

# The Flypaper

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## Remembering member Bud Stratton



### Morris "Bud" Stratton

Aug. 18, 1923 - Jan. 6, 2022

EUREKA - Morris "Bud" Stratton, 98, of Eureka, IL passed away peacefully on January 6, 2022.

Bud was born on August 18, 1923 to Marjorie Moffet and Art Stratton of Toluca, IL. He graduated from Toluca High School and was drafted to the Army Airforce and served in the Philippines as a Radio Operator until 1945. Bud flew 41 missions in WWII and was awarded the Air

Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster for meritorious achievement. After his honorable service he returned home and married the love of his life, Renee Moreschi, of Toluca on September 22, 1948 at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Toluca.

He is survived by his two daughters: Donna (Mike) Reese of Eureka, IL and Morene Christman of Champaign, IL; three grandchildren: Andrew (Becky) Reese, Megan (Daniel) Martin and Vincent Christman; and was a Pawpaw to six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings Bill Stratton and Grace Thompson.

Bud was employed by Honeywell in service and sales for 22 years and belonged to the Steamfitters Local 353, Peoria, IL. In 1968 they moved to Normal, IL and he became the Director of Building and Grounds for the Illinois

Agriculture Association and he retired in 1987. He moved to Maple Lawn in Eureka, IL in 2014. Bud was very patriotic, flying the American Flag daily at his home and contributing to the American Legion Post #440, Toluca. He was a lifetime member of the 500th Bomb Squadron Association.

Bud enjoyed the outdoors and was a pheasant and duck hunter as well as fisherman. He hunted deer with bow, shotgun, and mussel loader until the age of 94. He was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose #745, Bloomington. He pursued getting his pilot's license after retirement and enjoyed flying small planes as well as restoring three planes. He would often fly to Oshkosh, WI for the International Fly-Ins.

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## You Have Information January!

### January Membership Meeting

**Thursday, January 20 at 6:00 PM**

**Member's soups will be the main course. Please bring a dish to pass.**

**Join us for some hangar flying and we will watch the January Chapter Video with news from HQ from Charlie Becker and Jack Pelton**

**It's beginning to feel like winter- bring your favorite soup recipe to share!**



## Looking at 2022

I find myself feeling a little deja vu again this year as we begin to plan events for 2022. The uncertainty looming in the room over what we can accomplish this year is smothering. In spite of that, we are moving ahead with planning events and will proceed as though all will be well. We must. We are working on a schedule for Young Eagle events, coordinating with our local chapters 29 and 1642. We have already booked the Tri-Motor at BMI for mid June thanks to the efforts of Captain Bill Thacker. Our STEM coordinator, Wayne Aldrich

has developed a good starting list of opportunities to help bring an aviation experience to our kids. All of these efforts/events support our charter of bringing aviation to our community.

Other planning involves support for our builders, fundraising and chapter activities for our members. Above all, the health and safety of our membership is paramount as we navigate through another uncertain year. Stay tuned.

Charlie



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He won "Best in Show" Aviation Award in 1989.



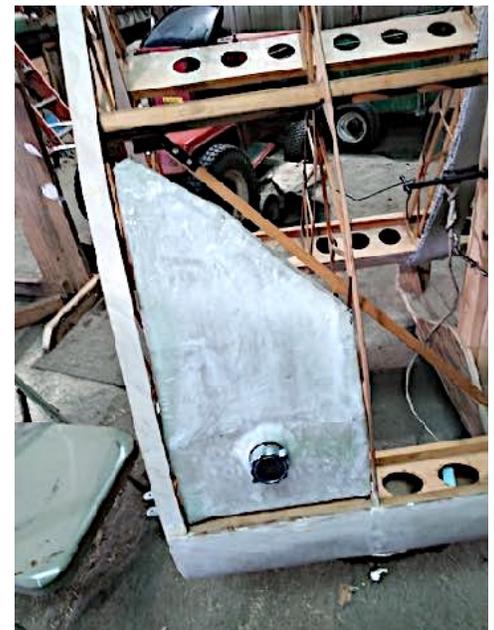
Bud was also a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association #129.

He will be laid to rest next to his loving wife, Renee at St. Ann's Cemetery, Toluca, IL with military rites. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Legion Post

#440 of Toluca, IL, the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter #129 in Bloomington, IL or the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight.

## Builders Update

Jim Hazen provided some update pictures of his Legal Eagle project showing the completion of the perimeter tape on the tail feathers (looks like he has moved to the living room for the winter). Also shown is the fuel tank constructed by Mark Langley, carefully fitted into the wing assembly.



## Tidbits and Winter Reading



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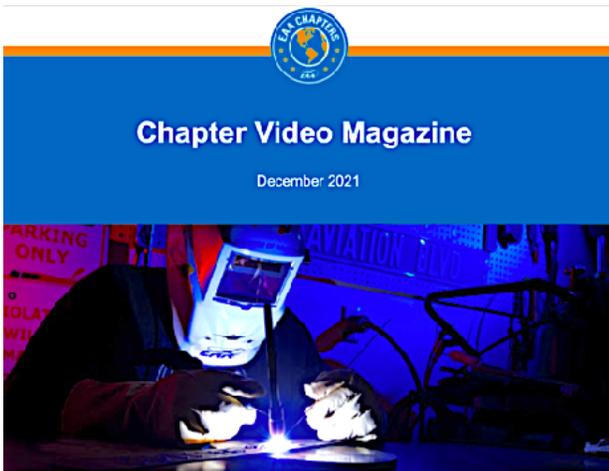
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