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HAPPY NEW YEAR to the Passengers and Flight Crew of Chapter 461!  
WOW! Here we are cruising on into our 2019 flight plan with good attitude and straight and level wings. We have plotted a beautiful course for the year, and look forward to seeing many positive changes in the upcoming months. Young Eagles, youth programs, Chapter builds and projects, outings, cook outs, the new hangar, OSH19!!! There are so many adventures we will be embarking on. I can't wait to Journey it out with you all. Young Eagles will be here before we know it, so be prepared. BUCKLE UP! We are working on forming up some great new ideas into the New Year. I am excited!

As always, no matter where you are -- Time is the best Gift that an individual can give...  
Yours is always appreciated, especially within our (YOUR) Chapter! Thanks! -Aymee ☺

**PREZ SAYZ - aka: Words from Wayne:**

- I'm tremendously excited about what 2019 has in store for the Chapter – we are kicking things off with a bang thanks to Al Bally, one of our newer members, who has donated the materials for our lounge area in the new hangar. We will build out the floor and railing over the winter, so we have a great destination when the weather warms up. THANKS AL!!!!!!!!!!
- We officially have our 501c3 in place, which will help us greatly in the future! Now accepting donations!
- Several Chapter members picked up the 1950's 172 which was donated to 461. It is a huge restoration project, but if it is not doable, it might be a source of good parts for resale and use towards a more suitable project... Accordingly we have it here at our EAA Hangar and do a deeper dive.
- **Saturday, Jan 26, 2019 - Chicago Aviation Expo 2019 99s IFR/VFR Safety Seminar, Chicago, IL**  
January 26th from 8am to 4pm at the Holiday Inn, Itasca, IL.  
You can attend IFR Classes or VFR Classes, and Flying Companion-Aspiring Pilots Classes.  
Program: Aviation Vendors. Qualifies for Wings Credit.  
Organizers and Sponsors: Chicago Area Chapters 99s, Jill Feldman, Chair International Organization of Women Pilots, Illinois Department of Transportation - Division of Aeronautics, Linda Schumm, Bureau Chief.  
860 W. Irving Park Rd. Itasca, IL. Sponsored by Chicago Area 99s.
- **TBM Avenger Salute to Veterans - May 18, 2019**  
Illinois Valley Regional Airport, 4251 E Ed Urban Drive, Peru, Illinois 61354, United States  
(815) 223-8441 <https://tbmreunion.org/>





**GHQ Military Museum @ C56** – submitted by: V.P. Chad Carlson

Last Saturday (January 5), I asked John Weiss and Al Bally (both of whom just happened to be hanging around following the C-172 migration) if they wanted to go play in the sky. They did, so after a few moments of contemplation, we decided to fly down to Bult Field (C56) to check out the Bult Mansion. Neither John nor Al were aware of the mansion's existence, and while I had seen it many times while refueling N8ML, I had never ventured in to check out the secrets it held. We had no idea that we were in for a great surprise!

The flight to Bult was rather fast (said no Cherokee driver, ever), thanks to a 35-knot tailwind. We landed, parked, and walked over to the mansion where we encountered the only glitch in the mission - the front door. Despite multiple attempts to push the door open, each with an increased level of effort, it simply would not budge. We checked the time - 3:30 PM - and agreed we were attempting to enter during the published 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM operating hours. Frustrated, but undeterred, we discussed and evaluated the situation. It quickly became clear that we only had one option left: pull the door instead. So we pulled. It opened. We were in! We had barely made our way through the door when we saw a sign that read "GHQ Military Museum" with an arrow pointing down a hallway. No further discussion was needed. We all knew where we needed to go.

Tucked away at the far end of the publicly-accessible portion of the Bult Mansion, we found a small room about the size of a one-car garage. As we stepped into the room, we were instantly swept back to the 1940s by the impressive "Life at 50 Below" display of U.S. Army Air Corps uniforms and life support gear. We then wandered around the room several times as we took in and considered the tools, magazines, official correspondence, and a detailed set of story boards with photographs depicting life in a German POW camp from the authentic and highly personal perspective of downed B-17 pilot Bernard Kerouac, a Kankakee native. To say "it was awesome" would be a gross understatement. I simply do not have the words to do it justice, so I will just stop now while I am way behind.

In all, we spent about forty-five minutes soaking in as many of the details as we were able. I am certain we missed quite a few, and I know a return trip is most definitely necessary. (What's that? I need to fly again? Oh darn!)

Per the GHQ website ( <https://www.ghqmilitarymuseum.com> ): "GHQ Military Preservation Group has a specific mission in mind by providing a way to preserve our military history and heritage of the United States of America. Our challenge is to offer all young and old the opportunity to view experience and learn about our Nation's military services during peace time, war, or conflict around the world. We want all of America to understand, appreciate, and respect all that have served our country and protected our freedom. This is the purpose of our museum."

In my humble opinion, whether you drive or fly to see it, the GHQ Military Museum is worth the effort. The museum is located at Bult Field 28261 S. Kedzie Ave., Monee , Illinois 60449.

**Additionally –**

**Chapter 260, out of Bult, will be hosting its inaugural Fly-In Poker Run and Pig Roast in 2019!**

**Nuts n Bolts FROM THE V.P. --**

Chad has created a fantastic new website and message board. It will be updated and presented soon, so be on the lookout! (Thanks Chad, for all of your hard work and dedication to the Chapter! It is so excited to see where we are heading.)

**SECRETARY STUFF from Jerry O.** -- Nothing new at this time.



(photo and write-up inspiration, courtesy of Jim Jacobsen)

Have you ever been to Las Vegas' McCarran Airport ?

If so, have you ever noticed the 1958 Cessna 172 "HACIENDA" that is hanging from the roof by the baggage claim? She flew 64 days, 22 hours and 19 minutes straight in 1959 setting a record for the longest manned, refueled flight without landing! Flown by slot machine mechanic Bob Timm and an airline pilot named John Wayne Cook, they flew over Southern Nevada, California and Arizona to accomplish their feat.

Also, The Hacienda hotel held a fleet of over 30 planes, which were used to fly gamblers in from around the country. Some of the planes had pianos and bars!

Want to read a really interesting article on the trip? Check it out here:

<https://jalopnik.com/5971433/how-a-slot-machine-mechanic-flew-150000-miles-over-64-days-without-landing>



**WE ARE IN NEED OF PILOT PROFILES!!!**  
**Please feel free to email me for the Questionnaire,**  
**or check the website soon to download a copy.**  
**Instructions will be available on the website.**  
**\*\*\*AND\*\*\***  
**"WE WANT YOU... "**  
**to submit some articles!!!**  
**If you have something you think would be interesting to share,**  
**please feel free to email me!**  
**I welcome your ideas and submissions! [FlyByeGal3@aol.com](mailto:FlyByeGal3@aol.com)**

**UPCOMING DATES TO KNOW ABOUT:**

**Saturday, Jan 26, 2019 -**

Chicago Aviation Expo 2019 99s IFR/VFR Safety Seminar  
8am to 4pm at the Holiday Inn, Itasca, IL.

Don't forget to check out [www.socialflight.com](http://www.socialflight.com) for events and activities going on around us.

Look at: [www.avweb.com](http://www.avweb.com) for more AV info, too.

ALSO, check out EAA.org for info on upcoming webinars !

<https://www.eaa.org/ea/news-and-publications/ea-webinars>

**“FOR ONCE YOU HAVE TASTED FLIGHT  
YOU WILL WALK THE EARTH WITH  
YOUR EYES TURNED SKYWARDS, FOR  
THERE YOU HAVE BEEN AND THERE  
YOU WILL LONG TO RETURN.”**

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**LEONARDO DA VINCI**



**“I FLY BECAUSE IT RELEASES MY  
MIND FROM THE TYRANNY OF PETTY  
THINGS.”**

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**NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Clow International  
Airport (1C5) in Bolingbrook, Illinois – in the Illinois Aviation Museum**

