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AFTER 56 YEARS AWAY, BABY ACE N75H RETURNS HOME

Like the Prodigal Son and the Swallows of Capistrano, an award-winning aircraft built by our Founder Everett “Squeek” Hepler (both below), was donated to EAA Chapter 44 and returned home to Rochester on June 4.



Chapter 44 sincerely thanks previous owner Jim Wheeler of Lexington OH for believing the Baby Ace should be back in Rochester.

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PRESIDENT’S REPORT

by Randy Spurr

I’m so glad we’ve finally got some flying weather! A lot of things are happening at the SAC! Thanks to Bob’s discovery leading up to a donation, we now have a chapter airplane! The Corbin Baby Ace will be on display for all to see at our 60th Birthday Celebration on June 16th and the General Meeting on June 19th.

We will formulate our plans to decide it’s future in the coming months. My desire should it be deemed worthy of restoration, would be to start a “Builder’s Night” monthly work session possibly on a Wednesday night. Thanks to Bob for all his hard work helping us to procure this plane, and to Bob, Frank and Kevin for helping to go pick it up, and to Gail and Jerry for making room at the SAC.

The Board is working on a 5-year strategic plan to bring more exciting changes to Chapter 44. This month we will be exploring the possibility of forming a flying club, there is an opportunity to obtain a Piper Colt with a zero-time engine if there is enough interest and investors, stay tuned! I also have been in contact with EAA National to find out about forming an

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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, and have fun doing it.

Baby Ace con't.

We plan to restore N75H up to the point of Airworthiness. EAA policy prevents a Chapter from owning an airworthy airplane for liability reasons, so it will be sold or donated at the end of the restoration. This is how it looked when we received it.



A read of the logbooks shows an entry on 9/1/1957 from Paul Poberezny! After a 20 minute flight he remarked the Baby Ace was “a very good flying bird.”

There are long gaps on the timeline in the logs when it seems the plane did not fly. It is also hard to determine when ownership changed hands over the years. From what can be determined at this point, the Baby Ace traveled from Rochester to West Virginia to Ohio back to Rochester through multiple owners. A 62-year life reduced to three states at least a half-dozen owners. More research will be done here.

An interesting note about the logbooks is that if you can't read cursive you won't be able to read them. Squeek had beautiful handwriting. Some of the others, not so much.

N75H will be one bookend of our “60 Years of Sport Aviation” celebration this month. The other bookend will be our members homebuilt, restored, and production aircraft.

This airplane started what has now grown into a Chapter with member airplanes that Squeek would be amazed at and very proud of.

President's Report con't.

IFR or VFR Club. This program presents a monthly VFR or IFR video scenario with a discussion session and “Hangar Flying” social activity. Please send me an email if this is something you'd be interested in and whether IFR or VFR is your preference.

Increased activities at the SAC are crucial to the future of our chapter and will help us in reaching our goal of a hangar. If we can continue to grow our membership by offering more resources to the aviation community and youth aviation education, we might be able to seek corporate donations or grants for the hangar.

Just a reminder of several upcoming events; as I mentioned, our **60th Birthday Celebration** is June 16th, Frances and Samantha compete in the **Air-Race Classic** June 19-22, **Group Fly-out/Drive-in to the Great Valley Vintage Aircraft Fly-in** June 30th at Great Valley Airport (N56), **Young Eagle Rally** July 14th, **Fly-in/Drive-in Camp-Out** at the SAC on July 27th, bring a dish to pass, refreshments provided, **Sport Aviation Camp** August 6-10 and **Young Eagles Rally** August 11th, **Rotary Pancake Breakfast** August 19th with the **National Warplane Museum's B-17 Memphis Belle at Ledgesdale the 18th and 19th**, and **Fly-in/Drive-in Camp-Out** again at the SAC on August 24th!

That's all for now, more to come, fair winds!

YOUNG EAGLE RALLY FLYS 17 KIDS

by Elise Isler, YE Coordinator

On Saturday June 2, even though delayed by weather conditions, 17 Young Eagles took to the air! The day started out overcast with cloud cover predicted to lift ... Low and behold ... the ceiling **dropped** before four of our pilots could even leave their respective airports. However, enthusiastic students and their families filed in at their assigned time and the day began! In fact, there was a back up at the Registration table! I was amazed how prompt everyone was.

I did my usual apology and explained a bit about the weather conditions and why we were delayed. No one moved! I told them we were waiting for the cloud cover to rise and they all seemed willing to wait except one who had an appointment. Jeff Peters talked about the upcoming aviation camp. I gave the "ground school" information and then - incoming!

Dave Hurd flew in from LeRoy. We got hopeful. Things were improving but we still did not meet our minimum requirements to fly Young Eagles. Students and their families walked around looking at the planes on the tarmac and many of our displays in the SAC. They also enjoyed hot dogs and drinks on "Phil and Marsha's Porch!"

Then everyone watched Willy and Rick Tandy fly in and land. Things were definitely promising. The students, their families and I gathered together again in the Great Room. The pilots had their briefing and then the fun began! The day ended with lots of smiling faces and many thanks from parents as well as students. In fact, I will not be surprised if we see a few of the adults at our next meeting.

I can never thank the volunteers enough. Kudos to our pilots who make this program a success and I would not do this without the ground crew who are ever so helpful. Many hands make light work – so please anyone who wants to join our "team" – our next rally is **July 14**. PLEASE contact me at singholley@aol.com if you would like to help at the next rally if I have not already heard from you.

Happy Flying.

EAA 44 ROOTS FOR AIR RACE CLASSIC TEAM 36 FINGER LAKES FLASH

EAA Chapter 44 is proud that two of our members, Frances Englund and Samantha Horne, are competing in the Air Race Classic this month. A great story with photos can be found at the website of the local Messenger Post News.

< <http://www.mpnnow.com/news/20180526/finger-lakes-flash-flying-high> >

WHATIZIT??

Here is another "What Is It, What Is It For?" by member Vet Thomas. This could get to be a regular column. Vet are you reading? ;-)

This is a fuel tank for a Fokker DVII. One side is the main tank, the other side is the reserve. Early versions of the DVII had this tank divided into 3 compartments, main, reserve, and engine oil.



I (Ed.) don't know much about this stuff but just looking at the photos here and last month, one HAS to be impressed by the quality and craftsmanship of Vet's work on making parts for old-timey airplanes. His reputation and work is well known in the world-wide community of WWI builders.

WHERE ARE MY HISTORIC SUPPLEMENTS?

I miss them too. And they WILL be back. With acquiring the Baby Ace and planning the 60th Birthday Party, time to read 60 newsletters for each supplement has become scarce.

But do not fear. The next one for 1989-1993 will be ready when it's ready. I'm about 2/5 of the way thru the period. Exciting stuff coming.

We have bought property on Colby St. and have started dismantling an old flight school building on the Rochester Airport. This opens a significant chapter in our history with our first permanent home, the Chapter House.

These Supplements will continue periodically until I catch up to Dec. 2018 (catch up to the future?), even if they run into next year, which they probably will.

OLD GOAT'S HALCYON

by Art Thieme

Old Goat's droppings weren't picked up last month. WHAT?

Did I take umbrage? No. The editors job is to edit and I figured that Bob did just that. My stuff is not exactly time-sensitive. When I asked Bob he looked surprised and asked if I sent one in YES! "Probably got buried in a pile on my desk." Very understandable as editor Bob's plate is full with the 60th Birthday Party coming up. At least I got a month off!

If you were to question your flying friends about who they think is the greatest pilot, who would be named? Barry Schiff, AOPA PILOT, May 2018 asked 100 of his email flying friends the same question. Topping the list was Charles Lindbergh, followed by Jimmy Doolittle and Bob Hoover. Cant argue with this list, I would add Wiley Post to the list.

Schiff also asked for the best aviation books ever written. Ernest Gann's Fate Is The Hunter topped the list. I agree with that. Other mentions were Antoine de Saint Exupery's Wind, Rain, and Stars. I tried reading this twice and never got into it. Stick and Rudder by Wolfgang Langewiesche made the list. Still published and a great read for pilots.

Schiff thinks the three greatest aviation writers are Gann, "Saint Ex", and Richard Bach. I'll go with Gann and Bach. Bach wrote, "Johnathan Livingston Seagull" and made so much oney that it screwed up his life. He ended up owning at least 7 airplanes, got into financial trouble, spent time looking for the right woman. I reviewed his book The Bridge Across Forever and asked if he flew above 10,000 feet too often without oxygen. I agree with Schiff that you should read all of Bach's books.

I bought a chronograph watch several years ago while I was at the Oshkosh Airshow. Oshkosh is the only place where I would spend that kind of money. The battery finally died and the Bulova store said it would cost \$180 to clean it. Now I never really had any use for a chronograph watch. It was hard to read the dials in a bouncing Champ. Went to Wall Mart and bought a watch for 8 bucks. Works great!

Failure IS an option.

Old Goat, out.



SAC Visitor during the FFAST Safety Seminar.

**EAA Chapter 44
Board of Directors' Meeting
8 May 2018**

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

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

Reports:

President (Randy Spurr)

Randy introduced the meeting agenda and provided an update re; the upcoming chapter and local aviation events. Samantha Horne & Richard Horne will provide chili & jambalaya for the May General Meeting. Judy Stiles who is a Blanche Stuart Scott re-enactor will be our May Meeting speaker.

Randy introduced long time Chapter member Vet Thomas, who along with Frank Grossmann, Kevin Arganbright and Bob Nelligan-Barrett, flew out to Ohio on April 14th in Frank's Piper Cherokee 6 to examine Squeek Helper's 1956 Corbin Baby Ace that may be donated to the Chapter. Vet provided a very comprehensive verbal report re: his extensive visual inspection of the Baby Ace. Vet made inspection comments that included the propeller, engine, wing fabric covering, wing tips, landing gear and fuselage. While the owner started the engine and the owner indicated that the plane had been flown within the last couple of years, Vet declared that the Baby Ace is not currently airworthy. Vet reported that while the plane needs a restoration effort, everything that needs "fixin", can be done. The group then discussed some restoration options, man hour and cost estimates including selling the current 75 hp VW engine and using the proceeds towards the purchase of a used small Continental engine. The group also discussed options to transport the plane back to the SAC.

Mike Clayton proposed that Chapter 44 accept the charitable contribution donation of Squeek Helper's Corbin Baby Ace from the current owner, contingent on EAA National's approvals & requirements, and in accordance with applicable governmental laws & regulations. The motion was seconded by Frank Grossmann and approved unanimously.

Randy announced that the Chapter will sponsor a Fly-In Camping Event on Friday, July 27th and Friday, August 24th. He will check with EAA National re insurance coverage.

Vice President (Frank Grossmann)

Frank updated the Board re the status of the computer flight simulator upgrade Project. At the April BOD meeting the Board approved the Chapter's use of "credits" that EAA National awarded EAA 44 for flying Young Eagles in 2017 towards the purchase of new larger monitors for the flight simulators that will be used for the Sport Aviation Camp

and the Young Eagle Rally Program. Frank proposed that the Chapter purchase the larger monitors for all three of the simulators and pay the balance of the cost for the monitors. Kevin Arganbright seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Subsequent to the adopted motion, Mike Clayton and Jeff Peters volunteered to share and pay the balance of the cost for the 3 monitors.

Frank led a discussion re: the purchase of a Chapter 44 sign to be placed at the entrance of Eisenhower Drive. Bob Nelligan-Barrett volunteered to create the sign graphics. Details to follow.

Treasurer (Gail Isaac)

The April financial reports were read and approved as per the motion of Frances Englund seconded by Mike Clayton, and passed with one abstention. Mike has obtained a sample of a financial report for a non-profit organization that might serve as a model for the Chapter. He will distribute it to the BOD for review.

Secretary (Jeff Peters)

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

Building Committee (Kevin Arganbright)

No Report. Mike Clayton that he is in the process of obtaining updated cost estimates for the future construction of the hangar. Due to changes in construction codes for hangar fire walls, it might be necessary to physically separate the hangar from the SAC and connect the two buildings via a short passage way.

Business:

3rd Annual Chapter 44 June Event

Bob Nelligan-Barrett updated the plans for the Chapter's 3rd Annual June Event to "kick-off" the 2018 aviation season on June 16th. The proposed theme is 60 Years of Sport Aviation and all types of sport/general aviation aircraft and aviation related organizations, clubs, companies, museums and EAA chapters in Western/Central New York will be invited to participate. The "Celebration" Committee's has been meeting every other Saturday.

Chapter Direction

Randy initiated a Board discussion re: his interest in changing the direction of the Chapter. He would like to create a five year strategic Plan with goals and action plans. He distributed a sample strategic plan for the Board to review.



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REGIONAL CALENDAR

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

June 20-22 Air Race Classic stop in Penn Yan. Volunteers needed to support the stop. Members Frances Englund and Samantha Horne are competing in this race. Stop by to cheer them on! To volunteer, contact Natacha Martin at 512-921-1974 or <airraceclassic.org>

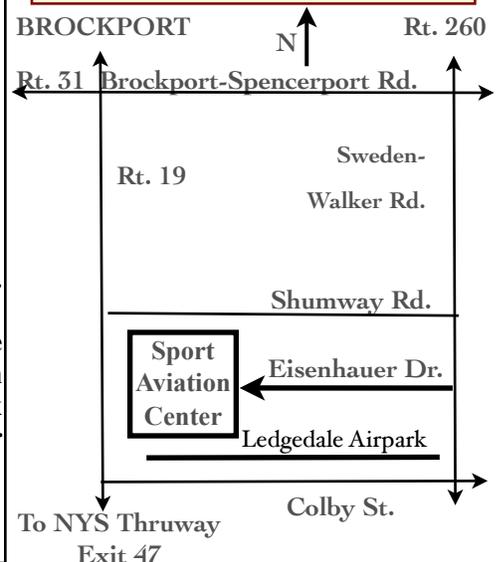
July 13-15 Geneseo Airshow at the National Warplane Museum. <nationalwarplanemuseum.com>.

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

July 23-29 AirVenture Oshkosh

August 19 Brockport Rotary Pancake Breakfast, 7G0

The National Warplane Museum's B-17, the movie Memphis Belle, will be at Ledgesdale Aug. 18 and 19 as part of this event. Breakfast is served only on Sunday Aug. 19.



EAA 44 Calendar



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

June 19 Norm Isler, AOPA NE Ambassador, will be speaking on establishing a flying club.

As this is our traditional "Fly-in" meeting, members are asked to fly in and offer rides to other members.

The grill will be cooking hots and hamburgers. Please bring a side dish or dessert to compliment dogs and burgs. Thanks.

June 30 Group Fly-out to Great Valley Vintage Aircraft Fly-in (N56). See Mike Kuyt.

July 10 Board Meeting

July 14 Young Eagle Rally

July 17 General Meeting

Andy Moore GRIA Interim

Director, Speaker

July 27 Fly-in/Drive-in

Camp-out @ the SAC

August 6-10 SACamp

August 11 Young Eagle Rally

August 14 Board Meeting

August 15 EAA 44 Hosts

Brockport Chamber of Commerce Mixer @ SAC

August 21 General Meeting

Frances Englund & Samantha Horne, Competing in the Air Race Classic (TBD)

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/

Largedale 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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