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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, restora-
tion and operation of all types
of recreational aircraft,
as well as, nurture
camaraderie and
friendship amongst all
members!**

Meeting News

Something very special will happen at Chapter 1414's November meeting. In addition to our speaker, we will also host a special chocolate tasting party. The evening's speaker is Lytle Johnson, who will speak about Backcountry Instruction and Canyon Flying. We will be meeting in Frank Herdzina's hangar, across from the museum. After supper at 5:30 PM supper, the meeting will begin at 6:30 PM.

Next month our annual Christmas Party will be held at our meeting time.



Sweet Skies Over Poplar Grove
During the EAA Chapter 1414 Meeting

Tuesday, November 9th

6:30PM to 8:30PM

Open To All EAA Chapters, Their Members and Significant Others, and Bel-Air Estate Residents.

**Featuring Dove Chocolate Discoveries Tasting, Gift Ideas,
And Tips for Holiday Entertaining**

**Located in Frank's (Byrd) Hangar
Across from the Wings and Wheels Museum**

**Sample Delicious Decadent Chocolate
Start Your Holiday Shopping
Relax and Enjoy!!**



RSVP or Questions Contact:

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Independent Chocolatier for Dove Chocolate Discoveries
815-765-5058**



Chapter 1414 Schedule of Events

November 9 EAA Chapter 1414 Monthly Meeting, Herdzina's Bird Hangar, 6:30 PM
Supper/Social Hour, 5:30- 6:30 PM (C77)

November 9 *Sweet Skies Over Poplar Grove*, 6:30 PM, Frank Herdzina's Bird Hangar Loft

December 14 EAA Chapter 1414 Potluck/Christmas Party, Frank Herdzina's Bird Hangar

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EAA Chapter 1414
October 10, 2010

★ "Thank A Vet With Breakfast" ★



Chuck Downey with Joe Alger of Warrior Watch



Don Alesi with Iraq/ Afghanistan Vets



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EAA Chapter 1414 's "Thank a Vet with Breakfast"

Now that the pancake season has come to a close, the "well-oiled" machinery of *The Herdzina House of Pancakes*, has closed for the season. With themes of Mother's Day and Father's Day to begin with, it ended by celebrating the people who have served this country. *Thank A Vet With Breakfast*, was indeed what we had hoped it would be. Some 68 veterans signed the guest book and ranged from WW II Korea, Viet Nam, Desert Storm, to current Iraq and Afghanistan participants. Some active duty folks also showed up. The unofficial total for all attending was about 275 or so.

Chatter had it that about 50 planes or so made the event, as the weather was just what was needed. Don Alesi, Sam Kelso, and Lee Hilbert volunteered to take both Young Eagles and vets for a ride. Some delightful stories came from those flights.

Enough veteran breakfasts were sponsored to give an excess of funds of about \$600. This will be given to a veteran program in the area rather than it going into the EAA 1414 account.

Thanks to Frank Herdzina for his more than gracious gift of "loaning" his hangar throughout the season. Nancy Slack's help with signage and decorations as well as her donations for the day are most appreciated.

A special thanks to all of you who stepped up on Sunday 10 OCT and for the previous five breakfasts. As one could easily see, it was not something that could be handled by one or two. As 2011 will not be all that far away, hopefully more of us will be involved in the pancake breakfasts. *Many hands make light work*,...it is also enjoyable to do.



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Pix of my flight Oct 21st to celebrate my first solo October 21st 1941. Sixty Nine Years!

By Elroy "Buck" Hilbert

The original was a ferry flight from the Wooddale Airport to the Elmhurst Airport, both in Northern Illinois.



I was a line boy, then called an apprentice mechanic, for Harbican Air College. Mr. Hal Harbican was the owner. He was a dealer for Porterfield, and Aeronca Airplanes. He operated a flight school for CPT Students and also had a crop dusting operation. The school and sales were from Elmhurst. The Crop duster, maintenance and storage of airplanes



was at Wooddale about six miles North of Elmhurst.

I was detailed this day to work at Wooddale.

The Phone rang and Mr. Harbican said, "Bring the Chief over here right away, I have a prospect who wants to see it." I reminded him that I had not yet soloed.



His Reply was, "You're gonna solo, now!"

I cranked up the nice new 1940 Standard Chief and flew it the six miles to Elmhurst.

Exciting, but Really, I'd had numerous hours of both official and unofficial dual as well as lots of "sand bag" time with various CPT students, so it wasn't exactly a fright flight.



After that, They couldn't keep me on the ground. Every time I washed and polished an airplane, or brought one to the line from the Hangar it flew!

I have fond memory of Hal Harbican, the CPT students, my mechanic Mentor "Seke" Seymore, and the time I spent learning all the things that helped me throughout my life.

They not only taught me to fly, be a mechanic, drive a car, but gave me the advice and incentive to be the best pilot I could be.

Their interest in this fifteen year old was what I really needed and carried me through my entire life in Aviation.



Persons (witnessing the flight are Leslie Hilbert the photographer, Dr. James Sweet, Ercoupe owner, my Dentist, and Kirk Leiner. entrepreneur extraordinaire.



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Military: Highest Rank:	_____
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Type of Airplane(s) I own:	_____
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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
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Would attend additional tech sessions (i.e. painting, welding etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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- • 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

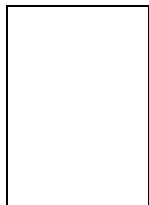
Chapter 1414 meets on the second Tuesday of the month in the Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum, 5151 Orth Road (C77), unless notified otherwise in the newsletter. The meeting starts at 6:30 PM.

Directions: From Belvidere, IL, go north on Route 76, approx. 3.5 miles, and turn right on Orth Road. Make the first right turn and the museum is on the left.

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, call an officer to be sure the meeting is taking place. Officers phone numbers are on the previous page of this newsletter.

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 or a printed copy may be submitted at the meetings.

EAA Chapter 1414 Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, November 12
6:30 PM
Supper/Social Hour 5:30 PM



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