



# The CCHS *Newsletter*

Carroll County Historical Society

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## **Jesse Bell to Speak at January Meeting**

Jesse Bell is one of the most pleasant folks you'll ever meet—and you'll have a chance to meet him at the January 19, 2016 monthly meeting of the Carroll County Historical Society. Many already know of Jesse through an article about him in the recent issue of *West Georgia Living* entitled "The Reluctant Sailor." It's the story of Jesse's WW-II experiences, when his dream of becoming an aviator was side-tracked by his service on a destroyer in the South Pacific. At the meeting to be held Tuesday, January 19th, at 6:30 PM at The Carrollton Depot, Jesse will elaborate on his memories of growing up on a farm in Roopville, his service in the war, his career at Lockheed-Georgia, and his activities since his return home to Roopville, including his activity in the local chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association.

Jesse finally realized his dream of flying in 1952 while working at Lockheed...and then some. He's known as the "go to" guy for technical information about aircraft, and is a registered aircraft inspector. He "signs off" an airworthiness approval on locally owned aircraft, including many of the home-built aircraft constructed by EAA members. At the age of almost 90, Jesse still loves to fly every chance he gets, and he's proud of his military service; his favorite cap announces that he's a veteran of WW-II. He'll answer your questions after his presentation, which would especially be a treat for the young folks and students who didn't live through those tumultuous years. Light refreshments will be served as usual, and the public is cordially invited.

And mark your calendars for the next monthly general meeting on Tuesday, February 16, when local artist Tom Nielsen will be the featured speaker. A Navy veteran also, many of Nielsen's oil paintings feature nautical subjects.

**Tuesday, January 19th, 6:30 PM**

**The Carrollton Depot**

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## Distinguished Service Award presented to Gwyn Chesnut



At the November general meeting, the Carroll County Historical Society awarded its first ever “Distinguished Service Award.” to Gwyn Chesnut.

The award recognizes Gwyn for her “distinguished and unselfish service given to the society while serving with outstanding leadership, vision and ability.” Gwyn served several times as President and program presenter and has been a mainstay of the Society since its foundation.

**Congratulations, Gwen!**

### Time to Renew Membership

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2016, please visit the CCHS Web-site or contact one of the Board Members.

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