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of these
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can you
identify?

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Flying Field Location:

The flying field is located off Old Galena Road, 1/2 mile north of the Caterpillar Technical Center on the west side of the road.

GPS Location: **N40 51.844' W89 33.788'**

Flying Hours:

Flying hours are 8am until dusk, 7 days a week.

Membership:

Club dues are \$110/year. If paid on or before the December club meeting: \$90, If paid between December meeting and Jan 1st, \$100. All members must belong to the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA)

General:

We are committed to having fun and the safe operation of model aircraft. The Peoria RC Modelers is an equal opportunity, not-for-profit organization and always welcomes new members.

Flight Instruction:

The Peoria RC Modelers offers flight instruction as a free service to anyone requesting it. Contact a club officer for further information



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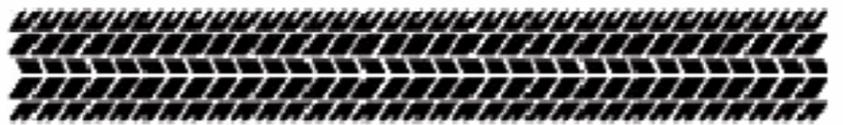
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Last month in the newsletter, Editor Jon Dewey, told us about the last 747 flight by United Airlines. I decided to do more research on the 747 and I learned some interesting stuff.

United's last flight was a 747-400. It is hard to believe but the first 747 was delivered to Pan American in September 1978. The airliner has been in production for 40 years and remains in production as the 747-8 cargo plane. The first 747-400 (the fourth generation 747) was introduced in 1988 with the last built in 2005. The total production run for this most popular 747 was 694 aircraft. I would have thought the 747-400's would be all over the place. But, there are only about 120 still flying. And frankly, there are only a handful off 474-200's and 300's still flying. I could not find one model 747-100 in service



The airlines are always trying to reduce the cost for mile traveled. As time marches on, the 747 is being replaced by the Boeing 777 and 787 aircraft. I could not believe the 747-400, which sold for about \$320 million each, only serve on average of 20 years. I remember flying on a 747-400 and thought it was the greatest achievement of man. I put it up with the Space Shuttle and Mom's Apple Pie. Boeing is no



longer servicing parts for the 747-400, so scrappers are removing parts to keep other planes flying. In another five years or so, most of the remaining 400's will be gone. The current 747-8 production will continue until all orders and options are filled. Right now, that will be in about 2020.

My oldest model airplane is a 13 year old 1/4 scale Piper J-3. At the rate I fly it, it could outlast the 747's if I don't dump it.



Notice the date on the picture, taken at Pekin Big Bird 2009



See you in the Lawn chairs, Hawaii and Florida style.

Jim "Hollywood" Hogan



Kamikaze Hogan on a Mission to Capture Hawaii, Again

This is loosely based on a true story

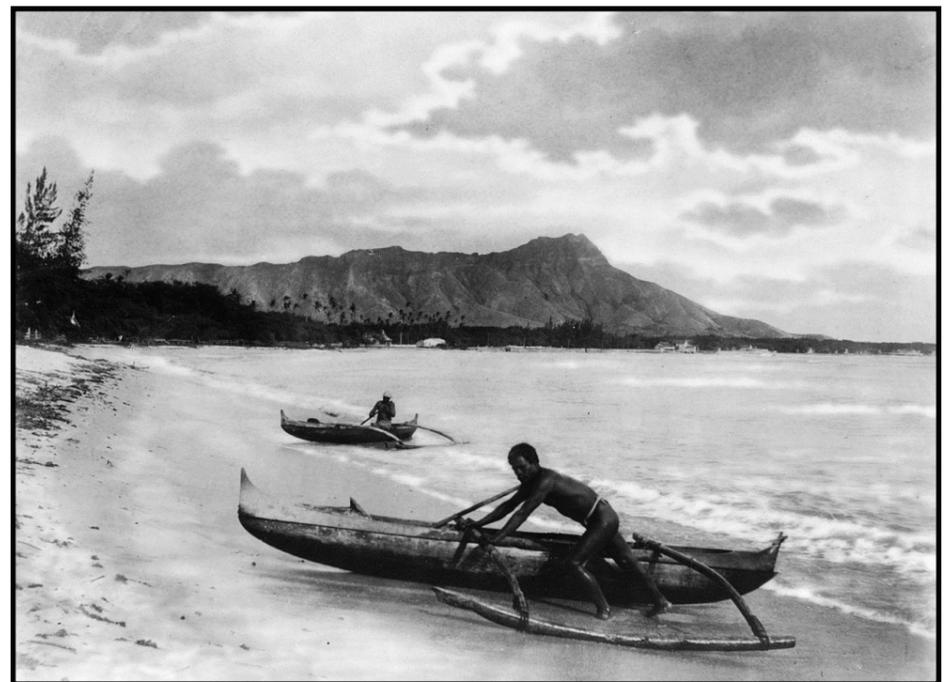
As we all know, on Dec 7th 1941, Japanese Naval aircrews attacked Pearl Harbor. What most of us don't know is: Japanese planners picked a small "uninhabitable" island called Ni'ihau as an emergency landing strip. This island was privately owned since 1864 by the Robinson family. Only natives, Robinsons, government officials and US Naval personnel were allowed on the island – which is why it was called the "Forbidden Island".

During the second wave of the attack, First Class Shigenon Nishikaichi, known to his friends as "Hogan", was hit by anti-aircraft fire. "Hogan" knew his A6M Zero would not make it back to the carrier Hiryu. So he immediately turned his Zero toward the forbidden island.



Shigenori Nishikaichi "Hogan"

"Hogan" spotted an open field on the deserted island and prepared his crippled aircraft for landing. "Hogan" knew it would be just a matter of hours before he would be heading home on a Japanese submarine. As he was day dreaming about his trip home his landing gear caught on a wire fence and crashed, knocking him unconscious. Island natives ran to the crash site and retrieve Hogan, along with his weapons and maps. As he laid there, the islanders had already begun to plan a Luau for their new guest. When "Hogan" woke up, he was surprised to find the forbidden island occupied. In 1941 this island had no power, phones or radio and was only visited by its owner once a week by canoe.



That night at the Luau, "Hogan" was introduced to three residents who were of Japanese decent. They all spoke English, Hawaiian and a little Japanese. With their broken language skills, they were able to communicate with "Hogan". He told them about his mission to bomb Pearl Harbor and demanded his weapons and papers be returned to him. "Hogan" also told them about the submarine and tried to convince them to return to Japan with him. These three were loyal American citizen and soon a fight broke out between them. During the fight one of the natives was wounded and died a few days later. "Hogan" had his throat slit and died at the luau. Before the islander died, he was awarded a medal for his bravery along with a Purple Heart by the US Navy.



The Japanese submarine never did come to the forbidden island due to American ships in the area. As for the other two Japanese/Americans, they were arrested by their own government and imprisoned until the end of the war under Executive Order 9066.

As you read this, our very own Hogan is in the middle of the Pacific heading toward the Hawaiian Islands. Let's just hope that he does not have a Luau planned.



Hogan and his
Zero, before the



LUAAU



D.W.

**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

**Due to the
Holiday
the club meeting
has been moved to
Jan. 9th 2018**

Please Notice This



JANUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2 <i>the meeting</i>	3	4 7am i'm lovin' it	5 11am 	6 7am CHILDERS EATERY
7	8	9 MEETING NOTICE! Dinner @ 6pm Meeting @ 7pm	10	11 7am 	12 11am 	13 7am CHILDERS EATERY
14	15	16	17 Woo hoo! it's Hump Day 	18 7am 	19 11am 	20 7am CHILDERS EATERY
21	22	23	24	25 7am i'm lovin' it	26 11am 	27 7am CHILDERS EATERY
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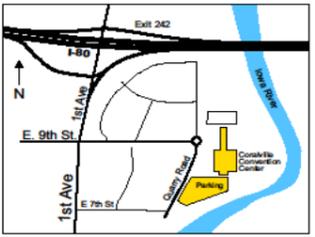
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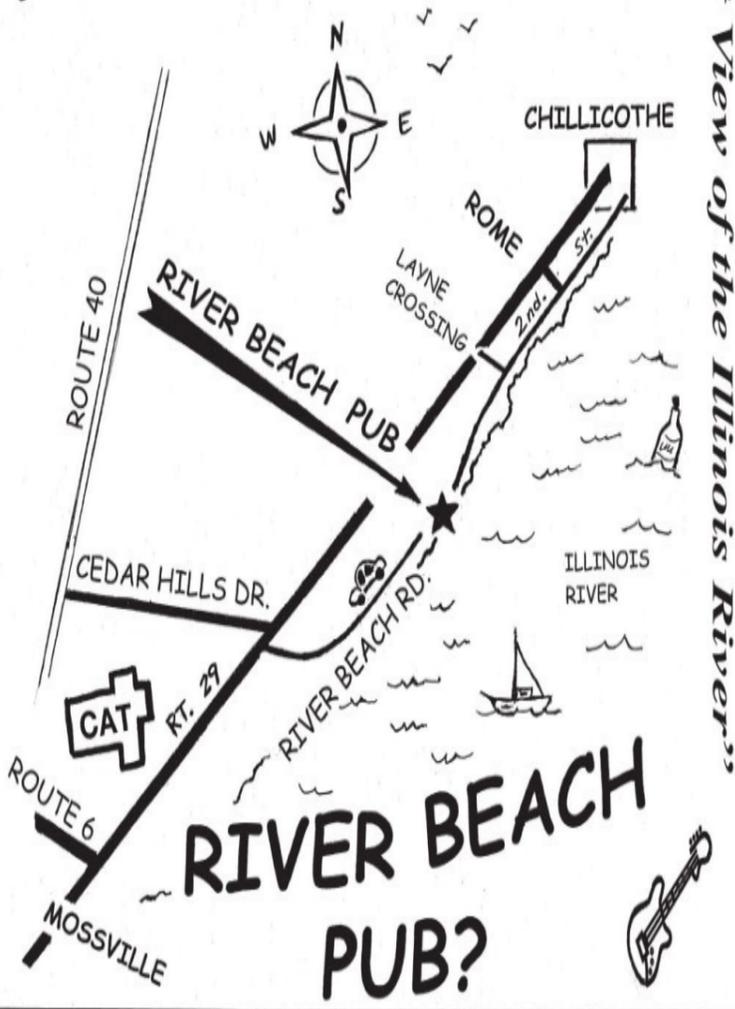
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