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Welcome all to the updated IAM newsletter, Hangar 1. In this newsletter, we will recap the month's past events and share the excitement for the month ahead!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN APRIL?

Young Eagles

4/9 | 9:00am-12:00pm
(Weather Permitting)

FAAS Seminar

So, you want to learn how to fly?
4/20 | 7:00pm-9:00pm

Come visit us!

We are open every Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 - 2:00.
There are plenty of exciting exhibits to see and fun for the
whole family.



March Recap

MEMBER MEET AND GREET

On March 23, our members were invited to an exciting evening at IAM. It was a lively time with great food and conversation with fellow members and IAM's Board of Directors. At the event, members were able to sign-up for volunteer opportunities and learn more about the great changes coming to the museum and CLOW airport. If you are interested in becoming a member, or would like to volunteer for upcoming events, contact us [here](#).



A Day in Desert Storm

Mayor of Orland Park, Keith Pekau gave an amazing presentation on March 16 about his time in Desert Storm as an Air Force Weapons System Officer in the F-15E.

Highlights of this seminar included raw footage of his time abroad and the Q & A that followed.





QUICKSILVER

On May 11, 1988 Bridgette Ellis soloed an aircraft at just 9 years old! IAM is honored to display the aircraft she flew, the Quicksilver. On March 26, our volunteers attached the wings and are in the process of hanging the plane from the ceiling. Click the highlighted link below to hear Bridgette's full [story](#) of how she became the youngest person to solo.



WARBIRD SQUADRON 4

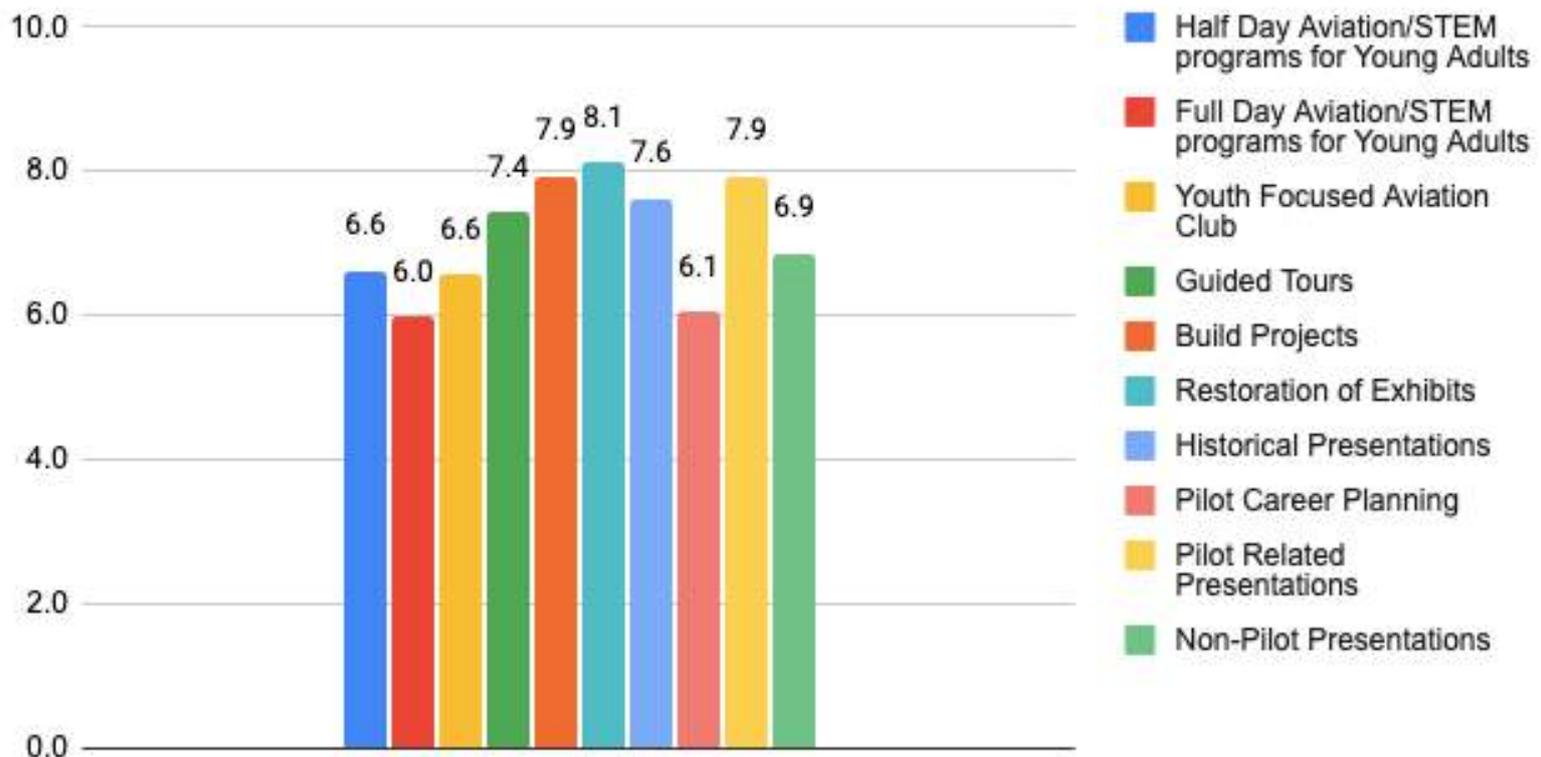
EAA Warbirds Squadron 4 had a great meeting on March 27 at IAM. Their guest speaker, Jana Tobias, gave an awesome presentation on her life as a former Army Blackhawk helicopter pilot, current corporate helicopter pilot, and Miss June for Pin-Ups for Vets.



2022 EVENT INTEREST SURVEY RESULTS

At the beginning of March, a survey was released to museum and community members in an effort to gauge interest in potential programs to be hosted by IAM. Participants were asked to rate ten events on a scale from 1-10, with high scores being the most interested in attending. We received a total of 51 responses. Below is a bar graph depicting each event's average score of interest. Our top three were: Restoration of Exhibits (8.0), Aircraft Build Projects (7.9), and Pilot Related Presentations (7.9). Our museum will use this data to create relevant programs for all to enjoy this year.

Average Score of Interest for Each Event



Coming Soon to CLOW Airport



HOT AIR BALLOON RIDES

Did you every wonder what it is like to ride in a hot air balloon? If so, you are in luck because tethered hot air balloon rides will be coming to the airport soon! Stay tuned for more information on how to register for this unique experience.

CAVALCADE OF PLANES

Hold onto your hats, because Cavalcade of Planes is coming back! This year, June 4 & 5 from 10:00-4:00 experience the highlight of the summer at CLOW airport. Take rides in many different types of aircraft, observe the sights and sounds of aviation, and enjoy the fun.



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TICKETS CLICK [HERE](#).
INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING WITH IAM AT
CAVALCADE OF PLANES? REGISTER [HERE](#).

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

JERRY CZUPRYN MUSEUM CURATOR



How long have you been a part of the Illinois Aviation Museum?

4 years

What is your role at the museum?

I am the volunteer museum curator

Why do you like volunteering at IAM?

I love military aviation and I was asked by Larry if I could help out and be the curator here. It all got started because Larry does my heating and A/C and he saw my displays at my house.

What is your favorite part about IAM?

I think that it is really cool meeting people who donate the stuff to our museum. I will go on trips to meet them and pick-up the donations.

What is your favorite aircraft and why?

The TBM avenger. It is a very unique plane and I have flown in Tom Buck's 6 times. Between flying with him and attending the big TBM avenger reunion down in Peru, IL. I just love it. I got to see 10 Avengers planes at the reunion and meet people. I also went to Ohio with my wife and daughter to attend an Avenger gathering out there. I have been involved with the Avenger plane for more than 10 years.

