



# VINTAGE VIEWS

Winter 2012

Poplar Grove Vintage Wings and Wheels Museum

*Edited by Glenda May*



**Murder Mystery Dinner**  
**Friday, April 20, 2012, 6 pm**  
**Belvidere Community Building**  
**Presented by "Without a Net Entertainment"**  
**Tickets: \$50 each until April 6, after April 6: \$55 each**  
**\$360 for table of 8 ~ Italian Dinner ~ Cash Bar**  
**(details on page 2)**



## **President's Corner**

### **Ken Starzyk, President**

Now that the holiday season is over it is time to start looking forward to the opening of our museum the first week of May. There are many new displays planned for the 2012 season.

Before our opening we will need volunteers to help prepare our buildings and displays. One of the buildings needing attention is Slim's Garage. The exterior will need to be painted and the interior freshened up.

We will need someone to help identify items in Slim's for future signage. We will also need help with the interior of the Waukesha Hanger. New display walls will need to be painted and displays relocated.

Our curator, Joanna Dowling, is looking for anyone interested in researching for the museum. We also need help planning the Ag Day/Car Show event. The next meeting regarding this event is scheduled for Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the museum classroom. Everyone is welcomed. We are also looking for volunteers to help with our Dog 'n' Brats event on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

As you can see, there is much work to be accomplished before our May opening. I am asking everyone to please volunteer some of your valuable time to help make our museum a destination that you will be proud to say that you helped develop. This museum is a reflection of its members and local community. You can email or call the museum office if you are willing to volunteer some of your time.

We are still in need of approximately \$25,000 in pledges for our Restoration Hangar. This hangar is needed if we want a flying museum. It will also open up space in the Springfield Hangar for auto restoration activities.

Please keep in mind that the museum is looking for new directors. We want candidates who share our passion for the preservation of the museum and the history and educational values that it represents. If you know of anyone interested, please have them contact the office or myself.

I hope to see you around the museum this year. Please remember to volunteer your time if possible. It will be so greatly appreciated!

## **Burying the Mob**

**presented by WITHOUT A NET ENTERTAINMENT**

Bootlegging, embezzling, counterfeiting...it's time for the DeLuca Family to celebrate another year of doing what they do best: crime. More importantly, the Godfather is passing his reign of power to the most worthy criminal. However, when someone unexpectedly ends up "sleeping with the fishes", it's up to all the other attending mobsters to figure out who done it before the police arrive (and throw everyone in the slammer). Join the DeLuca's and experience what it's like to be a part of the family. After all, with family like this, who needs enemies?

Cash bar opens at 6pm; the actors mingle with the crowd and plant the seed for the mystery with guests. Act One starts during the salad course, then guests enjoy an Italian meal followed by desserts and Act Two. The mystery develops, clues are uncovered, and everyone gets to vote on who they think 'done it'.

Dinner and performance are in the Community Building Complex of Boone County, 111 W. First Street in Belvidere on April 20, 2012.

Tickets are \$50 until April 6. After that date the price is \$55. Get some friends together and buy a table for eight by April 6, and the total cost is \$360 (\$45 a ticket). Seating is limited, so get your tickets now!



## Education News

### Nathan Fuller, Education Coordinator

Hello, my name is Nathan Fuller and I am the new Educational Coordinator. I come from an educational background, with a B.A. degree in History and an M.A. in Teaching, as well as teaching experience both in and out of the classroom. I have been a volunteer at the museum since 2010 and have helped with many educational activities, such as summer camps and special events. I am excited to step into this role and to utilize my extensive experience working with students to help further the goals of the museum. I am very enthusiastic about all the education initiatives we have coming up this year, and I hope that we can reach more students and adults than ever before.

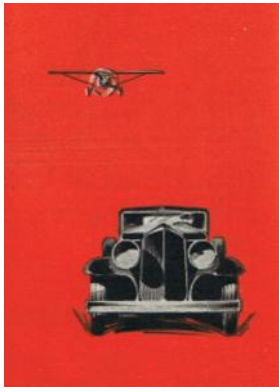
It is my goal to continue offering excellent educational initiatives to schools and the public at large. The school outreach programs designed by my predecessor (Jillian Fuller... yes, my wife) were wildly successful last year, and I plan to expand these programs reaching an even greater number of students. We have four programs to offer, and I am currently tweaking and tinkering with these to make them more interactive for school-aged students. We are booked for a whole week in March and will be going to two schools, one in Harvard and one in Roscoe, to present programs to 18 classes ranging from 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Needless to say, that will be a very busy week! In addition, I will be contacting other schools in early February and expanding the contact list beyond Boone, Winnebago, and McHenry counties to include counties in southern Wisconsin. These educational programs are good marketing for the museum and by reaching a greater geographic area which should encourage more Museum visitors.

I am designing new Adult outreach programs that aim to reach seniors in the local area. Although still in the planning stage, we are in contact with the Del Webb Sun City Activity Director to present a program to their community later this year. I am also contacting local retirement communities regarding outreach presentations to them as well. Once again the Museum will offer Summer Camps for 1st through 6th graders; this year there will be four programs during the last two weeks in June. Details will follow.

Finally, I would like to mention that I will be working with an intern this year. Chris Bienasz is an undergraduate history major at Northern Illinois University. He will be assisting me with research, design, and implementation of our educational outreaches and will also be doing a number of other projects for the museum.

I am very excited about 2012, and I think it's going to be a wonderful year for the museum. As always, if you would like to help with anything I am doing, please do not hesitate to call me at the Museum office and volunteer. Thank you for all your support and I look forward to working with you all!

The Poplar Grove Aviation Education Association and Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum is pleased to announce the availability of scholarships to students currently or intending to enroll in an aviation or automotive education program. The recipients must intend to utilize the training to become a professional in the aviation/automotive industry including maintenance and the education program must result in a degree or FAA certificate. - available on website or contact museum office. Applications due March 31, 2012. Applications on the website, or please contact Judi at the Museum office.



## From the Curator's Desk

Joanna Dowling, Curator

As we plan for the Museum's 2012 exhibition program and the completion of our 2011/2012 curatorial project, we are looking for a variety of artifacts to enhance our collections and display materials. Below is a list of items which we need. We are equally interested in loans and donations. All potential contributions will be assessed on a case by case basis. To fulfill the Museum's mission of interpreting early aviation and automobile history, we are primarily focused on items dating pre-1940. I would love to hear from anyone interested in making a possible contribution. We will work with each individual to design a loan or donation criteria that is appropriate for your specific artifact. In addition, please forward this list to those you feel may be interested in contributing.

Please note this is a mostly generalized list - we are interested in items that relate on a broad scale. If you have items that do not specifically relate to the topics listed here but relate to the broad mission and subject of the museum, I would be also be very interested in hearing about them.

If you are interested in making a contribution please contact the Museum's curator, Joanna Dowling, at [joanna.vintagemuseum@gmail.com](mailto:joanna.vintagemuseum@gmail.com). All questions welcome!

Thank you for interest and consideration.

### Items Sought for Museum Collection or Loan:

High-wheel bicycle

19-teens-30s Children's bicycle

Pre-1940s bicycle memorabilia and/or artifacts

Pre-1939, photographs/postcards depicting aviation/auto images

WWI related items, both auto and aviation, our display will focus on the introduction of aircraft and automobiles to modern warfare

Pre-1939 items relating to the roll of mechanics in automotive and aviation history, local or national subject matter

1930s Motor Magazine, loan for reference material, do not have to donate, would prefer issues pre-1950

1930s Motor Sport Magazine, loan for reference material, do not have to donate, would prefer issues pre-1950



*Pictured here is a Nieuport 28 World War I fighter, which will be featured in a new display for 2012.*

# You Can Decide the Future of Vintage Wings and Wheels Museum

*By Paul Wallem*

As a member, you have supported the Vintage Wings and Wheels Museum, which now starts its 16<sup>th</sup> year.

With your help, the Museum's future will be a strong one.

Please consider these options:

## Include the Museum in your will

A tax deductible bequest is a simple and effective way to provide support later, without surrendering the assets until you die.

You can name the Museum as death beneficiary of a stated amount of money, a particular piece of property, or a stated percentage of your estate.

Or, you can designate our Museum to receive all or a portion of the remainder of your estate once all specific bequests to family or friends have been satisfied.

## Make the Museum a beneficiary of your Life Insurance Policy

You retain ownership, retain the right to borrow against it, or change beneficiaries. Your estate will take a tax deduction if the proceeds of the policy are donated to our Museum after your death.

## Make a Gift of your Life Insurance Policy

You can transfer ownership of your policy to the Museum, or purchase a new policy with the Museum as owner.

## Irrevocable Life Insurance Trust

You can set up an irrevocable life insurance trust and this will remove the life insurance proceeds from your taxable estate.

## Gifts of Appreciated Property

Real estate gifts are an effective way to make gifts to the Museum.

Other options exist that would all you to assist in the future financial needs of the Vintage Wings and Wheels Museum.

Your help for the future will be greatly appreciated. If you choose to provide assets as described here, please let us know what your plan is. That will help Museum leadership to better plan for the future.



*The Ford Tri-Motor made a stop here last fall. The pilot was Gerry Flaughter and the co-pilot was Tina Thomas. The Model A's are owned by Jim Morley and Jerry Dommeracki.*

## 2012 DATES TO REMEMBER

First Saturday May through October: Dog n'Brats 11:30 – 1pm

- April 20 - Murder Mystery Dinner - 6pm
- May 5 - Museum Grand Opening - Speaker presentation 1:30pm
- May 12 - Wine Tasting with Art Exhibition
- June 21 - Chicago actor R.J. Lindsey as Daniel Burnham - Make No Little Plans
- June 19 - Summer Camp
- June 21 - Summer Camp
- June 26 - Summer Camp
- June 28 - Summer Camp
- July 14/15 - Weekend of Live Music Saturday & Ag Day/Car Show Sunday
- Aug 18 - Beer Tasting with Live Music
- Aug 19 - Quilt Show along with PG Airport Pancake Breakfast
- Sept 8 - Swing Dance
- Nov 17 - Holiday Wine Tasting
- Dec 2 - Santa at the Museum

### Youth Exploring Aviation Chief Restoration Project



The members of the YEA Restoration Team are progressing with the building of the Chief under the leadership of Dennis Blunt.

## The Vintage Wings and Wheels Museum is Building A Restoration Hangar and YOU can help!

The Poplar Grove Aviation Education Association and the Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum is joining with Poplar Grove EAA Chapter 1414 to build a joint hangar on Museum property.

Each organization will have one-half of the building as well as sharing restrooms and office space in the center. The design will be compatible with the Springfield Hangar to retain a vintage look, similar to the Picnic Pavilion. There is a concept drawing on display in the Waukesha Hangar.

This hangar will enable the Museum's Restoration team to have adequate room to work on a couple of projects at a time AND store a flying aircraft to help promote the Museum and its programs. It will also free up the Springfield Hangar so it may be used for automobile restoration and give us more desperately needed storage space.

We anticipate the PGAEA's share of the cost to complete the building, doors, utilities and insulation to be \$75,000. With that in mind, we are asking for pledges to help make this a reality.

In order to break ground this fall, we will need commitments for \$50,000. All Pledge Donors will receive recognition. This is our largest undertaking since the restoration of the Waukesha Hangar, and it will enable the Association to further its goals of education and preservation of history.

Please let us know if we can count on your support. A Pledge Card is included here:

**YES, I want to help Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum Build a Restoration Hangar!**

I am willing to make a commitment: (please put a check mark by your choice)

- PILOT \$1,000 a year for 5 years  
 CO-PILOT \$500 a year for 5 years  
 FLIGHT ENGINEER \$300 a year for 5 years  
 TRUE BLUE - one time gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

The Poplar Grove Aviation Education Association and Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum is a Non-Profit 501(c)3 organization. Fed ID# 36-4161962.

Your donation is tax deductible!

Poplar Grove Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum

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# Poplar Grove Aviation Education Association Poplar Grove Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum 2012 Membership Application

Poplar Grove Aviation Education Association www.poplargrovewingsandwheels.com  
a 501(c)3 corporation



## Membership levels and benefits

### Individual - \$25

Free Museum admission on non-event days for member only  
Free admission to Member only events and activities  
\$5 discount guest speakers  
10% discount in the gift shop  
Newsletter

### Seniors (62 and over) - \$30

Same as above for (2) Adults and up to (4) children/grandchildren (under 18) in the same family

### Family - \$35

Same as above for (2) Adults and up to (4) children/grandchildren (under 18) in the same family

### Silver - \$75

Same as above + Free admission to guest speakers  
Unlimited Museum admission guest passes

### Gold - \$100

Same as above + (2) tickets to choice of (2) Museum events during the year

### Platinum - \$250

Same as above + (1) Free Museum Facility use up to \$250 value per current Facility Donation Schedule. (For a family party, wedding shower, etc)

### Corporate - \$1,500

Four Membership passes for free Museum Admission and Guest Speakers  
10 Tickets to each major event of the year (up to four events)  
Facility Rental up to \$250 value per current Facility Donation Schedule  
Recognition in Newsletters and at Museum events

### Lifetime Membership - \$1000

Same as Gold Level but a one-time membership fee

- **Please note that Individual, Grandparents and Family membership do not allow for guest passes**
- **Murder Mystery Dinner not included for Gold& Platinum membership; two ticket max. for Corporate**

**Name** Last: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please accept my application for the following level:

Individual: \_\_\_ Seniors: \_\_\_ Family: \_\_\_ Silver: \_\_\_ Gold: \_\_\_ Platinum: \_\_\_

Corporate: \_\_\_ Lifetime: \_\_\_

Names on Membership Cards (1) Individual; (2) Grandparents, Family, Silver, Gold, and Platinum)

\_\_\_\_\_

Payment by check: \_\_\_ or Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_

Send Payment to:

**Poplar Grove Aviation Education Association**  
**5151 Orth Road, Ste. A-1**  
**Poplar Grove IL 61065**

Questions? 815-547-3115

Email: [vintagemuseum@gmail.com](mailto:vintagemuseum@gmail.com)

Short Survey: Please indicate next to each event/activity your interest level on a scale of 1-5 with 1 un-interested to 5 very interested:

Wine Tasting \_\_\_ Indy 500 Party \_\_\_ Ag Day \_\_\_ Car Show \_\_\_ Ag & Car Combined \_\_\_

Vintage Wheels Show \_\_\_ Quilt Show \_\_\_ Beer Tasting w/Live Music \_\_\_ Dogs n'Brats \_\_\_

Swing Dance \_\_\_ Murder Mystery Dinner \_\_\_ Swing Dance Lessons \_\_\_ Speaker programs \_\_\_

Summer Camps \_\_\_ Restoration Hangar \_\_\_ School Field Trips \_\_\_ Santa at Museum \_\_\_

World War I fly-in/re-enactment with Radio Controlled Club participation \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/Ideas:

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**Museum Hours**

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Saturday 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Sunday By Appointment  
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