

# Aircraft Diary

An aircraft logbook sometimes tells as much about its owner(s) as it does the aircraft.

For example, inside the red logbook of Neal Loving's WR-1 Racer *Loving's Love* (N351C) are scribbles about his "initial taxi test" on July 28, 1950; the many trips he made including his remarkable 2,700-mile flight from Detroit to Kingston, Jamaica, in late 1953; and his first trip to Milwaukee on August 7, 1954, for the second EAA fly-in convention. He logged just under 263 hours on that home-built. His final entry, "Last Flight Milwaukee," was on December 16, 1964, the date he donated his plane to EAA.

The opened book is for *Little Poop Deck*, Serial 1

(N19003), once owned by EAA Founder Paul "Poop Deck" Poberezny. The first entry, January 27, 1952, is the first test flight lasting 45 minutes, with neatly written notes about the extensive work he did to modify it from a 1937 40-hp Taylorcraft Model A. In less than a month, Paul was flying it for "acrobatics." His last flight before he sold the craft was January 18, 1953, eight days before the first meeting of the EAA. Paul's note at the bottom of Page 2 says, "All new owners. Keep in touch with me. 'Please.'" A fire later destroyed the craft, but that single line in his logbook speaks volumes about the man and his deep connection with people and planes.

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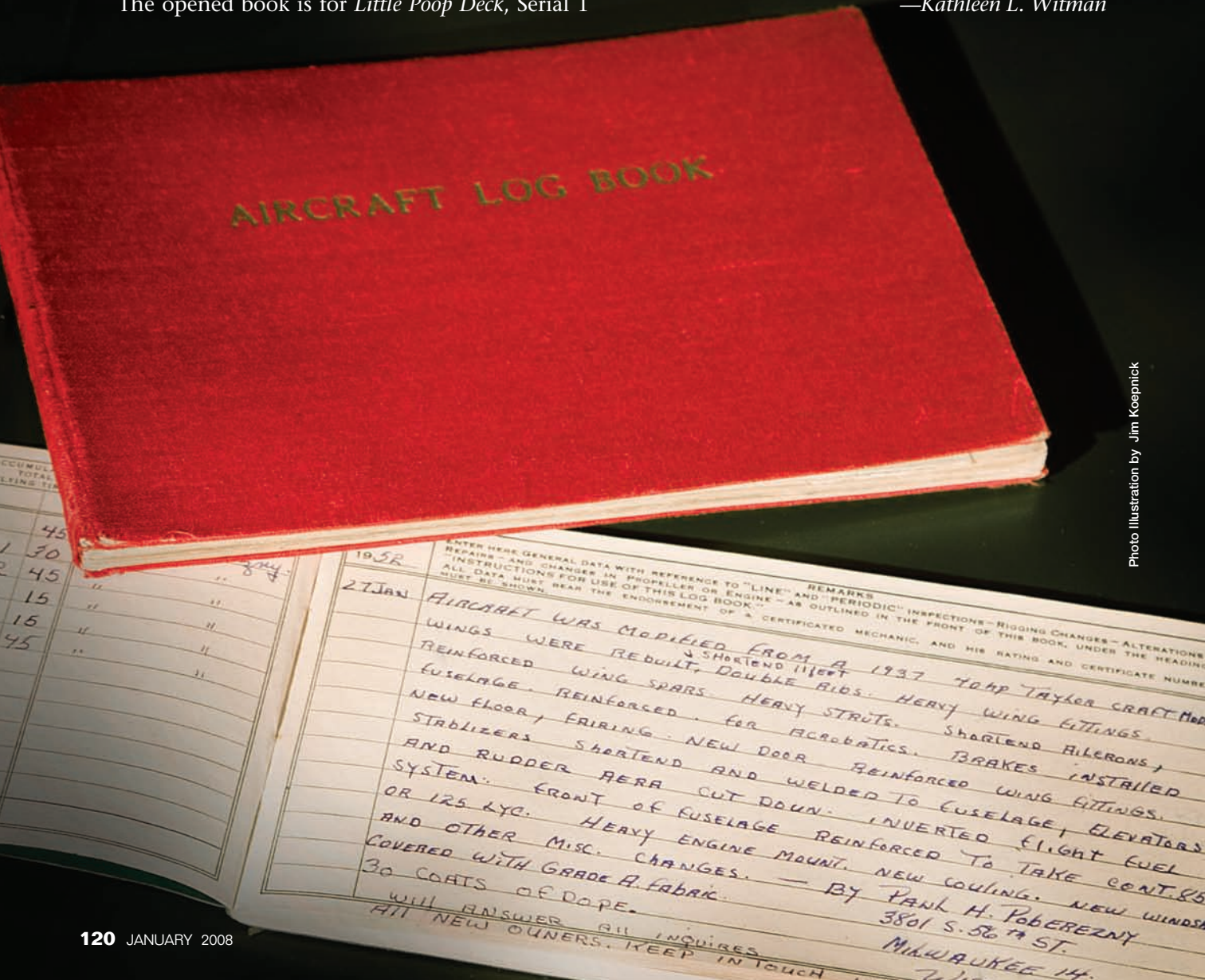


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