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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 Corner**



*I hope to see you all at our Spring  
Banquet on March 27. Treat your spouses  
an entertaining evening . Make your reserva-  
tions now. You'll have a great time!*  
*Lee*

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*Scott Ross and Buck Hilbert enjoy food and conversation*



*President Lee Hilbert welcomes the guests*



*Chuck Jensen, Sam Kelso compare finger injury photos*

## **January News**

As shown by the photos above, EAA Chapter 1414 was once again able to hold its December Potluck Party on its January meeting date. This seem to be becoming a tradition after happening for three years in a row. The turnout was great. Members and guests enjoyed eating and visiting. The gathering was held at Frank Herdzina's hangar.

The chapter will be meeting in Frank's hangar until spring, due to the winter closing of the museum. The next meeting will be held on February 9 at 6:30 PM. The speaker will be Chuck Hendrickson of Hendrickson Aviation. Chuck is an area crop duster.

There will be no meal or social hour that evening. Refreshments will be served. Suppers will be resuming in April when the weather is more conducive to cookouts.

## **Have you renewed your dues for 2010?**

The treasurer reports that there are still some members who have not. The chapter depends upon you for your support in order to keep providing the programs and events that all have come to enjoy. In addition only members in good standing will be able to vote in elections, receive the chapter emails and have newsletters mailed.

Think about signing up again right now. Use the form and address on page nine. The chapter will be grateful for your support.

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*Please let the newsletter and website editors know of any interesting recent activities! These might include solo's, new ratings, aircraft purchases, first flights of homebuilt aircraft, or any other accomplishments you would like to let the chapter know about. Thanks!*

## ***Chapter 1414 Schedule***

<b>February 9</b>	EAA Chapter 1414 Monthly Meeting, Frank Herdzina's Hangar, 6:30 PM
<b>March 27</b>	<b>EAA Chapter 1414 Spring Banquet</b>
<b>April 13-18</b>	Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland Linder Regional, Lakeland, FL (LAL)

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# Dinner And A Show!

## Something New This Year . . . .

You are invited to join us for an exciting evening out!  
The Second Annual Chapter 1414 Spring Banquet will feature :

### The Magic of Brian Holt

During the social hour magician Brian Holt will be interacting with guests to entertain at a personal level. After dinner he will perform his outstanding magic show.

You won't want to miss this event, so mark your calendars and get your reservations now. Come early for the social hour and stay to enjoy the show. See the notice below for details.

**\*\*\*\*Important\*\*\*\***

**To Ensure Your Seating, Your Reservations are needed by  
March 13, 2010!**



Guests enjoying the 2009 Banquet

## EAA Chapter 1414 Second Annual Spring Banquet

**Place :** Giovanni's Restaurant  
610 N. Bell School Rd.  
Rockford, IL

**Date:** Saturday, March 27, 2010

**Time:** Social Hour and Cocktails at 6:00 PM  
Dinner at 7:00 PM  
Entertainment to follow

### Dinner Selections and Prices:

Prime Rib	\$41.00
Chicken	\$32.00
Salmon	\$33.00

**Payment:** Send check showing names and dinner choices to Adolph Svec, 19009 River Rd, Marengo, IL 60152

## Farewell



*Fly West Dip, with the warm summer sun over your left shoulder in smooth CAVU skies.*

Wallace D. (“Dip”) Davis, age 86 of Marengo, Illinois, died peacefully on January, 8, 2010. Born on September 5, 1923 in Manchester, Iowa he was the son of D. Dale Davis and Cora (Wallace) Davis. A graduate of Manchester High School, Davis enlisted in the Army Air Corp and served during WWII as a Crew Chief on a B-24 and in Aviation Education. In 1942 he married his high school sweetheart Kathryn (“Kitty”) Strathman. They were married for 55 years prior to Kitty’s death in 1997. Davis has ten surviving children. Davis had 24 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren who will all miss him.

Davis was an aviation legend. In 1994 the Federal Aviation Administration honored Davis with the Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award. He was inducted into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame in 2002. Known in the Aviation community as the “Bird Doctor”, Davis was a local authority on fabric aircraft recovering and many aspects of repair and restoration. At the time of his death he was in charge of restoration at the Poplar Grove Vintage Wings and Wheels Museum. He was a Docent for the museum and worked closely with the Youth Exploring Aviation mentoring area teenagers. Davis was a long time member in the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) and actively involved in EAA publications and training.

Davis had an extensive career in General Aviation. From 1953 until 1962 he was Manager of Aircraft Maintenance for Fox Valley Aviation at DuPage County Airport. In 1962, he was recruited to the position of Manager of Aircraft Maintenance at Galt Flying Service in Wonderlake, IL. Galt became the Midwest mecca for Bonanza owners through Dip’s leadership. In 1968 he was named Director of Maintenance and Restoration (Warbirds) with William Ross Enterprise Inc. He led the restoration of a Lockheed P-38 “Lightning” (now on display at the aviation museum in Galveston Texas) and restored Actor/Pilot Cliff Robertson’s Supermarine Spitfire.

Davis continued to serve as Director of Maintenance for DuPage based Corporate Flight Departments and an Aircraft Salvage Facility. Most recently he was director of Technical Operations, Superflite Division of Cooper Aviation Supply (now AAR).

A memorial service was held on Sunday, January 24th at the Poplar Grove Vintage Wings and Wheels Museum at 1:00 PM. The event was attended by four hundred to five hundred people. What a wonderful tribute to a truly memorable person.

*Reprinted from the EAA Chapter 1414 website.*



This tribute was submitted by another of many Dip's friends. It was read during the memorial service

## Wally "Dip" Davis; 1994/Forever

*By Don Alesi*

The way I see things, good people are remembered from the day you meet them until the day you die. Let me be a bit selfish and indulge you with some personal observations on my friend Wally (Dip) Davis. What I'm going to tell you shouldn't surprise anyone who knew him.

When Maureen and I began rebuilding our Cessna 140, I started ordering a lot of parts from a company called Superflight. I often had no clue to what I wanted and the person on the other end of the line was usually Dip. Dip was very patient with me and always had great advice and many words of encouragement to help me out. He even waited until I arrived to pick up the paint to make sure I had the exact Gee Bee colors for the airplane. At the first fly-in we went to, Dip complimented me on the paint job, even over looking the one or two runs in the paint.

Dip was a very humble person. He only told flying stories when gently prodded. He made them sound like the things he did could have been done by anyone, including a low timer like me. But I soon realized that there was only one Dip Davis.

Some of my best times were going to the Cessna Conventions and hanging out and flying along with Dip. Heading into Sedona AZ for the night gave me my favorite quote. It was a really strong cross wind and after watching Dip land I asked him how it was down there. "Piece of cake for you Don." Well it turned out that Dip can eat a lot more cake than I could and it took everything I had to make it down okay. Dip always seemed to have more confidence in me than I had in myself.

That same night we asked Dip about dinner. Dip was sitting in a lawn chair, smoking a pipe and watching a spectacular Sedona sunset and smiling. That's what I learned about flying from Dip.

Dip seemed to know just about everyone in the flying community. Once and a while I would introduce a friend to him by saying that Dip has been working on airplanes so long that he sold fabric to the Wright Brothers. He kind of liked that I think.

Camping at EAA was always fun with Dip. He never went very far without someone stopping him to say Hello or ask his advice on how to fix their airplane. He always had time for everyone. He was one of the few people I know that you never heard a bad word about or seldom heard him say a bad word about someone else.

When Dip gave up the left seat a few years ago, he gave his airplane to someone he knew who would carry his personality as well as his love for flying with him. Oh sure I will miss Dip like everyone else, but anytime I see Scott and his airplane I know that Dip will be alive forever.



*Dip and "Lil' Darling"*



*Dip in 2003 with Corben*

***\*The photo on the cover of this issue is of Dip's recently completed Colt on display at the memorial service. It and the other photos are from Kendra Helvey .***



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

*\*Classified ads may be submitted by any member free of charge. Ads will run for three months unless cancelled, renewed or otherwise instructed..*

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## For Sale or Trade:

### **Aeroflash Nav/Strobe/ Position Light Kit.**

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July 26 to August 1

## EAA AND Warbirds of America Presenting 'Salute to Veterans' at EAA AirVenture OSHKOSH 2010

EAA AVIATION CENTER, OSHKOSH, Wis. — (Jan. 15, 2009) — An extensive list of special programs and events honoring America's veterans will be part of highlights during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration," when the 58th annual event comes to Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh on July 26-August 1.

AirVenture's "Salute to Veterans" is a national partnership led by EAA, the Warbirds of America, and the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). Activities will take place throughout the grounds during the week, with DAV playing a major role in the featured events, including the concluding concert by actor Gary Sinise's "Lt. Dan Band" on Friday evening, July 30.

"Those of us who enjoy the freedom of flight know that freedom comes at a cost – a cost borne by those who have served in uniform," said Tom Poberezny, EAA chairman/president. "This is the right thing to do at Oshkosh, because AirVenture is an event that honors flight like no other and is a great opportunity to salute those who serve and have served, and ensured our ability to participate in aviation. Salute to Veterans will be one of the primary focuses during AirVenture 2010."

All veterans and active military personnel who are not EAA members are eligible for a special daily AirVenture admission rate of \$28 (nearly 25 percent off the regular daily price). This special discount is only available for tickets purchased in advance through the [www.airventure.org](http://www.airventure.org) website. EAA-member military personnel will continue to receive the EAA-member rate, the lowest adult admission rate available to the event.

"DAV is honored to continue this wonderful partnership with the EAA," said DAV National Commander Bobby Barrera. "The EAA's commitment to honoring those who bear the scars of battle is truly remarkable." Along with the special admission pricing and Lt. Dan Band concert, other featured events and highlights during AirVenture's Salute to Veterans are:

- Specially designated forums and speakers throughout the week;
  - Historic and current military aircraft and personalities on AeroShell Square;
  - A mass gathering of veterans for a photo opportunities on Wednesday, July 28, and Friday, July 30;
  - An evening program focused on veterans on Wednesday, July 28;
  - A special air show segment featuring Vietnam-era Warbirds on Wednesday, July 28;
  - An upgraded Warbird Aircraft Display area with additional programs on military aircraft throughout the week;
  - The always-popular expanded Warbirds air shows on Friday, July 30 and Saturday, July 31;
- Additional programs and events as details are finalized.

The Salute to Veterans program will have a "Thank A Veteran" focus and will coincide with the 75th anniversaries of two significant U.S. military aircraft: The Boeing B-17 bomber and the Douglas DC-3 aircraft, which carried the C-47 (Army) and R-4D (Navy) designations during its active military service.

EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH is The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration and EAA's yearly membership convention. Additional EAA AirVenture information, including advance ticket and camping purchase, is available online at [www.airventure.org](http://www.airventure.org). EAA members receive lowest prices on admission rates. For more information on EAA and its programs, call 1-800-JOIN-EAA (1-800-564-6322) or visit [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org). Immediate news is available at <http://twitter.com/EAAupdate>.





## Application For Membership/Renewal

<b>1414 Member Information Card</b>	
Name (last, first) _____	
Spouse: _____	
Address: _____	
_____	
Home Phone: _____	Work Phone: _____
E-mail: _____	
Military: Highest Rank: _____ Branch of Service: _____ Specialty: _____	
<b>Aviation Interest:</b>	
Pilot Rating (past or current): _____	
Type of Airplane(s) I own: _____	
Type of Airplane(s) under construction: _____	
Type of Airplane(s) I have an interest in: _____	
Would like to join a partnership to buy or build a plane (type): _____	
Would like to see more: <input type="checkbox"/> Social Functions <input type="checkbox"/> Ground School	
<input type="checkbox"/> Outside reps from aviation tech. dealers Other: _____	
Would attend additional tech sessions (i.e. painting, welding etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

EAA Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dues: \$20 email newsletter \_\_\_\_ \$30 print newsletter \_\_\_\_

Send to:

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### **Notice:**

New FAA Certificates Now Available

**All paper airmen certificates will be invalid as of 31 MAR 2010. Those need to be updated to plastic.**

Pilots should be aware that their current Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) pilot certificates will expire on March 31, 2010. New counterfeit-resistant plastic certificates are now available from the FAA. The cost is \$2 to replace a paper certificate with a plastic certificate.

Processing by mail takes 4-6 weeks and online processing takes up to 10 days. Some non-pilot certificates, such as those for flight engineers and mechanics, are good for another three years but then they will also have to be replaced. Student certificates are not affected. Pilots can also ask the FAA to issue a new certificate number that does not match their Social Security number.

This can be done by contacting the FAA website:

[http://www.faa.gov/licenses\\_certificates/airmen\\_certification/expiring\\_paper\\_certificates/](http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/airmen_certification/expiring_paper_certificates/)

# 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 on Poplar Grove Airport (C77)5151 Orth Road, unless notified otherwise in the newsletter. The meeting starts at 6:30 PM.

**Directions:** From Belvidere, IL, go north on Rout 76 approx. 3.5 miles and turn right on Orth Road. Make the second right turn and the hangar is on the left or the museum.

The Newsletter is always looking for interesting articles and pictures by our chapter members. Please submit anything you have written, would like to write, or any 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*. Alternately, a ZIP disk or CD with articles written with any major word processor or a printed copy may be submitted to any board member at the meetings.

Renew Your Chapter 1414 Membership Now.  
Mail the Form on Page 9  
Or Bring It To The Next Meeting.

EAA Chapter 1414 will meet at Frank  
Herdzina's Hangar  
(Across from Museum)  
Tuesday, February 9 at 6:30 PM

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