



EAA Chapter 1414

LEADING EDGE

September, 2011

August Meeting

Capt. Chuck Downey, who became a Navy fighter pilot before his twentieth birthday, was the guest speaker at the August Chapter 1414 meeting. He shared events and memorabilia from his career in aviation. He spoke about experiences with Japanese kamikaze pilots. He also shared more about his flight to California to Flabob EAA Chapter One and his encounter in the Arizona cotton field. Capt. Chuck is always a welcome and enjoyable guest, who is popular with many Chapter 1414 members.

New Member

Lucas Hier of Rockford, winner of the Thomas Family Aviation Scholarship joined us in August.



Chuck Downey

September Meeting

The featured speaker at the Chapter 1414 on September 13 will be Dennis Butler of the Illinois State Police. He will talk about how they use aviation to enforce State and Federal Law. The meeting is in the Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum. There will be a Supper/Social Hour beginning at 5:30 PM. The meeting begins at 6:30 PM.

October Meeting

Tom Thomas of Madison, Wisconsin will speak at the October meeting. His topic will be "Flying in the Wisconsin Air National Guard"

ALL VETS AGAIN TO BE HONORED

October 9th will be the last pancake breakfast of the season at EAA 1414; it also will be another chance to "**Thank A Vet With Breakfast.**" All veterans who attend, will receive a free breakfast as an expression of our gratitude for their service.

All Vets are asked to sign the guest record book with their name, branch of service, unit names and dates of service if possible. As the years roll on, some of these details may have been forgotten, but their service has not.

If you, someone in your family, or a friend have served in the armed forces, please accept and/or extend the warm invitation of EAA 1414 to attend the breakfast. If any veterans planning to attend have pictures and other memorabilia, we invite them to share those things with us.

Any question regarding this event can be answered by calling or emailing Adolph Svec. His contact info is 815-568-6652 and asvec@mc.net



There will be 2 opportunities to fly Young Eagles September!

Sunday, Sept. 11: This is our usual monthly rally in conjunction with our monthly fly-in/drive-in breakfast. About 35 Young Eagles. We will also be offering flights to first-responders. Flight briefing at 7:45am, flights start at 8:00am.

Sunday, Sept. 18: This is a rally set up for a group of about 40-50 Cub Scouts who will also be touring the museum that day. Flight briefing will be at 11:30am, flights start around 11:45am.

Please let me know if you can volunteer to help out the chapter for either or both of these events.

Contact Ed Myers at e.j.myers@comcast.net.



August 14 Pancake Breakfast



Ken Croswell, Craig Day, Eva Sweet, Dean May and Aaron Stratton serve the area's best pancakes.

It was another splendid day for another splendid pancake breakfast. More than two hundred people came to enjoy the weather, the food and the airplanes at Poplar Grove Airport.

A bunch of outstanding volunteers were there to make it all possible. Many, many thanks to all of the following: Jay and Abbie Friddell, Ken and Eva Sweet, Sean and Aaron Stratton, Dean May, Craig Day, Kerry Peters, Scott Ross, Jean Porter, Susan Urbas, Frank Herdzina and Nancy Slack.

Even though low clouds threatened early in the day, our fabulous volunteer pilots gave 31 Young Eagle rides! Thanks to these guys with their beautiful airplanes a bunch of wishes came true:

Ron Cox, Tim Gallagher, Ken Sweet and YE coordinator Ed Myers.



Ron Cox flew his 250th Young Eagle.



Ken Sweet flying his first Young Eagle.

EAA Chapter 1414 is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on September 11, 2011. In recognition of the emergency responders of our community, we are inviting all police, fire and ambulance personnel for a free breakfast. In addition, throughout the morning we will be conducting training sessions on the unique aspects of responding to light aircraft incidents, requirements of FAA reports and safeguarding of the scene.

Volunteers are really needed!

If you can help with serving breakfast, contact Glenda or Dean May. Call 1-815-0215 or email mayge46@frontier.com.

If you would like to volunteer to give Young Eagles flights, contact Ed Myers. You can reach him by email at e.j.myers@comcast.net.

If you have an aircraft that you would like to display, bring it over to Frank's Hangar on September 11.

We will be offering airplane rides to the emergency responders, as well as the Young Eagles.

As usual, all our friends and neighbors are invited to fly in, drive in or walk in for delicious food and great

INVITE A SHORT WING? WHAT'S A SHORT WING?

After WW II, Piper aircraft was on the ropes as war contracts dried up and a lot of money was owed to Lycoming. The engineers at Piper Aircraft Co in Lockhaven, PA were tasked with designing an aircraft that would keep the company going. The solution was the PA15 Vagabond, which also had an improved version dubbed the PA 17. The PA 16 Clipper, PA20 Pacer, PA 22 Tri-Pacer and PA22 Colt all shared a common feature,...a wing span of 30' rather than 36'. Ergo, the "short wing."

Now, if you own one of planes, or know someone who does, and they live "in the area of Poplar Grove," invite them to attend our Sept 11th pancake breakfast. The **Illinois Plus Chapter of the Short Wing Club** would like to rendezvous at about 10 AM. A second invitation is extended for October 9th and the plan is again to meet at 10 AM at the breakfast.

Any question regarding this can be answered by calling or emailing Adolph Svec. His contact info is 815-568-6652 and asvec@mc.net

The Birthday Flight

How do you get "the wheelchair guy" up in a vintage airplane?! It takes a 1st class FLIGHT TEAM. Marc & Ken Kresmery, Lee Hilbert, Wally Falardeau and Frank Herdzina were just such a team. Everyone does multiple tasks - getting me in the harness, hooking harness to hangar door or in this case a ceiling mounted hoist, pushing plane under me, alternately lowering hoist and repositioning plane, until your butt is in the seat - phew!

Hand prop it, use the electric starter and the PT-22 roars to life. AND THE FUN BEGINS!!!

Wally & Kendra Helvey used his Stearman as a photo plane this year - last year it was my ride.

Lee did a touch & go at the "Funny Farm" as well as C77.

When we returned to earth for the last time, I hear Lee say over the intercom, "We cheated death, again!" Reflecting on my flight, back at the hangar, I could hardly talk - I thought I was speechless - but Shelly correctly said I was only breathless from the excitement. Some say, I'm never speechless.

THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE IT HAPPEN!

Bill Moses



The GRINS!



The Photo Plane



WHAT A VIEW!



Lee says, "Cheated Death, again!"



The Flight Team

Marc Kresmery, Bailey, Ken Kresmery, Lee Hilbert, Wally Falardeau, Frank Herdzina with Bill Moses

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

YOUNG EAGLE AIRPLANE RIDES

2ND SUNDAY 7am-12 Noon

**Poplar Grove Airport
5151 Orth Road**

ADULTS \$6.00

KIDS \$4.00

EAA Chapter 1414 Still Needs You

There are only two more monthly pancake breakfasts this year. On Sunday, September 11, we will be honoring emergency responders. Sunday, October 9 is Veteran's recognition day. We need volunteers each month to help in all areas. To volunteer, contact Glenda at 815-544-0215 or email mayge46@frontier.com.

2011 Membership Dues

Have you signed up for Chapter 1414 membership? You may bring your check for \$20 payable to EAA Chapter 1414 to a chapter meeting or mail it to:

Adolph Svec, Treasurer, 19009 River Road, Marengo, IL 60152-8500.

EAA Chapter 1414 Member Information And Application

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

New Member? _____ Renewal? _____ EAA Membership No. _____

Aviation Interests:

Pilot Rating (past or current) _____

Type of Airplane(s) owned _____

Type of Airplane(s) under construction _____

Type of Airplane(s) I have an interest in _____

Special Interests or Requests _____

Yearly Dues: \$20



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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!**



At C77

Mark Pasqualino (Left) leaving the August meeting and Lee Hilbert (Right) arriving for the Board of Director's meeting.



**Visit our website!
www.eaa1414.org**

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. Supper/social hour begins at 5:30 PM, and the meeting starts at 6:30 PM, unless otherwise announced on the website or in the newsletter. For the winter it is meeting at Herdzina Hangar, east of museum.
Directions: From Belvidere, IL, go north on Route 76, approx. 3.5 miles, and turn right on Orth Road. Make the first right turn and the museum is on the left.

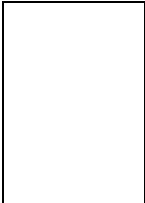
The Website/Newsletter is always looking for interesting articles and pictures by our chapter members. The deadline for submitting is the 29th of each month. The newsletter is distributed on the 1st of each month. Please submit anything you have written, would like to write, or any pictures that you believe would be of interest to the chapter membership. The preferred method for the receiving articles is by e-mail to: **mayge46@frontier.com**. You may bring a copy to a meeting, too.

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Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, September 11, 2011
7 AM to Noon

In the event of bad weather, a meeting may be canceled. An email announcement will be sent to the membership if it has. If you do not have email or are not sure about the weather, all an officer to be sure the meeting is taking place. Officers phone numbers are on the previous page of this newsletter.

EAA Chapter 1414 Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, September 13
6:30 PM
Supper/Social Hour 5:30 PM
Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum



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