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ANOTHER YOUNG EAGLE RALLY SEASON ENDS

by Elise Isler, Coordinator

I would like to thank whoever was in charge of the weather! (Capt'n Crosswind, was that YOU?) We had successful flying conditions with no delays for any of the rallies!



Special thanks to our 10 fantastic pilots. We flew 93 students this year with no season repeats but some VERY excited students. Some have already joined the chapter and are working on the Baby Ace!

I extend my sincere thanks to all the ground crew members who keep me going and

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RANDY'S RAMBLING'S

by Randy Spurr

What a Summer, yes!?! My favorite time of year is right around the corner! Lot's of snow please!! There are so many great things happening I don't know where to start! (*Put some ski's on that Scout and FLY ON! Ed.*)

We started the summer with a **Fly-in Breakfast & 60th Birthday Party** for ourselves and the community. It was a wonderful day for all who attended.

Young Eagles, what a year! Thanks to Elise Isler and her crew, the pilots, the ground crew, Trina for cooking those hot dogs in the heat, it was a successful year! We are working on several projects that I would like to update you all on.

Jeff Peters headed up our **Sport Aviation Camp** again this summer. It has been a labor of love for him since its inception. **The Chapter thanks Jeff, and the other Instructors Dave Amsler, Mike Clayton, and Dave Hurd**, who will not be continuing with the camp next year. The Board is discussing the future of the camp now. If you have any input, please contact me.

The **Baby Ace Restoration Team (BART)** has been meeting Wednesday nights under Bob Nelligan-Barrett's direction and have been making great progress!

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING: The Annual Meeting of EAA Chapter 44 will be held on Tuesday November 20 at 7:30 PM at the Sport Aviation Center of Western New York, 44 Eisenhauer Dr., Brockport NY 14420. Nominations for open positions will be taken from the floor at the October and November meetings. Please consider running for a position. At least four will be open and you can run against an incumbent. Thanks for your support of your Chapter.

Young Eagle Wrap-up con't

the program running smoothly. As I have said, many hands make "light" work. We have made many new friends and introduced the SAC and Ledgesdale Airpark to people who never knew it existed.

The Sunday after the August rally, Norm and I were at the Brockport Arts Festival and were stopped by one of the vendors who thanked us numerous times for the opportunity we provided for her 4 children on Saturday.

Then she started telling everyone around us how great the day was and what a wonderful program we present. I think the word is spreading! *(I remember her. She all all four kids in the air at the same time. She was VERY nervous! Ed. aka RampBoss)*

I would especially like to thank Dave and Marcie at Tim Horton's in Brockport for supplying the morning coffee. It was a very nice way to start the day and MANY thanks to Trina Kenney for cooking on the hot grill on some VERY hot days providing sustenance for all!

Going through this short article, I keep reading thanks, thanks, thanks, and the only words I can find to replace them are gracias, merci, danke.... Kudos for a job well done and congratulations to a wonderful team! With the help of at least 30 of our members on a regular basis, we are able to successfully provide our community with the Young Eagles Program and fulfill EAA Chapter 44's mission "promoting aviation and encouraging participation in aviation education" as well as having young students experience the joy of flight!

Randy's Ramblings con't

VP Frank Grossman is working on our EAA Chapter 44 **Aviation Explorer Troop** we hope to form. More on that soon!

Although it wasn't a "Chapter project" EAA 44 did help out with the Spencerport Rotary's Fly-in Breakfast. **Thank you very much.**

We had our first Chapter 44 **VMC Club** meeting this recently and it was a lot of fun. I received positive feedback on the program. We watched a scenario-based video produced by EAA and discussed it afterwards. I learned several things about VFR flight I didn't know. We had a great "hangar session" afterwards and just talked about flying aircraft. It was nice to be in an environment that taps into other pilot's experiences and knowledge. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM. Give it a try, you'll love it!

We will have **2 open Board positions** opening this November. Mike Clayton and Frances Englund have agreed to run for another term while Samantha Horne and Jeff Peters have opted not to seek re-election. Would you like to run? If so, see Frank Grossman or me and let's talk about it, it's more fun than a barrel full of monkeys!

We will be doing **50/50 drawings** at our general meetings, proceeds to go the Hangar Fund. Speaking of the hangar fund, with the Holiday Season right around the corner, maybe you could ask friends and relatives to make a donation the fund in lieu of that Christmas gift you probably won't use anyways, just a thought.

Lastly, I know I sound like broken record, but we have several pilots who go flying and are looking to take passengers, **if you'd like to go flying** with them get on our text notification system! Just enter 84483 in the To: box, and send the message EAA44. Its that simple! You will get texts from pilots when they are planning to fly.

DRAGONFLY PROJECT FOR... FREE!



Whit Beckett has a Dragonfly project OFFERED FOR FREE.

Full plans and drawings plus many years of newsletters included. All wooden parts completed--plywood firewall, laminated bows to shape glass sides, plywood inserts where control pulleys mount to fiberglass bulkheads. A full roll of carbon fiber for spar caps is included, as well as assorted incomplete rolls of fiberglass and foam sheets. No resin included.

Contact Whit at: 585-247-2155 or <wbeckett@rochester.rr.com>. Image from <planeandpilot.com>



Image from the internet. This is a representative panel from another Dragonfly, NOT the panel in this offer. There is no panel yet

OLD GOAT DROPPINGS

by Art Thieme

Reading old log books brings back memories. I hope that you entered notes and not just flight time

Hard to believe but I flew into 36 different airports. Not all with the Champ but with the Musketeer, Archer, Warrior, a 172, miniMa and gliders. And not one ground loop. I also gave rides to 32 people, many more than once. Even saw some hames that I have forgotten. How I would like to do that all over again.

Hard to get your head around the number of planes that we built in WWI, FLIGHT JOURNAL, Dec. 2017 list the ten largest numbers. The Hawker Hurricane built 14,583. The Junkers JU 88 had 15,189 built, The P-51 Mustang had 15,586. The P-47 Thunderbolt came in with 15,660, The Russian YAK had 16,789. The Consolidated B-24 Liberator had 18,482 built. the Focke-Wulf 190 had 20,050, and they LOST the war! The Spitfire had 20,351 and they won the war. The Messerschmitt BF-109 had 34,852 and they also lost the war. Where are they all now?

WE are looking to form a flying club. What plane to buy? PLANE & PILOT, NOV. 2017 lists the 10 cheapest, value packed birds in the sky. They are the C-150, Aeronca Champ, C-172, Beech Skipper, Luscombe Silvaire, Piper Cherokee 140, Stinson 108, Quicksilver MX Ultralight, and the Pre-2013 Mooney M208. I can go along with those except for the Mooney. But while these planes were a good buy years ago, they are not cheap if in good condition. But what is?

Tweet, Tweet!!! Sweepers man your brooms. All hands on deck!!

Old Goat, Out

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

by Norm Isler

On Wednesday evening, September 26 Chapter 44 President Randy Spurr facilitated the first Brockport “VMC Club” session., “What would you do?”

After the welcomes and (if necessary) introductions, the group settles in to watch a short video produced by EAA National. During the video, a scenario is described. In this month’s session, an aircraft is approaching a towered airfield and receives questionable instructions from Air Traffic Control. Once the scenario is described, it is up to the session attendees to suggest what they might do, and how they might do it. In this case, we all agreed that we would inform the tower that we were unable to comply with instructions as given safely and requested a go around, and re-sequence to land.

You do not need to be a pilot to participate! The session is open and free to chapter members. What the session will do is challenge your common sense and give you an opportunity to discuss your ideas with others. No one is “right” or “wrong”: we are all just making decisions and suggestions. (And just to keep us honest and “coloring within the lines”, there is always an instructor on hand to help clarify.) And did I mention we had pizza?

This is a great opportunity to learn about in flight procedures and challenge yourself to make the right choices. Come and join us for the next VMC Club Session, fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM.

SPEAKERS TALK ABOUT THE WWII MUSEUM AND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BABY ACE AND OUR 1956 BABY ACE N75H

Elmer Pancratz told us of his recent visit to the National WW II Museum in New Orleans.

The tour started with a 45-minute immersive movie of a WWII battle where you felt like you were IN the battle. It was all around you! Shells and explosions everywhere, your seat and the floor SHAKE! The tour took you to both the Pacific Theater and European Theater of operations. The flight and tours were sponsored by Gary Sinese’s Lt. Dan Organization to honor WW II Veterans like Elmer. Confidentially, Elmer felt this trip was bigger and better than Honor Flight.

Bob Nelligan-Barrett presented a slide show on the History of the Corben Baby Ace and the Significance of OUR Baby Ace N75H. The first Baby Ace Model B was produced in 1929 making next year its 90th Anniversary. This aircraft was never certified to fly.

Certification didn’t happen until Paul Poberezny bought the Corben Sport Plane Co in 1955, modified the plans and produced the first Model C. The plans were published in a 3-part series in Mechanix Illustrated. This series caused the growth of EAA, homebuilding and the Baby Ace to take off.

I made EAA made aware of the Anniversary and they are now adding the Baby Ace to their Anniversary recognition activities, along with the Pietenpol which is also 90 years young.

From what I have been able to determine, we may have to oldest flying Baby Ace in the country. We’ll find out next year when we see who shows up at AirVenture. I hope we will be able to make it there with our plane.

**EAA Chapter 44
Board of Directors' Meeting
11 September 2018**

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

Board Members/Officers Absent: Clayton, **Other Members Present:** Nelligan-Barrett and MacDonald

Reports:

President (Randy Spurr)

Randy introduced the meeting agenda and provided an update re: the upcoming chapter and local aviation events. As no one has signed up to provide the main meal for the September General Meeting, we will cook the surplus hots & hamburgs from prior Chapter events. The program speaker has not been finalized. Bob Nelligan-Barrett volunteered that if a speaker could not be identified on short notice, he would be willing to present his talk re: the history of the Baby Ace. Randy also indicated that we could show one of the EAA National's videos such as the AirVenture 2018. The October meeting speaker has not been identified.

Randy led a discussion re: the need for a meal coordinator and a "speaker seeker." re: We currently use a sign-up sheet for the monthly meals and Bob has been acting as the speaker seeker on a temporary basis. Randy will make a request for a volunteer(s) for these tasks at the General Meeting.

Vice President (Frank Grossmann)

Frank updated the Board re: his investigation of the purchase of a Chapter 44 sign to be placed at the entrance of Eisenhower Drive. The permit for the sign has been approved and he is in the process of obtaining price quotes for the fabrication and installation of the sign. Frank also reported on the efforts to form a Chapter-sponsored Boy Scout Aviation Explorer Post. Frank and Randy will be meeting with a Boy Scout representative in the near future.

Treasurer (Gail Isaac)

The August financial report was read. However, the motion to approve the report will be tabled until the board has had an opportunity to review the Profit & Loss Statement that was not originally received by some of the members. Gail will resend the report. The Board discussed the need for a budget and the type of financial reports that will facilitate monitoring the financial transactions and the budget metrics. Gail will invite Jeannie Johnson, our Chapter CPA, to the November BOD Meeting to discuss how we could best use the Quick Books reports and information to fulfil the Board's due diligence responsibilities.

Secretary (Jeff Peters)

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

Building Committee (Kevin Arganbright)

Kevin discussed the status of the three new replacement fire alarms that Norm recently purchased and installed. To level out the SAC parking lot, Kevin recommended the purchase of additional stone that Jim Weinkauff will spread. Following discussion of Kevin's recommendation, we decided to table that activity until spring.

Business

Capital Campaign

Randy led a discussion about the need to raise funds for the Hangar Project and the potential fundraising options available to us. In the past, the Chapter routinely conducted a simple 50/50 drawing at the general meetings to support the SAC operations. The board agreed to conduct the raffles again with the proceeds going to the Hangar Fund.

Sport Aviation Camp

Jeff Peters, the Sport Aviation Camp Coordinator, reviewed the 2018 Sport Aviation Camp Revenue/Expense Report. As the Camp attendance was the lowest of the past 4 years (11 vs 16 in 2017), the camp revenue exceeded reimbursed expenses, but was less than the combined reimbursed and donated expenses. On a total expense basis, the attendance "break even" camper number would be 14 unless the camper tuition was significantly increased. As the Camp marketing is a major challenge, it was suggested that the chapter explore developing a relationship with a larger organization who has a bigger participant base. Jeff is planning to hold a SAC debrief meeting prior to the September General Meeting, at which alternatives and/or administration options for the camp will be explored.

Baby Ace Restoration Team

Bob Nelligan-Barrett, leader of the Baby Ace Restoration Team (BART) reported on the status of the project. To date, ten people have signed up to participate in the restoration including seven newbies. It was recommended that a fixed restoration plan be developed and announced to the Chapter.

Link Trainer

Larry MacDonald, who has led and worked on restoring the Link Trainer to operational status for several years, attended the meeting and reported on the progress and challenges related to the project. The BOD had a comprehensive discussion about the restoration process and efforts, the Link Trainer technology and modern options, the reliability of the original components, and the various options for the restoration, placement in the SAC, and future use of the Link Trainer. Larry volunteered to conduct research with the museums and other organizations to determine the status and use of their Link Trainers.

Chapter Board of Directors Elections

The BOD elections will be held at the General Meeting on November 20th. There will be 4 openings. Current Board members Mike Clayton and Frances Englund have agreed to run again for another term, and Samantha Horne and Jeff Peters have opted not to seek re-election. Randy and other members of the Board will be contacting Chapter members to ascertain their interest in running for a board position.



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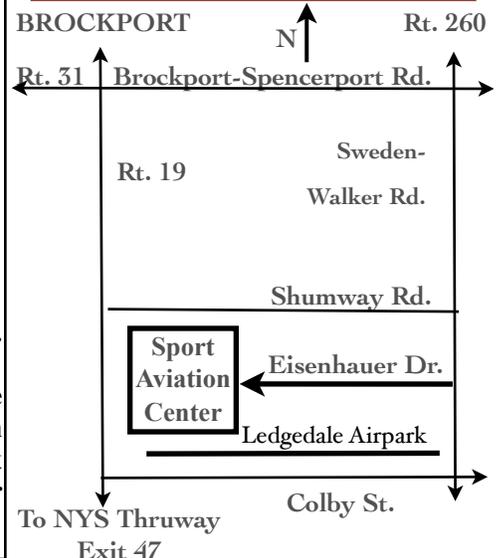
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REGIONAL CALENDAR

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

Oct. 11 AOPA ASI Investigates Weather Accidents @ the SAC, 7 - 9 PM



EAA 44 Calendar



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

October 20 Carl Bouwens will talk about the challenges of getting his seaplane rating.

It is "Taco Tuesday" compliments of Senora and Senor Isaac. Please bring a side dish or dessert to compliment a Mexican dinner.

Thank you.

Nov. 13 Board Meeting
Nov. 20 Steak Night/ Elections/
Speaker: American Airlines F. O. Jay Englert, "Engine Out, and the Nearest Airport is Two Hours Away."

Dec. 11 Board Meeting

Only the Board Meeting happens in December. All other committees and clubs are off for the month, unless notified otherwise.

**Enjoy the Holidays
with Your Family
from
Your Friends
at EAA Chapter 44**

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

Baby Ace Restoration Team

Every Wednesday 6-9 PM

History Committee

1st Saturday 10 AM

Board Meetings

2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 PM

SAC Saturday Work Days

2nd Saturday, 10 AM

General Meetings-

3rd Tuesday of the month

\$5 Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30

VMC Club

4th Wednesday 6:30 PM

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