



# Eagle Screams



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## December Meeting:

The December meeting of the Screamin' Eagles will be held at JJ's Top of the Swamp in Madison on December 12, 2002. As you know, they have good food at very reasonable prices so plan on grabbing a bite to eat there to show our appreciation for using their place as our fall and winter meeting site. Bring lots of show and tell.

## November Minutes – By Roy Seals

Rob called the meeting to order.

We discussed having our officer elections at our next meeting.

Le Roy gave a treasury report.

We voted to have our annual raffle at our next meeting and spend \$250 on prizes. Rob and Roy will pick these out.

Wayne shared with us his latest project. He is scratch building a 540. It will be 33% with a 103" wing span and is looking at putting a ZDZ80 for power.

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## *Prez Sez* – By Rob Goebel

Raffle Time! Roy and I picked out some accessories that every big bird modeler shouldn't be able to live without. Most of them will be raffled off at the next meeting, so make sure everyone joins us for minimal business and maximum fun this month. Did I say "most of them will be raffled"? Of course all of them will be given away, even if it is hard for me to part with all this stuff.

See you there. 

## Air Traffic Control

The controller working a busy pattern told the 727 on downwind to make a 360. The pilot of the 727 complained, "Do you know it costs us two thousand dollars to make a 360 in this airplane?" Without missing a beat the controller replied, "Roger, give me four thousand dollars worth."



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Roy brought in his Demoiselle by Sig. He built this so he would have something to fly indoors during the winter (by the way, it flies. Put 3 or 4 flights on it the day after our last meeting and its still in one piece).

Le Roy mentioned a Cedarville IL swap meet coming up. Charlie mentioned the upcoming swap meet in Waukesha. We had a good time. Hope to see you next month

Roy 



**Trez/Ed Sez** – By Le Roy Stuczynski

Another year has nearly passed. As I said last month, it's time to clean up the workshop and do the winterizing of your equipment, airplane inspection and maintenance, battery checks, etc. I am happy to say I have at least completed the cleanup of my workshop and I actually did a massive reorganization including see through storage bins of various sizes that really helps put like items together and easy to find when needed. It sure eliminates a lot of clutter on the work surfaces. The storage bins were on sale at Shopko last weekend and I went crazy buying them. It also forces you to throw away all the things you were keeping because "I'm sure I'll use this some day".

Don't forget we will be electing officers for 2003 at the December meeting so step forward and take your turn at something. Don't forget the raffle this month. Sounds like Rob and Roy did a great job of selecting the loot.

I've been pretty busy this month helping my mom out with things at her house since her bulging disc surgery on November 12. She is at Karmenta Rehabilitation Center and is making good progress. Once we get her home she will still have more recuperation to go through but at least the trip to her house will be a require a lot less time than going to the Rehab Center. It was a painful surgery for her but she is happy with the results and so is the family.

In January, the patient will change to my wife who will be having a partial knee replacement. She is suffering through a lot of pain with her knee but, in spite of that, has been a real help in providing the support mom needs during her recovery. Hang in there Sue, next month it's your turn to be pampered.

Where's this all going? Well it is my excuse for not searching out any modeling related material for the newsletter this month. That is why I inundated you all with a full page on Joe Tobul's unfortunate Corsair accident. I hope you find the page and his website interesting reading. He was an awesome person. Does this sound like another plea for articles for the newsletter? You betcha it is. I need some help guys!

Last month I talked about the MARCS special interest Warbirds group occasionally putting their articles in our newsletter. I misspoke when I said they try to get something in the Sparks on occasion but rarely is there enough room. Sparks always has the room and the real issue is that the group is usually unable to meet the cutoff date for publication. I am very sorry for any inconvenience this error may have caused.

See you all at the meeting. 

**ORVILLE**  
BY HAROLD BLOSSOM



Now there's a whole new meaning to my Winter Flying.

**Questions & Answers**

*In response to my plea for articles for publication, Harold Blossom gave me an article which appeared in Sport Aviation titled Q&A. This particular Q&A article was devoted to World War II Historical Information. Each month, in this block, I will publish one question and answer, some of which may be completely unknown. Ron Twellman of the EAA Aviation Foundation Boeing Library provided this information.*

Thanks Harold.

**Question:** What Japanese fighter was nicknamed "Mike"?

**A** - The code name "Mike" was applied to a supposed Japanese copy of the German Me. 109. Several were reported at the Battle of the Coral Sea, but none existed.

**Happy Holidays**



Photograph by Eric Dumigan

### **F4U-4 - Korean War Hero**

You will recall my raving about my September trip to the Gathering of Corsairs last September. One of the Corsairs in attendance was Joe Tobul's Korean War Hero F4U-4. I also saw this airplane at Oshkosh numerous times. Many of you may also have seen this spectacular restoration which was easy to remember because of its distinctive rockets and belly tanks. This Corsair was also a favorite of dad's. Sadly Joe had engine failure while heading to a fly by over the Veterans Home in Columbia, SC while departing from the Celebrate Freedom Air Show on November 10 and was killed. See their website at <http://www.koreanwarhero.com/> to view comments about this fine aviator.



*Picture of Joe taken before his final flight on Nov.10th.*

Joe Tobul Corsair pilot, an excellent husband, father, grandfather and to a lot of people a friend, was lost flying his Corsair on Sunday November 10, 2002 during the Celebrate Freedom air show in Columbia, SC. Joe flew the corsair to a field away from the public and houses to make sure that no one else was hurt. Joe flew by the book, and he did the right thing to protect others. Joe will be missed by all, and we will remember all the great stories and jokes that he told. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife and family.

**FLY-SAFE FLY-FAST GOD SPEED JOE  
CORSAIR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES**