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# *LEADING EDGE*

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**Promote,  
encourage  
and facilitate  
an environment  
that fosters  
safety, education  
and high standards  
in the design,  
construction,  
restoration and  
operation of all  
types of recreational  
aircraft as well  
as nurture  
camaraderie  
and friendship  
amongst all  
members!**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



*Steve Langdon*

Steve sends greetings from Ireland. He says "See you next month." There should be fabulous stories for him to share and yarns to spin in this space next month.

Until then, he leaves you with this wish.

*May the road rise up to greet you.*

*May the wind always be at your back....*

*...And may you always keep the greasy side down*

*And the spinny thing turning.*



*Steve had two jobs on May 20. First he cooked for the pancake breakfast. Then he ran over to run the museum. He deserved a vacation.*

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On Tuesday, May 8, the members EAA Chapter 1414 gathered to hear Tom Murray speak. He told of the history of the Liaison (L-Bird) WWII airplane. Liaison aircraft were used primarily for observation, but had other duties that made it important to the effort.

Tom was awarded the Chapter 1414 jacket for placing the most posters to promote the Army Wings and wheels fly-in and other Poplar Grove Airport summer events. Tom also organized the Fly-in held on June 9 -10.



The Army Wings and Wheels Fly-in was held on June 9 and 10, thanks to much hard work by Tom Murray and many volunteers. It was sponsored by EAA Chapter 1414 and the Vintage Wings and Wheels Museum. Although it occurred too late for this month's newsletter deadline, look for more about it in next month's Leading Edge.

Some photos in this month's issue are courtesy of Scott Ross, and Dean May. The Aeronca Fest photos were sent by Elroy Hilbert. The Pancake Breakfast photos were by Carl Szajkovic, guest of the Mays that day.

## Events Calendar - 2006

<b>June 12</b>	Chapter 1414 Board of Director's Meeting, Poplar Grove AP Maintenance Hangar, 5:45PM. All Members Welcome
<b>June 12</b>	Chapter 1414 Monthly Meeting, Poplar Grove AP Maintenance Hangar, 7-9PM
<b>June 16-17</b>	Blackhawk Vintage Classic, Blackhawk Farms Raceway, Rockton, IL
<b>June 17</b>	Father's Day Biplane Fly-IN
<b>June 30</b>	EAA Chapter 790 Poker Run & Picnic, Lake In The Hills Airport
<b>July 7</b>	Family Fly Day, Poplar Grove Airport
<b>July 15</b>	British Boots 'n Bonnets Car Show, Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum
<b>July 22</b>	Wheels of Agriculture Event, Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum
<b>July 23-29</b>	<b>AirVenture 2007</b> Oshkosh, WI
<b>August 11-12</b>	Chanute Air Festival, Rantoul Airport
<b>August 12</b>	Golf Scramble, Timber Pointe Golf Course
<b>August 19</b>	Poplar Grove Airport Fly-In Breakfast
<b>August 19</b>	Kresmery's Annual Day at the Hangar, Opens at Noon, Lunch 2:00PM, Poplar Grove Airport
<b>August 26</b>	Classic Car Show, Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum
<b>September 29</b>	Van's RV Fly-In, Sponsored by Chapter 1414 and Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum

# Pancake Breakfast

Weather threatened to put a damper on the first Chapter 1414 Pancake Breakfast of the year on Sunday, May 20.



Things were slow at first, both inside and outside of the hangar.



The cooking crew kept busy doing their job, preparing for the best.



Then, the rain stopped. The planes began landing and people began arriving.



At the end of the morning 188 adults and 29 children had been served.



## EAA Work Weekend – 2007

By: Jay Friddell

The Weekend of June 1, 2, and 3 was assigned as the work weekend at Oshkosh for a team of Chapter 790 and Chapter 1414 members. From the outset, the weather looked ominous. You start to wonder if the activity should be cancelled. NO, NYETT, NEVER. We can handle it, and we did. Bud Herod headed up the Chapter 790 group in the Carpenter Shop with Tom Solar, Carl Geiger, Ron Romer. Assigned to the lawn mowing service were Don Jenerick, Terri Fischer, and (From Chapter 1414) Rob Strickland.

Abbie and I had already been assigned the job of prepping an old, worn 14-foot trailer destined for the Ford Tri-Motor tour, that was scheduled out the door on Monday afternoon. The Carpenter Shop crew got to work immediately. The grass cutting crew was almost immediately rained out, and Abbie and I, both suffering from nasty colds, began the cleanup of the trailer.



*Carl, Bud, Don, Rob, Tom, and Ron*

Being able to operate at only about 60% efficiency, Abbie and I recognized early on, that we were not going to meet our time line. This added a little more depression to the illness, but we had to do our best. The trailer was scheduled to be loaded on Wednesday and on the road by Friday. Can things get worse? Well probably, but instead, our project was visited by four angels, each with a miracle or two tucked in their pockets. Now you may think that Angels can be identified by white robes, large feathered wings, and playing a harp. Well let me tell you – it just ain't so!



*Abbie*

Our first angel had assumed the appearance and character of Bud Herod. He stepped in and repaired a broken electrical conduit, helped me remove a stubborn, rotted counter top (he did the hard work). He then took our worn, defaced sliding Plexiglas cabinet doors and dressed them down so that they would fit and slide better..

Whoa! Our second angel appeared. This angel looked, for all the world, just like Terry Fischer. This angel took all those plastic sliding doors and cleaned off many year's worth of masking tape and various adhesive residues. She then proceeded to polish out the scratches and make those doors look like new.

Well, you can imagine my dismay when the third angel walked in. Believe me, I really thought it was Don Jenerick. Anyway, this angel picked up a jar of aluminum polish, a couple of rags and immediately started polishing the tarnished, stained aluminum bright work along the top side of the trailer. I see no need to describe the perfect polishing job that Don achieved. - Angel? Yea, it had to be.



*Terri*

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## Aeronca Fest

On Saturday, May 19, a group of airplanes left Hilbert's Funny Farm to fly to Kewanee for the "fearless Aeronca aviators" gathering. Joining Buck, Lee and others was Elroy Hilbert, who sent the following account:

"We had a long flight to Kewanee, but the air was smooth. There were 5 planes all together that left from Randy Ferris's. Randy and Lee in the L-3, Dad and Jim in the Champ, Terry in his Champ, Drew in Tom's L-3, and Laurie and Elroy in John's Champ. There was a pretty good turn out, but not great. Lee and Randy Got first place on the bomb drop from the L-3. Laurie and I got last. Harvey Bushby got first place on the spot landing. Unfortunately, by the time we left at 1600 there were only 4 or 5 planes left."



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The fourth angel walked in. Now this time I was not surprised. Don Moder and his wife Joanie live next to us a Audrey's Camp Ground. Abbie and I have suspected for several years that they were angels masquerading as nice people. This weekend, it was proven. Don came in and installed a new counter top at the sales window, then sanded and varnished this counter as well as the old counter along the back-side of the trailer.

Well, the deadline was drawing very close. But Monday morning, Don (our neighbor) and Jim (from the Fabrication Shop), re-varnished those counter tops, then, cleaned the crud from some of the outer skin of the trailer and applied some snappy decals.

Voila!!! Do you know what? Along with the cleaning and painting that Abbie and I did, the trailer was READY!

I can see from the expression on your face, that you think I have gone completely bonkers, talking about angels and miracles. That's OK. But I sincerely believe that God loves aviation, and EAA. You don't believe me? The next time you go to a chapter event, or to AirVenture in Oshkosh, look around very carefully. You'll also start to believe that Angels, masquerading as people, are everywhere.

Jay



# Buy, Sell, Trade, Give Away, or Participate!

Classified ads may be submitted by any member free of charge.

If you have an item to throw away, don't! List it here.

Remember one man's trash is another's treasure.

If anyone needs some help, list it here.

Adds will run for three months unless cancelled or renewed.

## Chapter 1414 Logo Apparel

<b>Jacket</b>	<b>\$60</b>
<b>Wind Shirt</b>	<b>\$35</b>
<b>Polo Shirt</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>Cap</b>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>Nametag</b>	<b>\$ 5</b>

**Hats available in twelve colors!**

**Ask about other item colors,**

**Order at next meeting or**

**online at [caa1414.org](http://caa1414.org)**

Order form in April Survey

## Ken & Polly's 12th Annual Day at the Hangar

Sunday, August 19

Bar Opens at High Noon

Lunch 2:00PM

Italian Sausage and Sweet Corn

### Things to Do

Ride in an XKE Jag	Its Red
Ride in a 57 T Bird	Top Down
Ride a 1979 Rolls Royce	Built for a Prince
Ride in a Model A Ford	With a Rumble Seat
Bet on a Model T Race	Two at Airport
Ride in a VW Bug Conv.	Maybe Bug Races
Ride in a 1911 Woods Mobelette	If it runs
Ride a Motorcycle	With a Side Car
Ride in one of 4 Airplanes	One without a Top
	One goes in Water

Sign up for Parachute Jump

### Things to Bring

Children  
Friends  
Sunshine (Party in Hangar if rain)  
Something to go with Sausage & Corn

Directions: Ken & Polly Kresmery 847-742-0000

## Chanute Air Festival August 11-12, 2007 Rantoul Airport

### Admission

- **Early Bird Adults -\$8**
- **Early Bird Children-\$4**
- **EarlyBirdFamilyPass-\$25 (entire weekend)**

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## AirVenture 2007



**July 23 – 29**

**Only six weeks left!**

Visit the website [www.airventure.org](http://www.airventure.org)

**Wanted** - hanger space to rent to complete kit project, possibly longer term storage, starting July/August. Please call Fred at 815.218.3339

## Premeeting Checklist

- \_\_\_\_ • Bring suggestion for activities, etc.
- \_\_\_\_ • Your member profile for the Newsletter
- \_\_\_\_ • Any aviation article of interest that you would like to share  
With the other members

EAA Chapter 1414 meets on the second Tuesday of the month in the Maintenance Hangar at the Poplar Grove Airport, unless notified otherwise in the newsletter.

The meeting starts at 7:00 PM. **Directions:** From Belvidere, IL, go north on Rout 76 approx. 3.5 miles and turn right at the main airport entrance. Make the first right turn and the hangar is on the left.

The Newsletter is always looking for interesting articles and pictures by our chapter members. Please submit anything you have written or would like to write something or have pictures that you believe would be of interest to the chapter membership. The preferred method for the editor to receive articles is by e-mail to: [mayge46@verizon.net](mailto:mayge46@verizon.net). Alternately, a ZIP disk or CD with articles written with any major word processor with a printed copy may be submitted to any board member at the meetings.

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