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COME AND VISIT US!

We are open every Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 - 2:00. Check out our restoration updates to the Fokker DR1, new exhibits, and discover aviation history.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MAY?

IAM Board Meeting 5/4 | 6:30pm-7:30pm

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EAA 461 - Young Eagles 5/14 | 9:00am-12:00pm (Weather Permitting) FAAS Seminar Cross Country Weather Planning 5/18 | 7:00pm-9:00pm

> IAM at the Naperville Memorial Day Parade 5/30 | 10:30am











April in Review





SO YOU WANT TO LEARN TO FLY

On April 20, Wayne Brazinski, President of JW Aviation flight school, gave an educational presentation on how to get your pilot's license. Wayne also discussed the different aircraft one can fly, how long it will take, and the costs. Overall, it was an excellent evening with a lively Q&A. If you are interested in learning more, Wayne is happy to help. You can contact him here.

Bolingbrook H.S. JrROTC Visits CLOW Airport

The students of Bolingbrook H.S. JrROTC took a field trip on April 4 & 5 to visit CLOW airport. They were greeted by the airport manager, given a tour of the Illinois Aviation Museum, and visited JW Aviation. They had a great time at the airport as they saw the museum's collection and learned more about different aviation careers.







Cavalcade of Planes

Help us at the biggest event of the year on June 4 & 5. Volunteer tasks include helping with merchandise, the Ground Bound and Helo Wagon attractions, and much more. Volunteers get free admission, lunch, and a collectible t-shirt. Sign up for a volunteer shift here.

Weekend Docents

Pass on aviation history by giving guided tours to our visitors. Also, help sell items in our museum gift shop. Contact Bill to get involved <u>here</u>.

Parade Assistance

Get your steps in and help promote the Illinois Aviation Museum by walking with us at community parades. Our next parade is the Naperville Memorial Day Parade on 5/30. Contact IAM's President Larry to get involved here.

Administrative Director

This role is for someone passionate about fundraising to ensure the financial health of our museum. Fundraising activities might include museum promotion, charity event management, securing grants, and much more! Contact IAM's President Larry to learn more here.



Cavalcade of Planes

Save the Date!

June 4th & 5th Cavalcade of planes is back at CLOW airport for another year of aviation thrills. There will be airplanes, food, and fun! This is an event you will not want to miss. To learn more, visit their website here.



Purchase your Cavalcade Admission tickets here.



Fly in the Ford Tri-Motor plane or take a ride in an AT-6. Purchase your tickets here.



CURATOR REPORT

By: Jerry Czupryn

Earlier this month, I finished the Midway Airlines exhibit at the museum. Once Bill and I figured out the wheel positioning on the display cases, filling them went quickly. Everything in the display cases except for a few pictures I found on the internet was donated by Laurie Mack. She was a flight attendant for Midway Airlines. Her story is posted on the display. Saturday, April 9, I invited her to the museum to see the display firsthand. She loved it and told me I did a great job. She lives in Bolingbrook with her husband.

I invited her to come out to Cavalcade.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

MARTI BARTON DIRECTOR OF MARKETING

How long have you been a part of IAM?

I have been a part of the museum since 2004.



What is your role at the museum?

Kent Demuth recruited me because of my contacts at the Chamber of Commerce and my marketing experience. In the beginning, the board and the museum were a fledgling group, and they needed someone to help them get the word out there. In addition, my dad and previous husband were pilots, so I do have an interest in aviation.

Why do you like volunteering at IAM?

As a marketing consultant, I have always loved working with new businesses and organizations to help them get out on the right foot. So many corporations have departments devoted to marketing, but brand new companies do not have that. I love giving them a leg up at the beginning.

Do you have any favorite memories at the museum?

I have so many of them. I loved the haunted hangar back in October; those memories are my most recent. Also, I loved watching the museum grow and being a part of its development.

What is your favorite aircraft, and why?

I do not have a specific favorite aircraft. But, as I said before, my dad was a pilot, and I used to bring him to Charlie's Restaurant at the airport. Being an aircraft identification officer in WWII, my dad could identify every aircraft at the airport and tell me what it was. I loved being a part of that experience with him.

