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The official e-newsletter of the  
Illinois Aviation Museum

**Summer has come to a close and what a busy summer it was with Ground-bound appearances, parades, museum events, and weekend openings. In this issue you will find what changes have been taking place around the museum, what's coming for the fall, volunteer opportunities and the regular content of Airport News, Curator's Corner, Education, Restoration, President Remarks, and Volunteer Spotlight.**



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# Volunteer Opportunities



Do you like to decorate for Halloween and dress up? Come be part of Haunted Hangar. Numerous opportunities - set-up, take-down, tickets, games, etc. Dress in your favorite costume and be part of the fun! October 19, 20, 21. [sign up here](#)

## 4th Quarter Calendar of Events

October 4 - IAM Board Meeting

October 14 - Last Young Eagles [register](#) Oct. 11th

October 19 - FFAST Seminar - TBD

October 19, 20, 21 - Haunted Hangar - Volunteer

November 1 - IAM Board Meeting

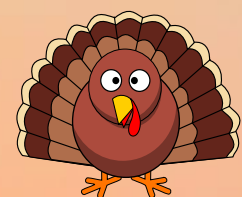
November 16 - FFAST Seminar - TBD

November 23 - THANKSGIVING

December 6 - IAM Board Meeting

December 25 - Christmas

December 31 - New Year's Eve



IAM Board Meeting First Wednesday of every month @ 6:30pm

Museum Hours Saturday and Sunday 10am - 2pm

visit our [calendar](#) for more info.



# Haunted Airfields?



**Are these airports really haunted? The following is a brief description of US and International airports that have been thought to be haunted.**

1. Savannah/ Hilton Head Airport, Georgia - Savannah with all its history has numerous ghost tours but you'll need an airline ticket to catch a glimpse of the couple that 'appears' along the north side of the runway after sundown. Pilots and airline crew alike have supposedly witnessed these sightings believed to be buried on the field.
2. Denver International Airport, CO - If you've been to Denver Airport you may have seen the blue horse statue at the terminal entrance. Theory has it that the spirit of the sculptor, who was killed when the horses head fell on him and severed his leg, roams the terminals. Do the red eyes on "Blucifer" mean anything? This airport is riddled with creepy theories, myths, and legends.
3. Honolulu, Hawaii - The Daniel K Inouye International Airport - If you have been to the airport, you may have spotted the "lady-in-waiting", a blonde woman who appears at terminal windows looking out for her missing fiancé, who didn't return from a flight. Midnight custodians have reported seeing toilet rolls unravel, toilets flushing, and seats slamming when no one was inside the bathroom.
4. Chandler - Fresno, CA - There have been reports at this historic airport of unexplained voices and noises in the restaurant, sightings of an old man sitting in the control tower and people 'going through' walls.
5. Duluth International Airport, MN - Security Staff at this airport have reported unexplained happenings such as alarms setting off and doors opening and closing, seeing no one. It is believed a woman is roaming the grounds searching for the man who fled to the airport after having stabbed her to death.
6. Fredrick, OK - Home to a WWII training center, there are several reports of the airfield being haunted with the ghost of the navigator from an old plane located on the airbase.
7. Thailand, Bangkok International Airport - Said to be one of the most haunted places in Thailand, the story is that part of the airport is built on an ancient cemetery and that during construction workers reported hearing screams, chanting, wailing, and a 'blue ghost' is said to roam the airport.
8. Islamabad International Airport, Pakistan - Pilots have reported seeing children playing on the runway during landing, when no children were present.

Airport Hauntings, Myth, Fact or Fiction?

Read more at [Haunted Fields](#), [Fright of Fancy](#), or [Haunted Airfields/Air & Space Magazine](#)



# RESTORATION UPDATE

**Ground-bound has been so busy, having given thousands of rides over the years, it is in need of an overhaul, including a new engine and paint job, to take place over the winter. If you would like to help with these costs click [here](#), thank you!**



## **Pietenpol:**

**Since the last update the Pietenpol has received a new carburetor heat knob. Instruments installed thus far are the tachometer, altimeter, oil temperature and compass as well as the mag switches. We are waiting for the airspeed indicator and oil pressure gauge. Before the end of September, the throttle quadrant with cable will be installed. Check in next quarter to see what has been done and how we keep moving forward to get this vintage bird in the air.**





# Education/Programs



**Come be part of our team! The museum is seeking people interested in coordinating with or leading an education committee to help with STEM and other programs. If interested, please contact Larry [here](#).**



**The Howard Presentation - Howard Bohl presented the history of the Howard Aircraft built in Chicago in 1939 by the Howard Aircraft Company . Get more info [here](#).**



**Bill hosted Wiz-Kids for a July tour**



7/21 Wiz-Kids

**Boy Scout Troops 35 volunteered their time and energy to help stain the T2 Buckeye Staircase. We are grateful for their service and dedication to our community.**



**Watch the calendar for future FFAST presentations - open to the public**

## Curator's Corner: *Goodbye*

**A Fond Farewell to Jerry Czupryn who has retired from his board position; Jerry has been an instrumental part of our displays. Thank you Jerry and the best of luck to you!**

**The new curator, Kyle Mathers, you may know for his work on our Faces of Flight Display; he is currently looking for old Clow Photos, if you can help, please contact [him here](#)**



# More at the Museum:



## Civil Air Patrol Cyber Camp Classes

Col. Shorty Powers, Composite Squadron .

CAP held Cyber classes July 10, July 24, and the Cyber Patrol event on August 4th.

## IAM & EAA461 Movie Night

EAA 461 and IAM teamed up to hold a hangar movie night. We hoped to show the movie outside the hangar but due to weather we moved inside. It was a good turn out with a lot of food and fun. Tune in for future movie nights.



## EAA 461 Envision Flights

September 30th EAA461 held their Envision flights at the Illinois Aviation Museum, the weather cooperated beautifully. Envision Unlimited is a program that provides people with disabilities or other special needs opportunities to experience various activities as well as quality services that promote choice, independence, and inclusion. Visit Envision Unlimited to

learn more.



*Jesse M. says "I never flew before today in any plane, I found the experience to be amazing especially co-piloting with Wayne"*



lunch at Charlie's





# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT BOB COON



## **1. How long have you been part of the Illinois Aviation Museum and how did you get involved?**

I was an original plank holder when the museum was first started by Tim Tochwicz. I dropped off due to work schedules then started back as an Advisory Board Member, then Director. A lot of my involvement is because of the “next door annex”. Probably 10 years.

## **2. What do you like about volunteering for the museum?**

Satisfaction on getting some cool stuff on display for people to see. I assisted painting the T-2 and rebuilt the PT-22 prop that is on display.

## **3. How would you describe what you do for the museum?**

At present, very little, although hanger two has offered to fix and repaint the museum’s T-33, we’re waiting for the airport to move another plane so we can move the T-33 for better access.

## **4. What is your favorite memory of the museum/airport?**

Cavalcade is the best! Everyone pitches in for the good of the weekend/airport. What a great event.

## **5. What is your favorite aircraft, and why?**

That depends on where it is. If you are speaking about aircraft on the airport, I would have to say it would be the Fairchild UC-61 I co-own with Jim Chybicki. If it’s just any plane anywhere it would have to be the Hawker Hurricane, WW II British fighter.





- 1. September 6 NOTAM was due to runway lights going out because of an electric storm, this is now repaired**
- 2. South Apron Replacement Phase 3 will take place fall thru Dec. Phase 4 North End will take place after Cavalcade 2024; to the feds funding due Sept.**
- 3. New hangars will start in spring, there will remain outside tie-downs.**
- 4. PAPI lights are to be installed for both runway 18 & 36 in 2025. There is a chance this could happen in 2024.**
- 5. Congrats to EAA 461 for receiving the Spirit of Flight Award Oct. 5**
- 6. The Patio pavilion at Charlie's is complete. Bricks can be purchased through the museum, see page 10.**

## Did you know?

*The FAA has updated a reminder of operations at non-towered airports. I have included the link for you to review. We do not have issues here but it would be prudent to just review this. Also please pass this on to anyone you know who fly's in and club members, pilots, students, CFI's, or any news letters or publications you are involved with, etc. Just use this as some continued education as we all know "a pilot is always learning"*

**[AC 90-66C - Non-Towered Airport Flight Operations \(faa.gov\)](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/flight_info/aeronav/acf/00/0066/0066c)**



Our very own A. 'Zook' Williams has flown 550 + Young Eagles, what an awesome feat, giving kids flight experience, Way to Go Zook!



# From the Museum President



**Hello all and welcome to fall! It's almost jacket weather as the leaves are just starting to turn. And like the leaves, our museum is turning another page as we prepare for more changes. I love that every quarter I get to tell you about what has happened in the last 3 months as well as what is coming up. Gound Bound is getting even more popular as we get more and more requests for appearances. We have been at Village of Bolingbrook iFest, Taste of Bolingbrook, Taste of Pakistan, 4th of July Celebration at the Bolingbrook golf course and the Muslum Association of Bolingbrook's Fall Festival. Along with our "Stubby", we have also been at the Pathways parade and the Bolingbrook Park Districts Fall Festival. I'm tired just thinking back. All great events and exposing so many more kids of all ages (and I mean all ages) to the wonders of general aviation.**

**I want to take this time to thank our outgoing Curator, Jerry Czupryn for his many years at our museum and wish him well with all his work and personal projects. In that same thought, please help me welcome our new curator, Kyle Mathers. He has hit the road running as we recently unveiled our Faces of Flight interactive display. He is currently working on two other displays, A Latrell/Ellis display on the South wall as well as a Clow history timeline display for the outdoor side of the south wall. Look for them in the coming months.**

**We also have a new volunteer social media coordinator, Sylvia Miga who has graciously offered to help us keep a presence on social media. We all know how important it is to stay ahead of the game in many of the social media platforms.**

**A couple more Thank-Yous go out to the Boy Scout who put a fresh coat of wood sealant on our three aircraft viewing stands, to protect them from the elements. Also to those that donated a gas powered pressure washer to us that we just happened to need. As well as an aircraft tug that we were able to restore and sell to add to our general fund. We'd also like to send a big shout-out to Naperville Excavating for donating the materials and the Village of Bolingbrook for doing the labor to put in a concrete patio between our hangar and hanger two. Thank you so much as it will help make a better impression to all of our visitors to the museum.**

**We had some visits from our local leaders, all of whom were impressed at what is happening at Bolingbrook hidden gem, that is Bolingbrook's Clow Int Airport and the Illinois Aviation Museum. (with the local EAA chapter, JWA and all the rest). US Congressman Foster spent the day with us at Cavalcade of Planes back in June, Leader Manley and Sen Cappel visited us in August and Bolingbrook's own Congresswoman Avelar visited us earlier this month. Thanks to all for taking time out of their very busy schedules to see what we have to offer.**

**In our effort to keep up with all our requests from the museum, we are currently seeking someone to take the lead in helping us develop educational programs for in-house as well as off-site, STEM programs and collaborations with others, such as Bolingbrook STEM and the Bolingbrook Park district. If you, or someone you know may be interested, please let us know and we will reach out.**

**And finally, I have to let you all know that we are again putting on our annual Haunted Hangar on October 21st. If you'd like to help or join in the fun, reach out. If you have little ones, we welcome you to come by between 10-4 and be prepared to have a howling good time.**

**Till next time, always moving forward!**

**Larry Greenwich, president**



# THANK YOU

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

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JAN 25, 2006

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

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