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EDITORIAL

President E. T. (Ted) Kirkpatrick

With this first issue of the Rochester CLOVERLEAF, Chapter 44 of the Experimental Aircraft Association, we hope to start a very real service of communication to our members.

Chapter Secretary, Bob Taylor, and Editor-in-Chief Al Garlick have collected many items of interest. Meetings have been planned for this 1969-1970 season with the time, place, and descriptions given. Thanks to the knowledge of these two men, a list of aircraft parts needed and parts available have been generated for your use. Hopefully these things will generate sufficient enthusiasm so that each of you will enjoy your associations in EAA and will also feel that your time has been well spent.

There are probably over twenty active projects now under way in the Rochester area. One of the foremost services that an active chapter can give its members is to make the expertise of certain members available to everyone. Among our members we have experts in virtually every phase of aircraft building. By helping one another with the knowledge that we can best give, we will be able to have our projects finished sooner and safer.

From time to time, you will be called upon to assist with the editorial matters of your Newsletter, kindly offer your assistance freely and help us with this communication to our members. Although there were only thirty members at our last meeting, we have a local membership of over eighty that have indicated their interest from one time to another. In addition, there must be many of your associates and friends who would like to become more active in the Experimental Aircraft Association if they knew the benefits to be gained. Become involved. Show your interest by coming to the meetings and by writing an article for your chapter Newsletter.

Officers & Newsletter Editors

YEARS	PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENT	SECRETARY-TREASURER	NEWSLETTER EDITOR
1957	Everett "Squeek" Hepler	Don Ryon	Gretchen Ryon	
1969	Ted Kirkpatrick	John Scoville	Bob Taylor	Al Garlick
1970	Don Henry	Dick Kelly	Murray Maybee	Al Garlick
1971	Dean Obrecht	Al Garlick	Murray Maybee	Al Garlick
1972	Dean Obrecht	Al Garlick	Murray Maybee	Al Garlick
1973	Al Garlick	Dan Tappan	Dean Libra	Al Garlick

You may notice that there is a ten-year gap between our founding in 1958 and the first newsletter in 1969. To date we have no tangible records of the first years of our history. Was there not enough of a "critical mass" of members to warrant a newsletter? Did technology of the day prevent layout, design, and production of a newsletter? Maybe no one volunteered to just do it. Imagine that! We just don't know.

Our current longest-time member, Carl Bouwens, didn't first appear in a newsletter until September 1970 (He was a guest speaker on his "3/4 complete fiberglass delta-wing and jet engine demo.") So I don't expect that anyone alive now has the documents we would want to see. But you never know. It could happen.

This series of monthly "Historic Supplements" will be produced in the style of the newsletter of the time. You will see mastheads and Chapter logos develop, photos and line drawings added, fonts other than "typewriter" as seen here introduced, and home computers used for "desktop publishing" ten years before the term was invented. But until then, newsletters were typed and dittoed and "Xeroxed." Those were the days. I hope you enjoy our history.

Ed.

In the beginning, EAA Chapter 44 was a building chapter. Our founder, Everett "Squeek" Hepler, won several awards at Oshkosh for his Baby Ace and ended up as a cover story in the November 1986 The Experimenter, precursor to Sport Aviation.

Minutes and newsletter articles mention lists and slides of up to 40 projects underway at any one time. Here are some of them from that time period.

You may not recognize many of these names, builders or planes. No quick-build, CNC-punched aluminum skins or fiberglass here. These were "plans-built," made from raw materials, with engines and instruments scrounged from damaged aircraft, of welded tube and fabric or wood structure.

If anyone is so inclined, we still have many of these original plans in our possession. Are you up for a new project?

Builder	Projects	Builder	Projects
Don Henry	Volksplane	Dean Obrecht	Fly Baby
Ted Kirkpatrick	Mustang II	John Scoville	Mustang II
Alan Abersold	Baby Great Lakes	George Baron	EAA Biplane
Squeek Helper	Baby Ace N75H, Scorpion Helicopter	Harold Silloway	Ercoupe
Carl Bouwens	Original Design Delta Wing	Murray Maybee	Baby Ace
Chapter 44	Volksplane N44CL	Ed Steuber	Baby Ace
Tony Mangus	SE-5, Stinson 10A	Ralph Barnes	Starduster II
Tim Dills	EAA Biplane	Bob Cole	Emeraude
Bill Corbett & Al Garlick	KR-1		

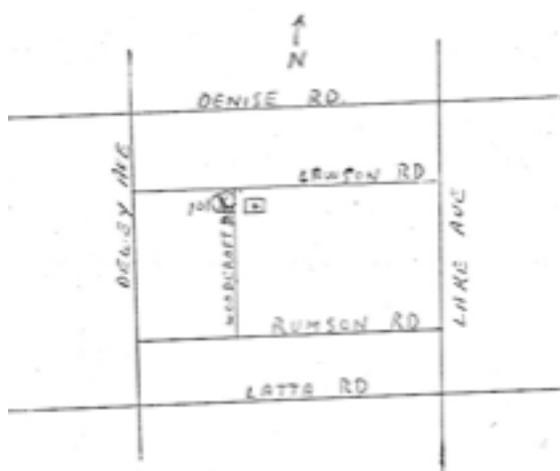
Maps to monthly General Meetings have always been part of the newsletter, because until the opening of the Chapter House and the Sport Aviation Center, meetings were held at members homes, public libraries and churches until January 1971.

Harold Silloway then offered us meeting space at his Hilton Airport which we accepted until we "lost our lease" in May 1981. We then moved to our next semi-permanent location, the Aviation Course Classroom at Edison Tech High School. Art Thieme was the Principal there and instrumental in making this room available to us.

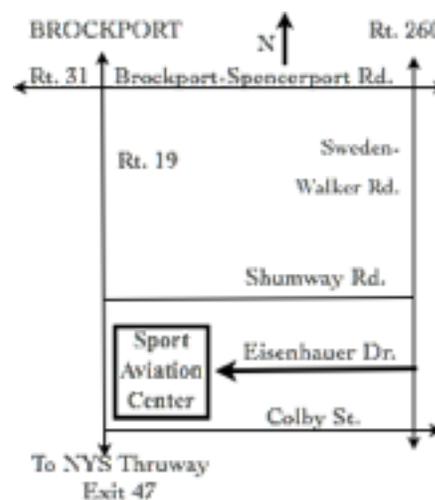
The need for a meeting and building space was first mentioned in Newsletter #3, and has been a constant and evolving theme of our Chapter. As Boards and members changed over the years, the needs of the chapter seemed to change also. Initially we just wanted a place to meet. And then a place to build, with heat. And finally, members had had enough of the nomadic life and started talking about a permanent facility that would serve both our purposes and more.

It would be many years before we finally get to "The Chapter House" and our first permanent home where we could meet and build the Chummy replica. Eventually, we outgrew that building and built the Sport Aviation Center of Western New York. But I digress. That's a story for another time.

The 1968 map below left is to Murray Maybee's home in Rochester for a monthly meeting. It is ironic how similar it is to our 2018 map (right.)



1968 Map to a members home



2018 Map to the SAC