



IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR

by Norm Isler



From left to right: Secretary Jeff Peters, President Randy Spurr, Vice-President Frank Grossmann, and Treasurer Gail Isaac.

2017 was the third time it was my honor to serve as President of EAA Chapter 44. I was pleased and enthusiastic to once again be “at the front of the room”, however work and other concerns do not allow me to dedicate the time and attention I believe the position warrants at this time.

At the December Board of Directors meeting, we discussed the present situation within our chapter, and where we want to see the group head. Two names came to the surface quickly, and were approved unanimously by the Board. I am thrilled to announce our new executive team. With new ideas, and a new

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HANGAR FUND CHALLENGE SURPASSES ITS GOAL

BY \$1,505!



CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE! WE DID IT!

by Norm Isler

In early 2016, it was announced that an Anonymous Donor had offered to match donations to our building expansion, dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000. That’s a whole lotta’ lettuce! Reaching this goal will take us more than 25% of the way to our goal, and construction of the larger building. Thanks to the care, concern and generosity, mostly of EAA 44 members, we not only met that goal, but smashed through the goal, surpassing it by over 10 percent! There is little this group can’t do when they put their mind to it!

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DUES ARE DUE! Treasurer Gail Isaac reminds everyone that we are into a new year and annual dues are due. \$30/member, \$45 w/spouse, and \$15 for students. Please see Gail at the next meeting. Her contact info is on Page 7.

Thank you for your continued support of EAA Chapter 44.

HISTORY COMMITTEE ROLLS OUT PLANS FOR 60TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

Since the end of last year's 50th Birthday party for Brockport's airport, Ledgesdale Airpark, the chapter History Committee has been hard at work compiling and organizing our documents and records. The committee is composed of Art Thieme, Lauren Rosenthal, Bill Shaw, Carl Bouwens, and Bob Nelligan-Barrett. Bob is the "newest" member of the chapter compared to the others who have been involved since the 1960's and can remember some of the older faces in photos and the stories they could tell.

As has already been announced, guest speakers familiar with our history, local aviation history, or other significant events over the past 60 years will be invited to our General Meetings.

50 years of newsletters are being recompiled into 5-year binders and our history is being logged into databases of officers, newsletter editors, and committee chairs; a database of meeting locations, speakers and their topics; and significant events from the minutes and newsletters are a third database.

The committee has also inaugurated the "EAA Chapter 44 Aviation Museum." This will be a semi-permanent but changing display of historic artifacts and materials. Our Link Trainer, the ATC-610 simulator, and gifts received during the Tri-motor visit are all part of our permanent collection now.

Along with the recent expansion of our Library, the Sport Aviation Center has achieved its original goal of being a meeting place for aviation-minded people, an aviation education center, a library and a museum. It's also just a nice place to sit on the porch to watch take-offs and to score landings. ;-)

Please take full advantage of YOUR new and expanding facility.

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Thank you, one and all, for your support of the building expansion. I know it seems like it takes forever, but we are making good progress, and that means we will be able to better serve our members with more fun, more and better programs, and offer more and better community outreach.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I didn't get a new rating but in my long quest on the way to my commercial I did pickup my complex endorsement recently. I already had the high power endorsement so the next step is instrument then twin then commercial. It was less complicated than I thought only requiring 10 hours or so which I completed at the RAC in their Piper Arrow. I hear (*SOMEONE in the chapter*) picked up a seaplane rating! That should be a good story for the newsletter! (*Yes it would. I'm waiting for the story. Here's a hint. Ed.*)

Frank Grossmann



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OLD GOAT'S FARDELS

by Art Thieme

Happy New Year!

Chummy- The Final Chapter:

After moving the plane to Mark Donovan's skunk works the engine was hung. The engine was donated by the Rhinebeck Aviation Group and picked up by Vet Thomas and myself. Vet refurbished it to look like new. He also made a beautiful instrument panel with all the correct steam engine instruments. Earl Luce designed and welded the engine mount. Jim McGowan brought his tractor with a lift down and Jim Birch, Vet, Lauren Rosenthal, McGowan and Mark hung the engine. All the parts were there to assemble the plane including the tail feathers made famous by the Earl Luce pipe bending process. Credit has to go to Jim Birch for making the cowl with the hand cut louvers. He also carefully made and fitted the windshield. We worked during the winter months heated with a space heater.

The project could not have been completed without the help of many persons. I mentioned Barry Holtz with painting and transportation. While visiting John Olivera's house to see his airplane work in progress, I noticed a welder. Who uses that? His wife admitted she did. Who built the kayak? She did. I asked, "Do you also do upholstery?" Stephanie admitted she did. "How would you like to..." And she volunteered to upholster the seats for the Chummy and did a super job.

The Chummy has numbers and lettering on it. Who could paint those? Alan Bouwens was an art teacher, so I asked him. He said that he worked for a company that did vinyl lettering and he could provide all the numbers and lettering. And a beautiful job it is.

The plane has wheel covers. Stan Teachman turned the forms but estimates to turn

them were very very expensive. In stepped our President Bob Northrup who said his brother worked in a place where he could do it. And they are beautiful too.

I am sorry if I missed someone who contributed to the project. It was indeed a group and teaching project.



Six years from the start, in September 2001, the plane was hung and celebrated by a large gathering of the Geriatric Pilots Association led by Cy Noon (above) and members of EAA Chapter 44. We can be proud of our achievement.

And we continue with the Sport Aviation Center, aviation camps, Young Eagles, the Bottle Queen, and hangar funding!!!

Sign of the apocalypse- I receive many requests for money but this one got me. It was a request for money to rescue pot belly pigs. I didn't know that was a problem.

Have you tasted a truffle? I don't think Wegman's sells them or know of a restaurant that even offers them. I put them in the same category as saffron.

Welcome and best wishes to the new Board of Directors.

Old Goat, out.

ON-CORE AVIATION TO OFFER PPL GROUND SCHOOL

by Todd Cameron, CFI

There is a great deal of interest in our Private Pilot Ground School and we would like to get it started the third week of January. We will use the Jeppesen ground school syllabus over 14 classes once a week in the evening. Class will be located at OnCore Aviation, 1205 Scottsville Rd.



Sport Aviation Campers check out OnCore Aviations' Diamond DA-40.

The class is \$375 and \$89 for the textbook. There is some room for missing a class or two so don't sweat the small stuff. The class will result in a sign-off to take the Private Pilot Airplane written test.

In an effort to choose an optimum day and time for those interested please visit this link to register and weigh in on your preferred day of the week. We will do our best to accommodate the majority opinion: <<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BJVKD99>>.

The goal of timing the class this way will be to finish mid to late April when the weather should be improving and students can go right into the flying phase.

A twenty percent discount is available to current ROTC and CAP Members. Please forward this email on to your club or organization or any friends/family who may be interested.

FLOATS, BOATS, FLIP-FLOPS, & SNOW BLOWERS

by Norm Isler

December 13, Elise and I fought the elements to the Buffalo Airport, braving blinding snow and howling winds to get to a great aluminum cigar tube that hurtles through the sky. Leaving behind the fun and frolic of a western New York winter, we arrived a few hours later in sunny Orlando. From there, a short drive to Winter Haven, aptly named winter hiding spot of "Old Money Bags" himself, Dave Hurd and his blushing bride, Miss Becky. This wonderful couple were our hosts for the next few days.

Dark and early the following morning, I stumbled out before others were stirring, and made my way to Brown's Seaplane base. Dave and Becky live at the east end of Winter Haven's Gilbert Field, and Brown's is on the west side of the airport. Before the end of morning civil twilight, my paperwork and IACRA registration were complete, and ground school awaited. Armed only with coffee and a stale Danish, I entered the classroom with an A320 pilot from Mexico who now flies for an airline in China. Talk about feeling out classed! (But I knew what the rudder pedals were for!)

After ground school, the next two days had their ups and downs. My logbook shows over 70 take offs and landings in 6.7 hours of flight.

During training, you take off, climb to 500 feet, and set up for landing, standard, rough water, glassy water, or crosswind. Ironically, I always enjoy the challenge of a crosswind land/landing. At the end of day one (approximately 45 landings in) I couldn't maintain heading on crosswind to save my floats! Amazing, the mental exhaustion after that workout! Take off. Land. Repeat. After every three to five patterns, my instructor Jake would say "Let's go to a different lake." Translation: Let's go tick off some other waterfront dwellers. High point of the experience, a successful check ride with John Brown Himself.

If you are looking for a fun but rigorous challenge to your Stick & Rudder skills, go for the Seaplane rating. It's more fun that a pond full of alligators!

**EAA Chapter 44
Board of Directors' Meeting
12 December 2017**

Board Members/Officers Present: Isler, Hazen, Clayton, Nelligan-Barrett, Horne, Isaac, Spurr, Grossmann and Peters

Board Members/Officers Absent: Arganbright, Englund and Ritson

Reports:

^ President (Norm Isler)

^ Norm updated the Board re: the upcoming chapter and local aviation events as well as future program speakers. Ray & Mary Smeal will provide a chili dinner for the January Meeting. Alan Reddig who is the son of Jim Reddig, a former member, will talk about the Fleetwings Seabird that his father Jim designed. Norm recently spoke with Todd Cameron, Flight Boss for the National Warplane Museum in Geneseo, re our Chapter's potential participation in their annual airshow in July. While Rochester will not have an airshow until 2019, Chapter 46 will be involved in the airshow "Thunder Over Niagara" that will be held June 9th & 10th. That show will include F-16s, the Canadian Snowbirds and the F-22 Raptor.

^ Norm attended a national AOPA meeting in his role as our regional ambassador and shared some interesting data about the AOPA's achievements in 2017. A total of 25,000 pilots now participate in the FAA Basic Med program. The AOPA designed high school aviation curriculum has been implemented in 29 high schools throughout the country. The AOPA aviation curriculum will be available to all high schools beginning with the 2018 -2019 school year. AOPA has conducted 250 Rusty Pilot Seminars with 7,500 pilots attending. 35% of those attendees are now, once again, current.

^ Norm has met with Andy Moore, Interim Director of Aviation for the Rochester Airport, Scott Perkins from the Curtiss Aviation Museum and several members of the airport remodel team. The three planes that are currently displayed (hanging) in the secure part of the terminal – Chummy, Curtiss Pusher and The Ohm Special, will be relocated to facilitate greater visibility. The Ohm Special will hang above the West Rotunda and the other two planes will reside at each end of the ticketing part of the terminal at ground level. EAA44 has been invited to participate in the airplane relocation process in January.

⤴ . Treasurer (Gail Isaac)

- ⤴ The November report was read and approved. The BOD also reviewed the newly created Balance Sheet for November. Gail will develop a year end balance sheet for board review.

⤴ Secretary (Jeff Peters)

- ⤴ November minutes were previously approved per an e-mail vote.

Business:

⤴ Capital Campaign

- ⤴ The Building Expansion Fund (aka the Hangar Fund Challenge) is nearing it's goal as of December 12th . It is projected that the Chapter will achieve the objective by the end of the year.

⤴ Computer Flight Simulators

Bob Nelligan- Barrett reported that he was unable to boot-up the computer flight simulators with the newly installed video cards. The interface with the monitors may be the reason for the technical problems. Additional analysis will be required including the possibility of returning the computers to the repair shop that installed the video cards for a hardware compatibility analysis.

⤴ Board Officer Elections

Jeff Peters agreed to be Secretary for 2018 and Gail Isaac agreed to continue in her role as Treasurer. Both were then elected to their positions. As President Norm Isler had previously announced that he would not seek another term as President due to work commitments, and Vice-President Phil Hazen opted to "retire" as vice-President, both officer positions were open. Norm nominated Randy Spurr for President, seconded by Bob Nelligan-Barrett, and Randy was elected unanimously. Phil Hazen nominated Frank Grossmann for Vice-President, seconded by Bob Nelligan-Barrett, and he was elected unanimously. Norm & Phil and Randy & Frank will be meeting in the near future to facilitate a smooth officer transition.

⤴ By-Law Review

Norm suggested that the BOD conduct a Chapter By-Laws review in 2018. He will forward the current document to the board.

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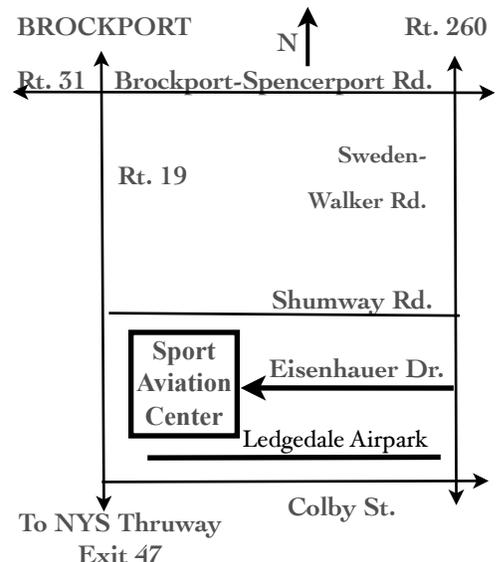
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New Officers for 2018 con't

approach, we congratulate our new President, Randy Spurr, and new Vice President, Frank Grossmann. I welcome them to their new positions, and wish them the best. I am here to help them in any way I can. One big way is to step off to the side so they can have "The Front Of The Room".

Gail Isaac will continue to serve as Treasurer, and Jeff Peters has agreed to continue as Secretary. Retiring from the Board this year are Bob Nelligan – Barrett and Craig Ritson. Continuing to serve on the Board (along with me), are Frances Englund, Samantha Horne, Kevin Arganbright, Phil Hazen, Mike Clayton

Please join me in saluting our new officers, and all that serve our group.



EAA 44 Calendar



Image from the Internet

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Alan Reddig, son of former member & Kodak Aeronautical Engineer Jim Reddig, will be our Guest Speaker. He will be talking about his father and the first-ever, all-stainless-steel airplane that he designed, the Fleetwings Seabird.

Ray & Mary Smeal are making two pots of hot & mild chili to keep you warm. Please bring a side dish or dessert to complement their meal. Thanks.

Jan. 9 Board Meeting
Jan. 13 SAC Work Day
Jan. 15 Lower the Planes at the ROC Terminal, 7 PM
Jan. 16 General Meeting

Feb. 10 SAC Work Day
Feb. 13 Board Meeting
Feb. 20 General Meeting
Feb 25 60th Anniversary of Our First Chapter Meeting, 1958 @ Hylan Field

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

Most Saturdays 10 AM

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