



# APA NEWS

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## Wings Fly-In Grounded

Always, with an aviation event, the weather has final say and the Wings Fly-In was no exception.

Saturday, August 25th brought the first measurable rainfall of the summer. On Sunday morning when the rain stopped, fog descended like a curtain allowing only two airplanes to attend the fly-in. However, the much needed rain did not dampen the spirits of those who attended the Wings (Non) Fly-In. The usual delicious omelet breakfast, served by dedicated volunteers, was enjoyed by about 135 people. (Photos page 4-5)

## Road Rally Charities Gather At Museum

On September 22nd, the museum was the first destination for the annual Mid-Coast Road Rally, an event sponsored by Road Rally Charities. Given only GPS coordinates, more than 100 cars began the trek from Des Moines unaware of their destination. Upon arriving, over 200 people took a few minutes to have a cup of coffee and a cookie and tour the museum before heading on to their next unknown destination.

The rally, now in its 7th year, raises money for charity. This year eight different charities were helped.

## Paul Berge Spins a Yarn

Shortly after the dust settled from the last rally car, noted author, pilot and television personality, Paul Berge read an original story, "The Hangar" to a group of rapt listeners.

The story was inspired by Paul's first meeting with C.C. "Ace" Cannon in the late 80s. Cannon, a mechanic/aircraft restorer was employed for many years by the Schildberg family.

The storyteller was so well received that a return engagement has been planned for Saturday, January 26th at 1:00 p.m., during the Chili Fly-In.



*Paul Berge reads "The Hangar." Other stories by Paul are available on the CD, **Ailerona**, available in the Gift Shop!*



## It's A Mystery!

The Iowa Aviation Museum has recently acquired a wooden strut from an old biplane. It was donated by G.G. Walter from Lenox Iowa.

According to Mr. Walter, he purchased a pile of 2x4s at a house auction in Corning about 20 years ago. This strut was found among the wood. When he examined it closely, he discovered words hand carved in it. After much examination, this is what it appears to say: *'This is to remember the death of my best friend Donald Seefeldt which was the result of an airplane accident which happened June 28, 1927.'*

The staff is trying to discover more of the history of this piece; who originally owned it, where the crash occurred, information about the crash victim, etc.

If anyone can provide more information, please contact the museum.

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## Trying To Quit

A short film written and directed by museum friend Paul Berge will be featured during the Wild Rose Independent Film Festival at Fleur Cinema in Des Moines, Iowa on Friday, November 9th.

"Trying To Quit" was shot on

location in Osceola, Iowa. The 17-minute film will be shown with other shorts between 5:00 and 6:30 PM. Tickets will be sold at the door.

After the show the audience can meet the producer, director and star of the film. At that time, an announcement will be made for plans to shoot a feature film, "Restoration Osceola" in Osceola, Iowa next summer. This feature length light dramatic romantic comedy ghost story includes several antique airplanes, a ghost and at least one cute dog.

More details available on the *Trying To Quit* Facebook page.

[www.wildrosefilmfest.com](http://www.wildrosefilmfest.com)

## Thank You

...to the following for helping with our Wings Fly-In/Drive-In: Mark Nelson, Chuck Stanley, Willard and Susie Olesen, Nancy and Dick Gross, Casey Berlau, Craig Juffer, Brian and Peggy Keuning, Pat and Terri Rabbit, Angie Shindelar, Brennen Weiland, Carol Miller, Julie Harter, Bob Guikema, Greg Schildberg, Jack Brown, Gene Jensen, Clarence Pfundheller, Dick Westbrook, Denny Davis, Jon Schaffer, Lee Wright and the Greenfield City Crew.

...to Rose Acre Farms, First National Bank, Farm Bureau, and Grantham Sanitation for their generous donations to our annual breakfast.

...to Diane Weiland for her food donations and continued commitment to the fly-in.

...to those who attended the event and for those businesses who advertised on our behalf. We are grateful for your support each year.

...to Central Iowa Model A Club, JH Travel, EAA Chapter 1143, Inbound Iowa in association with First National Bank, and Road Rally Charities for bringing their groups to the museum.

...to Paul Berge for reading his *wonderful* story "The Hangar"!

...to Ida Moshier, Ginny Kuhfus, Bettie McCunn, Peggy Holland, Nancy Gross, Lynne Don Carlos, Bonnie and Jim Stalder, Roberta Nichols, Beck Stanley, Mark Nelson, Lavonne

and Gene Jensen for helping with the road rally and the storyteller event.

...to Grantham Sanitation for all of their extra stops throughout our busy summer.

...to Ron Havens and Roberta Nichols for helping with the first movie night.

...to Ernie Gruwell, Meredith Corporation Foundation, Annette Owenson, Wellmark Foundation, Vern Shelton, John Levin, and Clarence Pfundheller for their monetary donations.

...to Dan Sereda for representing the museum at Fly Iowa this year.

...to Farmers Electric Co-op, Inc. of Greenfield for digging holes and placing poles for our new East interstate sign. (continued on page 3).

### Hall of Fame Spotlight ~ Russell and Dolly Zangger

Russell and Dolly Zangger have owned, financed and operated Zangger Airfield on the family farm in Larchwood, Iowa since 1949. The airport boasts four runways, 24-hour service and the first airpark in Iowa featuring five homes with direct private hangar access to the four runways.

Russell, born in Larchwood on February 22, 1922, received his Private Pilot's Certificate in 20 days from start to finish. In 1953, he received his Flight Instructor rating and began giving lessons. Since he only had a private pilot's license and not a commercial license, he was unable to charge for lessons he gave.

Born in South Dakota on August 26, 1924, Marie (Dolly) was the first female in Iowa to make her initial solo flight in a 125 Swift after receiving only 6 hours of dual instruction. In 1958 she opened and operated the first aviation ground school in northwest Iowa not associated with a college, at the couple's home. Between the two of them they have trained nearly 3000 students.

Russell and Dolly became members of the Civil Air Patrol in the 50s. They received the Meritorious Service Award and medals from the United States Air Force for 2,500 hours of active duty at their Ground Observer Post.

The Zanggers have the unique distinction of being the first couple to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. They continue to operate the Zangger airport in Larchwood.

The Zanggers were inducted into the Iowa Aviation Hall of Fame in 2001.

Dolly died in June, 2010 and Russell in September, 2012. (See page 6)



Iowa Aviation Museum  
presents  
**"Remember Pearl Harbor"**

The video will be shown  
at 1:30 pm and 2:30 pm  
on the  
71st Anniversary  
of the Pearl Harbor Attack  
Friday, December 7th, 2012  
**FREE to the public!**

Also on hand  
Greenfield's own  
Pearl Harbor Survivor  
Clarence Pfundheller

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...to Gene and Lavonne Jensen, Scott Fisher, Jim and Pat Phillips, Bob Owens, Tom Birr, G.G. Walter, Ron Havens, and Howard Gregory's family for the items they have donated.

**New Items in the Gift Shop!**

**Christmas Ornaments!**

**\$7.00**



**\$5.00**



**\$8.50**



#### Pay Pal Account

For those who prefer to use Pay Pal to pay membership fees, send donations or make purchases, an account has been set up for the Antique Preservation Association of Greenfield.

- 1) Log on to your PayPal account
- 2) Choose send money
- 3) Enter email address:  
*aviation@iowatelecom.net*
- 4) Enter amount
- 5) Send money

### Museum Events In Photos



*Top Left) Rainy start to Wings Fly-In. Top Right) Foggy middle. Center Left) Casey Berlau, Craig Juffer, Susie Olesen, Peggy and Brian Keuning waiting to make omelets.*

*Center Right) Carol Miller and Julie Harter ready for the crowd. Lower Left) Enjoying omelets. Lower Right) Talking aviation. Right) Ayden Estell taking a big bite of breakfast.*



Top Left) Exploring the museum displays. Top Right) Annika Nelson has fun playing Buzz Lightyear while brother Matthew looks on. Center) Twenty-six cars from the Central Iowa Model A Club visit.



Left) Road Rally Charities bring their MidCoast Rally to the museum. Shown are a few of the more than 100 cars and 200 participants arriving. Story page 1.

### Another Interesting Donation

The museum recently received a WWI airplane propeller hub donated by Bob Owens of Jefferson.

After purchasing the hub at an auction in the late 80s, Bob did some research and learned its history.

During WWI, a marine by the name of Mark Lalor from Eagle Grove, Iowa, was assigned to an air reconnaissance unit in France. On one of their assignments, their plane was shot down between German and Allied lines. When their plane crash-landed, they were caught in a gas attack before making it to American lines.

Lalor was hospitalized, having received a large dose of gas. His lungs were damaged and he knew he would be shipped home. Before he left, however, he was determined to have a souvenir from his plane. With help from his fellow corps members, he was able to salvage a prop from the ill-fated plane. He annotated reminders of where he had been on one side of the hub.

To carry the propeller back to the U.S., he had the blades cut off. When he arrived home, he gave the hub and other mementos to a favorite nephew.

Years later, Lalor's sister mounted a clock in the center of the hub, leaving it as it is today.

Right) Bob Owens with WWI prop hub.

### Gone West

We have received word that Russell Zangger died on September 24, 2012 at the age of 90 years. Russell and his wife Dolly were inducted into the Iowa Aviation Hall of Fame in 2001. (See Hall of Fame Spotlight, page 3). Dolly died in 2010.

Our sympathy to the Zangger family.

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Iowa Tuskegee Airman George Miller died May 8th, 2012 in Lakewood, Washington at the age of 86.

George was born in Des Moines. He joined the Army Air Corp in 1945, training in Tuskegee, Alabama.

Our sympathy to George's daughters Heiderose and Gloria.

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We have also learned of the death of longtime museum member Larry Bohnker from Denison, Iowa. He was 66 years old. He was a pilot, enjoyed flying and visiting with friends at the airport.

We extend our sympathy to Larry's family.

**Christmas Shopping at the Museum**

CDs  
 Caps  
 Toys  
 Mugs  
 Books  
 T-Shirts  
 Calendars  
 Snow Globes  
 3D Bookmarks  
 Picture Frames  
 Stocking Stuffers  
 Christmas Ornaments  
 Stuffed Animals  
**Open 7 days a week**  
**Or call and we'll ship!**

**Now AVAILABLE!**

**2013 IOWA AVIATION MUSEUM CALENDARS!**

**\$12.00 EACH**





**New Item in the Gift Shop**

*"On The Prowl" Magic Boxers!*

Vacuum-packed boxers  
 100% soft cotton  
 Tested & approved  
 eco-friendly pigments.

Put them in water  
 for a short time  
 and they become a  
 full size pair of  
 shorts!



**JOIN TODAY!**

*Become a member of the Iowa Aviation Museum.*

*Your annual membership will help the museum continue to preserve Iowa's aviation history.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$1000 Prestigious Membership
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 Patron membership
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Supporting membership
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 Sustaining membership
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Sponsoring membership

*Please fill out this form and return it to:  
Iowa Aviation Museum  
P.O. Box 31 ~ Greenfield, IA 50849*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

**MEMBERSHIPS**

Thank you to the following for your new or renewed membership. Your support is very important to the growth of the museum!

**New**

*Cyrus Earhart*

**Renewal**

*Norman Davis Eugene Vetter*

*Clarence and Ida Moshier*

*Russell Williams Mearl Luvaas*

*Steve Jackovich Ralph Graham*

*Patricia Stream Donald LeGore*

*Adair County Free Press ~ Linda Sidey*

*Dale and Nancy Folkerts*

*Duane & Janice Bridges*

*Coming Soon to the Gift Shop!*

*Magic T-Shirts @  
Magically change from black and white to color in the sun!*



**Buy a Brick, Build a Hangar**

Thanks to the following for their purchase of one or more bricks or a donation to the hangar fund:

**Paul Eveland  
Dick and Nancy Gross**

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**Museum Hours**

Monday thru' Saturday  
10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sunday~1-5 p.m.

**Admission Prices**

Adults ~ \$5.50  
55 & older ~ \$3.50  
Children (5 to 12) ~ \$2.50  
Members & Children (4 & under)~ FREE

*Our  
"CHILI" JANUARY  
is right around  
the corner!*



The  
**IOWA AVIATION MUSEUM**  
will be holding its  
**16th Annual "Chili Fly-In"**  
Saturday, January 26th, 2013  
Greenfield Airport (KGFZ)  
Greenfield, Iowa  
Hosted by IAM's Board of Directors  
Serving **"HOT"** Chili  
from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Adults - \$5.00



Children Under 12 - \$3.00  
Price includes  
tour of the Museum  
**Mark your calendars!**

**Chili Fly-In Includes  
Special Guests**

The 2013 Chili Fly-In, held the last Saturday in January, will also offer two special guests.

Showing some of his original aviation art will be artist Bob Fields of Harlan. Bob's work has been featured in magazines and is also displayed at airports. He will be available from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Also Paul Berge will do an encore reading of his original short story, "The Hangar" at 1:00 p.m. For those of you who missed it the first time, this is your chance to hear the author read this entertaining tale.

Iowa Aviation Museum's  
*Flying Cub Theatre*  
In honor of Veteran's Day  
Presents

**"Twelve O'Clock High"**  
(Not Rated B&W)

November 12th  
7:00 p.m.  
Iowa Aviation Museum  
2251 Airport Road  
Greenfield

**No charge  
for the movie!**  
We sell the  
popcorn and pop.