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Board Meeting - 5:30 pm

Dinner - 6:30 pm \$10

General Meeting - 7:00 pm

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In Person Chapter Meeting

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November 3, 2021 Program

Brien Seeley:

Brien has been maintaining the suspense about his presentation.

Dinner Menu: Our November Dinner is Traditional Thanksgiving – BBQ Turkey, sliced, and all the fixings – Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberry Salad, Pumpkin Pie and Whipped Cream. \$10

Events Calendar

Please send info about upcoming events!

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Stalin's War by Sean McMeekin

Basic Books, Hachette Book Group, 2021

By Andy Werback

This book is much more than just a summary of things we have generally been aware of regarding the Soviet Union in World War II. It is extensively researched, with a bit of an axe to grind but it really shines a light on the political situation in the United States that developed prior to and during WWII in support of Stalin. And all of the signs of a Cold War were there – we are still paying for that.

Mostly things we sort of already know about how Stalin ran the Soviet Union in WWII. But just incredibly disgusting to hear the details – one can only conclude that he was far more cynical and opportunistic than Hitler. He'd plan and wait for everyone to bleed themselves to death, and then come in and claim the remains. Over and over again.

But the main thing was how much Roosevelt cozied up to Stalin. Particularly regarding Lend Lease, and how Roosevelt ignored Stalin's numerous atrocities, blatant lies and nefarious actions. Such as the Katyn Forest massacre. Or the letting the Germans kill off the Jewish underground in Warsaw. There is a question of how much was known at the time, but the evidence was there. Incredible.

And Lend Lease had long term implications. Not only did we send over trucks, tanks and airplanes, but we gave Soviet Russia the ships to do it in. And then Stalin wouldn't attack Japan (he didn't need more adversaries, but we needed help in the Pacific) so Japan didn't do anything to disturb the shipping to Soviet far east ports (Vladivostok). Another win-win for Stalin.

But wait, there's more. Soviet Sympathizers in the Roosevelt Administration – Among them was Harry Hopkins, a key Soviet Agent (Venona Papers). Hopkins and a few others took Complete Advantage of the freedom given to the President by the Lend Lease Program – They simply took detailed lists of what the Soviets wanted, gave them an A-1 priority, and made it happen. They made the Soviet program a higher priority than materials going to our own military. And the President didn't care to even monitor this

situation.

There were many more Soviet agents and sympathizers in the administration – Harry Dexter White, for one. Morgenthau, for another. Things would have been pretty bleak for Germany and the world if Stalin hadn't initiated the Berlin Crisis in 1948. Fortunately, we did the Berlin Air Lift (and the Candy Bomber, Gail Halvorsen) which completely changed the face of the Cold War in Germany. Morgenthau would have put Germany back into the Dark Ages which would probably have precipitated another war, as what happened after World War 1. These people manipulated information, generated plans that were designed to subvert the Allies and promote the Soviets. Just generally Treasonable!

But back to Lend Lease.

What they got was not just tanks and trucks and weapons. It was thousands of tons of food. We even make a special 1 Kg can for SPAM, just for them. And everything went to them just the way they wanted it – no labels identifying where it came from. Absolutely no thanks for the help we gave them. Then they got machine tools, factory equipment (oh, we need to replace the stuff we lost to the Germans), not to mention Whole Factories! In addition to raw materials (things like nickel and chromium, and other key materials for making armor plate and steel). But supplying these things in quantity (when we needed them ourselves) didn't stop Stalin from taking over a portion of Finland (nickel mines in Petsamo) to make sure he had his own supply.

And then we also gave him Nuclear Material! Really? Yes. Not that he had any immediate use for it, but since we were giving them anything they asked for, why not this too!! Incredible. Roosevelt was no hero, in this regard, that's for sure.

All-in-all, we were a Huge Enabler for Stalin to conquer much of eastern Europe, develop the Atomic Bomb, and initiate the Cold War. In the end, Stalin wound up with 40 million more slaves for his empire. Not a bad deal!

Here is a partial list of what we gave them (or let them have!)

- Trucks – more than 350,000
- Airplanes – more than 15,000 (Bell P-39, Douglas A-20)

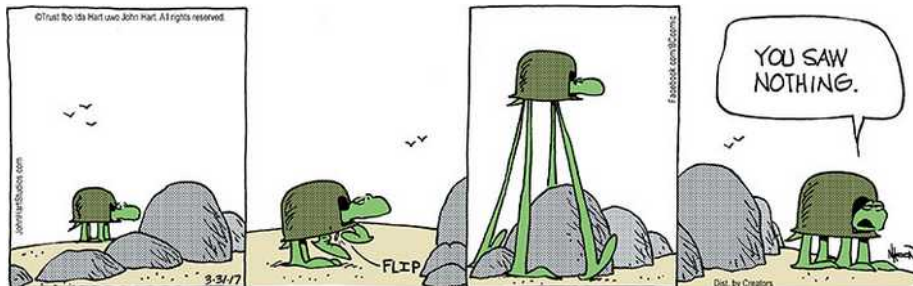
- Food (meats, grains, beans, ...) Thousands of tons
 - Ships – 61 (full sized cargo ships) (in addition to the lives of hundreds of Merchant Marine sailors lost in convoys)
 - Patrol Boats
 - Gasoline, Diesel, other fuels, lubricants
 - Ford Tire Factory – including Truck and Tire Building Machines, Tire Building Compensator, Air Bag Extractor, Tire Molds, Tread Cutting Machines...
 - Power Stations
 - $\frac{3}{4}$ ton of Uranium
 - 1 Kg of Deuterium oxide (heavy water)
 - Steel, including armor plate
 - 835,000 pounds of cadmium
 - 25,000 pounds of Thorium
 - 9681 pounds of Beryllium
 - 33,600 pounds of Cobalt concentrate
 - 13.8 million pounds of refined Aluminum tubes (for Plutonium processing)
 - Copies of patents for Bomb Sights, Tanks, Airplanes, Ammunition, Submarines, Electric Plants
 - Pictures/maps of Key US installations – railway maps, pictures of operations in restricted factories
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News / Notes From the Editor

Many thanks for the contributions.

Interesting Aviation Links

(Thanks YouTube)

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EAA Chapter 124 Board Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2021

Meeting convened 5:30 pm

September meeting minutes approved

Zenith 750 Project- No progress

Motorhome- No progress

Dues Discussion Per Bylaws- The recent membership dues increase has precipitated a review of the bylaws, which are contradictory relating to the raising of membership dues. It is an issue that should be put on next year's agenda regarding re-crafting chapter bylaws. The previous vote to raise dues for the time being is being upheld pending the amendment of the bylaws.

Nominating Committee- The latest slate will allow the chapter to get back on the previous term schedule which was disordered by Covid considerations. A full compliment of board members have been nominated. Four board potential board members have been nominated: John Fritsch, Carl Grimm, Tim Peterson, Kevin Quirk

Treasurer's Report- The coffers have seen a slight increase. Tiedown and hangar payments are up to date.

Young Eagles- Upcoming October 30th event at our Santa Rosa facility.

P-CAM Loaner Aircraft- The idea was presented to host a plane on static display which belongs to the air museum. A motion was made to accept the plane. Two members approved the motion nine members

Facilities- New activity from Prop Jet relocation seems to be manageable thus far.

November Presentation- Brien Seely

EAA Chapter 124 General Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2021

Meeting convened 7:00 pm

The president, Marlon Young addressed the group and welcomed Bill Taylor to our chapter. He then announced that our chapter will be holding a Young Eagles event on October 30th. He then presented the news that a slate of nominees to fill the, soon to be, vacated seats on the board has been compiled. The vote for new chapter board members and officers will be held at the upcoming meeting on Nov. 3, 2021. The Nominating Committee has placed the following names on the ballot for Board positions: John Fritsch, Carl Grimm, Tim Petersen, Kevin Quirk

The president then shared details about his recent high altitude Western States fly-out adventure. Piloting his Cessna 195, he visited Sedona Arizona and the Grand Canyon. He reported spectacular views of rugged terrain and surprising lush vegetation along the route. He highly recommended group members to visit each of the destinations in their own planes.

Build Reports- John Swanstrom announced his completed RV12 has been officially signed off and will soon have it's first flight! Collective congratulations were expressed by all.

Presentation Topic- Reno Air Race Report, By CJ Stephens

CJ reported that the event seems to have rebounded somewhat from previous down years. The event featured six divisions, each competing in their own distinctive fashion. The most lightheartedly entertaining of the bunch are the STOL Drag competitors. CJ then presented a thrilling video of arguably the best ever Reno Air Race finish. It featured unlimited class planes: Voodoo and Strega battling to the finish. The initial lead enjoyed by Voodoo was plotingly reeled in, and was finally overcome by Strega's superior high banking and descending technique. It took until the final lap for Strega to overtake the lead and win the race. As a one-time Reno Air Race pilot CJ shared insider commentary regarding this 2017 Gold Cup race.

Larry Rengstorf, also shared his impressions of the event which were also quite approving. As a long-time participant and

crew chief of our locally based P51 owned by Dan Vance, he has just about everthing and parked anything the even can throw at him. His still photos captured the variety and look of the gathering. Along with his skillful airplane parking abilities he prides himself on his other assigned job as "Beer Tender." He avows the beverage reserves are safe in his hands, as he tends not to drink.



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