

QUARTER 3, 2025

# HANGAR 1



The official e-newsletter of the  
Illinois Aviation Museum

Quarter 3, 2025 newsletter covers July, August, and September, a time when the museum takes part in numerous Bolingbrook events such as parades and fests. Saturdays and Sundays have been busy during museum open hours of 10am-2pm; even having visitors from Ohio, Utah, Mexico and England to name a few. Occasional Saturdays had special events put on by volunteers; we could always use more volunteers and ideas for events, if interested please contact Larry or Chris with the museum.

We continue to hold PSI testing by appointment please contact Zook at [exec@illinoisaviationmuseum.org](mailto:exec@illinoisaviationmuseum.org). Also tours and private events are still available; if you would like information on museum tours or renting the space, please contact Bill at [tours@illinoisaviationmuseum.org](mailto:tours@illinoisaviationmuseum.org).



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Restoration Update



Featured Article



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Museum Briefs



BOLINGBROOK'S  
CLOW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
CAVALCADE of Planes  
JUNE 7 & 8



From the President

By: Chris O'Reilly-Christine



# October, November, December

## 4th Quarter IAM Calendar of Events

**October 1 - IAM Board Meeting**

**October 11 - Young Eagles register [here](#)**

**October 18 - HAUNTED HANGAR - dig out that old costume, dress up the kids and come out for a day of fun.**

Coffee drinks will be available for purchase

**October 19 - Museum closed for cleanup**

**October 31 - Halloween**

**November 2 - Set Clocks back 1 hour**

**November 5 - IAM Board Meeting**

**November 27 - Thanksgiving**

**December 3 - IAM Board Meeting**

**December 6 - Storytime**

presented by the Bolingbrook Library

**December 19 - Santa Sendoff**

**December 25 - Christmas Day**

**December 31 - New Year's Eve**



**Most Museum events are free to the public. Follow us on Facebook for further event information.**

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

**Volunteers Needed for events, please consider being a volunteer. If interested Contact Larry [here](#).**

IAM Board Meeting First Wednesday of every month @ 6:30pm  
open to all members.

Museum Hours Saturday and Sunday 10am - 2pm  
visit our [calendar](#) for more info.

Dig out that old (or new) costume, dress up the kids and come out for a day of fun.

Coffee and hot drinks will be available for purchase

BOLINGBROOK'S CLOW INT. AIRPORT

# HAUNTED HANGAR



HOP ON YOUR BROOMSTICKS AND FLY OVER TO CLOW AIRPORT. (BEHIND HOME DEPOT) OUR HAUNTED HANGAR IS A FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT, DESIGNED ESPECIALLY WITH YOUNGER VISITORS IN MIND — PERFECT FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES WHO LOVE A LITTLE HALLOWEEN FUN WITHOUT TOO MUCH FRIGHT! BROUGHT TO YOU BY BOLINGBROOK'S CLOW AIRPORT, THE ILLINOIS AVIATION MUSEUM, EAA 461, AND OUR AIRPORT FRIENDS



CLOW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

**\$5**

PER PERSON

CASH ONLY

5 & UNDER FREE

OCTOBER 18

10:00AM-4:00PM



# Museum Briefs?

Summer saw much action for the museum with Young Eagle flights, speakers, tours, weddings, and taking Groundbound to fests, special museum days and of course the 4<sup>th</sup> celebration at Bolingbrook Country Club. We showed off Groundbound and 'Stubby' at Bolingbrook's Touch-A-Truck event then again in the Labor Day and Pathway Parades.

On Wednesday, July 3 at 7:00 PM, we're thrilled to welcome Michael John from the Keich Aviation Museum in Brodhead, WI, as he presents an extremely interesting and engaging talk on Air Mail Beacons — the forgotten highway in the sky that guided early air mail pilots across America.

Discover how these beacons transformed night flying, kept pilots on course, and shaped the future of aviation!



A beautiful bunch on Tuesday July 8 from Clarendale Of Addison, memory care facility.

## ILLINOIS AVIATION MUSEUM PRESENTATION ON AIR MAIL BEACONS

with Michael John  
Kelch Aviation Museum, Brodhead, WI

ILLINOIS AVIATION MUSEUM  
AT BOLINGBROOK'S CLOW  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 3 7:00 PM

Our sponsored Scout Troop 35



second place for Most Decorated Vehicle at the Bolingbrook Jubilee Pathways Parade!

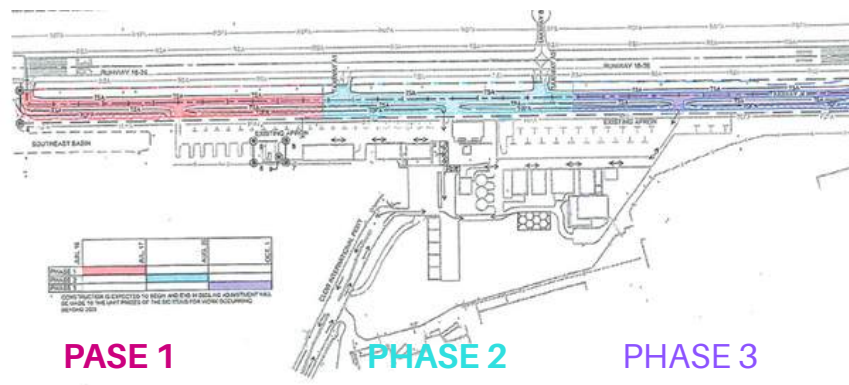
## Touch - A - Truck



**Huey is back, after having spent the summer at Cantigny's First Division Museum you can again see this historic aircraft in the museum.**



Just an FYI; the planned taxiway that was to start in June, was delayed to August, then October, has now been pushed to spring. (Certainly not by me!!) UGH. The goal now is mid-April. See right on how it is to be phased. It will never cause the Runway to be closed but will create some short back taxi as phases progress. Each phase is estimated at about 1 month each. Also this will not prevent Cavalcade events but will cause us to work around it slightly.



EAA 461 had Linda Sollars present a talk about her Sling Expositions. Get [more info here](#). Sorry I missed it!



September 19th a gangster was murdered. Who done it? This Murder Mystery held by the Bolingbrook Chamber was attended by 5 board members, did one of them commit the crime? Billy H. (as Lil Willy) and Chris C. (as Polly Pocket), both had roles to play, one was an assassin. A fun night, half the fun was dressing up. Like dressing up? Join us for Haunted Hangar, Oct. 18th, 10am-4pm, where you'll see all the board members dress up.



For their 30th Anniversary, Linda and John renew their vows at IAM, and promised to be each other's co-pilot in life, what a fun couple. Thanks for celebrating with us.



## Featured Article:

# A Man of Firsts

1 September 1913, a very brave soul took to the air and flew the very first inverted flight over France, in a Blériot XI; his name Adolphe Pégoud. I would call Pégoud a daredevil as he was the first pilot to make a parachute jump from an airplane earlier that same year, on 1 March 1913. Later that year on 21 September, 1913 Pégoud received much publicity for what was initially believed to be the first loop in an aircraft, only to realize a Russian pilot had already flown one 12 days earlier. However, the publicity led to Pégoud being invited by the Russian Czar to perform in Moscow and become a trainer. Adolphe Célestin Pégoud was born 13 June 1889 which made him 24 years of age when he reached this success. When the war broke out he flew for the French, on 5 February 1915, he and his gunner were credited with shooting down two German aircraft and forcing another to land.<sup>[2]</sup> Soon he was flying single-seat aircraft and in April claimed two further victories. His sixth success came in July. It is certain that he became the first 'fighter ace' in history during World War I.

On 31 August 1915, Pégoud was shot down and killed by Unteroffizier Otto Kandulski, who had been his pupil, while intercepting a German reconnaissance aircraft. He was 26 years old. The same German crew later dropped a funeral wreath behind the French lines.

[Article from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adolphe](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adolphe)



The first Blériot XIs entered military service in Italy and France in 1910, and a year later some were used by Italy in North Africa (the first use of heavier-than-air aircraft in a war) and in Mexico.[14] The British Royal Flying Corps received its first Blériots in 1912. During the early stages of World War I eight French, six British and six Italian squadrons operated various military versions of the aircraft, mainly for observation duties but also as trainers, and in the case of single-seaters as light bombers with a bomb load of up to 25 kg.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bl>

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## Purchase Commemorative Bricks

Bricks can be laid in the courtyard of Charlie's Restaurant, or you can give it as a gift.

Bricks of dedication or remembrance can be purchased on the Illinois Aviation Museum website [here](#).

ROBERT SMITH  
PRIVATE PILOT  
JAN 25, 2006

KEITH BARTON  
1948 - 2017

JOE MAHAR - SR  
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1935 - 1988

## You can help!

**the museum operates solely through volunteers and donations, please consider donating your time or resources.**

### Donate your Plane

Finished flying? Donate your plane and get a tax write-off  
Contact Joe [here](#)



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