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The Aviation Youth Art Contest Submission period has closed. Thank you to all who have submitted their artwork. Stop by the Illinois Aviation Museum in November to vote on your favorite piece! More information can be found [here](#).



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**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING**

## NOVEMBER EVENTS

**IAM Board Meeting | 11/2 @ 6:30pm**

**Hangar Movie Night | 11/16 @ 7:00pm**

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



# Bolingbrook Lion's Club

## September Bag Tournament Success

By: The Bolingbrook Lions Club

The Bolingbrook Lions Club Cornhole (Bags) Tournament was our opportunity to host a different family-oriented event for our charity and the Bolingbrook community. The event was well received. Clow Airport was the perfect location; we look forward to working with Clow and the Illinois Aviation Museum again. The Bolingbrook Lions Club has served residents of Bolingbrook for 55 years. We are a 501(c)3 not-for-profit specializing in vision, hearing, childhood cancer, and diabetes. 100 percent of the funds raised are returned to the community.



## IAM Charters Local BSA Troop 35

The Illinois Aviation Museum has accepted the role of Charter Organization for local Boy Scout Troop 35. As a Charter holder, IAM will monitor troop leadership, provide a place for their meetings, and have a seat on their adult committee. Boy Scout Troop 35 is for those ages 10 ½ - 18 years old that are interested in scouting. We look forward to our collaboration with this troop.



# WWII Lt. Art Leach Visits IAM

BY JERRY CZUPRYN, COMMANDING OFFICER - EAA Warbird Squadron 4

On Sunday, October 2, EAA Warbird Squadron 4 hosted an event at the museum. The speaker was Art Leach, a 102-year-old WWII and Vietnam Combat Aviator who flew off the Yorktown (CV-10) carrier. He piloted the Hellcat fighter in WWII. Art got to the museum early and spent time telling stories about his military career. During his one-hour presentation, Art talked further about his military career and would periodically throw in a couple of jokes. The event was very well attended.

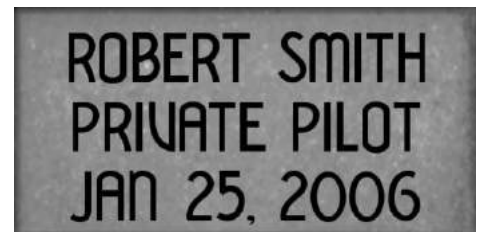


Jerry Czupryn and Art Leach



# Memories in Bricks

Preserve your milestones in brick at Clow Int'l Airport's Friends of Aviation Plaza. Another brick order will be placed in January. This is a perfect gift idea in time for the holidays. Need a few reasons to order a brick? Celebrate your first solo, new pilot certificate, weddings, birthdays, memorial for a loved one, business logo, and so much more! Brick sizes are 4"x8" or 8"x8". More information about bricks [here](#).





## IAM After Hours Event

On Thursday, October 13, the Illinois Aviation Museum hosted an After Hours Event open to all to attend. Attendees were able to learn about our various programs and fly our new aircraft simulators. It was a great night with lively conversations and delicious food.



# HAUNTED HANGAR

Over 1500 people bravely ventured to Clow Int'l Airport's 3rd annual Haunted Hangar on October 29. There were many activities to participate in, such as taking pictures in a WWII plane, playing games, and walking through a Haunted Hangar. The Ground Bound ride was so popular that we had to fuel it multiple times! A huge thank you to all the volunteers and airport groups that made this event possible.



# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

JAN LINDSEY

## How long have you been a part of IAM?

I have been a part of IAM for ten years. Bill Anderson and I were friends going through grief support together, I lost my husband, and Bill lost his wife. In 2012, I went to Cavalcade of Planes to see Bill and Larry Greenwich (IAM President), and they asked me if I would volunteer on Sunday. I said sure. I have been helping ever since.

## Why do you like volunteering at IAM?

I found an interest in the world of planes, especially the vintage warbirds. I was not much of a history buff in school, but I enjoyed learning about them and recognizing the aircraft. I have no fear of flying. When the B-17 Aluminum Overcast was at Lewis University, Bill and I volunteered to help, and I got the opportunity to fly in the B-17. We flew from Lewis University Airport (KLOT) to Cincinnati Int'l Airport (KCVG). There was no return flight, so we rented a car to come home, but it was worth it. I also flew in the tri-motor at Cavalcade of Planes. Aircraft history is never ending; there is still so much to learn.

## What are your responsibilities at the museum?

I am the director of Merchandise for IAM. My responsibilities include ensuring the gift shop is stocked and finding new products to sell.

## Do you have any favorite memories at the museum?

One of my favorite memories is putting together the first Haunted Hangar event at Clow in 2020. It was new and something we hadn't done before. I also had fun making decorations for the event.

## What is your favorite aircraft, and why?

The P-51 Mustang. In WWII, the P-51s were flown by the Tuskegee Airmen to protect the B-17 and B-24 bombers. This is a great opportunity and story to show young people that if they want to fly, they can fly.



## - Fun Facts -

I like to play pickleball and  
I am an identical twin!

