

# 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 Meeting

**Where: Aurora Municipal Airport, Sugar  
Grove, Illinois  
@ EAA Chapter 579 Hanger**

## Squadron 4 Meeting Saturday, September 23rd, 2000

The next scheduled meeting of Squadron 4 will take place on Saturday, September 23rd, 2000. This meeting will highlight the contributions of the liaison and training aircraft of the U.S. armed forces. Anyone flying a PT, BT, AT, SNJ, T-Bird or L-Bird is welcome to join us for a day dedicated to these aircraft. The details of the meeting are as follows:

**When: Saturday, September 23rd, 2000  
11:00 A.M. - Arrival, 11:30 A.M. - Meeting, 12:00 P.M. -  
Lunch  
1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. - Aircraft Displays and  
Socializing**

**Cost: \$10.00 per Person**

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

"Keep Em Flying" and see you at Aurora!

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

Hi, Everyone, hope everything is going well. For those of you not able to attend the last event, you missed a good one. Special thanks to Tom Buck for hosting the Squadron BBQ at his hanger at Joliet (JOL). The weather was great, as was the turnout of members and aircraft. Thanks to Rudy, Will, Tom, Rick, Keith, Jack, Capt. Downey and the Wisconsin contingent for bringing out the iron. I hope I didn't forget anybody.

It's hard to believe the Air Venture 2000 was 4 weeks ago. It Seems just the other day many of us were hanging around the Warbird area trading stories and catching up on things. As usual, we had a great turnout of people and aircraft. Looking back at the week, I'll bet Squadron 4 had more members at Oshkosh the any other Warbird Squadron. Special thanks goes to Brian and Diane Churchill, Wille Gohs and the rest of the volunteers in Squadron 4 for helping in the Warbird area; especially, rebuilding the Warbird huts, aircraft location sign post, installing the new ceiling fan in the Warbird store and opening/closing the Warbird huts everyday. As for the details of the air show, I'll leave it up to the upcoming issues of Warbird Magazine.

Please pay special attention to the schedule of upcoming events listed in this newsletter. Put them on your calendar NOW! Thank you for your support. Until next time, keep 'em level, greasy side down. **Jim Delaney The C.O.**

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

To view our WEB site via the E.A.A. site, access the local Warbird Squadrons link and select Squadron 4 or visit our site directly at [www.geocities.com/winston1958/](http://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.

## **Squadron 4 Centerfold**

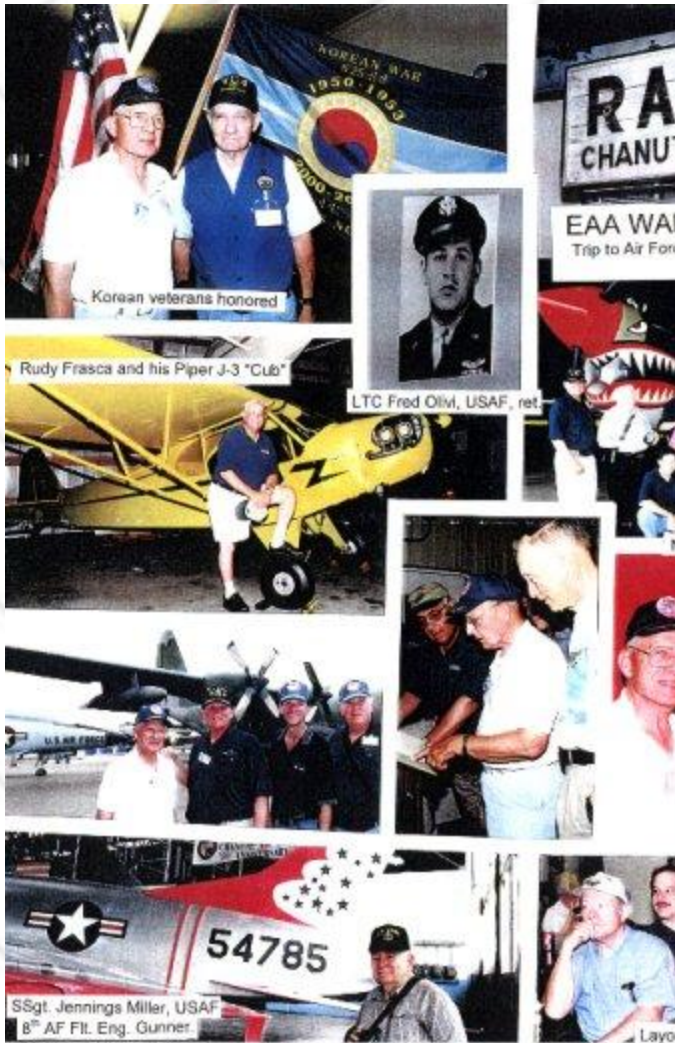
## **Recap of Squadron 4 Gathering Chanute Aviation Museum Rantoul, Illinois Saturday, June 24th, 2000**

About 20 members of Squadron 4 gathered Saturday, June 24th, 2000, at the Chanute Aviation Museum in Rantoul, Illinois. On display were many aircraft that were carried in the Air Force inventory. Among the are a B-25, C-47-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 Curtiss Jenny and the Sprit of St. Louis, plus 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. We arrived around 10:30 A.M. and proceeded to view some of the aircraft and exhibits. We then broke for lunch that was delivered to the museum for us by Brian and Diane Churchill. Thanks Brian and Diane for taking care of the food! After lunch we attended the opening of a new section honoring Korean War veterans. One of our own members and Korean War Corsair pilot, Col. John Geuss, was given the honor of cutting the ribbon to open the exhibit. Rudy Frasca flew up in his T-24 Mentor and invited everyone back to his airfield and museum to view his aircraft and his new project in process, an FW-190 replica. All in all it, was great event, and everyone had an excellent time. Thanks go to Rudy Frasca for the personally directed tour of his facilities and aircraft and to the Chanute Aviation Museum for their hospitality.

## **Annual BBQ Recap**

What a day we enjoyed for our annual BBQ at Joliet! We had about thirty members and guests attend the fun and festivities. There were plenty of Warbirds in attendance also. They included al L-3, a Stearman, two T-34's, three AT-6's an SNJ, a Meyers OTW, and two, yes I said two, flying in formation TBM Avengers. We also had a guest, Bill Morris, bring his classic mint condition 1929 Piece – Arrow automobile. It was a fantastic turnout and a beautiful day for a BBQ and for flying. Thanks to all the pilots and Tom Buck for a great turnout of Warbirds.

### Other Aviation Events



Once again the "Old Salt", Navy photographer Ted Koston, has provided us with an excellent centerfold for this newsletter. Thanks again Ted. This is a great tribute to the aviation veterans of WWI, WWII and Korea and the new members of the Illinois Military Aviation Hall of Fame.!

## Squadron 4 Year 2000 Calendar of Events

The following dates and events are planned for 2000:

**Sat., Sept. 23, 2000**      Quarterly Meeting Aurora Airport.  
Trainers      Primary and Advanced  
and Liaison Aircraft profiles

**Sat., Sept. 30, - Oct. 1, 2000**      Trip to Wright Patterson USAF Museum

**Sat., Nov. 25, 2000**      2nd Annual Military Aviation



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