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WWI War bird stops at MXO.



Ken Clark of Tulsa, OK stopped at the Monticello airport for fuel. He was flying his plan built WWI war bird. Ken was enroute from Tulsa to Oshkosh for the AirVenture. Accompanying him were two friends flying a

Cessna Cardinal with tools and moral support. Top speed was 70 mph and with a skid instead of a tail wheel, he was always looking for grass to land on. After landing on the grass at MXO, Paul met him with the tractor, raised the tail and towed him to the gas pumps.

Don Springer and his B-17 Experiences



Don Stringer & Max Dirks

Don also told about the forced marches, traveling in cattle cars and the trickery they used to cover the head count of the escaped prisoners.

Finally when Patton's troops rolled through and freed the prisoners, Don was sent home, retrained and was ready to go to the Pacific and invade Japan when the bomb was dropped.

Don had three runs over Germany. On the third, he didn't return. They were shot down bombing a ball bearing plant deep in Germany. They had to go without fighter protection because of the distance. 294 planes left on the mission and 60 were shot down. Don told of his experience as a prisoner. The movie "The Great Escape" was based on the tunnel from the barracks next to him in the stalag.



Clinton Aero Club's first supper



The rain cleared off, the sky opened so it was time to preflight and fly to supper.

A Waco, Cherokee and Ercoupe rendezvoused at the Aero Club on the Clinton airport for the first Friday night supper of the season. The suppers will be held every Friday night from 5-7 p.m. until August 17. You can eat inside in the air conditioning or sit out at the picnic table to watch the planes. This week's menu was hamburger, beans, chips, pasta salad, cake and beverage for \$6.00.



There were more drive-in diners than fly-in this week but some days it is the opposite.

Pilot Thoughts

There are only three things the copilot should always say:

1. Nice landing, Sir.
2. I'll buy the first round.
3. I'll take the ugly one.

**Cedar Valley API Meeting
6:30 p.m. Tuesday June 22
Olive Garden
Cedar Rapids, Iowa**

**API Flight Breakfast
July 18**

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