



# The Flyer



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## SPEAKER NAOMI WADSWORTH FLIES WWII C-47 BACK TO NORMANDY FOR D-DAY 70TH ANNIVERSARY

EAA Chapter 44 was honored to have Naomi Wadsworth from the National Warplane Museum in Geneseo talk to us about flying the Museum's C-47 "Whisky 7 (W7)" BACK to Normandy for the 70th Anniversary of D-Day. W7 was the lead aircraft of the 2nd wave of the 37th Airlift Squadron during the invasion.



Naomi was one of 4 pilots for the flight. She has 36 years flight experience and is rated to fly the C-47/DC-3, C-171, B-17, and a LearJet.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Randy Spurr

Well, that was an interesting blast from Old Man Winter recently! Hopefully Spring weather and smooth flying are just around the corner.

It has been a great honor to get to know many of you over the last few months, and I look forward to meeting those I have not. We continue to work on the building expansion project with the capital committee and explore bringing the Baby Ace home. Updates to follow once we have solid data to report on both issues.

Thank you for your input on the member survey. The summary of responses include; field trips to Old Rhinebeck, Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, Owl's Head ME, Dayton OH, and the Piper Factory to name a few. Speakers suggested include discussions on navigation, cross country planning, VFR/IFR planning, emergency procedures and the history of EAA 44-built aircraft. Suggested events included a BBQ, camping event and movie nights.

We received an email from the Williamson Flying Club asking if we would be interested in forming a joint venture for a 2018 Oshkosh Airlift. If anyone is interested please email me ASAP and I will see if makes sense based on the level of interest.

Don't forget to "like" our Facebook page! Thanks again!

## LAST CALL-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.**

**Whisky 7 con't**

Naomi was the lead off Pilot on Leg 1 from Geneseo to Presque Isle ME. Successive legs flew to Goose Bay to Greenland and finally Preswick England. At one stop they found the sister ship to W7 suspended from a ceiling at a museum in Durwick (sp?). They also met 2 original pilots of the mission and the last surviving paratrooper who jumped from Whisky 7 during D-Day. He took a pass on one more jump. Said he was no George Bush! Still has his sense of humor.

When asked if she felt like Lindbergh when crossing the ocean, she chuckled and said no, her Bahamian island-hopping experience made her comfortable over the water.

**Thank you Naomi for sharing your unique experience with us.**



Youth member Molly asks Naomi a question about her flight while her father looks on proudly.

**CHAPTER TO OFFER  
CPR COURSE**

Through the efforts of VP Frank Grossman, EAA Chapter 44 is offering a CPR course. The one-evening, 4-hour course is free unless you want your Red Cross Certification card. Then you need to pay their fee of \$20.

It will be offered on Wednesday evening April 25 starting at 6 PM at the SAC. Though scheduled for 4 hours, it may end earlier.

If you are interested in attending, call Frank at 585-305-0552.

**OLD GOAT'S TWEETS**

**by Art Thieme**

As a former principal of Edison Tech H. S. I am spending time thinking what I would do to protect the staff and students from a shooter. President Trump wants to arm the teachers. Bad idea. I can think of about three teachers that I would trust. Where are the teachers going to keep the guns? Hip or shoulder holster, desk drawer, purse, hollow book? And hitting a target in a crowded room calls for a careful shot-not easy. I am not a member of the national gun group, but I love guns. Their machining is wonderful. All I have ever owned are .22's and a 20 gauge shotgun. Went crow hunting with a friend up state. Never hit anything. Also tried hand thrown clay pigeons. Never hit them either. Hunters do not need 7 round magazines or semi-automatic guns. Safety is a big problem. And now I read that students are calling in false situations. Sad.



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On a much lighter note I asked chapter members if they know of anyone that could assemble my plastic model of my Navy ship, the USS Guam CB-2. Jeff Paris said that he had some time and would try it. He just returned the model in beautiful shape. He said that he and his wife, Heidi, put in over 70 hours. I can believe this. The directions on the box said that there were over 788 parts and 373 photo-etched parts. **I can't thank Jeff and Heidi enough for taking on this task and doing such a wonderful job.**

Can you believe this? The U. S. Air Force's B-52 bomber first flew in 1960 and is still on active duty. The Air Force announced that it will replace the 8 jet engines with newer ones and keep the plane on duty until 2050.

Fly right!  
Old Goat, out.

### CHAPTER CELEBRATED IT'S 60TH BIRTHDAY IN FEBRUARY

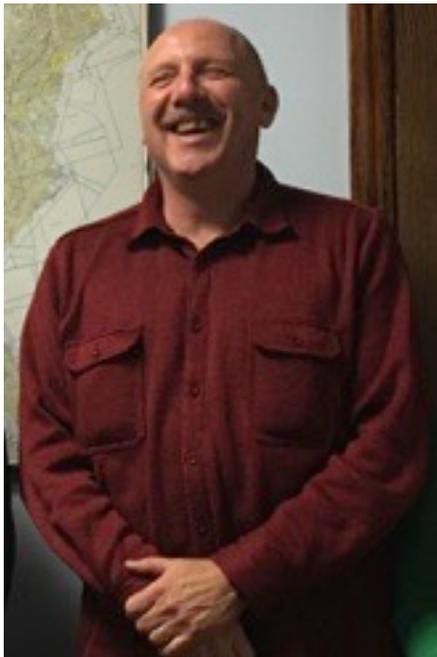


Clockwise from upper left: Lauren Rosenthal, our longest time member in attendance (since February 1975,) cuts the cake to open the party with cake maker Gail Isaac. **Thank you Gail.** Several members received thanks from Young Eagle Coordinator Elise Isler for their involvement with the Young Eagles program. **Thank you member Pilots and Ground Crew.** Members mingle before the meeting. Guest Speaker Naomi Wadsworth answers a question from youth member Nick H..



## GET TO KNOW YOUR NEW VP FRANK GROSSMAN

Hello everyone! Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the board and be your Vice President. I am a very active pilot and fly often now that I am retired. I own the Cherokee Six N3344W that is in the main hanger. I logged over 130 hours last year and am always glad to have anyone join me on a flight.



I am 55 years old and just retired after 29 years of service in the State Police. I also retired from the military in 2006 as a computer programmer/analyst after 6 years active duty in the USAF and 17 years in the US Army Reserve.

My wife of 12 years is the supervisor of the girls dormitory at the Rochester School for the Deaf. We have 3 children, Erich 29, Frank 27, and Elizabeth 25.

I have lived the majority of my life in this area and graduated from Gates Chili High School in 1980. I took my first flying lesson in 1979 and finished my private pilots license in

1987. My check ride was administered by Bill Law himself. Since then I have added a high-power endorsement in 2008 and a complex endorsement last year. My goal is to obtain my instrument license this year and then perhaps go as far as a commercial.

I have a very strong interest in German aviation history as I was born in West Germany and was a West German citizen till age 19 when I obtained my US citizenship. I even got to visit communist East Germany before the Wall came down. It was quite an experience.

I've never built a plane but it is something I would like to try. I'm not great working with my hands so it's a bit intimidating and the cost to attempt it is very high. Perhaps seeing many of you and the airplanes you've built will encourage me to make the attempt! I look forward to meeting all of you.

I am adding my parents history because it is so unique having grown up in Germany during WWII and you may run into them at one of our events.

Both my parents grew up as children in Germany during WWII. My mother came here from West Germany after being forcibly removed from her home by the allies after WWII. Though this sounds unusual it was a common occurrence and millions of Germans were forcibly removed from their homes and shipped back to Germany after the war.

My father was born in East Germany but fled Communist rule in West Germany. My dad still talks of getting off a train in Dresden after the war and it was bombed so badly that there was nothing higher than his shoulders.

I actually got to visit my grandmother behind the Iron Curtain around 1976. That was quite an experience. We crossed the border into communist rule and it was like time traveling back to the 1930's! The cities and country were clean and neat but with very few amenities.

**EAA Chapter 44  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
13 February 2018**

**Board Members/Officers Present:** Spurr, Grossmann, Hazen, Clayton, Arganbright, Horne, Englund, Isaac and Peters

**Board Members/Officers Absent:** Isler **Other Members Present:** Nelligan-Barrett

**Reports:**

President (Randy Spurr)

Randy introduced the agenda for the meeting and provided an update to the Board re the upcoming chapter and local aviation events. Ginny and Daryl Byers will provide their traditional Italian Sausage Soup dinner for the February Meeting. Naomi Wadsworth from the National Warplane Museum in Geneseo will be speaking on the flight of "Whiskey 7" back to Normandy Beach in France for the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of "D Day".

Randy reported that the Capital Campaign Committee is being rebooted with Mike Clayton as Chairman along with members Randy Spurr, Frank Grossmann, Kevin Arganbright, Jeff Peters and Bill Shaw. Other Chapter members are welcome to join the committee. The Committee will address the plans for the future hangar as well as the financial needs. Mike Clayton is in the process of developing cost parameters for a hangar and reviewed the specifications that he is using for the analysis. The initial meeting of the rebooted committee will be held at 7:00 pm at the SAC on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Randy discussed the Chapter's opportunity to join the Brockport Chamber of Commerce to network and provide Chapter exposure with the local community. Frances Englund proposed that the Chapter join the Brockport Chamber of Commerce, seconded by Phil Hazen and passed unanimously. There was also BOD consensus to volunteer to host a potential BCC networking event at the SAC on Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow.

Randy led the group in a brief discussion of a variety of topics including a tentative date for the Spencerport Rotary fly-in pancake breakfast in August, and potential Chapter involvement in the local and regional airshows.

Vice-President (Frank Grossmann)

Frank updated the board re the potential replacement of the projector in the main room and the related cost of an updated and suitable unit. As a follow-up to his donation to the chapter of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), Frank has a contact in a local fire department who is willing to conduct a AED/CPR course for the chapter. Frank will discuss the opportunity with the members at the February Meeting.

Treasurer (Gail Isaac)

The January financial reports were read and approved as per the motion of Frances Englund, seconded by Mike Clayton, and passed unanimously.

Secretary (Jeff Peters)

The January BOD minutes were previously approved per an e-mail vote.

Building Committee (Kevin Arganbright)

Kevin reported that the annual furnace inspection as well the backflow preventer inspection has been completed. He also updated the board re an issue with some of the insulation behind the dry wall in the main room. Jim Weinkauff has installed a temporary baseboard to resolve the problem.

**Business:**Squeek Helper's Corbin Baby Ace

Bob Nelligan-Barrett updated the board re the Chapter's opportunity to potentially obtain Squeek Helper's Oshkosh award winning Corbin Baby Ace. Bob has had a number of contacts with the current owner who lives in Ohio, and the next step in the process is for a number of knowledgeable Chapter members to inspect the aircraft on site. Frank Grossmann volunteered to fly the group out to Ohio in the April time frame.



Members mingle and socialize before dinner and the celebration starts. A rousing version of The Beatles "Birthday" was sung to recognize the occasion.



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## REGIONAL CALENDAR

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

Here are the CORRECTED dates for this summers **Young Eagle Rallies**. Put them on your calendar and let Elise know if you can help as pilot or ground crew. There are no rain dates this year.

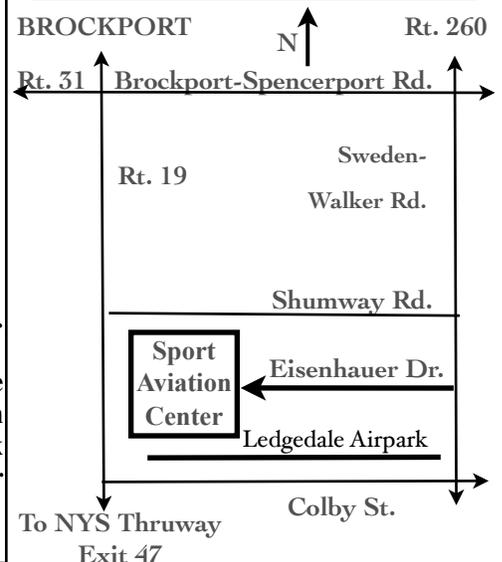
**Saturdays June 2, July 14, August 4 (CORRECT DATE), and September 15.**

**March 29 FFAST Team Presentation** "Emergency Procedures" with Scottie Burge, 7 PM

**May 10 AOPA ASI Presentation** "Collision Course; Avoiding Airborne Traffic" with Mark Grady, 7 PM

**July 13-15 Geneseo Airshow** at the National Warplane Museum Geneseo

**July 18-21 Flying Aces Nationals** at the National Warplane Museum Geneseo (see article in February newsletter.)



## EAA 44 Calendar



### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

March 20 Speaker TBA

Frances Englund will provide an entree of chicken divan and rice.

Please bring a side dish or desert to compliment the meal. Thank you.

### **March 29 FFAST Seminar “Emergency Procedures”**

April 10 Board Meeting  
April 14 SAC Work Day  
April 17 General Meeting

May 8 Board Meeting

### **May 10 AOPA ASI Seminar “Collision Course: Avoiding Airborne Traffic”**

May 12 SAC Work Day  
**May 13 Mothers Day**  
May 15 General Meeting

**June 2 Young Eagle Rally**

**June 19 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**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7 PM

### **General Meetings-**

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

### **SAC Saturday Work Days**

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 10 AM

### **History Committee**

Every Saturday 10 AM

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