



# NEWSLETTER

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### A Message from the President



Amy Hills

Happy New Year HCAA! I hope January has been kind to you and you are all staying dry and warm.

Last year was a big year for our group; we added the lending library, the flight simulator, had a very successful Lunch at the Airport and were able to meet together many times for food and fellowship.

I am so grateful for each and every one of you continuing to support our group. This year we would love to see some more of you at our monthly board and planning meetings starting the second Tuesday of March. Don't be hesitant to bring your ideas for what you'd like to see the group accomplish this year or your talents if you are willing to volunteer them. Can't wait to see everyone at the Pi Day event!

### NEW BOARD MEMBER

We are pleased that Jeff Lahr will be serving on our board as of January 1. He has been a member of HCAA since he and Casie joined in 2017. Last year Jeff was instrumental in obtaining the flight simulator for use by students. Welcome to the board, Jeff!



### DUES NEWS

An email was recently sent to members reminding everyone that dues are due. So it's time to send the small amount of \$15 for either individual or family membership. Checks have been coming in. If you haven't sent yours, just go ahead and mail it and you will feel so much better. Me too!

If you have already paid your dues, let me know I missed listing two members who had paid. (Sorry Reed and Vern.)

## DO A LITTLE RESEARCH

Have you ever heard of Colonel Bernt Balchen? No? Well, I hadn't either until I found this cap in Jim's closet. Wondering who he was, I googled his name and was surprised at what I found. He had an amazing flying career and when you have time, I recommend you look him up on the internet.

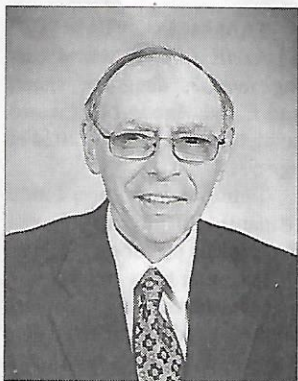


**EUGENE HENRY TRAPP**, 95, of Danville, Indiana, passed away January 12, 2024.

He was born on December 25, 1928 in Mount Carmel, Illinois, to the late Marie (Pfeister) and Sylvester S. Trapp. Gene married Catherine A. Basinger in Enfield, Illinois on April 26, 1951.

He is a U S Army veteran of the Korean War and a Purple Heart recipient. Gene was a railroad engineer at Conrail for 47 years, retiring in 1997.

He was an avid wood carver. He was a member of Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Danville, Knights of Columbus, the Danville American Legion and the V F W.



## GENE TRAPP

We were sorry to hear that Gene Trapp passed away on January 12.

He and Cathy were long-time members of HCAA and we will miss him at our events.

The following pictures are from some of our past get-togethers.....

Cookout 9/16/23





3/13/23 Contd.



10/14/23 Chili Cookoff

