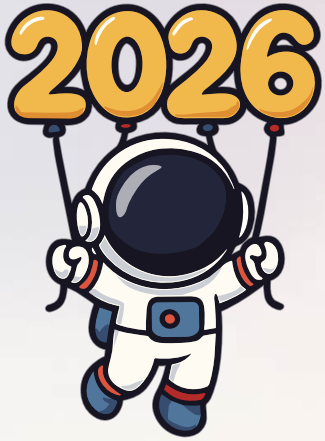


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# HANGAR 1

The official e-newsletter of the  
Illinois Aviation Museum



## Starting off right.

**Thank you. Whether you come for a visit, volunteer or donate you are helping promote the museum's vision to educate, preserve, and promote aviation through community involvement.**

### VISIT

The museum is open most Saturdays and Sundays from 10am-2pm, in 2025 we had nearly 9,000 visitors, not counting Cavalcade weekend. Come see what the excitement is all about.

### VOLUNTEER

The museum has a number of opportunities to volunteer such as Cavalcade, parades, community events, Haunted Hangar and Santa Send-off. If you would like to be notified for volunteer positions contact Chris or Larry.

### DONATE

The museum survives on volunteers and donations; donate your time or finances, all donations are tax deductible.

**Thank you to all who visited, volunteered or donated and helped make 2025 a success; lets do it again in 2026!**

By: Chris O'Reilly-Christine



## **IN MEMORY OF -**

**IAM and the Clow family is at a great loss for the following volunteers, may they rest in peace.**



**IAM Board Member Edward E. "Ed" Meyer, passed away Nov. 17, 2025, he was born Oct. 27, 1940, in Cincinnati, Ohio, and became a resident of Bolingbrook in 1980, and a Board member of the Illinois Aviation Museum at its inception in 2004. Ed has long been a part of the airport and museum offering wonderful insight and advise for aircraft and museum operations. He is surely missed by all who have had the honor to know him.**

**Having a doctorate degree in Electrical Engineering he worked with the phone company and upon retirement he became an Airframe and Powerplant Licensee, Inspection Authorization Mechanic and a Designated Mechanic Examiner for the Federal Aviation Administration and began teaching at Lewis University. Ed was a recipient of the distinguished Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award from the FAA for lifetime accomplishments of senior mechanics. He spent years at Clow with CAS Aircraft Maintenance and Repair.**

**One of his fondest accomplishments was assisting Packer Wings from Clow Airport with the re-creation of the Wright Flyer airplane, which now proudly hangs in the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry. Ed's dedication and contribution to aviation will be remembered by all. You can find his story on the Museum's Faces of Flight display.**



**Arzania "Zookie" Williams III, son of IAM Board Member 'Zook' Williams, passed away Thursday, January 15th, 2026 at his residence in Holly Springs, North Carolina. He was a native of Bolingbrook and a 2002 graduate of Romeoville HS. He was a dedicated volunteer for the Cavalcade of Planes and part of the museum family.**

**He was an artist, musician, an avid reader, who loved fishing, and was an amazing chef. He last served as the Foods Manager at Agapé Summer Camp in Fuquay-Varina NC. We all are going to miss your commitment and humor Zookie.**



# Upcoming EVENTS

**The Third Thursday of the month we host  
FAASeminar Seminars - at 7pm**

Visit the [IAM calendar](#) for future seminar information

To date scheduled FAASeminar Seminars: April 16 Aeromedical Factors,  
May 21 Weather, June 18 Aircraft systems

**The museum hosts PSI Testing by appointment, find information [here](#)  
or contact Zook at [exec@illinoisaviationmuseum.org](mailto:exec@illinoisaviationmuseum.org).**



**Young Eagle Flights start April and are held the  
second saturday of the month from April through  
October, get registration information [here](#).**



**June 6 & 7 is Cavalcade Weekend, be  
part of the fun; buy tickets [here](#) or  
[volunteer](#) to help make this year's event  
special.**



**Summer is an active time for  
the museum volunteers, you  
can help by volunteering to  
walk a parade route or load  
ground-bound for  
community events and the  
4<sup>th</sup> of July; contact Larry  
[here](#).**



**Tours and private events are available; if you would like information on  
museum tours or renting the space, please contact Bill at  
[tours@illinoisaviationmuseum.org](mailto:tours@illinoisaviationmuseum.org).**



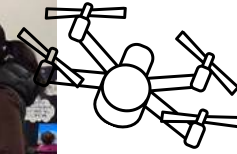
# IAM and the Community

You may know us from parades, but did you know we also take part in other village events such as Touch-A-Truck and the 4th of July to name a few? At the museum we host seminars, STEM events, Storytime, and classes. And of course, the all- Airport Cavalcade of Planes, Haunted Hangar, and Santa Send-off. All events are open to the public and offer hands on activities, simulators, and virtual reality. Come be part of the fun, for information visit our [website](#) or [Facebook](#) page.



**RICK SIEGFRIED**  
TO GIVE A PRESENTATION  
**FLYING A DC-3 AIRCRAFT  
TO EUROPE FOR A  
WORLD WAR II REENACTMENT**

**THURSDAY, 8/14/2025 · 7PM**



**family  
PORTRAIT DAY**

- Receive your digital photo immediately
- Fun things for kids to do
- Enjoy the museum while you are there

This Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
10am-2pm

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Have your picture taken by our photographer in our Hot Air Balloon Basket



**COOKIE  
DECORATING DAY**  
ILLINOIS AVIATION MUSEUM  
CLOW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - BOLINGBROOK

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## **From Larry, the Museum Board President:**

As we close out another remarkable year, the Illinois Aviation Museum at Bolingbrook proudly reflects on a year defined by growth, community engagement, and an unwavering commitment to our mission: to educate, preserve, and promote aviation through community involvement.

From school career and STEM days to seminars, tours, and museum rentals, we welcomed learners of all ages. Our pedal planes and flight simulator stations continued to spark curiosity in kids—and adults—while community favorites such as the Cavalcade of Planes, the Clow Airport Halloween event, and the Santa Send-Off once again transformed the airport into a hub of excitement and aviation pride.

Significant progress was also made on our aircraft and exhibits. The completion of the T-33 restoration marked a major milestone for the museum, while additional aircraft received important ground-bound repairs and refurbishments. We are also excited to share that restoration work has already begun on our T-2 trainer, an ambitious project that will preserve another important chapter of aviation history for future generations. Enhancements such as new airport and museum signage and the Clow Outdoor Exhibit continue to strengthen our visibility and storytelling at Clow International Airport.

None of this would be possible without our volunteers. In 2025, volunteers contributed over 4,500 hours of service, not including the efforts of more than 400 additional volunteers who support the Cavalcade of Planes over just two days. Their dedication truly is the backbone of the museum and the key to its continued success.

Operationally, the museum continues to provide valuable services to the aviation community, including PSI testing, while also expanding our digital reach. We exceeded our social media goals for 2025 and are looking ahead to 2026 with plans to increase engagement, share more behind-the-scenes content, and develop educational resources for students and educators. As we move into the new year, we are actively seeking individuals who want to play a hands-on role in shaping the museum's future. We are currently looking for volunteers to assist with fundraising, grant writing, education program development, and social media content creation. Whether you have professional expertise, creative ideas, or simply a passion for aviation, there is a meaningful way for you to get involved.

Now is the time to rally together. By bringing in new volunteers and fresh ideas, we can ensure that the Illinois Aviation Museum at Bolingbrook not only thrives—but continues to grow in exciting new ways. Together, we preserve the past and ensure the future.

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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  
1940 - 2017

JOE MAHAR - SR  
PRIVATE PILOT  
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](#)



Sponsor an upcoming project or adopt an artifact for a year!

Click [here](#) for more information.

Donate

