stits Skycoupe side-by-side with stick project. 90hp Franklin with 50hrs. Needs wing rebuilt, prop, windshield, interior and cowling. Stored 3-4 years. \$5800. Contact Dick Baber 712-322-8074 or 402-697-5160 or dickbaber@att.net

**If you are going to Oshkosh (or wish you were)** and expect (or want) to see Space Ship One, then you might be interested in a DVD created by Desert Turtle Productions. They just released "...a documentary DVD about SpaceShipOne as experienced by a small group of fellow aviation enthusiasts. "Mojave Magic: A Turtle's Eye View of SpaceShipOne" captures not only these fantastic accomplishments, but also the comments, experiences and impressions of the pilots and others involved in the project. We were fortunate to find ourselves in a unique position to record these historic events and to share our experiences with both the aviation community and others who were not able to be there in person." If you would like more information about their DVD or company, visit them at [www.DesertTurtle.com](http://www.DesertTurtle.com) or email them at [EAA@DesertTurtle.com](mailto:EAA@DesertTurtle.com).

**Need somewhere to go on July 9th.** Try the Fly-in at Gould Peterson Memorial Airport (K57) in Tarkio, Mo. It is from 6:30 to 1pm. They will have several industry booths, public discussions, military aircraft fly overs and various static aircraft displays. Contact them on 122.9 for a discrete arrival frequency (most likely 118.4). There is a TFR around the airport because of parachute jumping that is scheduled between 1030 and 1230. Check Notams!!!!

## *EAA Chapter 80 June 2005 Minutes*

13 June 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Ward Combs in the hangar of Hangar One at the Millard Airport. There were about 80 members, guests and visitors present for this special meal and meeting combination. Hamburgers, Hotdogs, salads, and deserts were brought and prepared by Ken Bahr, Dale McClure, Tom Gulizia, Jim Rush, Bill Stromenger, and Tom Wieduwilt. If I have forgotten anybody, I apologize in advance.

The above mentioned group purchased a new high-capacity gas grill to be used in our cookouts. An anonymous member paid for half of it. Mike Howard made a motion for the chapter to pay for the balance. After some discussion the motion passed.

A motion was made and passed to accept the May minutes as printed.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Treasurer Rob Hansen reports we had expenses of \$646.12, income of \$262.00, and a balance of \$2865.54 in checking. A motion was made and passed to accept the treasurer's report.

### **Young Eagles:**

Coordinator Jim Ratte reports we flew twenty-one people at Millard on May 21. The next Young Eagles event will be at Millard on June 25 at 08:00.

**Builders Reports:** Gary Johnson and Harlan Hain reported a bit on the progress of Roland Manarin's Lancair IV-P Turbine. This aircraft will be the subject of our July meeting.

**Tech Counselor / Flight Advisor:** Mike Howard reported the Omaha Airport Authority has published requirements for extinguishers in the hangars. Some people have been written up for non-compliance. Mike will assist members and has a white paper on acceptable units for your review.

**Fly-out Schedule:** None

**Librarian report:** None

**Old Business:** None

### **New Business:**

- The subject of our aircraft trailer came up. Kevin Faris reported the trailer was in his hangar all winter and was in excellent condition.
- President Ward Combs presented copies of the Oshkosh Airventure Notam for review.
- There will be an estate sale in West Plains, MO. containing many aircraft on June 24 and 25th.
- Membership Chairman Bob Cartwright reported our 2005 membership rosters are in and distributed as many as possible at the meeting to avoid postage for their delivery.
- Kevin Faris and Ward Combs (B-17 Tour Stop Chairman and Promotions Chairman respectively) spoke about the B-17 event at TACAIR on June 30 through July 3. Kevin reported on a search for B-17 Veteran's that crewed on B-17's. Jon Breeze volunteered to contact a tail gunner, Floyd Beam and get back to Kevin.

**Program:** There was no program due to the picnic event.

The meeting adjourned at 20:00.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Faris, Secretary

### **Fire Extinguishers in "T" Hangars by Mike Howard**

As mentioned at the last meeting, Mike Howard did some research on the type of fire extinguishers needed in hangars at Millard.

1. The rental agreement rules section 6.21(12) states "each T hanger will have a minimum of one 20BC rated fire extinguisher."
2. NFPA defines the following class types for portable fire extinguishers: Class A - wood, cloth, and paper; Class B - combustible liquids; Class C - electrical fires.
3. Some wood, cloth or paper is stored in the T hangers. These materials may be a part of the aircraft itself or a shipping container for oil or aircraft parts. In either case, it seems appropriate to have a fire extinguisher on hand that is capable of fighting a fire that is feeding on this type of fuel.
4. The portable fire extinguishers in most T hangers at Millard airport are of the dry chemical type and are filled with either sodium bicarbonate or potassium bicarbonate. Those that are rated B&C only are still filled with either of these materials.
5. On June 6, 2005 Michael A. Howard P.E. had a phone conversation with Pio Porta the Assistant Fire Marshall for the City of Omaha. Fire Marshall Porta stated that "a 3A - 40BC fire extinguisher exceeds the minimum rating of a 20 BC fire extinguisher and a 4A - 60BC is larger still".
6. Therefore, a 3A - 40BC or 4A - 60BC portable fire extinguisher meets the requirement of the T hanger rental agreement rules.

**North American Topgun, INC** is coming to Wahoo 8—18 July. Go to their website (<http://www.natg.com>) for more info.

**Chapter Hangar Space for Rent:** We have one space at the Wahoo Hanger available now with another space coming open soon. This is a great opportunity to hangar your plane or project for only \$60 per month. Contact any Chapter Officer for more info.



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**Pictures For July 2005**



Two Fuddy Duddys' in one photo. One flew 93 combat mission during World War II. The other (Paul Kanka) is hard at work protecting the shade.  
P.S. I told Paul I was going to do this.



The crew and staff of the Fuddy Duddy.  
Thanks guys!  
Photo by Paul Kanka.