



East Side Hangar



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ESRC Flying Field June 04, 2007 9:30 PM

I just happened to snap a couple of shots of the ESRC field yesterday while flying back from a fly in at Springfield, IL. The shots were taken from the back seat of a 172 instead of the more preferable photo platform, (an open cockpit ultra-light :^)

Hope you enjoy, Dwight



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Aviation Truism (*Mostly True*)

"A smooth landing is mostly luck; two in a row is all luck; three in a row is prevarication."

Anonymous pilot with poor landing skills

CALENDAR OF 2007 EVENTS

- July 15th **ESRC Club Meeting – 3PM at the field**
- Sept 9 **Fun Fly and Club Picnic**
- Sept **Track Season Begins – Schedule to follow in the near future.**

Robin Olds

[July 14, 1922](#) – [June 14, 2007](#)

A great American has passed



Robin Olds, 84, an Air Force brigadier general who was a flamboyant legend of military aviation as a fighter pilot in World War II and Vietnam, died June 14 at his home in Steamboat Springs, Colo. He had congestive heart failure after recent bouts with prostate and lung cancer.

Gen. Olds, whose father was a World War I fighter pilot and a key planner of early bombing tactics, aimed for the air from youth. After graduating in 1943 from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., where he was an All-American football player, he immediately earned his wings as a fighter pilot in World War II.

Flying P-38 Lightnings and later P-51 Mustangs, he shot down 13 German aircraft, making him a double ace. (A pilot becomes an ace by downing five enemy aircraft.) He had to wait 22 years to return to combat.

Gen. Olds, who often bucked the military system and ignored rules that he considered silly, grew a rakish handlebar mustache in Vietnam in disregard of Air Force standards. He also planned and executed Operation Bolo, a daring strike against North Vietnamese MiGs on Jan. 2, 1967, that was the most decisive U.S. air victory at that point in the war. As commander of the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing at Ubon, Thailand, Gen. Olds, then a colonel, devised the deceptive maneuver using the flight path and radio signals of a bomber squadron. North Vietnamese troops, expecting to attack a lumbering group of bombers,

instead encountered swarms of nimble F-4 Phantom II fighters, with Gen. Olds in the cockpit of the lead airplane. In the ensuing dogfight, Gen. Olds shot down a MiG-21, and the pilots under his command downed six other Vietnamese aircraft without losing a single U.S. plane.

In May 1967, Gen. Olds shot down three more MiGs, including two in one day. In all, his total was 17 in two wars, making him a triple ace. (He also destroyed 11 German airplanes on the ground during World War II.)

When he returned to the United States after his Vietnam tour, Gen. Olds, still sporting his waxed mustache, was ushered into the office of the Air Force chief of staff, Gen. John P. McConnell. "I walked briskly through the door, stopped and snapped a salute," Gen. Olds later recalled. "He walked up to me, stuck a finger under my nose and said, 'Take it off!' And I said, 'Yes, sir!' And that was the end of that."

The younger Olds attended high school in Hampton, Va., and spent a year at the old Millard Preparatory School in Washington before entering the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. At 6-feet-2 and 205 pounds, he was a stalwart tackle on the Army football team and was named an All-American in 1942. He was a member of the College Football Hall of Fame.

In 1946, a year before the Air Force was officially formed, he joined the country's first military jet squadron and was wingman on the Air Force's first jet acrobatic team. In 1948, he was the first foreigner to command an elite fighter unit of Britain's Royal Air Force.

After his Vietnam tour, Gen. Olds spent three years as a popular commandant of the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. In 1972, while inspecting Air Force bases in Southeast Asia, he surreptitiously flew in combat in Vietnam. In 259 missions in two wars, he was never shot down or wounded.

When Gen. Olds retired in 1973, his honors included the Air Force Cross (second to the Medal of Honor), a Distinguished Service Medal, four Silver Stars, a Legion of Merit, six Distinguished Flying Crosses and 40 Air Medals.

In retirement, Gen. Olds gave lectures, worked on an autobiography and went skiing. He was a skilled cartoonist and loved animals. He appeared in November 2006 as a commentator on the History Channel's series "Dogfights," describing Operation Bolo and his air battles in WW II.

Float Fly

The float fly DID happen on Saturday. Roger and Craig Watson were the only flyers. They are planning on flying a few more times this Summer, but have not scheduled it yet. If you are interested in giving float flying a try – give Roger or Craig a call.



Lineup at Boeing Field

Amid all the 787 roll-out hoopla, perhaps the coolest event went unnoticed. On Saturday night, Boeing had all of the 787 airline representatives at an event at the Museum of Flight. At 7:07 PM, an Omega Air Refueling Services 707 landed in front of the crowd (after taking off from Paine Field in Everett). At 7:17, an AirTran 717 landed. This continued until 8:17 when an Air France 777-300ER landed. In the end, the 717, 727, 737, 747, 757, 767, and 777 were lined up nose-to-tail on the taxiway. It is the first time Boeing has had every 7-series airplane in the same place (not counting the 787, which couldn't make the flight, of course).

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The International Extreme Flight Championships and the AMA team up for XFC 2007!

Muncie, In – The Academy of Model Aeronautics is pleased to announce that we will be hosting the 2007 International Extreme Flight Championships at the AMA's International Aeromodeling Center. The event will take place on the weekend of June 15th - 17th. This event is one of the premier aeromodeling events in the world, and attracts the top fixed wing and heli pilots in the sport!



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