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# ERAU in just ten years

How to make college the most destitute decade of your life

By Wes Oleszkewski

Editorial Cartoonist

The E.R.A.U. flight line of ten years ago was very different from the way it is today. There were different aircraft, different procedures, different course structures and, most notably, different attitudes. In this chapter I will, to the best of my opinionated recollection, attempt to document some of these differences. I have been told that I should wait until I've passed the FA-315 prog. before I write this chapter, just in case I should ruffle a few flight standards feathers in the process. Of this I am not worried, because the changes for the worst are not in flight standards.

A decade ago the E.R.A.U. flight program consisted of three kinds of aircraft, there was the ever-forgiving Cessna 172, the Mooney 206, and the Cessna 310. That we wet noses and aspired to one day reach. This was the scene that I gazed upon through the flightline fence on the day of my first flight. I was stupid when it came to flight and I knew it. After all out there on the ramp were a lot of other FA-102s who had already soloed and I had yet to log a single hour. There were also the 103s who could do all that cross country stuff and were about to get that magic gray ticket that said "Private Pilot" on it. On top of all this were the pilots who could put on the hood and do that mystical instrument work. Then to further intimidate me were those multi-engine deities. Surely those must be the "real" pilots, because they flew the "real" airplanes. These guys always seemed to have "Pops" Alonso, or Greg Nelli or Mason Aldrich as their instructor, and we Freshmen knew that this was the ultimate in Riddle flying. I felt like I had a posterboard on my back that said in eight inch letters "BEGINNER...ZERO HOURS LOGGED". Little did I know that over the years only the hours logged part of my posterboard would change; in aviation you're always a beginner.

Upstairs in the flightline building lurked some menacing flight instructors, the most fearsome of whom were the "prog pilots." Prog. checks, in those days, were not as they are today. The very words "prog, check" could evoke a chilling fear in the most experienced flight student, and some of the check pilots made extensive use of this paranoia. In that era the check pilot had the privilege to terminate the prog. upon the student's first or worst error. This meant that if you busted the first item that you attempted you could fail the whole prog right then and there. The student would then have to take the re-check with all the items remaining. The most heart-breaking words ever heard when departing DAB were "O.K...take me back to Daytona".

From personal experience I can assure that some of the most difficult prog. pilots to get by were George Flanagan, Rick Howewell, Rich Molzon and Mike Murray. Although these men were all supremely competent, there was the underlying feeling that they enjoy-i their work...a lot. Rumor has it that Molzon and Murray once had a contest to see who could go the longest without passing a student. Word has it that they went 63 days (some people say it was as little as 32 days, but debating over exactly the duration would be as wasteful as their contest,) before Murray got a private pilot student who was so good that he just had to pass him. I myself had a private pilot prog. with Murray during this contest, it took him exactly 90 seconds before he had me sign by the "F".

Over the years the fearsome guys have gone away and today we are working with some check pilots who'll give you a good workout without any nonsense. Those of us who were here in the dark ages not only respect this, but find it to be a breath of fresh air.

NEXT WEEK: The Flight Line continued

# Germany's problems still remain from WW II

By Barth A. Baron Jr.  
Avion Staff Reporter

The United States is divided into three sectors so that the victors of the war we just lost can get our economy back on its feet. These three countries control Washington D.C. jointly. Suddenly, the country occupying the sector east of the Mississippi River breaks its agreement with the other powers, seals its sector off and infalls communism. While democratic countries still control our capital's western half, the eastern sector is now under communist rule.

I have not spun you a tale here — Germany staggered out of World War Two straight into the nightmare I've just described.

Although the Soviet's conduct during the occupation was a blatant violation of international law, many people feel this tragedy was merely an unfortunate consequence of the war. Forty-five years later, the East-West German question remains unanswered and largely ignored.

Some feel that Germany's division makes sense. They point out that she has rarely been united, and that Europe was better off with a disjointed Germany at its center. Imperial Germany existed for seventy-five years, and in that time spanned two world wars.

Today, however, Germany's stable government and economy prove her status as the European community's most responsible citizen.

The Allies discussed plans for the post-war occupation long before the war's end. At the London conference in September, 1944, the Allies divided Germany into three occupation zones — one each for the U.S., U.K., and the Soviet Union. They later amended the protocol signed here, giving France parts of the British and American zones, as the Soviets refused to relinquish any land.

The London Protocol made Berlin a territorial entity of its own, jointly controlled by the Allies despite, or perhaps because of, its location deep inside the Soviet sector.

Then came the occupation. Its three main goals were demilitarization, denazification, and democratization. The first two tasks were ample.

Having decided that Germany should control no army or weapons for some time, Allied control of factories and railroads was instituted to insure this goal's realization.

The occupation administrators then reviewed Nazi Party records, located the surviving members, and forbade them from filling administrative or educational posts.

The Potsdam Agreement of 1945, signed by the U.S., U.K., France, and the Soviet Union, stated: "So far as is practicable, there shall be uniformity of treatment of the German population throughout Germany," and, "during the period of occupation, Germany shall be treated as a single economic unit."

By 1948, the Soviets had begun assimilating their sector into the Soviet economic system, and in 1953 forcibly collectivized all agriculture in the newly-formed "East" Germany. So much for a single economic unit.

Addressing the occupation's third goal, the Potsdam Agreement stated: "All Democratic parties with rights of assembly and public discussion shall be allowed and encouraged throughout Germany." In fact, all but one party was in their sector — the Socialist Unity Party.

The western powers issued democracy through freedom, human rights, and parliamentary rule, while the Soviets translated it as well engineered, single list "elections" organized to produce a desired result.

The Allies also agreed in the Potsdam Agreement that "freedom of speech, press, and religion shall be permitted."

The Soviets offered freedom so generously that between 1949 and 1961, 14% of the Soviet zone's population fled to the west.

Faced with underemployment, the Soviets built a wall along their sector's border with the rest of Germany — 727 miles from the Baltic Sea to Czechoslovakia — and another encircling the west's sectors of Berlin.

Today, carefully selected "East" Germans with orders to shoot to kill man the guard towers overlooking every inch of the border.

Along a hostile frontier, you expect such vigilance, but there's a queer twist here: These men aim at their own people, the East Germans.



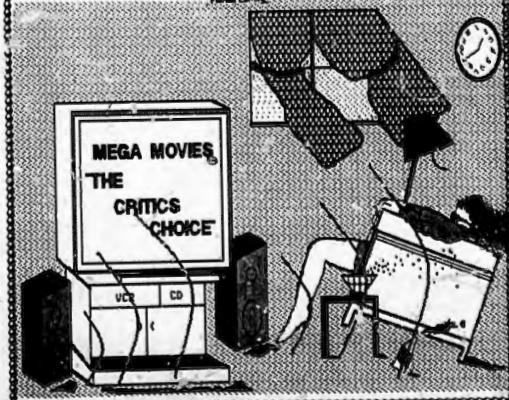
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## Johnson wins supercross, says 'seems easy'

By Mike Hotaling  
Sports Editor

Rick Johnson won the Daytona 250cc Supercross Saturday afternoon, Jeff Ward placed a distant second, and Johnson's Honda teammate Jeff Leick finished third.

Johnson dominated the race right out of the gate and ran away from the rest of the field with a 39.5 second margin of victory over Ward.

After winning his second Daytona

Supercross, Johnson said, "The track was good. When you win, it always seems easy."

Daytona was Johnson's second supercross series victory of the season with a second and third in the other two races so far this season.

"This is the race of the year," said Johnson. "There's been lots of racing. All the corporate people are here and it doesn't get any better than this."

The win gives Johnson the lead in the current AMA supercross series points race and followed by Ward and Ron Levin.

The 125cc Supercross event was won by Todd Deboop after Mike Lefocco ran into mechanical problems.

Deboop, on a Suzuki, was followed by Brian McElroy and Chris Coleman in the 8 lap event.



Action photo by Tom Julian

**Rick Johnson (top left), of El Cajon, Calif., flies his Honda CR250R over the triplets on his way to victory in last Saturday's Super-**

**cross.** For 1987 Supercross Champion Jeff Ward (left), the downpour that shortened the race from 15 to 12 laps made finishing second seem even more disappointing.

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## Superbike race dominated by Suzuki

By Mike Hotaling  
Sports Editor

Kevin Schwantz won the 47th annual Daytona 200 supercross race Sunday.

In doing so, the 23 year old Houston, Texas, Rider set a record average speed of 107.801 miles per hour over the 57 lap race.

Schwantz, riding a Suzuki, also won one of the twin 50 qualifying races and the pole position for the main event.

Finishing second was Doug Polen also on a Suzuki, and third was Bubba Shobert on his factory Honda.

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race.

The opening 10 laps of the race was a three-way battle between Schwantz, Polen and Japanese champion Yukita Ohshima. But Polen was the man on the point on lap 5 and earned a \$10,000 bonus.

This was Suzuki's first ever victory at Daytona, and they dominated with seven of the top ten finishers riding Suzukis.

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1935 -- It is announced in Germany that the Luftwaffe, a new national air-force, has been established.

1945 -- In a change of tactics, more than 300 Mariana-based B-29 Superfortresses armed with incendiary bombs make a low altitude night attack on Tokyo.

1957 -- The Royal Aeronautical Society announces that the Kremer prize had been offered for a first significant man-

powered flight has been increased to £10,000 and that any nation is eligible to compete.

1958 -- A first flight is made by the Slingsby T.53 two-seat sailplane which has been developed to meet an Air Ministry requirement for air cadet training. It is the first attempt to design and build in the UK.

1978 -- The Dassault Super Mirage 4000 prototype makes its first flight a single-seat multi-role combat aircraft incorporating a delta wing, canard foreplanes and a fly-by-wire active control system.



### Warbirds Airshow features Flying Tigers reunion

Forward by  
Col. Kevin Quinn

The 1983 Valiant Air Command Warbird Airshow will be this weekend at the Space Center Executive Airport, in Titusville.

The special feature of this year show is a national reunion for the American Volunteer Group who flew

with the Chinese Air Force during the early days of World War II. Perhaps better known by their nickname the "Tigers," the American volunteers wrote an incredible page of valor and heroism in the skies over Asia.

Often outnumbered by twenty to one, the "Tigers" defeat the Japanese Air Force at every turn. We expect

over fifty of the original "Tigers" to attend the show making it the largest gathering of these legendary airmen since the war.

In honor of their attendance the show will feature several of the P-40 Curtiss fighter planes that were the type of ship they employed.

### NASA chooses new instrumentation for research 737

Honeywell Press Release

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 24 -- NASA has selected Honeywell to supply a recently developed integrated Air Data/Inertial Reference System (ADIRS) for their Advanced Transport Operating Systems (ATOPS) program.

A Boeing 737-100 aircraft (designated as the Transonic Systems Research Vehicle, or TSRV), with a specially configured cockpit, will be used. The flight deck in the passenger cabin, is used by ATOPS to carry out advanced technology studies for commercial avia-

tion. This aft flight deck is integrated with other experimental systems to provide full operational capability. The Honeywell ADIRS, similar to equipment the company developed for the new Airbus A320, will initially be used to provide data for the aft research cockpit. A two-channel system, upgradable to three-channel, has been specified along with parts for installation. Honeywell will oversee installation and initial operation is expected by the end of May 1986.

According to Honeywell, integrating air data and inertial reference pro-

vides significant benefits in the form of reduced rackspace, reduced weight, improved power transmission and increased system reliability.

The ADIRS uses a Honeywell three-sided ring laser gyro in a step-down configuration to provide the aircraft primary attitude, heading, body angular rates, body linear accelerations, velocity and navigation position information. The multiple systems previously required to perform these functions--vertical gyro, directional gyros, rate gyro, autopilot accelerometers, magnetic compass,

flap valve, compass coupler and gimbal-mounted inertial navigation system, Honeywell reported.

The Honeywell system replaces an existing inertial navigation system in a move to modernize the NASA 737 for greater reliability and lower maintenance.

Honeywell also recently completed delivery of a complete Electronic Flight Instrument System (EFIS), featuring eight 8-inch color cathode ray tube displays for this airplane's aft cockpit.

### Leather flight jackets to be issued to Air Force

By Jim Garmanone  
American Forces Information Service

to improve the morale of airmen," he said. "It is not a re-enlistment tool. We hope that this jacket will enhance the esprit de corps of frontline flying crews. If it has the contrary effect of improving retention, that would be added benefit."

The jackets will be brown with synthetic linings and will cost around \$100 apiece. The first Air Force contract call for 53,000 jackets, "We figure it can cost up to \$6 million to train a pilot on a weapon system," said Canfield. "A \$100 investment would fit in there."

Leather flying jackets have been issued as long as naval aviation has existed, according to Navy spokesman Lt. Brian Cullin. The service's name was often written on the jackets in 1978 and stopped it until 1982. "We started reissuing the jackets for much the same reason as the Air Force," said Cullin.

The Navy issues the jackets to naval aviators (both Navy and Marine Corps) at flight school as well as to flight surgeons and enlisted flight crews. There are more than 195,000 men and women in these categories.

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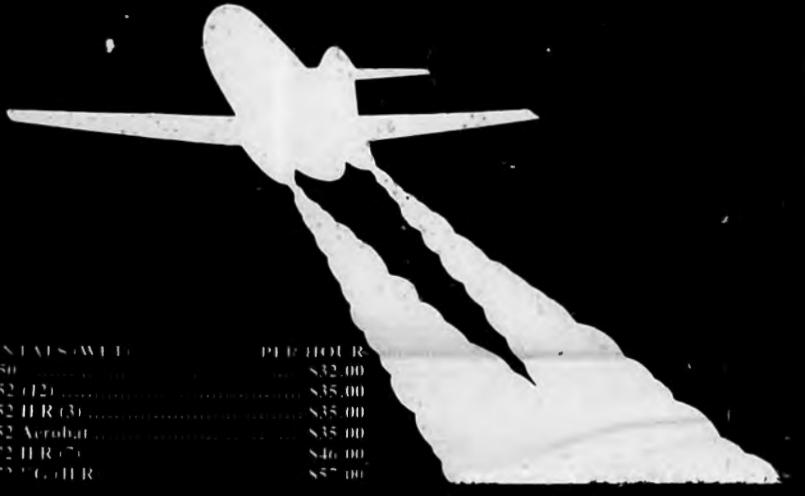
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