



THE SQUADRON

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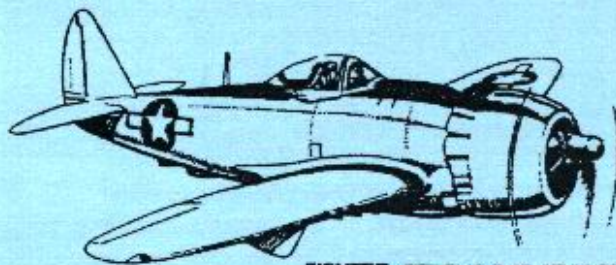
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FIGHTER REPUBLIC P-47 "THUNDERBOLT"
ONE OF THE TOUGHEST, MOST POWERFUL
PISTON-ENGINE FIGHTERS EVER PRODUCED.

Squadron 4 Meeting Sunday November 24, 2002

The next scheduled meeting of squadron 4 will take place on Sunday Nov. 24, 2002 in the Luminair Hangar at the Aurora Municipal airport. Just a note to remind everyone that the Luminair hangar is located across the street from the Luminair main office, right next to the main parking area so there is no need to enter the tarmac area if you are arriving by auto.. This is our annual salute to all veterans. We will have a WWII P-47 Pilot, Maj. Michael Titre, as our featured speaker. Maj. Titre served in the 9th Airforce, 405th Fighter Group and he completed 58 combat missions between 1944 and 1945. After WWII he was trained as a meteorologist for the Airforce and was the chief meteorologist for the Berlin airlift operation .He served as a CFI for the Korean Airforce during the Korean war. He also has experience flying the RB-66 "Destroyer", a medium jet bomber that was later used as a ECM platform in Vietnam. Thanks to Ray Hilson and the Barbie III crew for the use of their hangar space .See you there!

**Where: Luminair Hangar
Aurora Municipal Airport
Sugar Grove, Illinois**

**When: Sunday Nov. 24, 2003
11:00 AM - Arrival 11:30 AM - Meeting
12:00 PM - Lunch
1:00 PM - Presentation**

**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

When your involved in flying and warbirds as we all are a lot depends on weather ,as you may expect. Well it seems as of late anyway, that the weather gods are against us. It all started with the outing at Tim's place where we had early clouds and a stiff breeze. The next week some of us were at a little gathering the Plano guys put together. That's where we had to deal with gusty winds and low ceilings. Fortunately there were a group of reenactors that put on nice show to keep things moving while we waited for the weather to break. Shortly after that Capt. Downey hosted the group for a brat bust at his place in Poplar Grove. Even there it initially looked pretty good for a while but that soon changed to drizzle and nasty looking clouds just ask our former boss Will Martin. Through it all we still managed to have a good time. For the group we have one last meeting scheduled at the Aurora A/P on Nov.24. Just as in the past we will feature a veteran forum to share personal experiences with the group. At this point we have some P-47 guys lined up. One last item is to organize a trip to Reno in 2003. Let us know what you think. **KEEP'EM LEVEL GREASY SIDE DOWN!**

Keep em flying!
The C.O. - Jim Delancy

Recap of Squadron 4 Quarterly Meeting Sun Sept. 15, 2002 - Tim Bauer's fly-in

Our inaugural fly-in event held at Tim Bauer's property on Sept. 15th was a wonderful success. The barbeque was excellent , thanks to Tim's brother-in-law, Dennis McConville, and we had a few visitors who arrived by plane as well as those that arrived by auto. Around 50 people attended the function. Bob McConnell gave Barb Bauer , Tim's wife and Brian Churchill rides in his beautiful Stearman., Others who also joined our company were a Weatherly 210B flown by Wayne Page, A Cessna 172 flown by Dave Mitok, a 7AC champ, and a R22 helicopter. There was a fabulous formation fly-by from a group of 3 T-6's and a CJ-6 from Poplar Grove. Carlos Santiago did a 10 minute aerobatic show in his Pitts. We had other fly-by's including Will Martin in his T-34 Mentor. Not all aircraft landed at Tim's airstrip but we are hoping that next year they will all drop in. This was a memorable time for us all. (Submitted by Diane and Brian Churchill)

WWII Trivia



What was the " Old Exterminator" ?
Answer on bottom of next page

BBQ at Capt. Chuck Downey's Poplar Grove Home\ Hangar

Captain Downey's BBQ on Oct.12th at his home at the Poplar Grove airport was quite enjoyable despite the uncooperative weather. The hangar flying, on the other hand, was very entertaining. Will Martin and Ron Molinets did fly in Will's T-34 but left early due to an incoming weather front. The food, thanks to Stacy Kolls and her friend Nicole, among others, was excellent. All of us were delightfully engaged in the socializing with the company, which included many of Capt. Downey's neighbors and friends as well as squadron members. Our thanks and appreciation is extended to Capt. Downey for his generosity and hope that the weather will be friendlier next year. (Submitted by Diane and Brian Churchill)

Bulletin Board

Welcome new members :

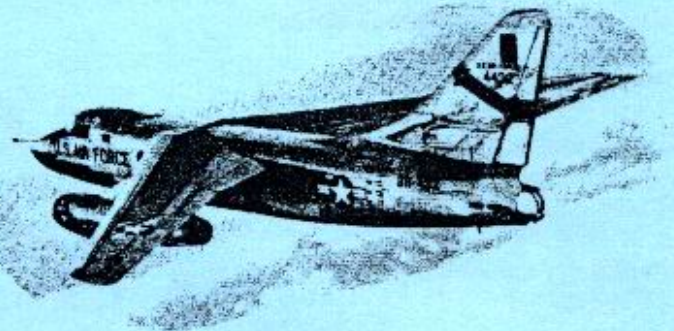
Joe Naebe - Belvidere, Ill.
Bob and Gretchen McConnell - Naperville, Ill.

Sat. Oct. 26, 2002 - P-38 "Glacier Girl"
The P-38 Lightning "Glacier Girl" that was ditched in Greenland with seven other planes including two B-17's in 1942 and was recovered from 250 feet below the surface of a glacier took it's first flight after 50 years below the ice and 10 years of restoration. It is now on public display at the Middlesboro airport in Middlesboro, Kentucky.

(Submitted By Stacy Kolls)

Congratulations to our Warbird ride raffle winners:
P-51 Mustang-Mark Kohut TBM Avenger-Steve Sadler

Douglas RB - 66 "Destroyer"



The Airforce version of the Douglas A3D "Skywarrior" . It was a day/night, all weather, reconnaissance aircraft powered by two 10,200 lb.thrust Allison J71-A turbojets. It held a crew of three. The RB-66 had a max. speed of 631mph, a service ceiling of 38,900 ft. And a combat radius of 925 miles. It was used mainly as an electronics counter measure aircraft in the Vietnam war. First flown in 1954, 154 aircraft were built and were retired from service after the withdrawal of troops from Vietnam.

2003 Squadron 4 Events

Jan. 18, 2003 - 10th Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet
William Tell Holiday Inn - Countryside Ill.

March, 2003 - Quarterly meeting TBA

June, 2003 - Quarterly meeting TBA

July, 2003 - EAA Convention
Oshkosh Wisc.

August, 2003 - Annual Fly-in/Drive-in BBQ
Joliet Airport

Sept., 2002 - Quarterly meeting - TBA

Nov. 2003 - Quarterly meeting - Veteran's Forum TBA

Squadron 4 Merchandise



The squadron has the following items available for purchase:

Squadron 4 Patch \$ 5.00

Squadron 4 Hat with patch \$15.00

Squadron 4 Shirt \$25.00

Please make check out to E.A.A. Squadron 4. Mail to:
Jim Delany
565 Aztec Drive Carol Stream, Ill 60188

10th Annual Squadron 4 Banquet

Saturday Jan. 18, 2003

Make plans to attend our 10th annual awards banquet and social gathering at the William Tell Holiday Inn in countryside, Ill. This promises to be a special year and a great program is being planned for this event. Yes, our squadron is starting it's tenth year and it would be great to see all the members and friends of squadron 4 there to help in the celebration. See you there!!!

Squadron 4 Activities



"Col." Tom Buck taking Darrell Kolls up for his first airplane ride! What a start, in Tom's SNJ. He was assisted by his "crew chief", Chris Huffnes.



Not to be outdone, Bob Van Pelt the Navy vet, also got a chance to see the world from the skies above Joliet.



Matt Huffnes provided the camera chase car (his WWII Jeep) for Ted Koston as Diane and Brian Churchill standby.

Answer to trivia question : It was the name of Robert L. Scott's P-40 serial # 41-1496 written about in his book, " God Is My Co-Pilot".