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WAHF Mission Statement:

To collect and preserve the history of aviation in Wisconsin, recognize those who made that history, inform others of it, and promote aviation education to future generations.

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McCarthy to Receive WAHF Scholarship Recipient of Carl Guell \$1000 Award

A Naval veteran who worked as an aviation electrician and who is now studying for an A & P designation is the 2004 recipient of the \$1000 Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame Carl Guell Memorial Scholarship.

Torran McCarthy, 29, Milton, WI, is a student in the Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic program at Blackhawk Technical College (BTC) in Janesville, WI. McCarthy joined the Navy in 1998 as an aviation electrician. Though he enjoyed his work, he realized electronics was just the tip of the aviation iceberg, so he chose the A & P program to broaden his knowledge and understanding of the aviation field. His ultimate goal is to become an aeronautical engineer.

McCarthy is an active participant in the Aviation Club at BTC; he holds the position of vice-president. He also hosts a study group in his home, with an open-door policy for all students in the field. While in the Navy, he spent time in the Honor Guard, providing military burials to United States Veterans.

A hardworking student, McCarthy has a very positive attitude towards learning. Blackhawk Instructor Richard Theis said of McCarthy, "He is a highly motivated individual who not only completes required projects and assignments but takes on additional challenges as well." Fellow instructor James Stec agreed, saying, "McCarthy is an exceptional student who brings a lot of real world experience into the classroom."

"It's an honor to receive this scholarship; I'm sure there were many qualified applicants," said McCarthy. "It's nice to win. I'm going to school full-time, so every bit helps."

McCarthy said the scholarship will help fund his two-year program at Blackhawk while enabling him to get into the workforce. He plans to begin classes after graduating from BTC on a part-time basis to reach his goal of becoming an aeronautical engineer. The scholarship will be awarded to McCarthy at the annual Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame Investiture Ceremony and Banquet.

Celebrate With Us!

—Mark your Calendar for WAHF Banquet on November 6

It seems hard to believe, but November and our annual Investiture Ceremony and Banquet are just around the corner. Soon you'll be receiving your invitation. The Board of Directors would like to encourage you to attend. This prestigious event takes place in the Eagle Hangar of the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh on Saturday, November 6.

Make a day of it! Spend the day at the museum, and then meet your friends for dinner, drinks, and darn-good conversation when the event begins at 5:00. Five Wisconsin aviators will be inducted into the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame, including Field

Morey and Harold "Duffy" Gaier.

The late Herb Hardrath and two early aviators, Paul Culver and Walter Lees, will be also be inducted; Culver and Lees in the Pioneer category. The Pioneer category was established for those who made contributions to aviation prior to 1927.

Keith Glasshof, event chairman, said plans are coming along nicely, and reminds us that this special event is open to all... While all members will receive an invitation, non-members are welcome, too.

For more information or to order tickets, call Keith at 715-832-6379 or Michael Goc at 608-339-7191.

President's Message

—By Rose Dorcey

Summer, 2004 will be remembered as the summer of aviation museums. It will be, at least, for my husband, John, and I. We have visited five air museums in the past three months, all unique and wonderful in their own way.

In June, John surprised me with a birthday trip to Oregon to visit the Tillamook Air and Evergreen Aviation Museums. Since we flew out of Milwaukee's Mitchell Field, we began the trip with an early morning visit to the Mitchell Gallery of Flight. The museum houses a nice collection of artifacts, memorabilia and photographs that represent the contributions of aviation pioneers from Milwaukee County and Wisconsin.

After visiting Mount St. Helens, 'Climbing the Column' in Astoria, and driving along the beautiful Oregon coast, we arrived in Tillamook. We finally sampled the Tillamook Ice Cream that was advertised throughout the state. (Yes, it's good, and so is the fudge.)

The Tillamook Air Museum is one of 17 wooden hangars built in 1942 to house Naval Blimps that were used for anti-submarine patrols. Eight helium filled K-ships were stationed at Tillamook, each was 252 feet long. The hangar is huge...15 stories (192 feet high) and 1,072 feet long... large enough to house six football fields. Tillamook was decommissioned in 1948, and today it houses a fine collection of about 35 aircraft, including a P-38 Lightning and a P-47 Thunderbolt.



While the collection is outstanding, I absolutely loved Tillamook for the hangar's compelling history and unique arching wood structure.

On to the Evergreen Aviation Museum in McMinnville to see the Spruce Goose. In contrast to the historic Tillamook hangar about two hours away, Evergreen is a beautiful modern facility that built its walls around the behemoth airplane. At Evergreen, you'll see over 50 historic aircraft and exhibits that represent the first, the largest, and the fastest aircraft ever built.

In July, we ventured into a world-class aviation museum in our own backyard — the AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh. Activities during AirVenture 2004 were so plentiful that

it was hard to participate in them all. Highlights included presentations by Paul Tibbitts, pilot of the Enola Gay; Capt. Al Haynes, United Flight 232; Flying Tiger David "Tex" Hill, and Greg Herrick's spirited reminiscences of the National Air Tour.

We hadn't gotten enough by August, so we visited the Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum in Rantoul, Illinois. The former Chanute Air Force Base is home to fine aviation exhibits and a missile and aircraft collection; some worn, but worth seeing.

What's next? We're looking for your suggestions. Write in (or e-mail) to tell us about the aviation museums you have visited recently and would recommend. We just might see you there!



Rose Dorcey

Member Spotlight

—Don Voland

It wasn't easy, but we caught up with a busy man, Don Voland, during the AirVenture convention in July. Voland is the owner of Aero-Optics in East Troy, Wisconsin, and one of our newest WAHF members. He also manages the helicopter operations at the Experimental Aircraft Association. Between his daily helicopter maintenance, pilot briefings, and, oh yeah, lots of hours of flying, we snagged a few moments of his time to find out more about him.

With over 50-years in aviation, Voland began his flight training before entering the USAF. He entered with a private certificate, and then learned the Air Force way of flying. Voland went on to earn both his fixed and rotary military wings and virtually every rating that will fit on a pilot certificate. He earned his instrument rating in a B-25. Voland primarily flew helicopters in the service, but also flew C-47 "grocery runs" in Korea.

After the military, Voland flew cargo and pipeline patrol flights, sometimes logging as much as 1000 hours a year.

With two young sons and a wife, Voland longed to be home, so he built a house and a hangar in East Troy, Wisconsin and started his business, Aero Optics, Inc. Flying a Bell 47 and a Schweizer 333, Aero Optics specializes in photo and video work, wildlife survey, utility company inspection and patrol, and all forms of aerial survey work. Commercial and residential aerial photography and helicopter tours and rides are also offered. Aero Optics, Inc. is located about 35-miles southwest of Milwaukee.

At EAA, Voland heads up a crew of about
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Don Voland, Owner Aero-Optics

Smile, and Say Cheese

—WAHF Members at AirVenture 2004

The AirVenture event in Oshkosh is a great place to catch up with members, inductees and supporters of the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame. Our un-official WAHF photographer took photos of many

WAHF members throughout the week, and learned that most of them take an active role in the volunteer activities at Oshkosh. We salute our members pictured here, and those we missed, who volunteer their time at AirVenture.

Left, top to bottom: **EAA Chaplain Ed Riddick** holds early morning prayer services throughout the week and is available to call on for assistance. **Carrol Kunkel** works in the EAA Membership Tent. **Steve Krog** has been flying old airplanes for over 30 years. He and his wife, **Sharon**, an avid flyer, put their "old" airplane knowledge to work and they now run the Cub Club and the Lucsombe Association. **Chuck Swain** 'made the news' on CBS Radio News affiliates throughout Florida when Swain was interviewed by Pete Combs of Aero-News.Net and WINK/WNOG. The subject? Swain's beer cooler...made from a coffin. That's right, a coffin.

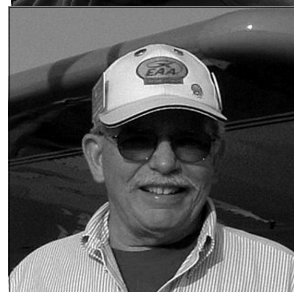
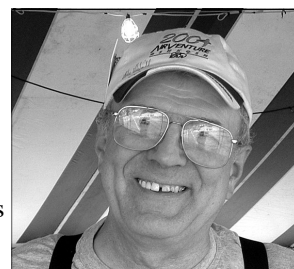
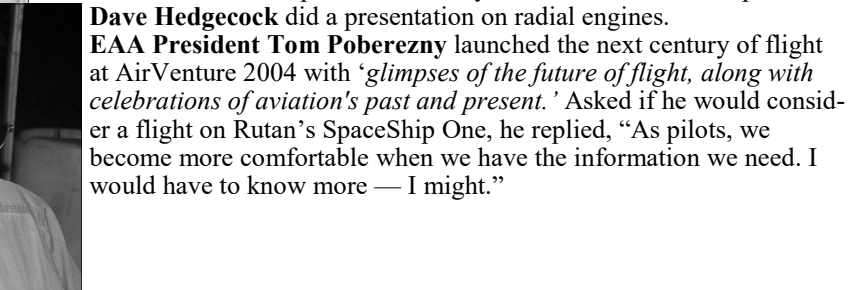
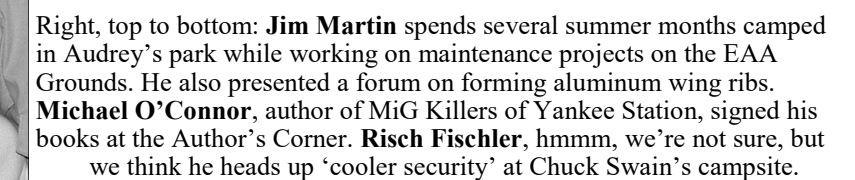
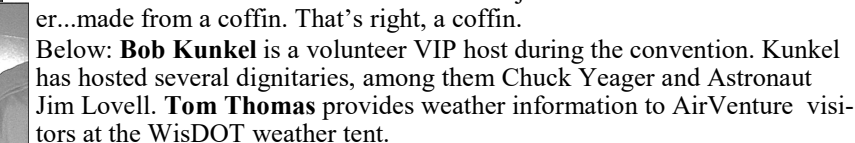
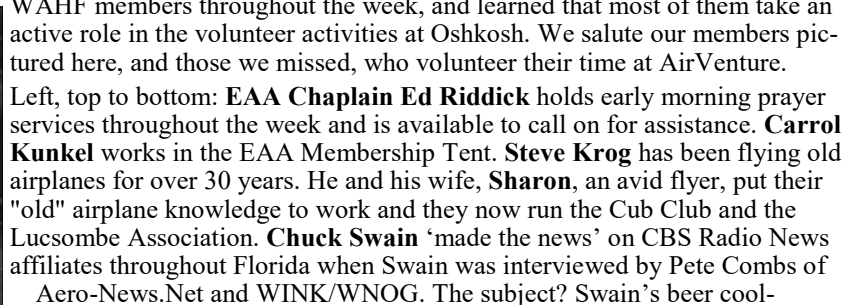
Below: **Bob Kunkel** is a volunteer VIP host during the convention. Kunkel has hosted several dignitaries, among them Chuck Yeager and Astronaut Jim Lovell. **Tom Thomas** provides weather information to AirVenture visitors at the WisDOT weather tent.

Right, top to bottom: **Jim Martin** spends several summer months camped in Audrey's park while working on maintenance projects on the EAA Grounds. He also presented a forum on forming aluminum wing ribs.

Michael O'Connor, author of *MiG Killers of Yankee Station*, signed his books at the Author's Corner. **Risch Fischler**, hmmm, we're not sure, but we think he heads up 'cooler security' at Chuck Swain's campsite.

Dave Hedgecock did a presentation on radial engines.

EAA President Tom Poberezny launched the next century of flight at AirVenture 2004 with '*glimpses of the future of flight, along with celebrations of aviation's past and present.*' Asked if he would consider a flight on Rutan's SpaceShip One, he replied, "As pilots, we become more comfortable when we have the information we need. I would have to know more — I might."



Recommended Reading

—In the Shadows of War, by Thomas Childers

In the Shadows of War is the story of an American pilot's odyssey through occupied France and the camps of Nazi Germany. Roy Allen of Philadelphia, PA, a bomber pilot in the American Eighth Air Force, was shot down over German occupied territory. He forged a bond with a young schoolteacher, Colette Florin, in a small village just east of Paris. Florin concealed Allen in an apartment above her classrooms as she became involved in the secret world of the regional underground. An unforgettable story of Allen's journey to Paris, capture by the Gestapo, imprisonment in a Nazi concentration camp, and the lasting bonds forged between Allen and Florin.

Students get great view of Madison, future

—Young Eagle flights part of PEOPLE program

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By A. David Dahmer

A group of young students got to see a different view of Madison on the morning of June 18 — a view from 3000 feet up in the sky.

Thirteen students took off on Young Eagle flights from Wisconsin Aviation, which is based on the Dane County Regional Airport, as part of the PEOPLE program's Aviation, Rocketry, and Space Exploration workshop they have been attending this summer. The Pre-college Enrichment Opportunity Program for Learning Excellence (PEOPLE) program is a year-round learning adventure that challenges and stimulates middle school and high school students who are considering higher education.

The breathtaking and awe-inspiring flights overlooking the beautiful city of Madison are all part of a workshop made possible by a partnership of the UW-Madison Space Science and Engineering Center, UW Space Place, and the Department of Transportation (DOT). The students spend one week learning extensively about three different fields — aviation, rocketry, and space exploration.

Last week was aviation week, and it culminated in the Young Eagle flights over Madison. The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Young Eagles program has flown more than one million young people since 1992 on flights above every continent except Antarctica and in aircraft ranging from business jets to blimps.

On this particular morning, pilots Bill Wambach and Tom Thomas took turns taking three or four kids on half-hour flights. Shortly before takeoff, Thomas explained the aerial route he planned on taking the young students through. "We're going to fly over Middleton, over Lake Mendota and the university campus, the capitol building, State Street, and Park Street and loop around and come back," he said.

"There have been 3,254 young adults, from the ages of 8-17, able to fly in Young Eagle flights with the UW Flying Club under the leadership of Bill Wambach," Thomas added.

The kindness and benevolence of the pilots is what really makes the program succeed. "The pilots work on their own time and spend their own money to rent the plane. It's a very generous gesture, in my opinion," said Margaret Mooney, an outreach specialist at the Space Science and Engineering Center. "The DOT doesn't pay for it; the PEOPLE program doesn't pay for it; Tom [Thomas] does."



Bill Wambach



Photo courtesy Tom Thomas

WAHF Members Bill Wambach and Tom Thomas flew Young Eagle flights to students participating in the PEOPLE program, one that encourages higher education in the fields of aviation, rocketry and space exploration. Wambach said of the UW-Flying Club's achievement of over 3000 Young Eagle Flights, "I'm proud of the members of our club for responding when I'd make all the arrangements & ask them to do the flying."

The pilots not only gave the students rides, but also explained how their airplanes work and how pilots can ensure safety. "This is great because all week they've been learning about airplanes — the different parts of the airplanes and how they work," said Terrance Newell, the PEOPLE program liaison in charge of the group of students. "Now they get a chance at the end of the week to fly around in an airplane. The great part is that when the pilots explain to them the parts of the airplane before they take off, they already know them."

This week, the children are delving into rocketry and learning about Newton's Laws and rocket propulsion by first making simple Alka Seltzer rockets and then building and launching their own model rockets at Quann Park. Next week, they'll get to learn about space exploration and the solar system as they explore the many moons of Jupiter and Saturn. The students will build rockets, replicas of planets, and Mars Lego motorized terrain rovers.

"The goal is to help the kids figure out what they might want to do later on in life and to keep them interested in education so they can pursue their career goals," Mooney said. "So if they want to be a pilot, or go into space exploration or meteorology, they'll know a little more about that field."

The workshop is one of many that is offered by the PEOPLE program this summer that seeks to increase enrollment and graduation of ethnic minority and low-income students in institutions of higher education, particularly at UW-Madison. The PEOPLE program targets African American, American Indian, Southeast Asian American, Hispanic/Latino, and disadvantages students with strong academic potential. The program currently serves students in Madison, Milwaukee, and Racine but has plans to expand to other diverse communities in Wisconsin.

(Students, continued next page)

2004 Fundraising Auction —You can help!

Aviation-related companies and their owners are very generous; we know this by the generous donations we are receiving for our 2nd Annual Fundraiser — our Silent Auction. Funds raised at the event go to the WAHF Scholarship program. The Silent Auction takes place at the EAA AirVenture Museum on November 6, during the Social Hour preceding the annual investiture ceremony and banquet. Last year, over \$2,000 was raised in just over an hour.

The Carl E. Guell \$1,000 Scholarship is awarded annually to a student enrolled in an aviation program at one of Wisconsin's technical colleges. The first scholarship was given in 2002 to Gil Weinkauff, an A&P student at Milwaukee Area Technical College. Last year's award went to Maggie Flood, also an A&P student at MATC. It is our goal to annually award four-\$1000 scholarships. Our goal will be achieved through donations and fundraisers such as the Silent Auction, along with the help of our auction attendees who generously bid on the merchandise.

Donations are still being accepted. A partial list of the items that have been received follows. You'll see it is a list of quality items that would make great gifts for yourself or that special person on your list. Please plan to bid generously!



Dave Duax, Eau Claire, shops at the 2003 Silent Auction

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| Basler Turbo, Oshkosh | \$50 cash |
| C Swain, Beaver Aviation | \$100 cash |
| Flightcom, Inc. | Denali Headset |
| ASA | Garment travel bag, flight computer |
| Spencer Lane, Author | First World Flight, signed |
| WAHF | Forward in Flight book, signed |
| Sporty's | DVD, Instrument Proficiency Check |
| Sporty's | DVD, Flight Review |
| General Aviation News | One-year subscription certificate |
| Jo Cooper, Author | Walter Lees books, signed |
| Greg Herrick | Aviation videos, books & models |
| Sam Lyons, Artist | Signed and numbered print |
| Markquart Motors | Model racing cars |
| Eagle Fuel Cells | King Air 350 Model |
| www.aero-news.net | Polo Shirt and Hat |
| Jack Carpenter, Author | Waldo: Pioneer Aviator, signed |

Note: This is just a partial list. You'll see more great items at the event! Can you donate an item? Call Rose at 608-836-9840.

Students, continued

Newell, a UW-Madison grad student, has been on the job for only a couple of weeks, but he knew that working with kids is something he always wanted to do and he enjoys it a great deal.

"We have two programs going on at the same time — one for the new seventh and eighth graders and one for people transitioning to the ninth grade," Newell said. "In the morning, we have very creative workshops like this one [Aviation, Rocketry, and Space Exploration]. What we're trying to do with these workshops is really broaden students awareness of different fields and possibilities and encourage them to pursue academic success."

Newell said that in the afternoon workshops, which are strictly for students going into ninth grade, the PEOPLE program concentrates more on core subject areas like math, science, social studies and study skills. "What's great about that program is that they are actually being taught by the teachers who will teach them next year from their schools," he said.

When fully developed, the PEOPLE program will provide pre-college educational services to hundreds of middle and high school students and graduates of the PEOPLE program will be attending UW-Madison, helping to achieve campus diversity

goals contained in Plan 2008. Diversity of viewpoints and backgrounds are essential components of the intellectual life of a great university.

"Ultimately, we hope to increase the number of diverse students on college campuses," Newell said. "This program encourages students to pursue higher education. We open up possibilities for the students through experiences so they start thinking about different types of field studies. We have a lot of academic prep programs to give them pre-exposure. Hopefully, down the road, what we are doing now will make colleges more diverse in the future."

To apply to the PEOPLE program, a student must submit a complete program application form, a middle school transcript, and a recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor. Send your application or contact for additional information: PEOPLE Program, UW-Madison, 417 Education Building, 100 Bascom Mall, Madison WI 53706. The telephone number is 608-262-7415. Fax is 262-5036.

For more information on the EAA Young Eagles Program, contact the Young Eagles Office, PO Box 2683, Oshkosh, WI 54903-2683. Fax 920-426-6560, e-mail yeagles@eaa.org, or call toll free, 877-806-8902 or 920-426-4831. Additional information is also available at the website, www.youngeagles.org.

OSH Tower Groundbreaking

—Two year operational target date for “world’s busiest tower”

Excitement was in the air as Winnebago County, State of Wisconsin and federal officials broke ground on July 30 for a new air traffic control tower at Wittman Regional Airport, Oshkosh (WI). Officials at the ceremony spoke highly of the governmental cooperation at all levels. FAA Administrator Marion Blakey said that the new tower would be truly “state-of-the-art” and would service a true wonder of air traffic control like AirVenture. The Wittman Regional Airport tower becomes “the busiest air traffic control tower in the world” during the annual AirVenture fly-in.

Towering over the existing three decade, 67-foot facility that is currently in operation, the new 125-foot (controller eye level) structure will be about twice the height of the original tower, offering controllers unobstructed views of the entire airport infrastructure. Construction will begin in earnest in early 2005 with an expected completion date of summer 2006.

“The new tower will provide a ‘boost’ to air traffic controllers who will have a better view of the activities at the airport,” said Frank Busalacchi, Secretary of the WisDOT. “It will also provide a boost to the economy of the entire region, and will enhance safety for those using this airport throughout the year, as well as during the AirVenture event. Our Governor Jim Doyle clearly understands and supports efforts like this that encourage economic development and that promote public safety.”

The project began nearly four years ago as a joint state/local effort. It has since grown into a five million dollar federally funded project.

The tower will include a 6,000 square-foot ground facility that will house offices, conference and training areas, along with maintenance, utility and storage spaces. The new tower cab will be 60% larger than the existing cab and will contain state-of-the-art electronics.

Architects for the project are Omni Associates of Appleton (WI) who are teaming with PBS and J, of Coco (FL). Omni will design the entire tower facility and will build the ground facility. PBS and J, known as air traffic control tower experts, will handle the tower/cab portion of the project. The two firms are working closely with Engineer Dave Johnson, the WisDOT Bureau of Aeronautics Airport Project Manager for Wittman Regional Airport.



FAA Administrator Marion Blakey addresses the press during the July Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new ATC-tower at Wittman Regional Airport, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Blakey said, “When it comes to grassroots aviation, the grass doesn’t get any greener than in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.”

Aviation History On the Road

—Youth and Adults Learn about Wisconsin’s Rich Aviation History

A Wisconsin aviation history display was a featured exhibit throughout the month of July at the Deke Slayton Memorial Space and Bike Museum in Sparta, WI. To add to the fun and learning experience, an aviation history quiz was included with the display. Visitors studied the display, and then tested their knowledge with the accompanying quiz. Kay Bender, Museum Director, said the display was a popular attraction.



In the photo above, Judy Baldwin (left), museum receptionist, explains the display, entitled *Wisconsin Celebrates the Centennial of Powered Flight*, to Ron and Gail Kelly of Fairfield Glade, Tennessee. The photo to the right shows Young Eagles from Tomah, Wisconsin (EAA Chapter #935) who were at the museum on July 17. The Young Eagle students participated in several activities, including a museum tour, watching the video,

Legends of Airpower: Deke Slayton and taking the Wisconsin Centennial of Flight display quiz. Thomas Rowan, Seth Rowan, Michael Sparks, and Danielle Frazier are pictured working on the quiz.

Thanks to the Deke Slayton Museum for sharing Wisconsin’s aviation history. The display is a joint effort of the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame, the WI Bureau of Aeronautics and the Civil Air Patrol. To schedule the display at your location, call John Dorcey at 608-267-2142.



Lots of “Bugs” in Oshkosh

—Bugs of the Volkswagon Variety, That Is

“Red 3, this is Green 1, come in,” is a radio call likely to be heard on the AirVenture grounds. The colorful call signs are assigned to a fleet of Volkswagen Beetles operated by EAA. A rainbow of VW “bugs” is the chief form of transportation for many EAA staff and volunteers.

It’s well known at AirVenture that Paul and Tom Poberezny drive the red VW’s; Paul is known as Red 1; Tom is Red 3. The tradition of using the brightly colored vehicles started in 1970, when the fly-in moved from Rockford, Illinois to Oshkosh. Looking for an easy form of transportation while on the grounds, Will Schaik and Paul Poberezny went down to Barney’s VW Shop in Oshkosh to purchase the first two. The bugs were such a hit that more were used the following year. Today, a fleet of about 35 of the multi-colored bugs can be seen on the grounds, all of them donated to the organization by dedicated friends of EAA.

Gary Doehling, South-Maintenance Supervisor at AirVenture, said that in addition to the red VW’s driven by Paul and Tom, there are yellow, green, brown, blue and white, and light blue bugs, and bugs with orange and white checkers. The colors represent their purpose. WAHF Member Ron Scott, Chairman of the Communications Center, drives a green bug. Security personnel drive yellow VW’s, orange and white checkered bugs are on the flight line, blue and white bugs and their drivers are aircraft greeters; and light blue are the welcome vehicles.



Rose Dorsey with WAHF Member Ron Scott, Communications Chairman. “Scottie” drives a green VW Bug during AirVenture week.



(L-R) Dave Jarapko, Gary Doehling and John Lowell. These three men spend the month of May prepping the bugs for AirVenture week.

Doehling and his staff have over 30-years of combined experience on VW maintenance work; experience gained while working at the EAA. The crew of Dave Jarapko, John Lowell, and Austin Doehling, Gary’s son, designate May as VW-month; they begin maintenance on the fleet at the beginning of the month, with a May 31st deadline. “We need to have them ready to go by mid-June, as sixteen of the bugs are used for the annual Miss Wisconsin Pageant Parade in Oshkosh,” the senior Doehling said.

Maintaining that fleet is no small task. Working from a full service auto shop on the southwest corner of the AirVenture grounds, the crew said the Beetles require “a lot” of brake-work and many tune-ups. Parts are sometimes hard to find. “We go through spark plugs like you wouldn’t believe,” Lowell exclaimed. Jarapko agreed, saying they go through nearly 130 spark plugs per year.

Paint Shop Supervisor Bernie Case showed how the bugs are delivered mainly as hard tops – hard tops that need to have their sheet metal stripped off – to be transformed into the popular vinyl-top convertibles. Case said they occasionally receive a donation of an original VW Beetle convertible.

Donations of VW Beetles that are in good condition are gladly accepted. Volunteer opportunities in South Maintenance are also available. For more information, contact www.eaa.org.

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eight volunteer pilots. During AirVenture week, and at special events throughout the year, helicopter operations include traffic control such as checking traffic flow and parking lot accessibility, and assisting in emergency response. The crew also conducts VIP flights, spectator rides, and photo/video flights.

Voland coordinates all of the helicopter operations and trains the volunteer pilots. Though the days are long, usually 12 -14 hours, Voland loves the “work” he does for EAA. “I’m here [at EAA] because I’m a member and this is how I serve EAA,” Voland said. For more information on Aero Optics, visit www.aerooptics.com or call 262-642-3115.

The Next Step In The Right Direction!

—Changes at World Airshow News; Airshow Professional

OREGON, WIS. -- When Dave and Peggy Weiman founded WORLD AIRSHOW NEWS in 1986, they wanted a publication that would be representative of the airshow entertainment industry and a strong marketing tool for airshow performers and industry support professionals, with unlimited distribution potential.

Likewise, when in 1993 a performer suggested that they publish a professional service catalog as a means of distributing detailed information about airshow acts and support services to airshow producers at a fraction of the cost of direct mail, they created AIRSHOW PROFESSIONAL.

Now changes in technology and improvements in graphic design have provided the Weimans with some new and exciting opportunities to expand and improve both publications by involving the talents of others, and to take a more methodical approach in expanding the airshow market.

On June 1, Jeff Parnau, president of Richardson Ventures, Ltd. of East Troy, Wisconsin, became the new publisher. Dave Weiman will remain editor, and the support staff has expanded to include a graphic artist, production director, director of advertising, and office personnel.

Dave Weiman met Jeff Parnau over two decades ago when Parnau offered his assistance to improve the layout of one of the Weimans' first aviation magazines.

The Weimans went on to create additional aviation publications. Parnau started IFR Magazine, and became a software developer and an executive at Quad Graphics.



John Dorsey (left) with WAHF Members Peggy and Dave Weiman.

Like Weiman, Parnau is an active pilot and aircraft owner with a special interest in aerobatics.

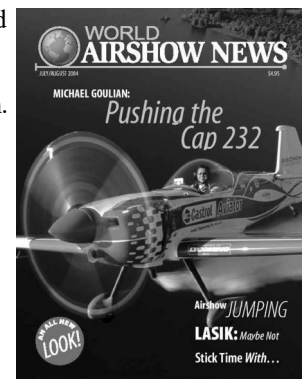
With Parnau as publisher, Dave Weiman now has more time to devote to reporting the news and writing feature articles for WORLD AIRSHOW NEWS, and the Weimans can concentrate more time to expanding MID-WEST FLYER MAGAZINE which they founded in 1978 and continue to publish from their offices in Oregon, Wisconsin.

Parnau will continue to publish WORLD AIRSHOW NEWS and AIRSHOW PROFESSIONAL as trade publications, but plans to expand their distribution to the consumer market. There are more than 26 million spectators that attend airshows each year and they are all potential subscribers.

"From our first issue of WORLD AIRSHOW NEWS in 1986, our slogan on the cover has been 'A Step In The Right Direction,'" said Dave Weiman. "With our new management team, we are now ready to take 'The Next Step In The Right Direction!'"

Be sure to see the new and improved WORLD AIRSHOW NEWS and AIRSHOW PROFESSIONAL website at www.worldairshownews.com.

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Places to Be

November 3, 2004 — Snapshots of WI Aviation History, Part II, presented by John and Rose Dorsey. 6:00 pm. EAA AirVenture Museum, Oshkosh, WI. Enter at the museum's front entrance. www.eaa.org

November 6, 2004 — WAHF Investiture Ceremony and Banquet, with Silent Auction Fundraiser. 5:00 pm. EAA AirVenture Museum, Oshkosh, WI. Call Michael Goc at 608-339-7191 for more information.

2005 Renewals

Just a reminder that 2005 renewals are due on January 1, 2005. Beginning January 1, membership dues will increase slightly, but the good news is that anyone who renews *before* December 31, 2004 can do so at the lower, 2004 rate. A renewal reminder will be sent with the December newsletter. For those who want to renew (or join) now, a membership application is enclosed. **Save \$\$\$ - renew today.** Thank you to all those who renew early!

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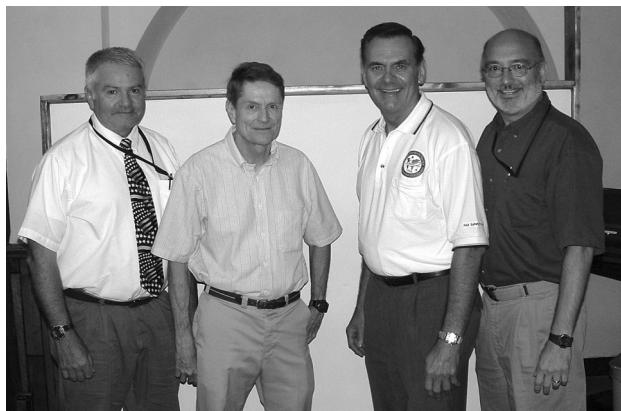
—Szajkovics retires from FAA

In Wisconsin, there's one face from the FAA's Milwaukee Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) that is more recognizable than any of the others, that of Jimmy Szajkovics. Through his nearly 36-year career with the Federal Aviation Administration, Szajkovics became a well-known and well-liked *Fed*, and his retirement creates a void for the hundreds of pilots who have learned so much from the safety programs he produced.

Szajkovics began his FAA career in 1970 as an Air Traffic Controller at Chicago Center in Aurora, Illinois. He then spent almost six years as a Flight Service Specialist at DuPage FSS. His last Illinois assignment was at Chicago Midway Airport as an Air Traffic Control Specialist. Szajkovics moved to Milwaukee in August, 1978 to accept a position as the Safety Accident Prevention Specialist. The position changed names three times in his almost 26-years at the Milwaukee FSDO, but, bottom-line, Szajkovics was the designated "safety guy." This is where he really shined; the presentations he put on, along with WisDOT Bureau of Aeronautics Aviation Consultants Duane Esse, Tom Boyer, John Dorcey and Jeff Taylor, became a hit with thousands of Wisconsin pilots as they shared flying safety tips.

"I truly enjoyed working with and teaching the flying public ways to stay safe and avoid aircraft accidents," Szajkovics said of his FAA career.

Jimmy also had a distinguished Army Guard career, retiring as Chief Warrant, CW-5. He entered the Wisconsin National Guard in 1982, and held the duties of Helicopter Instructor Pilot (IP) and Instrument Examiner (IE). He accumulated more than 2000 hours of flight time with the Guard. When the younger Guard pilots and crews were deployed to Iraq, Jim received an extension



At a July luncheon in his honor, Jim Szajkovics paused for photos with several friends and colleagues. From left, Tom Thomas, WisDOT Bureau of Aeronautics; Bob Kunkel, former Bureau Director; Szajkovics; and John Dorcey, WisDOT. It's interesting to note that all are WAHF members.

from the Guard bureau to serve beyond the age of 60, as he was needed to instruct and complete missions. Jim retired from the Guard in October 2003 when the Madison Guard members returned from Iraq.

Retirement plans include catching up on the "honey-do" list created by his wife of 36-years, Donean. They plan to golf and travel the U.S. and Europe. In February, 2005 they'll be in Hawaii for the wedding of daughter Kristen. Daughter Jimean is a flight attendant for Northwest Airlines. Szajkovics hopes to stay in contact with the pilots he's met through the years, saying, "I hope to see many of Wisconsin's pilots at the airports for years to come so I can explain what retirement is all about."

Author Michael Goc Receives WHS Honor

—Award of Merit presented for his latest book

WAHF Board Member and Author Michael J. Goc, Friendship, Wisconsin, recently received an award of merit from the Wisconsin Historical Society for his book, "Powder, People and Place: Badger Ordnance Works and the Sauk Prairie" (New Past Press, Inc., Friendship, WI and Sauk County Historical Society, 2002). Goc was honored for his history of the Badger Army Ammunition Plant in Sauk County. The book traces the history of the facility and the site it occupies from prehistory and early settlement through the displacement of farmers to make way for the powder plant in the years leading up to WW II. The heavily illustrated book is carefully annotated with detailed notes, appendices and bibliography documenting Goc's research. Goc also authored "Forward in Flight, the History of Aviation in Wisconsin" in 1998, for which he also received an Award of Merit. To learn more about Goc's books and publishing company, visit www.newpastpress.com.



Michael Goc, second from right, upon acceptance of the Award of Merit from the Wisconsin Historical Society.



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Thanks for coming on board. We look forward to seeing you at a WAHF event soon!

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Grandma Humor...

A four-year old boy was asked where his grandma lives. "Oh," he said, "at the airport. When we want to see her, we just go and get her. Then when we're done with her, we just take her back to the airport." (Thanks to WAHF Member Tom Thomas.)

Next Issue... December 2004. 2004 Investiture Ceremony reports, renewal information, Christmas gift ideas, and more! Last date for submissions is November 15, 2004.

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