

The Squadron

EAA Warbird Squadron 4 News



A newsletter for Squadron members and friends of Warbird aircraft



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Squadron 4 Meeting

Saturday March 25, 2000

Joliet Regional Airport

The next scheduled meeting of Squadron 4 will be held at "COL." Tom Buck's hanger at the Joliet Airport and we will be profiling the TBM Avenger. Tom will have his TBM Avenger available for an up close inspection of this great aircraft. Weather permitting, Tom will also take to the air to give us a chance to see this spectacular Warbird in action. For those of you that like the sound of the big old radials, this is a must see and hear experience. So please join us on March 25th. We look forward to seeing you there. The airport is located 3 miles north of I-80 on I-55 approximately 1/4 mile east of I-55 (exit 253 east) on State Route 52. Please park in the lot outside the hangar area on the northeast end of the airport, next to the hangars. Tom's hangar is at the end of the last row of hangars on the east end.

March 25th Meeting Details

Where: Joliet Regional Airport

I-55 and Rt. 52

Joliet, Illinois

When: Saturday March 25, 2000

11:00 - Arrivals and Socializing

12:00 - Lunch

12:45 - 15:00 - Aircraft Profile,

Flying Demonstration and

"Hanger Flying"

Cost: \$10.00 Per Person

Includes Lunch and Raffle

Guest Speaker: TBA

Pre-paid orders will be taken for Squadron 4 shirts at this outing. A small number of hats will also be available for purchase.

The C.O.'s Desk

The C.O's Desk is currently unoccupied.

Keep Em' Flying

January 28th Annual Dinner Recap

The first meeting of Squadron 4 for the year 2000 took place on Friday, Jan. 28th at the William Tell Hotel in Countryside, Illinois. There were approximately 50 members and guests attending the dinner. We enjoyed a wonderful evening with some great food, an open bar, and a special and spectacular video and presentation by our guest speaker, Lt. Col. Fred Olivi, the co-pilot of the B-29 "Bockscar". We viewed a video narrated by Col. Olivi about the special handling and loading of the Atomic bomb that ended World War II . Col. Olivi was very gracious and extremely generous with his time by answering many questions from the audience. Col. Olivi was very kind in remaining after his presentation to personally autograph his new book, Decision at Nagasaki, for everyone that purchased it. Our sincerest thanks to Col. Olivi for his service to this country and also for his contributions to our Squadron.

NOTE: Col. Olivi is tentatively scheduled to appear on Milt Rosenberg's WGN radio show (720 AM on the dial) on Monday, March 27th at 09:00 P.M. with other WWII Aviators.

World War II Odds & Ends

Q: Who were the members of the "Goldfish Club" and how did you qualify as a member?

A: The Goldfish club consisted of Allied fighter pilots that ditched their aircraft and were rescued from the saltwater seas off the British coast. They received an unofficial patch with a winged Goldfish on it.

Q: How can you tell if there is a fighter pilot at a party?

A: He'll tell you !!

Oshkosh "AirVenture 2000"

Just a short reminder that our E.A.A AirVenture chairman Jim Delany will be one again seeking volunteers to help with the setup and manning of the Warbirds recruiting tent during the annual Oshkosh event. Jim says that the time prior to and during the convention are filled with many exciting Warbird activities. There are a number of special events and free outings available to Warbird volunteers to make the time spent very worthwhile. Check with Jim at our next meeting and he can fill you in on the details.

Squadron 4 Y2K (Year 2000)

Calendar of Events

The following dates and events are tentative and subject to change.

Saturday, Mar. 25, 2000: Quarterly Meeting Jolirt Airport - TBM Avenger Profile

Saturday, June 24, 2000: Rantoul Airfield Flu-In & Drive-In

Saturday, Sept. 23, 2000: Quarterly Meeting - Primary and advanced trainers and liaison aircraft profiles

Saturday, Nov. 25, 2000: 2nd Annual Military Aviation Veterans Forum

Dues Notice !!!

The annual dues for membership in Squadron 4 are past due. This will be the last newsletter for those individuals who are not paid up. For those who have already paid their dues, we thank you, and your new ID's will be mailed shortly. A [renewal form](#) and [merchandise order](#) forms are included with the newsletter for your convenience.

Warbird Squadron 4 Photo Album

