



# *Aviation Heritage Museum, Lake Hood*

*Wednesday, July 8th, 6 - 8 pm*

Speaker: Colonel John Dale, retired

Colonel John Dale spent 32 years in the USAF rising from Crew Chief to Wing Commander. He was involved in all sorts of strategic reconnaissance, starting with balloons. Of the 74 different types of aircraft he has flown, with over 10,000 logged time, 39 were military. His high altitude background and Vietnam experience with unmanned reconnaissance kept him in demand with Aircraft manufactures after his Air Force retirement and put him back working on even weirder stuff! Now a snowbird, John is "retired" retired.



John has several videos that are one of a kind items that will get your attention. Lockheed sent him on one of the last U-2C flights which the Air Force agreed could set time to climb records with since it was headed to a museum. Gives a good idea of "normal" climb with the bird as there was nothing special done during either of the two weight classes it set records in!

He also has a video from his old squadron which has the "charlie" and "long wing" or U-2R in the same video. That video indicates the problems with landings in an aircraft that must be stalled to land; it's difficult to see out of, is damaged if dropped in, and has a one knot per thousand foot "speed bleed off" when over the runway! Unless you were landing at Edwards dry lake, you didn't "add and extra knot for the wife and kids" as each knot added a thousand feet to your runway required from "flare".

*It should be fun and informative for all pilots, especially those who fly taildraggers!*



John spends his time flying his Cruisair which he restored winters in Arizona; he fishes summers near his home in Big Lake.

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