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Keep 'Em Flying!

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Favorite Aviation Books

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I want to begin this short article with a note of thanks. After many years as a college teacher I joined the MHW in 2006—a late bloomer so to speak. With a lifelong interest in aviation and an admiration for aviation heroes past and present, the MHW has allowed me to continue my interest in new ways. One thing I have learned over many years is that ongoing tribulations and political debates should not deter our pride in American aviation and its distinguished history. We must help ensure that this pride and history is passed on to succeeding generations. One way to do this is through reading, and there is no shortage of outstanding books about the exploits and courage of American aviators.

Probably every aviation enthusiast has their own list of favorite books. What amazes me is that more than 60 years after World War II, new books are still being written and the stories are as compelling as ever. And as more information about World War II becomes available to book authors, the newer books often have greater detail and previously unpublished accounts. Recent projects to locate and restore WWII airplanes make for great reading, and the efforts to record the oral histories of WWII pilots and air crews are preventing these experiences from being lost.

Gen. Chuck Yeager
(USAF Photo)



I'm sure another debate could be started about which are the best Hollywood aviation films. Who can forget Twelve O'clock High and Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo? But for now, here is a list of recent book favorites for what it's worth. You will see that a lot of them are about WWII bombers, which is a personal interest. So other MHW members can add their own list of favorites (or write a book review for this newsletter). It is not unusual to find me staring at my wall of airplane posters and reading one of these books:

[] B-17 Combat Missions (Martin Bowman, 2007)

[] Masters Of The Air: America's Bomber Boys Who Fought The Air War Against Nazi Germany (Donald Miller, 2006)

[] Jimmy Stewart, Bomber Pilot (Starr Smith, 2005)

[] Fly Boys: A True Story Of Courage (James Bradley, 2003)

[] The Man Who Flew The Memphis Belle: Memoir Of A WWII Bomber Pilot (Robert Morgan, 2002)

[] The Wild Blue: The Men And Boys Who Flew The B-24's Over Germany (Stephen Ambrose, 2001)

[] Boeing (Norris and Wagner, 1998)

[] Log Book: A Pilot's Life (Crocker Snow, 1997)

[] Thunder In The Heavens: Classic American Aircraft Of World War II (Martin Bowman, 1994)

[] Yeager (Chuck Yeager, 1985)

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Calendar of Events

May 10, 2008 –

Journeys Aviation & CML Air Ltd

Open House

8:00 am at Boulder Airport

May 17, 2008 – Erie Town Fair – 9:00 AM

Wing Meeting;

10:00 am at Platte Valley Airport

June 21, 2008 – Wing Meeting;

10:00 am at Platte Valley Airport

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Directions to Platte Valley Airport

Platte Valley Airport is 3 miles northwest of Hudson, Colorado:

- Take I-76 north to Hudson and exit west on Highway 52.
- At CR 41, turn right (north).
- At CR 18, turn left (west).

At the Platte Valley Airpark sign, turn left again.

Wing meetings are normally held on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

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