



The Squadron



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Events

P-51 Mustang Raffle – raffle forms available on web site

24 June: General meeting – Sunshine Aircraft Hangar, Kenosha, WI

14 July: Squadron work weekend at Oshkosh – contact Jim Delaney

23-29 July: EAA Airventure – Oshkosh, WI

12 Aug: Annual BBQ – Joliet Regional Airport

9 Sept: General meeting – Tim Bauer’s Fly-in/Drive-in. Lindenwood, IL

11 Nov: General meeting and Veteran’s Forum. Courtesy Aircraft, Rockford, Ill.

If you have any events planned, let me know, and I will post them here!



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From the C.O.s Desk

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it.

Everybody was sure Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when actually Nobody asked Anybody.

Let's have fun this year and "Keep 'em Flyin' ".

April Adventure

By Art Sereque

A beautiful Saturday April 21st saw a large contingent of workers arrive at Mike and Cheryl Kellner's barn in Marengo. This was not an ordinary visit to work on the "Kellner Restoration Group's" WWII B-17 project, the "Desert Rat". Rather, it was a grunt work day: Squadron 4 members, as well as many others were here to clean, move boxes, and do all the other kinds of work which would help the restoration project move more smoothly.

Cross and Cockade member Bob Jesko drove up from Chicago's south side, picking up Ted Koston on the way. Ace photographers, both, they arrived Nikon and Canon in hand, to document the activities.

Quartermaster Stacy, Newsletter Editor Tim, and Art collaborated on scraping, chiseling, and sanding layers of paint off as "industrial brake", a heavy machine used for bending metal, so it could be repainted. Stacy and Art finally had to kick Tim off the project, which he reluctantly did, over fears that he might over-extend himself due to recent quad-bypass surgery. That's showing the Squadron 4 Spirit, Tim!!



Dave and Regina Fairbrother also drove up from the south side, working on a sheet metal project.

Art's buddies, Harry (Doc) and Mike, not even EAA members, performed one of the more glamorous jobs: sweeping the floor!!

Dan Guenther was seen removing nails from pallets. Tim Bauer, Jim Delaney, Roger Paykert, Glen Hill, and Brian Churchill and his friends were all observed doing manual labor.

Not seeing his van, I figured C.O. Tom Buck and George hitched a ride in a Piper Cherokee.

Barrington EAA member Diane Vickers vacuumed the joint.

Brianpower was used, however. There must have been a dozen people scratching their heads, figuring out how to move a B-17 3-bladed prop. Heavy stuff!

Needless to say, the gang was well fed, thanks to Stacy's efforts.

Many other friends of Mike and Cheryl's contributed greatly to the work project.



Although this was not a "party" day as such, there was plenty of laughter, smiles, and camaraderie, showing what a great group and team that is Squadron 4.

Art Sereque

Buzzing the Airfield

By Tim Dunavin

One can't be exposed to the word "restoration" without thinking "warbird", but there is a whole world of things going on that help to preserve the history of WWII. One group, "The Military Vehicle Preservation Association", is deeply involved with the restoration of military vehicles such as jeeps, trucks, tanks, and other equipment. Some of you may know of them too.

"Company H 334th Infantry Regiment, 84th Infantry Division" or "Railsplitters"

(Re-enactment group) that has its center in Columbia, MO was the main sponsoring organization, in connection with the MVPA, for an annual 100 mile “Convoy” through the hills of central Missouri, with the restored WWII vehicles mentioned above.

On May 18th I traveled to Mexico, MO for this year’s event, “Road to Paris” (Paris, MO – not Paris, France, although one could use his imagination. Either way it was a lot of fun!)



Our event started Friday night at a reception and registration – meeting old friends and making new ones. Early Saturday, we met at the starting point, and headed northeast to our first destination, the Mark Twain Shrine, near Mark Twain Lake. After a rest stop, we continued on to Canon Dam South Spillway. We ate lunch there and were treated to a USO show starring Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, Francis Langford, and several others! (impressionists – and a very good ones!)



Then we headed on to Monroe City, MO for a stop, and then down some dusty, back roads to our final stop – Paris! We even had to cross a creek – through the water! A group photo was taken at the city “Welcome” sign, and we returned to Mexico.

Dinner was served from a Duce-and-a-half, consisting of steak, baked potato, green beans and drink. Later, after a shower, we returned to the center and enjoyed a USO dance with a live band; that too was good.

Some of my friends, which I had not seen in a year, told me that I had lost some weight. That was pretty evident, about 90 miles into the trip – jeep seats are not cushy!

May Meanderings

By Art Sereque

A balmy spring day, Saturday May 12th saw a small group of Squadron 4 members meet at the home of Tim and “Betsy” Dunavin in Moline suburb of Rock Falls. (Ed note: Moline is 60 miles west). A journey of over 100 miles for most, saw Brian Churchill, Tim Bauer, Glen Hill, Art Sereque, and his buddy Harry (Doc), as well as B-17 Flight Engineer and Top Turret Gunner Bill Joiner enjoyed brats, “chicken lips”, potato salad, homemade (by Betsy) applesauce, and other goodies.



Following lunch, Tim D. showed the group his model workshop, along with his many models. His latest creation, a B-17 based “YB-40 “ with two dorsal turrets, staggered waist gun positions, and a chin turret, along with electrically powered props, was featured.

The day was so nice that Art and Doc lollygagged around, sitting in the shade of a tree, shooting the breeze with their host, long after the others had left.

A small gathering – great camaraderie.

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For our 6/24 event in Kenosha –
By Dan Guenther

The guest speaker will be Skip Hickey. Skip is a retired design engineer who worked on many projects for the Air Force including the F-15 and B-2. He'll be sharing his experiences with our group.

Special Notice

Mike Titre has a brain tumor, which is inoperable. Phone calls and cards will be most welcomed. Thanks

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☆ **Merchandise available!**

ATTENTION!!!!!!!!!! All squadron 4 members.

New Merchandise: The new jackets are going fast , they are \$80.00 plus the cost of any patches you want on them. I only have a few left, so if you want one, get them now. If I have to reorder them, I may not be able to get them for the same price. We still have some T-shirts from last year's series, so get them before they are all gone. When they are all gone, I will not reorder them. Also we have some new camo hats in 4 colors. These are also selling fast, with a bunch sold at the March meeting at Poplar Grove. These are \$10.00 like all the other hats. You should think about getting one of each color for every occasion. Finally, if any member wants anything special in clothing, I can usually find it for you.

Help support the Squadron and pickup something from the Squadron Store!

Tim "Keep'em Flyin"



YB-40 model built by Tim Dunavin
Lots of heavy armor! 92nd BG(H) 327thBS