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CHAPTER SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

At our last meeting of the year we traditionally thank those members who have provided outstanding leadership and service to the Chapter.

Those receiving awards were: Jeff Paris Tech Counselor; Bob Northrup Tech Counselor; Earl Luce Tech Counselor; Jim Martin Tech Counselor & Flight Advisor; Elise Isler Young Eagle Coordinator; Bob Nelligan-Barrett Newsletter Editor; Jeff Peters Secretary, Membership Coordinator & Sport Aviation Camp; Phil Hazen Vice President; and Norm Isler President. **Thank you to all these members for your dedication and service.**



Of special note was the “Golden Hammer Award” presented to Kevin Arganbright (left above) for his dedication to the building of and to the maintenance of the Sport Aviation Center. Kevin was a regular presence from Day One of construction and now serves as our Building and Grounds Coordinator. **Thank you Kevin for keeping the SAC looking sharp.**

TO THE FINISH LINE by Norm Isler

Thank you to all that have given to the Building Expansion Fund (aka the Hangar Fund Challenge!)

In October, our efforts had slowed considerably, and after 21 months of the 24 month challenge, our total contributed to the matching fund sat at \$6,475. Through the generosity of our members and friends, by the November meeting our total had climbed to \$8,280. I am pleased to report that as of press time for this publication, we have reached \$9,275! We are almost there!

With just a few hundred more dollars from our entire group, we will reach our “Total Match” goal of \$10,000, meaning our Anonymous Donor with match all \$10,000. That means \$20,000 has been added to our building expansion fund in the last two years!

I know it seems like this project has been talked about for so long, but remember that it took us 11 years to be ready to break ground on our current building. The reason it takes so long is that your Board of Directors will not take our group into debt, and EVERY DOLLAR we have goes into our building and our programs, not “to the bank!” Few organizations can brag of being so financially responsible that they have NO DEBT. We can!

When we break ground, we will be ready to start, build and finish the expansion all at one time with no delays, and no interest fees. Our current programs can and will expand, and I believe our membership will also expand.

Thanks to all who have contributed, and those still planning to contribute before Dec 31. And a special “Thank you!” to our generous Anonymous Donor.

Mission: EAA Chapter 44 is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization of aircraft builders and aviation enthusiasts in Western New York dedicated to promoting aviation and encouraging participation in aviation-related activities. These include designing, building and restoring aircraft, education, advocacy and youth outreach programs. We promote flying with high standards of safety in an environment that supports freedom, family and personal fulfillment.

GONE WEST

We have learned that two former members and the brother of a member have Gone West.

Former Officer Bob Miller died last year in a motorcycle accident and was recently noted in last month's Sport Aviation Gone West column.

Phil Hazen sent me this about Bob Miller. "Bob was on the 1984-1986 Board of Directors along with me, Norm and Rob Williams. Bob Miller's house, hangar and grass airstrip were on the property immediately south of Mark Donovan's. He left the chapter about two years after he finished building his Hatz bi-plane which was about 10 years before we built our Colby Street Chapter House. He also owned a J-3 Cub that had been his father's.

From the D&C Obituary: North Chili: Suddenly on October 7, 2016 at age 69. Predeceased by his parents, his loving wife of 42 years, Kristi; their daughter, and grandson,; and many cousins.

Ward Wolff passed away recently. Ward was a relatively new member to the chapter and participated in many events and meetings. Ward's wish is to have donations for his grandkids' College Fund (Cameron and Landon Wolff).

John Williams, Rob's brother, passed away recently unexpectedly. He had joined us many years ago on an Oshkosh Airlift and was enamored by the Warbird area.

From the D & C Obituary: Palmyra: Unexpectedly on November 8, 2017. Predeceased by parents, John was a loving husband, father, grandfather and uncle. He is survived by his wife, Mary Beth; 3 children,; 10 grandchildren; a sister; brothers, ... Robert Williams; nephews, nieces,; 4 great nieces and nephews.

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HANGAR FUND CHALLENGE ALTIMETER

For every dollar donated to our Hangar Fund, an additional dollar will be matched by an Anonymous Donor now through December 31, 2017. Total gifts received as of December 10 toward the \$10,000 challenge is \$9,275.

We need only \$725 in donations by December 31 to meet our goal. This will enable us to receive the final \$1,000 of our Donors match. Remember your donation is tax-deductible.



Now that our Altimeter has broken the \$9,000 threshold, our Anonymous Donor has added their next \$1,000 match to the Hangar Fund. At every \$1,000 milestone our Donor will add their matching \$1,000.

We have less than 1 month to reach our goal! we have gotten so close in the past 2 months. Let's not lose the opportunity to earn the Donor's matching support.

Make your tax-deductible donation payable to "EAA Chapter 44" and put "Hangar Challenge" in the memo line. Mail or give your donation to Treasurer Gail Isaac, 6 Clearview Dr., Spencerport, NY 14559.

Thank you to our Anonymous Donor and thank you to YOU for your support of the Sport Aviation Center Hangar Fund.

Contribution may be made to the [American Heart Association](#), Rochester Founders Affiliate, PO Box 417005, Boston, MA, 02241-7005

The thoughts and prayers of the members of Chapter 44 go out to the families of Bob, Ward, and John.

CUNNINGHAM HALL GA-36 PHOTOS DONATED TO HISTORY PROJECT

Jim Gooding sent these photos (and the one in the masthead) from his visit to the Niagra Aerospace Museum where they have a GA-36 on display that our chapter had its hands on back in the day. Thanks Jim.



AOPA ASI BRINGS “FLY BY NIGHT” TO THE SAC

AOPA Instructor Mark Grady joined us again at the Sport Aviation Center for a presentation to sixty-six participants on night flying.



AOPA ASI safety presentations are held twice a year and are free and open to the public. They are a great way for rusty pilots to get back into flying.

TODD CAMERON INTRODUCES US TO ON-CORE AVIATION FLIGHT SCHOOL

Todd Cameron wears many hats. He’s a CFI, a check pilot for warbirds, a Gulfstream pilot for hire, and all around plane-nut like the rest of us.

He spoke to us in October about new trends in flight instruction and how his flight school, OnCore Aviation, uses Technically Advanced Aircraft (TAA) and makes no bones about it. If you are going to fly in today’s environment, you need to know how to use the glass-panel avionics in today’s airplanes. and unfortunately that is expensive. But through his program you get brand new diamond aircraft, quality instructors, and quality training. **Thanks Todd for sharing your philosophy with us.**

FOR SALE

48' x 48' hangar at Gaines Valley Airport, make offer.

1963 Piper Colt Project, many new parts, 10 Hrs SMOH. Easy project, \$10,000

Rare original Piper J4E Wheel Pants \$500

2 Continental A65 engines

New Sensenich wood prop for a Cub \$1200

Federal 155 Skis with Cub rigging

Super Cub Landing gear.

Call Beverley at (585) 638-0223 (friend of Vet Thomas)

**MORE FOR SALE**

Treat yourself (and your spouse/son/daughter) to the gift of flight this Christmas!

Join with a friend or two and start an inexpensive flying club with this airplane!

And you get to build it too! ;-)

Belite UltraCUB ultralight kit, construction never started, engine, instruments, & fuel tank not included. It is the basic airframe, controls, and lightweight Dacron covering.



The UltraCUB is a derivative of the Kitfox Lite, by James Weibe of Belite Aircraft. It has the full span flaperons of the Kitfox series, and folding wings. This was one of the first models intended to use a 4 stroke ½ VW engine. It is of aluminum construction and is put together with pulled rivets.

I paid \$7,400 for it, including the \$400 option for lightweight lift struts. I am asking **\$4,500**, or reasonable offer. If interested and would like more information, please email Darryl Byers at <rdarrylb@gmail.com>.

Note: The pictures are of the factory prototype, not my plane!



**EAA Chapter 44
Board of Directors' Meeting
14 November 2017**

Board Members/Officers Present: Isler, Hazen, Clayton, Nelligan-Barrett, Arganbright, Englund, Horne, Ritson

Board Members/Officers Absent: Isaac, Peters

Reports:

President: (Norm Isler)

- Ledgesdale grant for lights, still no news.
- Norm is meeting with interim ROC director on 11/27 to discuss the Taylor Chummy and Curtiss Pusher replica aircraft our Chapter members built as well as the Ohm Special that we restored. Scott Perkins from the Glen Curtiss Museum also plans to attend that meeting since they own the aircraft. Mike Kuyt may also attend the meeting.
- Safety vests are in for those who ordered them. If other members would like to buy them, they are available for purchase for \$15 each.
- Norm discussed the building expansion campaign. Rebranding the capital campaign to better reflect the programs we have and would like to have in order to better engage kids, pilots and the local community about aviation.
- Norm announced that due to the demands of his job, he would not be able

to serve as EAA Chapter 44 President in the coming year. If re-elected, he would be willing to serve on the 44 Board Of Directors.

Vice President: (Phil Hazen)

- Reported he was once again able to update our website. A bad file had been corrupting the upload process.

Treasurer: (Gail Isaac)

- Gail was absent due to her surgery. She had provided copies of her Treasury Report which the BOD discussed. Motion made and approved to accept the report.
- Frances expressed some concern over the method used to reflect income and expenses. Decided to defer discussion on that subject until Gail was available. Mike Clayton volunteered to meet with Gail to review how her new QuickBooks program is structured once she has recovered.
- Discussed the need to perform an annual audit of the Treasure records.

Secretary: (Jeff Peters)

- No report. Minutes previously approved by email.

Committee Reports:

Building: (Kevin Arganbright)

- Reported that batteries replaced in all clocks and fire detectors. Also verified EXIT and Emergency lights were functioning correctly.
- Discussed the Fire Inspector report from a surprise mid October inspection. Only problem noted was a deficient fire extinguisher that has since been replaced. Kevin will research what needs to be done

to certify our fire extinguishers.

- Discussed the need to upgrade the thermostat that controls furnace #2 that heats Pilot Lounge and Workshop areas. The general meeting room thermostat that controls furnace #1 was upgraded when the furnace was replaced last winter.
- Discussed the electric heaters in the Mens and Ladies bathrooms. People keep turning up the heaters and then leave them on because rooms are cold. The electric heaters were originally installed just to keep the water pipes from freezing but are the only source of heat in those bathrooms. By the time people leave the bathrooms, the rooms are still cold. Kevin will investigate the cost and effort to run heating ducts into both bathrooms so they'll at least be warmer when furnace #2 is in use.

Old Business:

Computers For Flight Simulators: (Mike Clayton, Bob Nelligan-Barrett)

- Last spring, the BOD authorized the purchase of two refurbished Windows computers through TechSoup, an organization that gives Not-For-Profit organizations like EAA44 a cost savings. At the time we decided to only purchase one PC so we could see how well it performed with X-Plane 10. It was discovered that the performance was unacceptable. We suspect the PC's graphics card was limiting the performance of the program. This was something that could not be determined from the computer's specifications. Having a couple of reliable Flight Sim computers is a major part of the Aviation Camp EAA 44 runs each summer.
- Frances Englund volunteered to take the

PC to a computer repair company that she uses to see what they might recommend to improve the performance of the PC. She will email the BOD the results of their analysis along with the cost of any suggested graphics card.

New Business:

November 21st Board Of Directors Election

- Five open 2-year positions.
- Candidates: Norm Isler, Phil Hazen, Kevin Arganbright, Frank Grossman, Darrin Kenny, Mary "Willie" Mattocks, Randy Spurr & Rick Tandy.
- Phil Hazen offered to print election ballots.

Chapter Library and History Project: (Bob Nelligan-Barrett)

- Bob gave us an update on what he has been doing with the help of Art Thieme, Lauren Rosenthal and Bill Shaw to sort through the Chapter 44 documents, video tapes and photos in our possession. Items of importance to our Chapter's history are being denoted and organized for better access. What we saw was impressive. Bob plans to share his vision with the Chapter at our November meeting.



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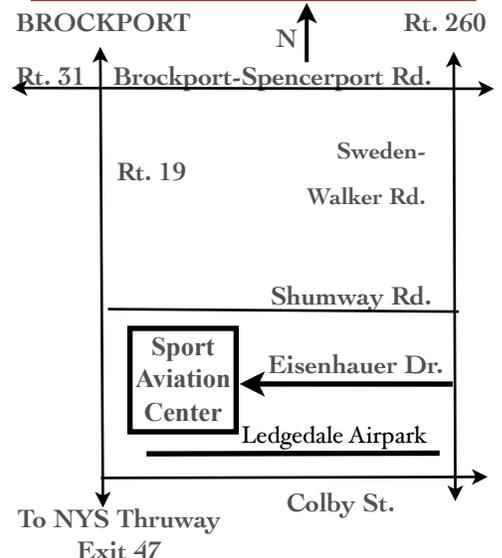
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REGIONAL CALENDAR

Look to Upstate NY's Aviation List at <upstatelist.org> for regional fly-in breakfasts and other events.



EAA 44 Calendar



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

No December Meeting.

January 16 6:30 PM

Alan Reddig, son of former member and aeronautical engineer Jim Reddig, will be talking about his father and the 1936 Fleetwings Seabird that he designed.

Ray & Mary Smeal will be making pots of mild and hot chili for a cold January night.

Jan. 9 Board Meeting
Jan. 13 SAC Work Day
Jan. 16 General Meeting

Feb. 10 SAC Work Day
Feb. 13 Board Meeting
Feb. 20 General Meeting
Feb. 25 60th Anniversary of Chapter 44's First Meeting at Hylan Field 1958.

Mar. 10 SAC Work Day
Mar. 13 Board Meeting
Mar. 20 General Meeting

All activities take place at the Sport Aviation Center, & are free & open to the public unless otherwise noted.

Sport Aviation Center
44 Eisenhower Dr. 14420
Brockport Airport/
Ledgedale Airpark (7G0)
43° 10' 56" N 77° 55' 1" W

Board Meetings

2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 PM

General Meetings-

3rd Tuesday of the month
\$5 Dinner 6:30, Meeting 7:30

SAC Saturday Work Days

2nd Saturday, 10 AM

History Committee

Every Saturday 10 AM

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