

The Squadron EAA Warbird Squadron 4 News



A newsletter for Squadron members and friends of Warbird aircraft.

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**Squadron 4 Meeting
January Awards Dinner and
Membership Drive**

Our date for the January Awards dinner is set for Saturday night, January 20th. Big plans are in place for a terrific event. We will have as our keynote speaker, an aviation icon that will give us a pictorial tour of some of his memorable flying experiences. This is a don't miss event! In conjunction with the dinner, we will be conducting a recruiting campaign for new members and we ask that you invite anyone that would like to become part of this great group of aviation enthusiasts known as Squadron 4. A silent auction containing some special items will also be conducted. Anyone purchasing a dinner ticket will not only receive a first class meal, hear a presentation on some exciting flying experiences, be eligible for some great door prizes, but also they will receive a raffle ticket for a warbird ride in a P-51 Mustang! Yes I said a P-51 Mustang! Additional raffle tickets for the warbird ride and door prizes will be available for purchase. Didn't I tell you this is a no miss event? So plan on attending now and be a part of a dynamic and fabulous night out. The details for this event are as follows:

**Where: William Tell Holiday Inn
6201 Joliet Rd. Countryside, Ill.
When: Sat. Jan. 20th 2001
5:00 PM - Cocktails
(Cash bar will be available)
6:00 PM - Dinner
Cost: \$40.00 Per Person
To R.S.V.P. contact:
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The C.O.'s Desk

PAST YEAR.

HAPPY NEW YEAR ONE AND ALL !
THE OLDER WE GET THE MORE FREQUENTLY WE
SEEM TO HEAR "WHERE DID THE TIME GO".
IT FEELS LIKE IT WAS A MATTER OF JUST DAYS
AGO WE WERE CELEBRATING THE MILLENNIUM.

THE NEXT BIG FUNCTION FOR US WILL BE THE
ANNUAL DINNER COMING UP LATER THIS MONTH.
ALL OF THE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW LATER IN THIS
NEWS LETTER. THE BOARD MEMBERS HAVE
BEEN VERY BUSY PUTING THE FINISHING
TOUCHES ON THIS DINNER AND THE REST OF THE
SCHEDULE
FOR 2001.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO PUT OUT A PERSONAL
CHALLENGE TO EACH MEMBER TO SPONSOR ONE
NEW MEMBER FOR THE NEW YEAR. FLYING,
FAMILY, FOOD AND FUN WILL BE OUR GOAL FOR
THE UPCOMING YEAR. PERHAPS YOU CAN MAKE IT
YOURS AS WELL.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT DURING THE

**BE SAFE OUT THERE! And "Keep Em Flying"
Jim Delaney - The C.O.**

Recap of Squadron 4 Meeting



Saturday Nov. 25, 2000

The November meeting of Warbird Squadron 4 was held at Aurora airport. Even though it was a chilly and windy day we still had a good turnout of members. This was our 2nd annual "Salute To Veterans " and we were honored to have as our guest speakers, Capt. Jack Hayes, a WWII USAAF B-17 pilot, Lt. Col. Henry Leser, a WWII USAAF B-24 pilot and our squadron member

and Desert Storm veteran, Lt. Bruce Graham. Thank you to these veterans for their service to our country and for their generosity in sharing some of their experiences with us.

Due to circumstances beyond our control we experienced a few problems with our meeting timetable and food service. But things worked out fine due to the following individuals. Kermit Carlson of Chapter 579 for making a special trip to the airport to open the hangar in the nick of time, the C.O. for his foresight in having a couple of pots of chili available for lunch and also Regina for cooking up the chili during the meeting. Thank you one and all , you saved the day!

Squadron 4 - 2001 Annual Dues Statement

The annual dues of \$25.00 are due by Jan. 31, 2001. Anyone not submitting their payment by the 31st will be removed from the squadron's mailing list. A payment form is included in this newsletter. PLEASE FILL OUT ALL THE INFORMATION ON THE FORM - ESPECIALLY YOUR E.A.A. GENERAL AND WARBIRD MEMBER NUMBERS. E-mail addresses are optional. The dues can be paid at the annual dinner on Jan. 20th. Please bring your completed form if you plan on paying at the dinner. or mail it to the address on the form.

Squadron 4 Centerfold

This month's centerfold is a collection of some of the individuals that made 2000 a great year for our squadron. A special thanks go to the pilots that brought aircraft to our outings this year. They are Tom Buck and his TBM "Avenger", Will Martin and his T-34, Craig Payne and his "Nanchang", Rudy Frasca and his T-34, Rick Sigfried and his AT-6 , Capt. Chuck Downey and his Meyers OTW, the crew from Kenosha Wis. that brought in that "new" TBM and those fine AT-6's and to "Doc" Hilson for the Warbird rides in The B-25 "Barbie III".

Squadron 4 Year 2000 Calendar of Events

**The following dates , except for the
January dinner**

which is confirmed, are tentatively planned for 2001

<i>Sat. Jan 20, 2001</i>	Annual Awards Dinner
<i>Sun. Mar. 25, 2001</i>	Quarterly Meeting
<i>Sat. Jun. 23, 2001</i>	Quarterly meeting
<i>Aug. ? 2001</i>	Annual BBQ
<i>Sun. Sept. 23, 2001</i>	Quarterly meeting

Sun. Nov. 25, 2001

Quarterly meeting

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Trip to Pensacola

Potential Future Squadron Events Speakers

Warbird air racers, Flying the Hump In C-47's, Flying the B-36, P-38 Mechanic, Local Private Aircraft Collections tours are a few of the events the board of directors are in the process of scheduling for future dates. If you have any suggestions or access to other interesting programs or speakers let the C.O. know.

We are on The Web!

To view our web site via the E.A.A. site, access the local warbird squadron's link and select Squadron 4 or visit our site directly at www.geocities.com/winston1958/. If you have any comments, possible additions or suggestions for our web site contact Brian Churchill (see officers), or leave an E-mail at the site.

WWII Trivia



What significance did the poem "Ode To Autumn" Play in WWII?

Answer: The second line of the poem authored by French poet Paul Verlaine, "Pierce my heart with a dull langour," was the key phrase broadcast by the BBC to inform the French underground of the D-day invasion. The Germans intercepted the message but believed the Allies would be too stupid to broadcast such an important message over the BBC.



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