

The Squadron EAA Warbird Squadron 4 News





A newsletter for Squadron members and friends of Warbird aircraft.

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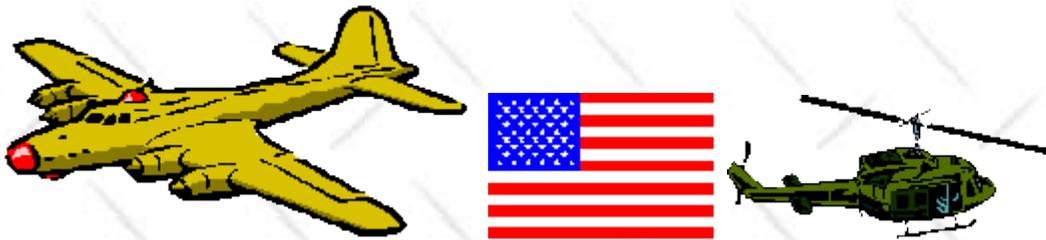
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Squadron 4 Meeting
Saturday, Nov. 25th, 2000
Annual Veterans Forum

The next scheduled meeting of Squadron 4 will take place on Saturday, Nov. 25th, 2000. This will be our annual salute to aviation veterans. This meeting will highlight the contributions of the pilots, crew members, and support personnel of the U.S. Armed Forces. The details of the meeting are as follows:

Where: Aurora Municipal Airport
Sugar Grove, Illinois
EAA Chapter 579 Hangar

When: Sat. Nov. 25th, 2000
11:00 AM - Arrival
11:30 AM - Meeting
12:00 PM - Lunch
12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Veterans Forum
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 and
orders can be taken for Squadron 4 shirts.

"Keep Em Flying" and see you at Aurora!



The C.O.'s Desk

Greetings, everyone! I hope everything is going well in your lives. Having just attended a board meeting, I can report to you that things look bright for 2001. We discussed the final event for this year and the event schedule for 2001. Plans for new featured aircraft presence, pancake breakfasts, a trip to Pensacola Naval Air Museum plus other events are in the works. The Nov 25th meeting is a **Veterans Forum** and is open to member Vets and friends or family members who wish to tell our group a brief story about their experiences. If you would like to invite someone to share a story, please call me at work at 630-773-5211 before 6:00 PM. The annual dinner will be moved from a Friday night to a Saturday evening, January 20, 2001. The switch to Saturday was to lessen the impact of rushing around in bad weather after work. The dinner will be held again at the William Tell Holiday Inn in Countryside, Ill. Also the meetings will be moved to Sunday for the upcoming year. We'll try it for a while and see how it goes.

Thanks again for your continued support. Be safe during these final few flying weeks and as always.....
"Keep' em level, greasy side down! **Jim Delany - The C.O.**

Recap of Squadron 4 Meeting Saturday, Sept. 23, 2000



Although we had some nasty flying weather for the day, we had a number of members attend the September meeting. The featured aircraft were the L-birds, and trainers but the weather did not cooperate for any of these aircraft to attend. We will try to reschedule this format sometime in the future. Our thanks go to Mark Laatsch for giving an informative presentation on L- birds and also to Craig Payne for arranging the spread for lunch. Although Ray Hillson and the "Weary Warriors" just about cleaned us out of door prizes, Ray was very kind in offering the warbird raffle ride in his B-25, "Barbie III", which was won by one of our newest members, Chris Huffness. Congratulations, Chris, and our sincerest thanks to "Doc" and his crew for the warbird ride.

**Who is an American Ace that was never in the military?
See the item about the January dinner!**

**Recap of trip to Air Force Museum
"Dawn Patrol Weekend"**



The bus trip to Dayton and Wright-Patterson Field for the Dawn Patrol weekend was a huge success. 30 people were members of our bus group. Rick Diekman did a fantastic job organizing this outing and a great job of providing us with many creature comforts on the bus. Thank you, Rick, for an outstanding trip! We enjoyed a great array of aircraft and displays. In addition to all the great aircraft that are included in the museum's inventory, the museum grounds were covered with excellent examples of WWI era aircraft, autos, static military displays and flying models of the aircraft of the First World War. There were aircraft and models flying continuously throughout the two days. One of the highlights of the trip was a chance to visit the "Bockscar" and take some pictures with Lt. Col. Fred Olivi and the aircraft he co-piloted on the Nagasaki mission. Col. Olivi also took time to discuss some details of the mission for our group. Our thanks to Col. Olivi for his generous gift of his time and for sharing a piece of history with us.

Hey, the "Old Salt", Navy photographer Ted Koston has come through again. This month's centerfold is a great cross section of the activities at the "Dawn Patrol" event. Ted had said that he took only 16 rolls of film at this event and narrowed this display down to 78 pictures. Since we are very limited on the space for the centerfold he condensed it down to the great selection you see. Thanks again, Ted, for your time, talent, and dedication to Squadron 4. "How about one for the West Coast?"

Squadron 4 Year 2000 Calendar of Events

The following dates, except for the January dinner which is confirmed, are tentatively planned for 2001:

Sat., Jan. 20, 2001 Annual Awards Dinner

Sun., Mar. 24, 2001 Quarterly Meeting

Sun., June 24, 2001 Quarterly meeting

Aug. ? 2001 Annual BBQ

Sun., Sept. 23, 2001 Quarterly meeting

Sun., Nov. 25, 2001 Quarterly meeting

???????? Trip to Pensacola

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. 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 they will also receive a raffle ticket for a Warbird ride in a P-51 Mustang! Yes, I said a P-51 Mustang! Didn't I tell you this will be a no-miss event! So mark those calendars now, and be a part of a dynamic and fabulous night out. The details for this event will be in the next newsletter.

Welcome New Members!

The squadron would like to officially welcome the following new members:

Tim Dunavin
Christopher Huffnes
Stacy Kolls

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.warbirdsquadron4.org 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 did the nickname of "George" refer to in WWII bombers?



Answer: The auto-pilot.

Photo Album

Pictured below are some of the classics at the "Dawn Patrol" weekend



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