

FAASTeam presents:

# **Gil Rud - Blue Angel's Transition from Skyhawks to Hornets**

Gil Rud was the flight leader of the famous Blue Angels flight demonstration team from 1986 through 1988. In this amazing multi-media presentation, he will share the experiences and challenges of transitioning from the A-4 Skyhawk to the F/A-18 Hornet.

The presentation will include a brief history of the Blue Angels and the aircraft they have flown over the past 67 years. Gil will detail the A-4 aircraft including the flight characteristics that made it such a great airshow aircraft. He will also cover some of the challenges associated with the A-4. The meat of the presentation will focus on the selection, modification, and testing of the Hornet that eventually resulted in the great airshow that is flown today. Gil will leave time to entertain questions regarding what it is like actually flying these two great aircraft in front of millions of people.

Gil was the CO and flight leader of the Blue Angels from 1986 through 1988. In addition he was the CO of the USS Constellation. He currently flies the Cirrus SR22 and is an active member of EAA14 and a volunteer pilot for the Young Eagles program.

## Event Details

**Sat, Sep 21, 2013 - 10:00 am**

**EAA Chapter 14, Hangar 1**

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