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# ***EAA Chapter 1414***

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## **Mission Statement**

**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**

**Where there's smoke....**



**There's Fire!**



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## July News

Elroy Hilbert spoke at the EAA Chapter 1414 meeting on July, 8. He gave a ground school presentation on TFRs and airspace classifications. There was also a surprise visit from Captain Chuck Downey who shared some of his adventures during his flight to California in his Meyers OTW.



Elroy



Chuck

Bill Radovich from Life Line will be the speaker for our August meeting. He is a Helicopter pilot who flies for the Rockford OSF Hospital. He will have a 15 minute DVD presentation, then will discuss his role with Life Line and, hopefully, share some unique adventures along with some Q&A.

### **Summer Speaker Schedule**

August - Bill Radovich - **Rockford OSF Lifeline**

**Pilot**

September - **Eric Basile - Surviving IMC**

**Conditions**

October - Captain Dennis Fitch - **United Airlines**

**Flight 232 Disaster**

The Chapter 1414 Scholarship for young aviators will be presented at 1PM during Family Day activities on August 16. Come and show your support.

## **Chapter Member Has Oshkosh Exhibit**



David Shelton, member of Chapter 1414 and its Board of Directors, was at AirVenture all last week promoting his Motopod enterprise. Shown above with his sales crew, David said that he received a great deal of interest from air show attendees. The Motopod is a custom-made storage unit for airplanes that will carry a motorcycle to your destination airport, therefore, solving your transportation needs.

### **Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum Presents "A Dialogue on Forging Military and Community Bonds with Iraq Veterans" Monday, August 10, 2009, 6:00 PM**

The museum will be hosting Tyler Boudreau, a former Marine Captain who served in Iraq under combat conditions and suffers from Post-Traumatic Stress. He is cycling his way across the country to re-acquaint himself with the land, to reintegrate within his community and family, and to positively reinvest his strength in America. Captain Boudreau is here to share his experiences in serving in Iraq, his cross-country bike ride and his experiences of talking to others about his "coming home" future. in an interactive mode. This is an opportunity for each of us to better understand the transition our service men and women who have served to protect you and I are meeting the challenge to "coming home". Chapter 1414 has been invited to attend.

## ***Chapter Events and Places to Fly***

<b>August 10</b>	Cross-Country Cyclist Tyler Boudreau Presentation, Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum, 6 PM
<b>August 11</b>	Chapter 1414 Supper and Social Hour, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM, Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum
<b>August 11</b>	Chapter 1414 Monthly Meeting, Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum, 5151 Orth Road, 6:30 PM
<b>August 16</b>	Poplar Grove Airport Pancake Breakfast
<b>August 16</b>	Family Day, Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum
<b>August 23</b>	Fly-Out to Dekalb Corn Fest
<b>August 22-23</b>	Rockford AirFest, Rockford Airport (RFD)

## Frank Herdzina Receives EAA Major Achievement Award

One of the young men in the YEA wrote this letter to EAA Headquarters in support of Frank's nomination. He agreed to share it here. Jeremy Leonard has been part of the program since he was 15, Jeremy is 20, at IT Tech taking a degree in Network Security Systems with a minor in Business.

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My name is Jeremy Leonard and I am a member of the Poplar Grove YEA post. I have been with this group since May of 2005, and in that time Frank Herdzina has been a major driving force in the exploring post's success and longevity.

Over the past few years I have volunteered at the Poplar Grove airport, I have been involved with many projects that have been hosted out of Frank's hangar. Pancake breakfasts and lunches have fed hundreds of people and helped to fund the museum during our larger events. When a pilot on the field had a small mishap with his plane, Frank donated the use of his hangar and his time to help in the restoration of the damaged plane.

In addition to his monetary and material contributions to the YEA and the airport, Frank is also one of the most knowledgeable people that I know of. He is also always willing to offer up that knowledge to anyone that needs it.

Frank's teaching style is not only to show and to educate, but to inspire and build confidence. When I first joined the YEA, I was a shy kid who stayed as close to invisible as possible. After four years I have learned enough about aviation and the process of rebuilding aircraft, to be confident to teach others. I now find myself showing the younger people how to do things, and watching them grow in the same way that I did. My knowledge and ability stems from watching and learning from Frank's example. His ability to turn any situation into an advantage, being able to adapt to an ever changing project, has been a necessity.

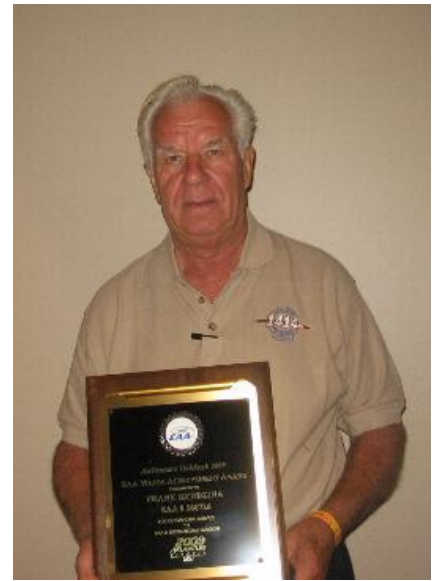
The winter months used to be very hard on our group, as our work space was always cramped and drafty. His solution was to move our entire project into his hangar, which greatly expanded our work area and facilitated the building of 3 wings for our current project, a 1941 Aeronica "Chief". One of those wings was sold to help pay for the expenses of the restoration.

When we first received the Chief, it was a wreck piled upon a trailer. With his supervision over two years, the Chief now looks like a plane again. The wings are assembled and are ready for covering and all of the control surfaces are ready for the final phase of covering. I have the utmost confidence that, with his ongoing contributions and support, one day this plane will fly again.

Simply put Frank Herdzina has demonstrated the selflessness and dedication that is consistent with the finest traditions and beliefs of the YEA and EAA. It is therefore with the utmost respect and admiration for Frank that I nominate him for this award.

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Frank was presented with this award on Saturday, August 1, 2009 at Oshkosh AirVenture, during the Chapter Leader's Breakfast.





## Around the Airport



### Tractors ...

What do horses, tractors and airplanes have in common? Well, on Sunday, July 19, they could all be seen at Poplar Grove Airport for the third annual **Vintage Wheels of Agriculture**. Friends, family and neighbors gathered at the Vintage Wings and Wheels Museum to see corn grinders grinding, tractors pulling, airplanes flying and much more.



### ... And Other Sights



Chapter 1414 President Lee Hilbert, Starbucks coffee in hand, flew-in for an early morning board meeting on July 18. Chapter Board meetings are held on the first Saturday after the monthly chapter meetings.



Keep your kittens and puppies indoors! Albert the Alligator is back. He is visiting the museum pond this summer in an attempt to escape the Florida heat. Go say "Hi" while he is still here.



Ken Kresmery shows his “new” 1947 Champ.  
Purchased in May, it has a 0235 Lycoming engine with 108 HP



David Shelton “flies” a new T-28. David’s real airplane is an RV.





**AirVenture, Oshkosh  
July 27 to August 2,  
2009**



When the OSH approach controllers out at the FISK trailer needed help they knew who to call. Dave and Jan Stadt at FISK during OSH. They also run Kidventure. (Photo by David Stadt)


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Or, Engine only firewall forward 2 hour running time. \$3000.

Airplane hangared at Aurora Airport.  
If interested, call Gordon Hanson  
(630) 545-2107.

## Application For Membership/Renewal

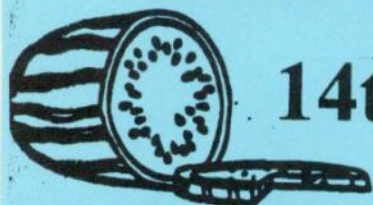
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Name (last, first)	_____
Spouse:	_____
Address:	_____
Home Phone:	_____ Work Phone: _____
E-mail:	_____
Military: Highest Rank:	_____ Branch of Service: _____ Specialty: _____
Aviation Interest:	
Pilot Rating (past or current):	_____
Type of Airplane(s) 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 \_\_\_\_

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# Ken & Polly's



14th Annual

Day at the HANGAR

Poplar Grove Airport

August 23, 2009



**BAR OPENS AT HIGH NOON**  
**LUNCH 2:00 PM**

**Italian Sausage and Sweet Corn**

We have all the drinks

## Things to Do

Ride in a XKE JAG  
Ride in a 57 T Bird  
Ride in a 1979 Rolls Royce  
Ride in a 1930 Model A Ford  
Bet on the Model T Race  
Ride in a VW Bug Conv.  
Ride in a 1911 Woods Mobilette  
Ride a Motorcycle  
Ride in one of 4 Airplanes  
Smart Car

Its Red  
Top Down  
Built for a Prince  
It has a rumble seat  
Two at the Airport  
May have Bug Races  
If we can get it to run  
With a side car  
One with out a top

For smart guys

Sign up for the Parachute Jump

## Thing to bring....

1. Children
2. Friends
3. Sun-shine Party in the Hangar in case of rain
4. Some thing to go with the sausage and sweet corn

Directions on back\*\* Ken & Polly Kresmery 847 742 0000

## 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 Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum, 5151 Orth Road (C77), 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 first right turn and the museum is on the left.

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](mailto: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.

EAA Chapter 1414 Meeting  
Tuesday, August 11  
Dinner/Social Hour 5:30 to 6:30 PM  
General Meeting 6:30PM  
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