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**FEB**  
**12** Chapter meeting  
*SR-71 Blackbird*  
**26** Board meeting

**MAR**  
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*Rebuilding a Vari-Ez*  
**26** Board meeting

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**A: slithers; B: flies; or C: bites Answer: ?**

## From the Pres...

January's tour of Waukegan tower (& pizza party) was a great success. Although a slow day at Waukegan National Airport, about 30 Chapter members and family got a chance to view operations from high above runway 5-23. Darrell Haskett, Tower Manager, arranged for our tour, and tower controllers Jeremy and Greg were on hand to explain the equipment and procedures required to handle approximately 55,000 aircraft operations per year. Pizza from Jimano's Pizza was enjoyed by all, as we waited our turn in the tower. We also got to tinker with aluminum and

riveting thanks to a mini-workshop put on by Mike Fazio, Dave McCormick, and John Tierney. These guys really know their sheet metal skills, and are a great Chapter resource for your own projects. Use them!

Members also got a sneak preview of Warbird Heritage's latest acquisition – a Lockheed T-33 Shooting Star trainer aircraft flown in earlier in the week.

Chapter programs have been firmed up for the next 3 months, and you won't want to miss these! First up answers the question posed in the headline for this month's issue of Shorelines. This can be none other than the SR-71 Blackbird – regarded to be the fastest and highest flying aircraft built of it's time. Many records still stand today.

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SR-71 pilot Lt. Col. (Ret) Bernard (Bernie) Smith will be our guest this month to talk about his missions and experiences piloting this unique aircraft.

Bernie Smith was born and raised in Antioch, IL, and commissioned in the USAF in 1969 through the ROTC program at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA. His initial assignment following pilot training was to Vietnam flying the C-123K. He was a Pilot/Instructor in the B-52D and FB-111A prior to the SR-71A/B. During his AF career his awards included the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with Ten Oak Leaf Clusters. He retired from the AF in 1989 as Chief of Standardization and Evaluation for the 9 SRW, Beale AFB and joined American Airlines.

In 2007, Bernie retired from American having flown B727, B737, S80 and B777 for over 18 years. He received a degree in Mathematics from Coe College in 1969 and a Masters in Business Administration from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY, in 1976. Bernie has nearly 15,000 hours of military/civilian flying time including over 1,000 hours in the SR-71A/B from 1981 to 1989.

For background on the SR-71, I suggest you check out the following before the meeting:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lockheed\\_SR-71\\_Blackbird](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lockheed_SR-71_Blackbird)

March and April programs should also be of interest to our members. Many of you are familiar with Jim Springer and his Cozy project. It has been some time since we visited his project, and recently learned that he has taken time off to restore Tony Remich's Long-Ez to flying status. Along the way, Jim has made some improvements and modifications developed since the original design. Jim will tell us about this in March.

In April, we will have another military subject, this time the B-52. Pilot and B-52 flight instructor Lt. Col (Ret) Addison Tower will drop in to share his experience. More in future *Shorelines*.

Finally, if you have not paid your 2015 dues, now is the time to do so. If not paid by the March meeting, you will be dropped from the active membership rolls.

*Blue Skies ! Jim*

#### Editor Position Available

After many years of being your editor, it is time for a new editor to take over responsibilities for our *Shorelines*. Who is up for it? Who would like to put their creative stamp on our newsletter?

Interested? Contact any of the Board members and let them know you want to make a difference in Chapter operations!

## Membership

**Special note: If you have not paid your 2015 dues, your Chapter membership has EXPIRED!**

**All dues are payable by January** for the calendar year. Members that join in mid-year should contact the treasurer to determine the pro-rated dues for their first year. To pay your dues, only \$24 per year, see Dave Smith at the meeting or mail your check made out to "EAA Chapter 414" to:

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### WARBIRD HERITAGE FOUNDATION 3000 CORPORATE DRIVE

Chapter meetings are held at the Warbird Heritage Foundation on the second Thursday of the month. Meetings start at 7:00 PM. We are located on the west side to Waukegan airport. *Do not take Lewis Avenue to Beach Road, as Beach is interrupted by runways.* To get to us, take Green Bay Road to Beach Road. Then take Beach Road east, through the security gate, where Beach becomes Corporate Drive.

Once past the gate, the Warbird Heritage Foundation is in the last building on the right (closest to the runway). Gate opens about 15 minutes prior to meeting.

For information on the Warbird Heritage Foundation, go to [WarbirdHeritageFoundation.org](http://WarbirdHeritageFoundation.org).

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