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October Meeting

The October meeting of the Screamin' Eagles will be held at the Bavarian Inn in Madison on October 12, 2000. As you all know the Bavarian Inn has good food at very reasonable prices so plan on grabbing a bite to eat there to show our appreciation for using their place as a meeting place.

Wisconsin Aviation History The Unusual of WWII

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Screamin' Eagles, to thank Steve for his past contributions to Eagle Screams in his columns titled "Wisconsin Aviation History" and "The Unusual of WWII". We have lost a great aviation historian who unselfishly gave his all to the aviation community in ways too extensive to list. Thanks Steve! We'll miss you.

Le Roy Stuczynski, Editor



September Meeting Minutes

Leroy Brandt informs me that no formal meeting was held for the month of September. Rather it was in informal gathering of Eagles at the City Limits. I was unable to make the meeting because I was working on the canopy painting for dad's Corsair. As it worked out I made the right decision to stay home that night because I did get the airplane finished and mounted, including the pylon, for him to see before he died. As you know, the Corsair was dad's favorite airplane and he always wanted to do one in his very own unlimited racer paint scheme. That was the last thing he wanted to see before he died. I will cherish the memory of leading him to the window to view the "Gallery of Aviation" pylon racer Corsair. I took the airplane down and set it up at his memorial service. Another memory I will cherish forever. I will bring photographs to the meeting for those of you who haven't seen the completed project in person yet. Drive by and take a look because I have put it back on its "home pylon"

Le Roy 

2000 SCREAMIN' EAGLES FLY-IN

By: **Harold Blossom**
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Wow what a day! Our Screaming Eagles IMAA Chapter 395 of Madison, Wisconsin held it's 6th annual event on June 17, 2000. What a day it was. We were fortunate to hold our event at Kettle Field again this year. The field belongs to M.A.R.C.S. (Madison Area Radio Control Society) who allow us to hold our annual get together on their field. The runway is grass, 850 by 300 feet. They have added a new shed and put fresh paint on everything, making it even better than before. The Screaming Eagles would like to extend a great big thanks in appreciation for the use of the field.

Many Screaming Eagles members were out on Friday before and the grounds were trimmed to country club standards. We also want to thank the Yahara Golf Course mowing crew for the putting green mowing job. We again had the concession stand catered allowing our members to work other areas and to leave some time for flying their pride and joy aircraft. After all that's what it is all about isn't it?

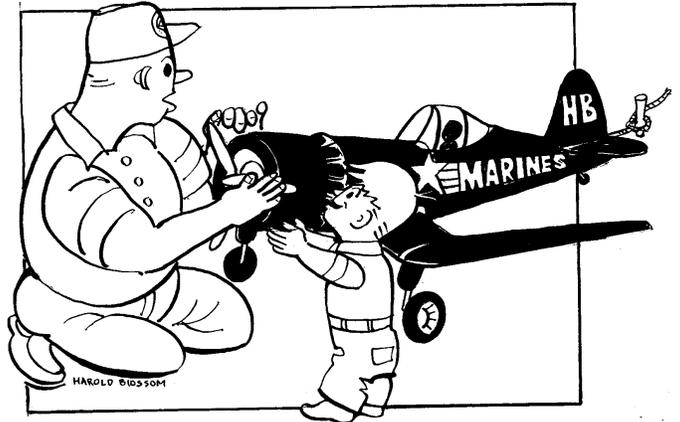
Some of the boys from JR came and put on a spectacular air show, doing many stunts we mortals only dream of. JR's Mike McConville demonstrated the new Hanger 9 Horizon ARF 300 and also flew his TOC Cap 232.

I would like to thank everyone for their participation and especially look forward to an even bigger and better event next year. We were fortunate to have two photographers this year, Dave Toepfer and the Rev. Jerry Disch. There were a total of 28 pilots and 43 aircraft. Hopefully a few of their professional shots will appear in a future issue of High Flight.

Thanks guys.



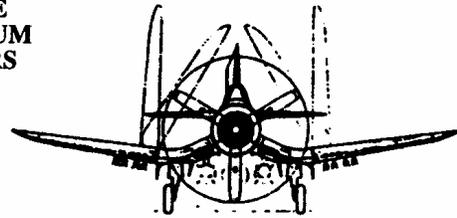
ORVILLE
BY HAROLD BLOSSOM



DAD, CAN I RIDE IN YOUR AIRPLANE?

**FREE
MUSEUM
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Trez/Editor Sez: By: *Le Roy Stuczynski*

Hi fellow Eagles! As you all probably know by now, we have lost a fellow Eagle, Eagle Screams Research Editor, and his most important title.....dad. Steve Stuczynski died with his loving family at his side at the beautiful new Hospice Care Center in Fitchburg. When he died, I was caressing his head and his two grandsons were each holding one of his hands. It was a beautiful moment that will live with me forever!

Dad had his funeral pre-arranged with Connie Ryan of the Ryan Funeral Service. Connie was also a Marine and they shared many stories together over the years of their military adventures. About two weeks before dad's death he drove down to Ryan's and, Connie told me he said, "the Lord is calling me to help out with some special projects and I need to make some arrangements." Dad waited until mom was gone to a doctor's appointment and he refused to let me take him to Ryan's. He wanted to do everything on his own and did so up until nearly the end. A marvelous man to say the least.

With most of the arrangements made, our family was able to concentrate on making the memorial service a very special occasion for dad and for all who would be in attendance. To say the least, I think our family pulled together to accomplish a service he is proud of.

We immediately began going through pictures for the picture boards and gathering other items for display at the service. But then something struck me! I said to myself "What can I do for dad that would really be special?" Of course! A World War II Warbird fly

by. I presented the idea to the family and they agreed wholeheartedly. But how could you possibly pull that off they said. That's where I leaned on dad's lifetime motto of "the difficult we do right away and the impossible takes just a little bit longer". I wasn't exactly sure where this charge fell within the motto but I knew that with the help of the Lord and fellow EAA Warbirds I could pull it off.

I went home and called a good Warbird friend and acquaintance dad, Jason, and I had met while camping in the Warbirds campground about four years ago. We have ended up being Warbird camping neighbors every year since. His name is Harry Thompson and he owns an AT-6A he calls "Tigger". Harry and Tigger live in Brookings, South Dakota. In one of the last issues of Eagle Screams he is the guy I mentioned would be giving Jason an AT-6 ride in St. Paul and also offered my dad, Jason, and I a seat on the DC-3 he and Bob Odegaard (Super Corsair owner) own for a trip to the 2000 Reno Air Races. Jason got weathered out for the AT-6 ride and due to dad's health situation we passed on the Reno trip. I also contacted the television stations that had done broadcasts on dad in the past and informed them of dad's death in case they were interested in the service.

Harry Thompson has been doing a lot of bush flying in a Beaver on floats to transport fisherman to Canada. So I needed the Lords assistance to make sure he was home when I called. Harry answered the phone immediately and I informed him of dad's death. I then asked if he would like to do a fly by with Tigger at the memorial service. He said that might be a possibility and said he would call back either with a yes or no. The next afternoon I heard the word I prayed for.....YES! He said "I'll be shoving off tomorrow". That was Friday before the Saturday service. It was about 6:30 Friday evening when my cell phone rang and it was Jason, who was still at the Madison Airport clearing things with the tower and Wisconsin Aviation for a VIP treatment for Harry's arrival. Jason simply shouted "HE'S HERE, HE'S HERE! When Harry came to our house I jokingly said, in typical Warbird camping style, "your tent is in the back yard". Believe me we quickly altered our tune and treated this "King of the Weekend" with utmost respect. Jason and Harry spent the evening planning the fly by.

The next morning Harry and Jason came to the visitation for a short time and then they left to get Tigger ready for his appearance at the presentation of arms. Jason rode the back seat and helped Harry navigate and coordinate the fly bys with the outdoor portion of the ceremony. About half way through the mass, we heard the sound of the AT-6 taking off and throughout the rest of the ceremony you could hear Tigger's round engine as Harry and Jason circled the church. Just the way dad would have liked it.

They did four perfect fly bys and dad loved it!!! The Eagles who were there can tell you just how awesome it was. THANK YOU HARRY! This speaks highly of your love of Steve and the friendship Jason and I have developed in the few years we've known each other. That's what Aviation camaraderie is all about and this certainly confirms it.

Channel 15 was at the outdoor ceremony taping and even interviewed me. It was aired on Saturday's 5:00 and 11:00 news. Earlier, when I was looking through pictures for the picture boards, I ran across a February 21, 1988 Wisconsin State Journal Look Section article on dad done by Roger Gribble titled "Vet's collection takes flight". Roger did this just as dad was doing the addition to build the "Gallery of Aviation". I told Roger of dad's death and asked if this would be worthy of a follow up article. He said absolutely and he or another reporter will be in touch with me in a week or two. This speaks highly on the impression dad made on the community.

The evening of the memorial service our entire family went to Wisconsin Aviation and Harry gave each of us a ride in the AT-6. How many of us can say we've had a ride in a Warbird? This too displays the feelings he has for Steve and his family.

Jason caught a commercial flight home and had a round trip ticket back to St. Cloud. However instead Harry flew him to St. Cloud on his way home Sunday. We took Harry out to breakfast at the VFW 8483 north of the airport. We asked if Harry would do one last fly by for the VFW on their way out of town for Steve because he was a life member of the club. This fly by too was awesome and was enjoyed by all who were there.

While Harry toured the "Gallery of Aviation" he spotted an Army uniform that was similar to one he had and cherished. However, a few too many barley pops over the years prevented the coat to button. He tried on the coat and pants of dad's uniform and it fit perfectly. We promptly made a trade and I just got a feeling dad was there the night before and put that uniform on the end of the display for Harry to discover. Harry's going to send the replacement uniform along with some of his business cards and possibly the color photo of his AT-6 that was used for his business cards. If this happens it will be prominently displayed in the museum. Harry was very impressed with dad's "Gallery of Aviation" and said he will return.

One thing that came out in the many discussions with Harry Thompson during his visit is how he got his AT-6. Seems like he had a successful business in Minnesota. Before he sold it he moved it to South Dakota. I think that's how the story goes. The money he saved on Minnesota tax vs. South Dakota tax was enough to buy the AT-6. Thanks Jesse "The Body" Ventura!

My mom has decided to stay in the house so the "Gallery of Aviation" is business as usual. Open to anyone with an interest in aviation, free of charge, simply with a call to my mom or me in advance. All Plastic Modeling club meetings and any Screamin'

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Eagles meetings as held in the past will go on as usual. Dad's remains are proudly displayed in the museum in the spot he showed me he wanted to be in. So dad will be there to participate in everything. I have to tell you of a story about his trip home from the memorial service. Dad never would wear a seat belt in town. Guess what? On the trip back to the museum I set him on my Aerostar's passenger seat, put the seat belt around his urn, and said "this time you'll be buckled up".

The color insert on dad didn't cost the club because I wanted to do it for dad and our family has paid for it. I wanted to do this for dad and mom, without hesitation, generously offered to pay for the insert. Thanks mom. Please note the business card picture of Harry Thompson's AT-6 "Tigger" on the color insert.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Eagles who were at the memorial, were there in their thoughts, and those who have sent their condolences. It's friends like you who make this all a bit easier. And thank you Lord for arranging for weather that allowed the memorial service to take place exactly as planned.

As you can see I used "editor's privilege" to pretty much dedicate this issue to my dad. I thank you fellow Eagles to allow me to tell the story of one of the finest men most of us will ever have the opportunity to know. At this time, the only men I would rank up there with my dad are the Lord and Harry Thompson.

I'm going to miss you dad!

Your Son Le Roy



ORVILLE

BY HAROLD BLOSSOM



I think I'll just stay up here and wait for the next one Dad...

From the Editor:

Now that I have lost my Research Editor, I am more than ever going to need to lean on the rest of you Screamin' Eagles for contributions to this newsletter. Now that I am the main caretaker of the "Gallery of Aviation", I will most likely have limited time to fill the void caused by the loss of Steve. While I do have Steve's resources at my disposal to do the research, time is the weak link in my chain. I feel comfortable that I may be able to occasionally write something for the *Wisconsin Aviation History* column, I could not possibly do justice to continue the *Unusual of WWII* column. Remember that Steve's resources are available to all of you too!

Le Roy



In Memory Of
 Stephen S. Stuczynski
 Age 75

Date of Birth
 January 1, 1925

Date of Death
 September 26, 2000

Memorial Service
 St. Peter Catholic Church
 Saturday, September 30, 2000
 10:30 A.M.

Officiating
 Father Roger Nillas

Once a Marine #860990



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Taps

There will be a great encampment
 In the land of clouds today.
 A mingling and a merging
 Of our boys who've gone away.
 Though on earth they are disbanding,
 They are very close and near,
 For these brave and honored heroes
 Show no sorrow, shed no tear.
 They have lived a life of glory,
 History pins their medals high,
 Listen to the thunder rolling,
 They are marching in the sky!

—ARTA NOTTINGHAM CHAPPIUS

