





# WELCOME

## TO THE AURORA INTERNATIONAL AIR SHOW



Jim Graefen, President of The Antique Airplane Association, Greater Chicago Area, Inc. and Air Show Chairman.

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The Aurora International Air Show is sponsored by the ANTIQUE AIRPLANE ASSOCIATION, GREATER CHICAGO AREA, INC. We are dedicated to the promotion and restoration of Antique Aircraft. In this endeavor, we are seeking artifacts which depict the history of the early days of aviation. Anyone who has aviation memorabilia and would like to donate it to the Association's Museum, can do so by writing to our organization. In addition, we are actively promoting aviation in general through education and safety.

We of the ANTIQUE AIRPLANE ASSOCIATION, hope you enjoy the Aurora Air Show as much as we have enjoyed presenting it to you.

Thank you,

*An Illinois Not For Profit Organization*



Rudy Frasca is pictured flying his beautifully restored Curtiss P-40E. The shark nosed fighter is painted in the colors of the American volunteer group, the "Flying Tigers" of World War II fame under the leadership of General Clair Chennault in China.

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# AIR SHOW SCHEDULE

## SEPTEMBER 6-7, 1980

11:30-12:45	Flyby's of Selected Aircraft	
1:00-1:10	Flag Drop	
	USN Shooting Stars and Christen Eagles	
1:10-1:20	Solo	Christen Eagle Tom Poberezny
1:21-1:33		Decathlon Jim Tomasi
1:34-1:46		Stearman Gene Littlefield
1:47-1:59		AT-6 Dick Hendrickson
2:00-2:12		Super Viking Robert Bishop
2:13-2:25		Christen Eagle Gene Soucy
2:26-2:38		F8F Bearcat Corky Fornof
2:39-2:51		AT-6 - SNJ Austin Gibbons
		Dick Hendrickson
2:52-3:22	Parachute	USN
	Demonstration	Shooting Stars
3:23-3:53	F-14	USN
	AUSA Harrier	USMC
4:00-4:20	A5 Skyhawk	USN Blue Angels

On Standby — Don De Witt and His Cub

Membership Chairman Will Martin  
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DON DE WITT  
Piper J-3 Cub  
Stand By Pilot



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# THE U.S. NAVY'S BLUE ANGELS.....



CDR. DENNY WISELY  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
FLIGHT LEADER  
PLANE NO. 1



CAPT. FRED STANKOVICH  
RIGHT WING  
PLANE NO. 2



LCDR. JIM HORSLEY  
LEFT WING  
PLANE NO. 3



LT. MIKE NORD  
SLOT  
PLANE NO. 4



LT. JIM ROSS  
LEAD SOLO  
PLANE NO. 5



LCDR. JACK EKL  
OPPOSING SOLO  
PLANE NO. 6



LT. RANDY CLARK  
NARRATOR  
PLANE NO. 7



LT. KENT HORNE  
EVENTS COORDINATOR  
PLANE NO. 8

GENE LITTLEFIELD



Photography by Ted Koston



"CORKY" FORNOFF

# U.S. NAVY "SHOOTING STARS" PARACHUTE TEAM



# EAGLE ACROBATIC FLIGHT TEAM



GENE SOUCY

TOM POBEREZNY

CHARLIE HILLARD





TOMASINO  
TOP AEROBATICS IN A DECATHALON



CLARENCE STEWART AIR MAIL PIONEER



BOB BISHOP

SUPER VIKING

# U.S. NAVY BLUE ANGELS IN FORMATION



# “PAIR OF SIXES”

DICK HENDRICKSON  
DR. AUSTIN GIBBONS

Beautifully synchronized  
aerobatics in an  
SNJ and AT6.



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## VILLAGE OF AURORA

### AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

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Robert Rieser

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The first two airplanes to fly the Atlantic Ocean west to east was Charles Lindberg's "Spirit of St. Louis" built by the Ryan Aeronautical Corp., San Diego, California and Clarence Chamberlin's Bellanca designed and and built by Guiseppi Bellanca.

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Charles Klessic runs up his Curtiss OXX-6 102 HP engine on his 1918 Standard with a little help.

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★ NICK REZICH — AIR PIONEER ★



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OX-5 NATIONAL PRESIDENT  
OUTSTANDING AEROBATIC PERFORMER  
"THE VOICE OF AVIATION"  
CHIEF CORPORATE PILOT  
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**"AH! THE GOOD OLD DAYS"**





# 1928 ALEXANDER EAGLEROCK



# "GATHERING OF EAGLES"



The "Gathering of Eagles" was held at Midway Airport July 5, 6, 1980 by the Antique Airplane Association of Chicago was a very successful event based on aircraft flown during World War II.

The above photograph was a reenactment of World War II flying activities. Shown left to right are Glenn La Mont, B-25 pilot; Lee Gross, director; Will Martin, event chairman; Jim Graefen, association president; Harry Kruse, security; Jerry Fenci.

Sponsors of the "Gathering of Eagles" includes Spencer and Mary Ann Rees; Brad Foote Gear Works, Cicero, Ill.; Laminated Plastic Corp. of Chicago; Ajax Tool Works, Franklin Park, Ill.; Kozol Bros. Inc., Joliet, Ill.; Erect-A-Tube, Inc., Harvard, Ill.; York State Bank & Trust, Elmhurst, Ill.; Ray Mattson - Cilica Sand Transport Co., Yorkville, Ill.; Frank Weber - Certified Welding, Aurora, Ill. and Clements National Co., Broadview, Ill.

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Tony Barnum taxis out in his Grumman J2F-4.



"Gathering of Eagles" chairman was Will Martin (left); his assistant was Steve Schlegel. Martin's P-51D is in background.



Dr. Lou Antonacci demonstrates how the wings on his Vought "Corsair" can be folded to make room for other aircraft on an aircraft carrier.



This close up in flight photograph shows Lt. Bob Morley USNR flying his newly acquired Beech T-34. Morley is a Pearl Harbor survivor.





Capt. Chuck Downey USNR arrived in his Meyers OTW.



Capt. Chuck Downey, background and Dr. Riddle Gibbons make striking view as they fly in close formation.

Photo by Ted Koston



An outstanding example of the Grumman TMB was flown in by Dr. Dick Dieter of South Bend, Ind. Dr. Dieter's Partner is Ray Stutsman.

Photo by Ted Koston



Civilian antique airplanes on hand at Midway were Ryan Pt. 22 (right), Scott Helms beautiful Swift and a 1938 Waco EGC, not pictured.

Photo by Ted Koston



Two beautiful P-51D "Mustangs." Mustang on left is owned by Wil Martin and aircraft in background belongs to Dr. Dick Burns.

Photo by Ted Koston



Beech "Mentor" T-34 formation shows Bob Morse in foreground, Charlie Nogle above him and Lou Drendel flying rear position.

Photo by Ted Koston

# ANTIQUE RESTORATIONS



Ed Wegner taxis by in his prize winning American Eagle.



Tom Hegy runs up his 1930 Travelair 4000.



"Buck" Hilbert — Swallow — "A beautiful restoration".



Dick Martin's 1940 Howard DGA-15P.



Gar Williams restored this beautiful 1940 Cessna Airmaster



Monocoupe 110 Special— Charles Lindberg flew a Monocoupe 110 Special around the United States with his wife Anne after his solo Trans-Atlantic flight.



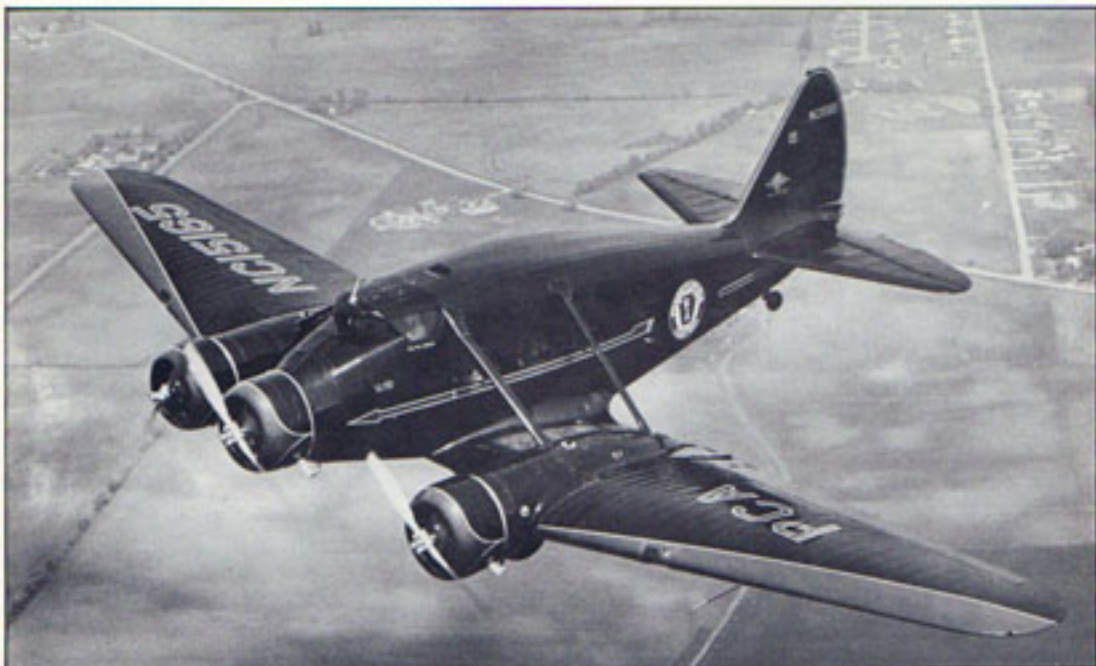
1940 Ryan S-T-A — Dave Dacy.



1932 WACO IBA — Dr. Ed Peckard.



# 1936 STINSON TRI MOTOR FLYS AGAIN



The Stinson Tri Motor was just a battered wreck after being trawled from the wilderness of Alaska to Crystal Lake Airport in June 1972.

Gene Coppock looked at his rare find for one year before deciding to restore it to flying condition.

It was a monumental task as all the wood and fabric had to be replaced and the engines overhauled.

The sixty foot hulk would be seven years in restoration before Coppock could sit in the left seat and start the engines.

Coppock's many years of flying and maintaining aircraft prepared him for the task.

He first learned to fly while working as a mechanic in the state of Washington; during the following years he ran small airfield and earned all the pilot ratings there are.

Coppock flew for several airlines including United for which he flies a Boeing 727 as captain.

In rebuilding the Stinson, Coppock said he had to be an electrician, engineer, carpenter, rigger, tailor, draftsman, welder, painter and machinist.

The Stinson is the last known of 31 built by Stinson Aircraft of Wayne, Michigan and was the 26th to be built.

The Tri Motor was first sold on February 18, 1936 to American Airlines. The second owner was Bill Lavery; third owner was Peterson Flying Service and the fourth owner was Northern Consolidated Airlines who landed the airplane gear-up west of Nenana, Alaska late in 1947 and abandoned it.

Coppock bought the airplane from Red Berry who acquired it in March of 1964.

Coppock now has about 60 hours on zero time engines and reports good flying characteristics.

Photography by Ted Koston



The three 300 HP Lycoming engines with constant speed propellers gives the 1936 Stinson Tri Motor remarkable performance.



Pilot-restorer Gene Coppock poses proudly next to PCA emblem on his Stinson. Pennsylvania Central Airlines was later taken over by United Airlines from whom Gene now flies a Boeing 727.

# GRUMMAN TBF-TBM REUNION



Tommy Wofford of Wiener, Ark. at the controls of his 1944 Grumman TBM "Avenger" with Rear Admiral James Condit USNR who flew two tours of duty aboard the U.S. Yorktown with squadron CV10. Admiral Condit who was a Japanese prisoner for a year and a half was guest speaker at TBM Reunion held at Association's hanger at Du Page County Airport.

TBM Reunion Pictures by Ted Koston



Listening intently to Rear Admiral James Condit (left) is Captain Bob Shriver USNR, Jim Graefen, association president and Russ Oyen, director.



Rudy Frasca attended the TBM Reunion at his sleek Curtiss P-40E.



Ralph Clark of the Grumman Aerospace Corporation points to a wartime picture of his favorite airplane.



It was all smiles for these TBM pilots. Left to right they are Captain Chuck Downey, USNR VB80, USS Ticonderoga GA; Comd'ry. Chuck Dransfield, USNR, VT23, USS Princeton; Rear Admiral Jim Condit, USNR, VT5, USS Yorktown; Tom Wofford, USNR, AM 3/C VT98, USS Bunker Hill; Ensign George Gay, USNR VT8 Hornet; Comd'ry. Dick Rubner USNR, VT5, VT3, USS Yorktown.

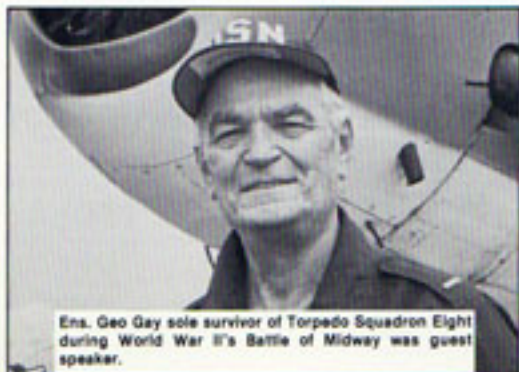




Left to right: Ensign Geo. Gay - Sole survivor of Torpedo Squadron Eight during Battle of Midway - Guest speaker; Tommy Wofford - Pilot restorer of TMB; Rear Admiral James Condit, Miami Shores, FL - Flew two tours of duty aboard USS Yorktown CV10 - Japanese prisoner 1 1/2 years - Guest speaker; Jerry Fencil, Hickory Hills, Ill. - TMB reunion chairman.



The TBM reunion reunited old navy buddies Capt. Bob Shriver, left and Ens. Geo. Gay.



Ens. Geo Gay sole survivor of Torpedo Squadron Eight during World War II's Battle of Midway was guest speaker.



Pilot Gene Little field at controls of fully restored Grumman FM2. Restorers-owners Charles Killar and Louis Gallo of Hillside, Ill. spend ten years reconditioning their prize winning FM2 which was mfd. July 1945, twelfth from end of production.



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- 56 Bernie Karsh — North American Navy SNJ-5A
- 57 Dr. Bill Harrison — Messerschmidt ME109
- 58 Phil Van Reeth — Vultee "Vibrator"
- 59 John Seidel — Grumman J2F-6
- 60 Top, Pete Parrish — FM-2; Lower, Rudy Frasca — FM-2
- 61 Bill Ross — Lockheed P-38L
- 62 Grumman F3F-3 — Classic of the 1930's
- 63 Consolidated B-24-J

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To the efforts and excellent photography of Ted Koston without whom this book would not be possible.



Rare photograph of single place Hawker Sea Fury with two place Sea Fury in formation.





In flight photography of Grumman FM-2 "Wildcat" with Gene Littlefield at controls. "Wildcat" was restored over a ten year period by Association member Lou Gallo and his partner Charlie Scillar.  
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