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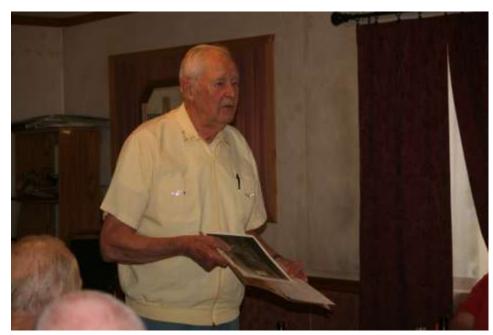
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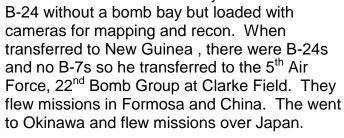
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Ed Brokens of Monticello Tell of his WWII experiences



In 1942, Ed Brokens enlisted in the Army Air Corp and was trained in B-24s and then went to transition school to fly F-7s. An F-7 is a



Their tour was based on a point system. Every mission was worth a point and if you came back with holes in your plane you got another point. 50 points was the rotation.

While flying from Formosa, the B-24,s would rendezvous over a small Japanese held island that had no activity. One day a lone plane on a recon mission flew over the island and a large hole was blown in the wing. When asked if they then changed the rendezvous point, Ed laughed and said "no, that was our target for the next day". That took care of the trouble. Ed talked for what seemed to be a short half hour and answered many questions.

Notes of the May 8, 2012 API Meeting

Monticello Chapter

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm after the meal with 27 people present.

Our guest speaker, Ed Broken was introduced and because of new guests and members present, everyone introduced themselves and their guest.

It was announced that McBride airport in Cedar Rapids was closed May 7 and aircraft can no longer land there.

The sign-up paper for the breakfast was passed around.

The June meeting will be at the hangar at the Monticello Airport. Everyone should bring a meat to cook and a dish to pass. A meeting at the Dyersville Airport will be scheduled for July or August.

After these short announcements, Ed Broken gave an interesting talk on his experiences flying the B-24 over Japan.

Meeting adjourned after Ed's presentation.

Craig and Ernie Rairdin were the quest speakers at the April Cedar Valley Meeting in Cedar Rapids. They told about their forced landing in a field in northern Texas. They lost the engine in their Jabiru J250SP. The plane was left in Texas where a new engine was installed. Ernie and Craig went to Texas last month and picked up the Jabiru with the new engine.

Cedar Valley Meeting
Tuesday
May 22, 2012
Olive Garden – Cedar Rapids
6:00 p.m.

Monticello Chapter Meeting
Tuesday
June 12, 2012
MXO Hangar
6:00 p.m.

Bring meat to BBQ and dish to pass

Events Calendar 2012

Jan – Dec	Buffet Lunch every Friday	Noon	Iola, WI (68C)
June 3 June 3 June 16 June 17 June 17 June 24	Flight Breakfast	7 – 11	Washington, IA (AWG)
	Flight Breakfast	7-Noon	Reedsburg, WI (C35)
	Flight Breakfast	8-Noon	Cassville, WI (C74)
	Flight Breakfast	7-12:30	Mineral Point, WI (MRJ)
	Flight Breakfast	7-Noon	Maquoketa, IA (OQW)
	Flight Breakfast	7-Noon	Wells, MN (68Y)
July 8 July 22 July 23-29 July 25-26	Flight Breakfast Flight Breakfast Air Venture International 150-152 Fly I	7-1 7-12:30 n	Platteville, WI (PVB) Preston MN (FKA) Oshkosh, WI Clinton, IA (CWI)
Aug 5	Flight Breakfast	7:30-Noon	Cresco, IA (CJJ)
Aug 19	Flight Breakfast	7-Noon	Monticello, IA (MXO)
Aug 19	Flight Breakfast	7-Noon	Monona, IA (7C3)
Aug 26	Flight Breakfast	7-12:30	Iowa City, Ia (IOW)
Sept 1-2	Air Show	7-Noon	Davenport, Ia.
Sept 30	Flight Breakfast		Boscobel, WI (OVS)

Send your photo and Bio to Ernie at www.ernie@rairdin.com
This is going to be a nice directory and Ernie is doing a lot of work on it.

As a pilot only two bad things can happen to you and one of them will.

a. One day you will walk out to the aircraft knowing that it is your last flight.b. One day you will walk out to the aircraft not knowing that it is your last flight

Before each flight, make sure that your bladder is empty and your fuel tanks are full.

