

May 1, 2006

This evening I met with my reading group at Stonehill College in Easton. Everyone there signed my scarf. Thanks everyone for all your good wishes. Pat B., (our professor), it was an interesting evening discussing "The Historian". It is an interesting book on the history/and a new prospective about Dracula. The Dracula memorabilia was really a great touch. The Angel Food cake with the red dye color added significant flavor to the finer palate.

Best wishes to our group's future new mommy. I personally like the names "Delenn & Courtney".

May4, 2006

Had a quiet day, planned to relax. However, someone reminded me to get a phone. So, I met Ty & Jen at Radio Shack. I am going to have to bring back the phone, because it does not have the right attachment for the outlet. Oh well, this time I will remember to bring my scarf. Remember Ty & Jen ... you can do anything you want to in this life.

May 5, 2006

Cinco de Mayo

Started my day at work. I left in the afternoon for a fly lesson with Roger. I learned a valuable lesson regarding Instrument training. Did an ILS approach into North Central, RI. Miscalculated on the altitude by a fairly interesting amount. Thank you Roger. It was a lesson well learned.

Aero Services checked my plane out for the avionics problem I have been having. I have not been able to get the right yoke push to talk to work. It turns out there is a wiring issue. I will have to get the plane down there before I leave to correct this.

Returned to Mansfield, still can not believe I tried to burn fuel off on the way back to take the extra passengers for a ride to the Vineyard. Anyway, I decided to leave Colin, the weight came into issue. Not because of Colin, but with 4 people on this trip and close to full tanks it would present a problem. The density altitude and heat was hotter than usual, it changed the weight limits on the plane because I did not burn off as much fuel as I wanted too. Calculating made it clear I would have an issue with 4 people and the fuel I carried. Sorry Colin.

Pat, Bob and I decided that we would go to the Vineyard. So, we departed for the Vineyard but weather left a little for the imagination out over the water. The Cape can be a little tricky, so I then decided to divert to Plymouth, MA. I landed to check out the weather issue. Every where said clear and 10, it did not look that way with all the haze.

Departing Plymouth, I continued around the bay side of the Cape and came along the Ocean side near Falmouth area, the haze was a little dense in. areas. I would say it was closer to 6 miles visibility. I decided to head home concerned about that infamous weather around the Cape area. As everyone knows in the Cape Area it may close in quickly. We ended the day safely and Bob signed up for his second lesson to learn to fly. Good Luck Bob!

Had a relatively quiet weekend with family & friends. No real flying this past weekend. Checked the plane out and packed a few things I will need for the race. I will eventually have to get to see Janet to plan the initial route to Mesa, AZ and the race. It will be quite a planning trip, we will need a full weekend. Janet working on that.

By the way my webmaster fella is doing an excellent job. Thanks Warren, you are terrific.

May 8, 2006

I worked in the office most of the day until I received a call from my mom around 2:30. My dad had taken a fall and she wanted me to take him to the hospital. I drove to the Cape and took him to the Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis, MA. Everything is okay. Bruised quite a bit, but lucky no serious damage. We forget as mom and dad get older, how delicate they are. After we stopped to get the medication and a single red rose for mom. It was nice meeting a great group of nurses and the doctor was great to my Dad. Thanks everyone.

I made it back to lock up the office. It has been a long day.

May 9, 2006

I have been working a lot, (yes, I work for a living), and went to see Mission Impossible III last night. I thought it was pretty good.

May 10, 2006

I am going to Lisa See, the writer of "Snow Flower & the Secret Fan. It is a very well written book about women and a secret language. The language dates back well over many centuries. I recommend it as a good book to read. I also went out to check on the plane, she needs an extra coat of polish. So, I will be polishing her when the weather breaks. The polish helps keep the plane paint from oxidizing and deteriorating, because paint jobs are real expensive. So, if I take care of it now it will last longer and fly faster too.

May 13, 2006

I met with the New England Chapter of the 99's for our monthly meeting at the Falmouth Air Park, Falmouth, MA. The meeting went well and all the women there signed the infamous scarf. Thank-you girls. The cook-out after the meeting in Hanger # 0 was interesting, the weather was cold and rainy, but we had a good time. Thanks Candy!

Candy, it was also good to see a fellow racer from 2003, this aviation world is getting smaller and smaller.

I left a little early, Margo said she would be sending a photo of our group of 99's from the chapter to put on this site. So, a photo will be on this site soon of all the 99's New England Chapter. Thanks Margo.

I stopped at mom & dad's and took them to dinner at the Lobster Hut in Hyannis, MA. Mom was excited over her twin lobsters for mom's day. My brother showed up and entertained them for a while from Connecticut. All and all it was a busy day.

Still no flying with this horrible weather. But, lots of time to get ready for the trip.

May 14, 2006

Happy Mother's Day to all. It is great being a Mom, Nonny-Grandmother and all the titles that go with such a significant role.

Happy Mom's Day to everyone.

May 18, 2006

Another busy day! I started my day at work, but had a business meeting at ADC.

A special thank you to Sally, Priscilla and all the girls at the clerk's office, the permanent markers will save the scarf from running and ruining any signatures.

It was great meeting new people at the Court house. Thanks everyone for signing the infamous scarf. Dan, I will have to catch up with you on another day at the airport.

I left there and stopped at the Norton Hot Dog stand. Every time I come back from ADC, I always stop there for my lunch. Thanks everyone there for helping make the scarf's journey such a positive experience.

Ann Marie and I officially opened the fund account for the Mansfield Air Race Classic 2008 today at the Mansfield Bank in Mansfield, MA. Thanks Jan and everyone there, it was a pleasure meeting you all.

I made it back to the office to catch up on the business end. I still need to pick up labels for all the mailings. Boy, do I need to make lists now.

Pat & I made it out to dinner at a really neat restaurant in Providence, RI. I love to try new foods. The tuna sushi was excellent. I will have to watch my weight before I leave. With all the good food, I may be adding a few pounds.

Thanks Pat, I owe you dinner and you did a great job coming up with the design for the business



cards for the Air Race.

PS: No, I do not think we can get into trouble, we have too much of a good time.

May 19, 2006

Still no flying, this rain has really put a damper on things. I found a little leak in the plane, so it will have to be fixed. There is nothing like a little rain to find a problem.

I will be bringing the plane back to Aero Services to make a few corrections on her before I leave. This will happen as soon as it stops raining.

Time is going by so fast I will be leaving sooner than we think. June is right around the corner.

One of my fly buddies is still missing, she went out to see the world and I have not been able to find her. Domino has been missing since last Saturday. If anyone finds her let me know.

May 19, 2006

I worked today and then went to Northern Mass. to visit my sister and her kids.

The high school in Groveland has a wonderful tradition of having a promenade before the kids go to their prom. The promenade introduces all the kids in tuxes and gowns before the big night. It is

their opportunity to show off such lovely gowns. It is truly quite a fashion show of all the prom dresses. All the mom's and dad's are there, including all the aunts like Auntie Kathy.



My niece Jennifer had her 1st prom and she was lovely in her gown.

I forgot how



fast they grow up. There were over 200 couples in the promenade.

My sister was there with all her friends and my youngest niece, Corrie. The girls were so beautiful. I really do not remember being that young. Now, I know I am getting old, because they



look so young. Those were the days. Oh well.

I took over 150 photos, so Jen can give copies to her friends. My favorite photos of Jen and my sister can be found in the photo gallery.

Stopped at nice little restaurant afterwards at Olivia's in Haverhill, MA. The Italian food was excellent, I am stuffed.

Good Night Everyone.

May 23, 2006

I went to work today. I, however, needed to fly my plane down to North Central. The radio push to talk will be wired properly, so the co-pilot will be able to communicate. Hopefully, my baby will be ready this Thursday. Trying to settle everything before I leave. Only 10 or so days left.

I was picked up in N. Central and we flew to Norwood. There is where the Lear jet and the Pilatus was. Check out the photos. I ran into another pilot with excellent taste in planes with a 235 - Pathfinder. It is a plane that is a lot like mine except it has the Hershey bar wings. Thanks for the photos of the Jet and Pilatus, it was a pleasure meeting you both.

I then went for an interesting lesson in retractable gear. The manifold pressure and RPM's are set differently. My plane is more docile than the ARROW made by Piper. An interesting lesson. I have learned I am used to flying alone a lot. Thanks RG.

We stopped in New Bedford; it was good seeing old friends and meeting new people. Left for home and more lessons on the ARROW. I will get the hang of flying that plane. The Arrow actually feels heavier than mine, yet it is a lot lighter. She taxis rougher more angle, I think the word is. Hopefully, I will get the hang of it.

Well, back to the office to cover what I missed and home for a quiet evening with my son.

May 25, 2006

I went to work and then received notice that my plane was ready. Colin flew me there in a Cessna 172. Thanks Colin. I do not know what I would do without you.

So we flew into North Central to pick up my bird; the push-to-talk was taken care of. The unit was tested by Colin on the way to Meriden, Ct. I flew into Meriden because that is where the gentleman was who bought my 1st plane. N15520 was a Cherokee Piper 140 E; there are many fond memories with that plane. I flew the US, East to West and back in her. That plane was not a mountain plane and we did make it through the Rocky Mountains with a few interesting moments.

Anyway, it turns out that she is now sitting in York, PA, where Janet is. It is such a small world. My first plane is right where I will go to pick Janet up for the Air Race 2006. I think that is a little unique, the odds of that are astronomical. As you can well imagine, I will be looking up the old girl. I may even get a few pictures of her while I am there.

As a side note: Everyone asks why I refer to my planes as she, well it is because I grew up with a dad that had a passion for boats. As kids we would walk the docks and he would always say. "That is an Egg Harbor, Trojan or a Chris Craft, isn't she beautiful?" Finally, I asked why he referred to every boat as a she and he answered by telling me the following: "Everything that is beautiful is a she." So, now you know why my planes are referred to that way. I am only continuing a tradition of what is beautiful. Thanks Dad.

Back to the flight of the day: We left and took a sunny tour over Fishers Island, NY, the winds where kicking up and it really looked like an interesting runway from the air. The main runway was situated with both ends at the waters edge. Hmmmmmm... I think I will wait for a calmer day to land there. Colin agreed. We then flew along the Groton, Ct area via Westerly and Providence. We flew over the top of Providence. Sorry, I forgot my camera; it was quite a sight at 3500 feet.

As we made it home, we all know how I love grass runways. Well by now, the winds where kicking to a direct crosswind of 13, (not too bad, but gusting to 20 + or so). So, we tried to land on 32, but a little too much gusting. So, yes we decided on 22 on the grass. Ugh. I came in nice and neat, however, Colin saved the day. I hate the grass. He helped out. Thanks Colin. Colin and I will have to practice at Katama on the vineyard this summer.

Colin is getting real good flying right seat in this baby bird.

We parked the bird and I met Pat for drinks at the new restaurant in Easton, "The Stone Forge". It is really a nice restaurant with an excellent menu. I ran into a few old friends there.

I will be in touch Lenny and Sunny give my best to Bill and his wife.

We then made a quick stop at Brennan's in Easton. It was formerly known as the "The Black Thorn Tavern". We met a lot of interesting people there. Sorry I did not get your name, but I hope to see you flying on the introductory flight in Mansfield someday.

I made it home for a restful night.

May 27, 2006

I made it out to Janet's place on Saturday, it was an interesting flight. I landed short in Lancaster, which is such a pretty airport. Flying is a constant learning experience and with the grace of GOD I go. Thanks LNS for all your help.

I was a little late getting into York. As I flew in I guess some people knew I was coming. I did not get to see my original bird. Jim, Janet & I went out to dinner to a real nice restaurant. Great American Saloon is where I met Athena, she is such a wonderful hostess and the food is really good. I have not had Mahi Mahi in a long time.

Janet and I went to her house and I officially met her girls. I forgot their names but the photos in the photo gallery will show all three. I like pulling in and seeing the girls waiting under the trees for their goodies. The girls also bleat early for the morning treat. Check out what type of girls they are.

May 28, 2006

The next morning we woke up and went to the airport for breakfast, met some great people there at The Orvilles Restaurant. After breakfast Janet & I went flying to Summit, DE (EVY). It is an interesting airport that borders Philadelphia and the infamous Washington, DC area. We had a great time flying my bird together for the first time. Janet & I did very well together. We will make a great team #9.

The next order of business was to buy the matching outfits for the Air Race. It has long been tradition that the teams wear matching outfits for the functions and the race itself. We had already picked out the racing team uniforms. The team flying uniforms are Tan & White shirts with shorts.

So, we had to find the outfits for the start and finish functions. We went to Boscovs in York, PA. There we found lots of neat outfits, the new colors are brown and tan, somehow these colors even match the plane. We had a great time shopping, everyone was helpful.

While there I had my camera and I happened to catch a few young ladies discussing the finer points of the



clothing on one particular mannequin. See photo. Yes girls I agree the outfit was stunning. Email me any time. Maybe one of you may learn to fly someday. There is lots of wonderful history in flying, especially for women.

May 29, 2006

Janet & I made it back to Boscovs; there we continued to shop to match some more items we had purchased. We had a great time. I forgot how much work shopping is.

After that we all left for the airport in York, there I checked out the baby bird and headed home to Mass. It was a hazy day and I managed to get some photos of the trip home. Photos start just outside of Lancaster, Allentown and into New York area. It is always so interesting to notice so many things as you fly east. Some of which are the land becomes more populated, as well as more trees. There is even a picture of a large jet landing in the New York area. I will have to learn to label these as I fly, but there was not enough time.

I landed home safely. Now, I am currently getting ready for my departure. If the weather is good I will be leaving around the middle of June.

Janet & I worked Saturday and Sunday planning our route. The route will now take us down the Shenandoah area of the mountains into Ashville, NC; from there we are going to stop in Memphis to see Elvis. From that point we will cut directly across the states to Mesa, AZ. What a trip this will be!