

Shutterbugs of Volo Bog

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Wednesday, August 21st

Pizza Night

Carl Stineman- Alaskan trip travelogue

Election of officers.

The Shutterbugs Camera Club meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the Visitor Center of the Volo Bog State Nature Area the 3rd Wednesday of every month, to attend. Membership is \$25 per year⁴/single, \$30 per year/ couple.

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In Focus:

Thanks to Shutterbugs president Michael Schmitt for the following:



I grew up in Highland Park Illinois. Went to College at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. I have an AAS in Aviation Technology and a BS in Aviation Management. I have a private pilot's license and a FAA Airframe and Power plant License (A&P) also advanced open water scuba diving certificate. I'm a member of the ASAA (American Society of Aviation Artists) I also dabble in woodworking and just started to make quilts, and of course photography. I'm vice president, co-newsletter editor and contest director of the Chicagoland Circle Cutters. A Control line model airplane club. I enjoy flying model airplanes in competition.

I started my Aviation mechanics career with Simmons Airlines in 1983. I worked there for three years. This gave me the necessary experience required by the major airlines. I was hired by American Airlines in 1986. I've been a Technical Crew Chief in Aircraft Maintenance since 1988.

I met my wife Colleen while I was working for Simmons Airlines. Colleen was a Flight Attendant for Simmons airlines but she is currently employed by the Quill Corp. as a web specialist. We have three daughters Lauren 30, Caitlin 30 and Emily 27. All three are working and out on their own.

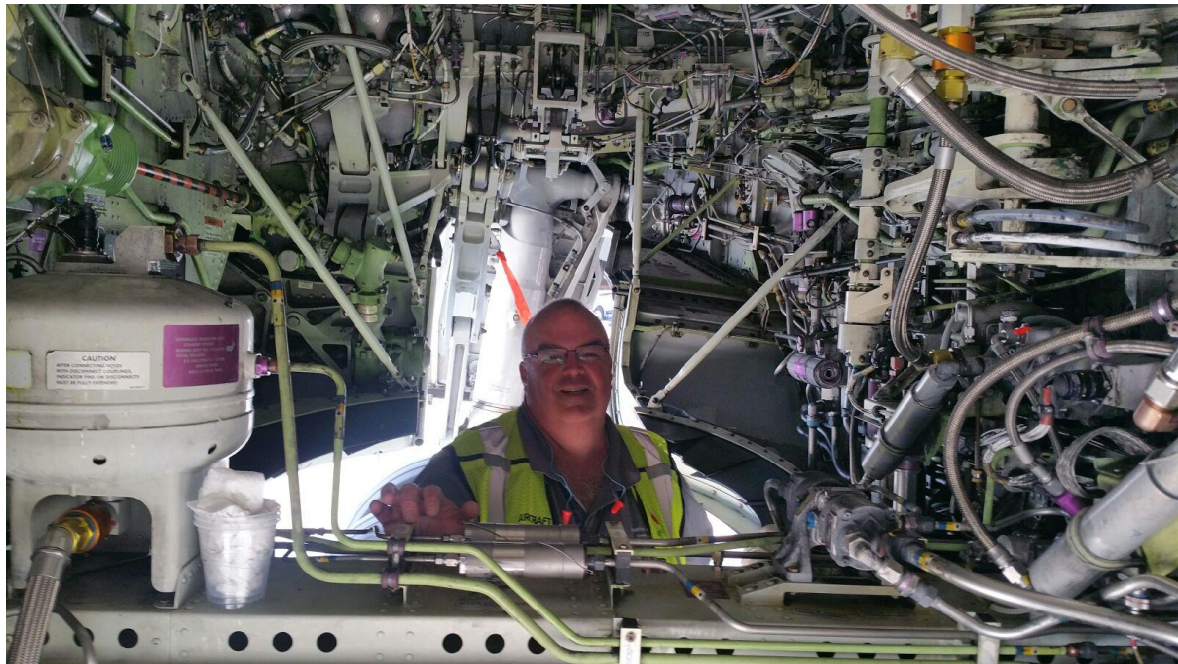
My first interest in photography came from my Mother. She would take family pictures using a Kodak Retina camera, my Dad bought while he was with the army in Germany. I was so interested in the technical features of the camera and the beautiful pictures she could get with it. My first camera was a Kodak Hawkeye point and shoot for Christmas. Second camera was a nice Kodak 110 I saved up for. I bought my first 35mm camera in high school. I was working as the sears key man and found a Sears camera (Mamiya Sekor) on sale with a 10% employee discount. I joined the high school camera club and learned how develop film and black and white photos. My parents allowed me to build my own darkroom in the basement so long as I built an exhaust fan to get rid of the fumes first. I since gone thru a number of cameras: Nikon FM, Nikon F-3, Nikonos V underwater film camera,

Nikon 8008s, jumped to digital-Canon g2, canon g5, canon g9, Nikon 60d, Nikon D300, Sony rx100iii, Nikon D800, Nikon D500.

I enjoy taking pictures of Family, Nature, Airplanes people and anything that will pose for me!

I joined the shutterbugs to improve my photography skills. Having photo competitions to prepare for gets me out the house and walking thru the woods looking for that next great shot.











OF INTEREST:

The McHenry Library has a copy of the “National Audubon Society Guide to Nature Photography” by Tim Fitzharris. It is a helpful, interesting and inspiring book!

Member Carl Stineman shared the following pictures taken in Kenosha at the Tall Ships exhibit...





Bluenose II



Working the bowsprit on Niagara



Picton Castle wheel



Bluenose II stern