

# The Squadron EAA Warbird Squadron 4 News



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A Newsletter for Squadron Members and Friends of Warbird Aircraft  
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**Squadron 4 Gathering  
Chanute Aviation Museum  
Rantoul, Illinois  
Saturday, June 24, 2000**



## Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum

The next meeting of Squadron 4 will take place on Saturday, June 24th, 2000. It will be a fly-in\ drive-in, and we will be visiting the Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum located at the Rantoul National Aviation Center Airfield. This airfield was the location of a major Air Force technical training base until it was closed on Sept. 30, 1993. Many of the aircraft and mockups that are on display were either used for training or built by retired training technicians that worked on the base. The museum occupies 126,000 square feet of a World War II hangar. On display are many aircraft that were carried in the Air Force inventory. Among them are a B-25, C47-D, B-47, F105, RF-4 Phantom, F-111A, F-15, AT-6, P51-H, B-58, UH-1B Huey, T-33, A-4, F-104, replicas of a Curtis Jenny and the Spirit Of St. Louis, plus a number of other

### **Squadron 4 Meeting**

**Where: Octave Chanute Aviation Museum  
Rantoul, Illinois**

**When: Sat., June 24, 2000  
10:00A.M. - Museum open  
11:00 A.M. - Meeting 12:00 P.M. - Lunch  
5:00P.M. - Museum closes**

**Cost: \$5.00 per Person**  
Includes lunch only

**Museum Admission Fee  
(Payable to museum)  
Adults 18 or older - \$5.00**

Seniors (62 or older) and Retired Military - \$ 4.00  
Children (K-12) - \$3.00 Child under 4 - Free

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Please make checks payable to E.A.A. Warbird Squadron 4  
Squadron hats will be available at the meeting.

See maps for flying or driving information.

### **The C.O.'s Desk**

Hi, everyone! For those of you that haven't heard the news, my new job for the squadron is C.O., taking over from Bob. I look forward to the challenge of following in the footsteps and continuing the eloquent style of Bob Molinets and witty humor of Will Martin. As we move into year 7 of operations as a squadron, there seems to be no stopping us. This has been possible because of the input and support of all of you. The middle of the year is just about here, and we have some nice events planned for the second half of year 2000, as shown in this newsletter. As I write on this Memorial Day, I look outside to see the flags flying and the sun shining brightly. What

transport aircraft, jet fighters, missiles, and a nose section from a B-52 that can be entered and examined up close. Also available are a number of special exhibits including engine cutaways, missile silos, a history of Air force uniforms, the Frasca room displaying flight simulators, and the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame of which one of our members, Ted Koston, is a member. So you can see that there are plenty of things to make the trip worthwhile. Maps, airport information, and details are covered in another section of this newsletter. See you there!!

### **"Keep em' Flying"**

a great day! Until next time, keep 'em level, greasy side down. **Jim Delaney The C.O.**

### **We are on The Web!**

The squadron has a new member on the board of directors. We would like to welcome Brian Churchill on board as our Communications Officer. Brian has been hard at work developing a web site for Squadron 4. Although it is still a work in progress, it looks mighty impressive with all the information and pictures Brian has assembled so far. He even has us linked up with the E.A.A. home site. 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/](http://www.geocities.com/winston1958/)

### **March Meeting Recap**

Our March meeting was held at Tom Buck's hangar at the Joliet Airport. The featured aircraft was Tom's TBM Avenger. What an awesome warbird! The sound of that huge radial engine was music to our ears. Tom gave a very interesting talk about his experiences with this fascinating warbird. We would like to thank Tom for his hospitality as our host for the day. Also, a big thank you to Mark Adamic for displaying some of his collection of historical military equipment and documents. Mark has been a great contributor to the success of many of our outings with very interesting displays of military items he owns. Thanks again, Tom and Mark, for your enthusiasm and support.

### **Annual BBQ**

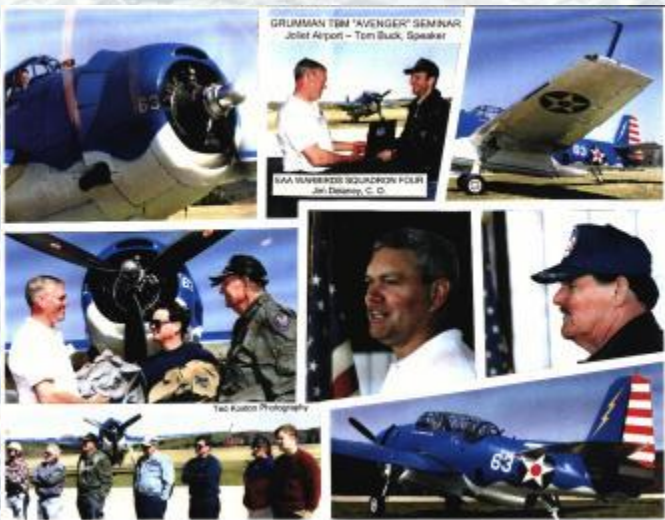
Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 12, 2000. We will be having our annual fly-in\drive-in BBQ at Joliet Airport. It will be held at Tom Buck's hangar located in the last row of hangars on the northeast side of the airport. Please park outside the hangar area. His hangar is on the end nearest the field. Food and drink will be provided. Bring lawn chairs. Festivities will begin at

11:00 A.M. The cost per person will be \$10.00.

## Oshkosh "Air Adventure 2000"

Just a short reminder that our E.A.A. Air Adventure chairman, Jim Delaney, will be once again seeking volunteers to help with the setup on July 22 & 23 and manning of the Warbirds recruiting tent during the annual Oshkosh event which runs from July 26 thru August 1. Jim says that the times 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 Centerfold



Once again the "Old Salt", Navy photographer Ted Koston, has provided us with an excellent centerfold for this newsletter. Great work, Ted, and thank you for your input!

## Squadron 4 Year 2000 Calendar of Events

The following dates and events are planned for 2000:

- Sat., June 24, 2000** Rantoul Airfield Fly-in & Drive-in
- July 26 - Aug. 1** AirVenture - Oshkosh, Wisc.
- Sat., Aug.12, 2000** Annual BBQ - Joliet Airport
- Sat., Sept .23, 2000** Quarterly Meeting Aurora Airport.

Primary and Advanced Trainers and



## In Memory

It is with deep regret that we report the passing of Jody Cardella. Jody was an administrator at the Air Classics Museum and was a major factor in our association with the museum. The members of Squadron 4 will miss her enthusiasm and friendly smile. Our condolences go out to Jody's family and to her friends and co-workers at Air Classics.

Liaison Aircraft profiles

**Sat., Nov. 25, 2000**

2nd Annual Military Aviation Veterans Forum

**Fri., Jan 26, 2001**

Annual Awards Dinner

## Other Aviation Events



**Sat., July 15, 2000**

**OX-5 and Cross & Cockade Joint Fly-in\Drive-in picnic** will be held at Waters Airfield in Dwight, Ill. This event is open to all aviation enthusiasts. Guests are welcome. An old-fashioned country cookout spread will be served at lunchtime. The food is supposed to be outstanding. A number of antique aircraft are expected to attend. Call Ted Koston at 708-344-1464 for more details.

**Sept.30 & Oct.1,2000**  
Ohio ( tentative)

Trip to Air Force Museum Dayton,





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