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Illinois Aviation Museum



Happy Holidays! In this issue you will find under the Christmas tree the regular content of Airport News, Curator's Corner, Museum Briefs, Restoration, President Remarks, and Volunteer Spotlight.

Note: Education will now be found under Museum Briefs

With winter comes a slowdown in museum visitors and activities, but we are still open, so if you come for breakfast at Charlie's stop into the museum and say hi. If you would like information on museum tours or renting the space, please contact Bill at tours@illinoisaviationmuseum.org.



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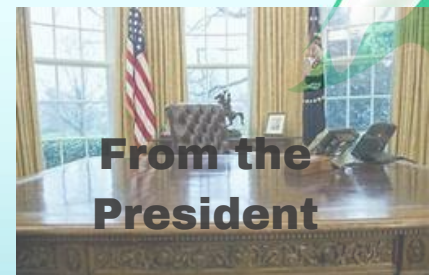


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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Bob Humphreys

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By: Chris O'Reilly-Christine



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024

1st Quarter Calendar of Events

January 1 - New Year's Day

January 10 - IAM Annual Membership & Board Meeting 6:30pm

January 15 - MLK Jr. Day

January 17 - FFAST Seminar - TBD

February 7 - IAM Board Meeting

February 12 - Lincoln's Birthday

February 14 - Valentine's Day

February 21 - FFAST Seminar - TBD

March 4 - Pulaski Day

March 6 - IAM Board Meeting

March 20 - FFAST Seminar - TBA

March 29 - Good Friday

March 31 - Easter Sunday

Volunteer Opportunities

Do you like to work with kids? There may be opportunities to help with STEM programs and/or tutoring. If interested, please contact Larry@illinoisaviationmuseum.org

As always the museum will be opened Saturdays and Sundays

10am - 2pm, weather permitting. Tours will take place as scheduled, if you would like to help with either tours or open hours please email dates and times to exec@illinoisaviationmuseum.org



Haunted Hangar

Haunted Hangar was a big success with approximately 2,000 visitors to the museum. Thank you to all who helped decorate and to those who participated in the scare! Looking forward to next year.



A BIG Thank you to Tim Wallace Landscape for donating the outside decorations, they were beautiful!

We luckily had an early escape for those who got too scared!



Save the Date: Getting ready for next year.

\$3 PER PERSON CASH ONLY 5 & UNDER FREE

OCTOBER 21 10:00AM-12PM

OCTOBER 19 2024

ILLINOIS AVIATION MUSEUM



Museum Briefs



THE MUSEUM IS IN NEED OF AN EDUCATION DIRECTOR, IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW WOULD LIKE TO HELP THE MUSEUM DEVELOP AND/OR PRESENT STEM AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS PLEASE CONTACT LARRY@ILLINOISAVIATIONMUSEUM.ORG FOR INFORMATION.

The museum handed out hot cocoa at the village Santa Sendoff, pictures on the airport news page



Museum Tours: A very nice group of young girl scouts working toward their flight badges on November 11th toured the museum. These young ladies asked some interesting questions, keeping Bill on his toes.

Then senior citizens from Brookdale enjoyed a guided tour of the museum's impressive collection of aircraft and exhibits. "It was a memorable and enriching experience for our seniors, and we highly recommend it to anyone who loves aviation."

Want to tour the museum? Contact Bill at:

tours@illinoisaviationmuseum.org



Curator's Corner: NEW EXHIBIT IN THE WORKS!

The museum will be installing a new exhibit highlighting the history of Clow Airport later this year. One part will highlight the airport's early history, starting with Oliver Boyd Clow's soybean field.

Stay tuned for updates and a possible featured article. ;)



RESTORATION UPDATE



Since the last update the Pietenpol has received a new throttle quadrant, and the installation of the tailwheel assembly has been completed. The parts for the Black Max disc braking system have been ordered and awaiting delivery. The existing axle has been updated to a steel sleeve where the 5/8" axles will be installed, using 6.0 x 6.0 wheels and tires. The brake activation will be performed with a master cylinder mounted on the pilot control stick complete with brake handle. The brake system will not encompass differential braking but combined braking of both wheels. We are still waiting for some instruments to arrive that have been on backorder for some time. As soon as those are received, we will immediately install those instruments. After the brake system installation is completed we will move forward on the installation of the tachometer and throttle cables. The original fuel system has been upgraded to flexible fuel lines which will add a margin of safety. As soon as the fuel tank is reinstalled, which should be done before the next newsletter, an inspection for leaks will be completed. Check in next quarter to see what has been done and how we keep the momentum going to get this vintage bird in the air.

The Christmas Truce

Having a husband who is a WWI historian, I've seen the movie 'The Christmas Truce' about English and German troops taking a pause from fighting during the war to celebrate Christmas with carols, gifts of cigarettes and wine. Here's a brief recap of a beautiful moment in history.



At the start of WWI in August 1914, many thought the fighting would be over by Christmas. This was obviously not the case as the war lasted until late 1918. So how was it that fighting forces could have a truce for the Christmas holiday?

In September of 1914 the French forces were able to repel the German forces moving in from Belgium. To reinforce themselves, the German army started digging trenches which led to the horrid trench warfare of the Western Front. Known as 'No Man's Land,' the Allied forces also dug trenches from which fighting would take place for the next four years. The trenches became a quagmire of mud and corpses leading to much disease and despair.

After a few months of fighting, the men of the British 1st Battalion Regiment were spending Christmas eve 1914 in the muddy trenches trying to keep warm. According to a British soldier, "I was spending the holiday eve shivering in the muck, trying to keep warm, crouched in a trench that stretched just three feet deep by three feet wide, with stale biscuits and cigarettes too wet to light." The following morning, he and other British soldiers started hearing noises coming from the Germans. Listening closer they realized the German soldiers were singing carols.

Upon hearing this, the British soldiers joined in. Then they heard the Germans yell out in English with a heavy accent "Come over here!" One British soldier replied, "You come half-way, I'll come half-way."

What happened next would stun the world and make history. Soldiers on both sides began to climb nervously out of their trenches to meet in the barbed-wire-filled *No Man's Land* that separated the armies. Normally, entering *No Man's Land* meant certain death. Occasionally both sides agreed to allow entrance to collect and bury the dead. But now, there were handshakes and words of kindness. The soldiers traded songs, cigarettes, chocolate, tobacco and wine, and joined in a spontaneous holiday party and a game of soccer in the cold night.

These impromptu parties took place in various locations along the front with some even lasting several days. The following day the fighting resumed and a Christmas truce would never occur again.



Christmas Truce | Facts & History
The Christmas Truce, (December 24-25, 1914), an impromptu cease-fire that occurred along the Western Front during World War I. The pause in fighting was...



Click the following link to get more information with interviews.

[WWI's Christmas Truce: When Fighting Paused for the Holiday | HISTORY](#)



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT BOB HUMPHREYS



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

Since 2015, got involved thru EAA461 to build the Zenith

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

Before my pinched nerve, I liked working on the planes

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

I, as a previous Board Director on a 1.5 Billion dollar project and an advisor to two other boards in Canada, I make recommendations to the museum board.

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

Working on the Zenith Crusier

5. What is your favorite aircraft, and why?

Piper PA28 180 was the plane in which I got my license and flew the lakeshore of Lake Huron and the Bruce Peninsula. I landed and took off from lots or grass strips as well as airport runways in that plane.





Airport News

1. The Phase 3 Construction has been completed.

2. Joe D. has received preliminary design of the 2 box hangars planned to be built.

3. Santa Sendoff went well regardless of the rain .

Santa Sendoff





The Museum President

Presidents message for New Year

I would first like to wish everyone a happy and prosperous new year and hope that everyone had a very merry Christmas holiday.

2023 was a very good year at the Illinois Aviation Museum. We hosted several of our local elected officials and they were all impressed with what we are doing here. We continue to do PSI testing. Although the PSI testing doesn't bring in anywhere near as much money as it used to due to the change in their payouts, it is still a good source of income for us. Over the summer we presented to the public our newest exhibit, the

Faces of Flight display to show the human side of flying and our aviation community. We have hosted several elected officials to the airport and museum and showed them what a hidden gem our airport and museum really are. Some of the new displays to look forward to in the coming year will be the history of Clow Airport, the Ellis-Lattrell display, a display on Lindbergh and his connection to Illinois, and also a

Wright Flyer Redux display honoring those that made a successful campaign of re-creating the Wright flyer. Some of the new things we'd like to do for the future are: get financing for and build a new dedicated museum, we would like to recruit younger people to take over for the aging people that are connected with the museum currently, develop a bigger, better educational program for youth and adults, develop more interactive displays, develop STEM activities/classes for kids tours, host more community events, host more joint events and become a destination for people to come to Bolingbrook. So, if you haven't been out for a while, come on out and check us out. We are constantly changing and adding things. You can also show support by making tax-free donations or purchasing a commemorative brick, which can be done easily on our website,

<https://illinoisaviationmuseum.org/commemorative-bricks/>. We are also looking to hire someone to run our educational programs. If you

know someone, please have them contact me at:

larry@illinoisaviationmuseum.org



Did you know?

SANTA CLAUS AROUND THE WORLD

Eighteenth-century America's Santa Claus was not the only St. Nicholas-inspired gift-giver to make an appearance at Christmastime. There are similar figures and Christmas traditions around the world. Christkind or Kris Kringle was believed to deliver presents to well-behaved Swiss and German children. Meaning "Christ child," Christkind is an angel-like figure often accompanied by St. Nicholas on his holiday missions. In Scandinavia, a jolly elf named Jultomten was thought to deliver gifts in a sleigh drawn by goats. English legend explains that Father Christmas visits each home on Christmas Eve to fill children's stockings with holiday treats. Père Noël is responsible for filling the shoes of French children. In Italy, there is a story of a woman called La Befana, a kindly witch who rides a broomstick down the chimneys of Italian homes to deliver toys into the stockings of lucky children.

Did you know? The young Winston Churchill, then first lord of the British Admiralty, resigned his command after the failed Gallipoli campaign in 1916, accepting a commission with an infantry battalion in France.

The Illinois Aviation Museum is accepting new members. The 2024 annual cost for membership will be \$30; with this membership you will receive The IAM quarterly newsletter, free or discounted entrance to quarterly events, one free entrance to Cavalcade and one free small die cast when getting museum merchandise items totaling \$50 or more.

If you want to be a member for 2024, please use this [link](#) for payment or visit the museum with a check or cash.

Thank you for your support and commitment to the museum and for helping promote aviation to the younger generation. We look forward to working with you in 2024. Note, membership is not required to volunteer at the museum.

For questions contact Chris at membership@illinoisaviationmuseum.org

THANK YOU

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

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JAN 25, 2006

KEITH BARTON
1948 - 2017

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1935 - 1988

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

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