



THE SQUADRON

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Squadron 4 Meeting Sunday September 15, 2002

The next scheduled meeting of squadron 4 will take place on Sunday September 15, 2002. The event planned is a fly-in/drive-in to Tim Bauer's property in Lindenwood, Illinois. Lindenwood is approximately halfway between I-88 and I-90 on Interstate I-39. Tim's property is on the west side of I-39. For those that are driving to this event, there is not an exit at Lindenwood off I-39. Please follow the directions appearing on page 2 for access to Tim's location. **For any aircraft attending this outing, please be advised that there are power lines located at the south end of the airstrip.** An approach from the North is recommended unless wind conditions prohibit it. A rain date of Sept. 22nd is in place in case of bad weather on Sept. 15th.

Where: Tim Bauer's Home
17050 Lindenwood
Lindenwood, Illinois
815-393-3932

When: Sunday Sept. 15, 2002
11:00 AM - Arrival
12:00 PM - Lunch

Cost: \$10.00 Per Person - Members
\$12.00 Per Person - Non Members
Fly-in Pilots -Free

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The C.O.'s Desk

Another AirVenture is in the books and from all accounts, it was a success. To me it seems as though the attendance was off a bit. That may be because the Warbird area has gained a lot more space. So it appears to absorb man and machine.

The tally of aircraft during the week was actually up from last year. Our group was well represented in aircraft as well as volunteers. We had members in parking, camping, food prep, sales, driving the trams and buildings/grounds maintenance. In addition to that we still had people working the Warbird tent and flying in the airshow.

If any of you have been thinking of volunteering in the future, certainly let us know as we always have room for more. It really is an enjoyable way to spend a little time with your comrades and advance the spirit of the warbirds: "KEEP 'EM FLYING".

Before going further here, I want to personally thank all the volunteers from Squadron 4 who donated time and money for the "convention".

As the summer winds down we still have some nice events to finish out the flying season, including the annual dinner this January.

One last piece of business I'd like to discuss is the search for the next C.O. of our squadron. My tenure as C.O. will be up January 1st. If you would like to nominate yourself or another good nominee call me at 630-773-5211 or one of the other board members.

See ya at the next outing: Sept 15th Meeting at Tim Bauer's "International Airport" in Lindenwood IL.

Keep 'em flying !!

Jim Delaney, C.O.

Recap of Squadron 4 BBQ

Sunday Aug. 11, 2002

It was another great turnout for the squadron's annual BBQ at the Joliet airport. There were a number of new faces and aircraft attending the outing this year. The outing saw a number of warbirds. There were a number of AT-6's, one of which was flown by one of our members, Rick Siegfried. Rick's dad also flew in his Stearman.

Craig Payne brought in his Nanchang, Will Martin's T-34 was there also. And flying in from Valparaiso, Indiana was a group of warbirds owned by Jim Read from the Indiana Warbird museum located at the Valparaiso airport. Jim and his crew brought in a T-34, a T-28, and Jim flew in his P-51 Mustang "Excalibur".

The event was once again hosted by "Col." Tom Buck. Tom had his TBM Avenger on static display because it was undergoing an annual. Tom had his SNJ in the air for a number of warbird rides. Flying with Tom was our good buddy and Navy vet., Bob Van Pelt, our XO, Mark Laatsch, and also Stacy Kolls' husband Darren. The flight in the SNJ was Darren's first ride in an airplane and what a great aircraft for your first flight. Members Matt and Chris Huffnes drove in in one of Matt's WW2 Jeeps. Matt and Chris are reenactors appearing at many of EAA events. Mark Adamec added a nice touch with a selection from his collection of WW2 artifacts.

Thanks to all those warbird pilots and displays that made the day a great success. Thanks also to Stacy and Darren Kolls for their organizing of the food menu and their work with the cooking duties. And a tremendous amount of thanks to the host and SNJ pilot, Tom Buck, for his contributions to Squadron 4. It was another great outing!

Bulletin Board

A reminder that the members of Squadron 4 have once again been invited to a Fly-in\ Drive outing\ BBQ at Capt. Chuck Downey's home and hangar at the Poplar Grove airport in Belvidere, Illinois on Saturday Oct. 12, 2002. There is plenty of parking for aircraft on Chuck's property located right on the airport. His home\hangar is accessible from both the runway and the residential street. His address is 2822 Stinson, Poplar Grove, Ill. 61065. A rain date of Sun. Oct. 13 is scheduled in case of bad weather.



Note!!!

Mark your calendars for the next meeting on Sunday Nov. 17th at Aurora airport. Our annual Squadron 4 Dinner will take place on Sat. Jan 18th, 2003 at the William Tell Holiday Inn in Countryside, Ill.