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## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ON OUR BOARD?

Let us know! We are looking to fill several positions.



## Message from the President

Hello everyone! Hope you are having a great summer! Our annual Hangar Dance & Cruise is just a few weeks away! I encourage all our members to attend this event! We had such a good time at our last Benefit Dance and the Hangar Dance before that. This year we are raffling rides in Harland's 1942 PT 23. What a great opportunity to win a ride in an open cockpit war bird. The plane is pictured above and on the next page. Please make an effort to join us August 29th at 5pm at Westfield-Barnes Airport.

We have had some enjoyable times this summer. Our trip to Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome was awesome. It was my first time visiting the museum and what a treat! I saw some of the coolest old aircraft I have ever seen. But most importantly, I watched as some of them took to the skies! This is exactly what we intend to do at PVMTM! To see some of these aircraft fly was impressive. Many of them are twice my age! There was a lot to see on the flight line and in the storage hangars. In addition to the planes, they had numerous cars, motorcycles, engines and lots of other cool antiques.

Below is the 1909 Bleriot XI. It is the oldest flying aircraft in the US and 2nd oldest in the world! The day of our visit was opening day and the 50th anniversary of Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome. We also witnessed the 100th anniversary flight of the Bleriot! This was an awesome event to see!



To the left is PVMTM board member Bill Howard wearing his T-shirt with the emblem shown on the poster behind. Charles Nungesser, a French ace fighter pilot, is pictured here in his Nieuport17 in a dog fight. Charles is said to have 45 official victories, third best in France, and was best remembered as a rival of Charles Lindbergh. After the war, Nungesser mysteriously disappeared on an attempt to make the first non-stop transatlantic flight from Paris to New York.

At Westfield-Barnes Airport  
in Westfield, MA



Cory and the Knightsmen Band

Saturday  
August 29, 2009  
5 -11pm

# Hangar-Dance

Food available by B'Shara's  
Runway Restaurant! Italian Sausage &  
London Broil Grinders, Hamburgers &  
Hotdogs, Full Bar and More!

ANTIQUE &

MILITARY VEHICLES AND

MEMORABILIA WILL BE ON DISPLAY!

All proceeds are donations to benefit the PVMTM, Inc.  
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The PVMTM, Inc. welcomes the public on Saturday  
August 29th for a groovin', kickin', sock-hoppin'

## Hangar Dance and Cruise-In!

\$20.00 per person \$35.00 per couple  
MILITARY PERSONNEL IN UNIFORM RECEIVE \$5 OFF!

This event is **open to the public** as well as anyone landing at Barnes  
Municipal Airport. **Fly-In** your classic airplane, **or Cruise-In** your  
classic vehicle. Trophies awarded to top 3  
choices of the band.

There will be Raffles!!! Win a ride in a Vintage Warbird!  
50/50 Raffle, BBC Beer Raffle and more!

To Help Sponsor This Event  
or for more information

Call Dorothy 413-562-1813

Or Leo 413-315-1466

or email [Info@PVMTM.ORG](mailto:Info@PVMTM.ORG)



## Help Us Out!

This summer, the members of the board as well as other volunteers will be at the museum site working on several projects. Stop by the museum site on Airport Road Saturday mornings from 9am until 12pm to help out. We have breakfast at The Runway Restaurant at the Airport Terminal on Saturdays at 8am. Stop in for a coffee or breakfast before we get to work.

**In the event of inclement weather, call Leo (529-9296) for confirmation of whether we are at the site or if other plans have been made!**

We plan to continue working throughout the summer and fall every Saturday.

There will be plenty to do!



### 1936 Morgan-United Kingdom

**The prototype for the Morgan Tricar was built in 1909 by H.S.F. Morgan. He used the V-twin engine from a wrecked Peugeot motorcycle. Morgan three-wheelers were built up until 1948 when the supply of V-twin engines was exhausted.**

### 1916 Royal Enfield Motorcycle

**The Royal Enfield Company stayed in business for over seventy years manufacturing motorcycles from 1898 through 1971. Using some of the best riders around, Royal Enfield competed successfully at numerous motorcycle races and held the land speed record for sidecar outfitted motorcycles driven over one mile.**



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Message from the President continued:

Left is a view in what looked like the newest hangar at Old Rhinebeck. There was so much to see there I need to go again. As I looked around I noticed many of the small things that if you walked too fast, you would miss. Artwork, tools, parts, models are just a few little things that made the museum very interesting. On a sad note, some of the hangars were in disrepair and water damage, insect damage and animals were taking their toll on some of these precious artifacts.

I encourage our members to participate in these field trips. Sometimes we are able to get group discounts and its always more fun to visit places with people who have similar interests. See you at the Dance!

Leo Dube  
President PVMTM

## Calendar of Events!

- **August 29th** ~ Annual PVMTM Hangar Dance and Cruise-In ~ Westfield Barnes Airport ~ DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

**Check [www.pvmtm.org](http://www.pvmtm.org) for the latest information on special events!**

**Please let us know if you can help at the events (distribute flyers, provide sponsorship, attend as a volunteer, etc.)**

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