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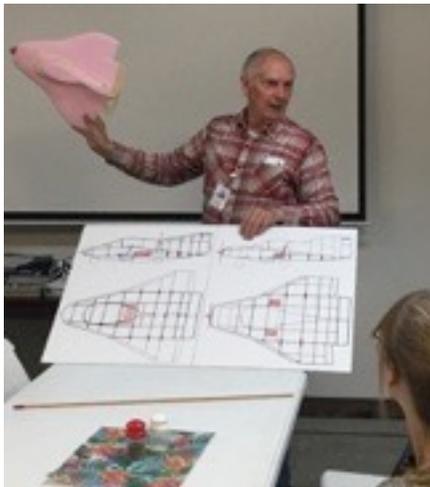
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CARL BOUWENS PRESENTS ON HIS NEXT ORIGINAL DESIGN & GETTING A SEAPLANE RATING

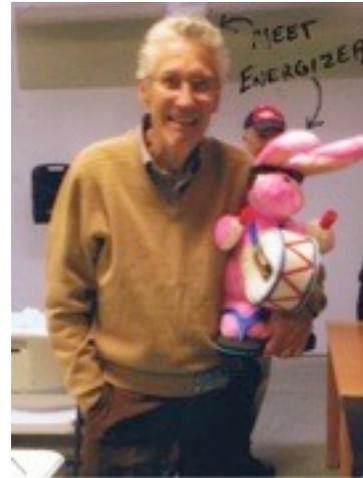
Our resident experimental designer, Carl Bouwens, updated us with the latest version of his delta-wing homebuilt. Originally meant to be a roadable, amphibious aircraft, Carl's experience trying to get his seaplane rating convinced him that his design would not produce a good car, boat or airplane. Back to the drawing board.



Carl took 12 hours of lessons in a SeaRay in the Chesapeake Bay area. Various mechanical and weather-related problems prevented him from earning his rating. But it did influence his design. And that is good.

OUR ENERGIZER BUNNY HAS GONE WEST

The Chapter has lost one of its longest-time members (January 1974), a hard worker, and an all-around nice guy, Jack Frenz, at age 92.



Jack always had a smile on his face even while doing the most difficult tasks around the SAC. His work ethic put the rest of us "young guys" to shame, and earned him the affectionate nickname, "Our Energizer Bunny" because he never stopped working.

I remember the last time Jack came to the SAC last summer. He walked around chatting with the Saturday work crew while looking around the facility. Both Kevin and I were wondering if this was his last visit, and he knew it. We think so.

Jack, you will be missed. Our condolences to your family from your EAA family.

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 Eisenhower 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.

OLD GOAT DROPPINGS

by Art Thieme

Celebrating a recent birthday reminded me of an article written by Martha Lunken in FLYING magazine October 2018. Martha talks about her friend Barry Schiff who celebrated his 80th birthday by flying in the Aeronca Champ that he soled in when he was 16. She goes on to say “birthdays are usually happy occasions, but pile up enough of them, and suddenly you are faced with growing, well, OLD, along with its inevitable by-products. Even the fittest, healthiest, and luckiest eventually face deterioration eyesight, arthritis, cholesterol issues, cardio-vascular concerns or diabetes. Every flyer I know, as he gets older, is obsessed with the impact of aging on his piloting skills and decision making skills... Aging gracefully is an art- and a pain in the butt.”

I stopped flying when I was 78. Flying was no problem. It was the preparation and getting into and out of the cockpit that got me. Also a ten foot bounced landing. I do miss flying. It was an elixer for me.

In an article about Bob Woodward, Time October 8, Author Michael Duffy stated that he (Woodward) still read PROCEEDINGS magazine (the geeky, technical bible of naval officers.) I have been a long time subscriber and reader of PROCEEDINGS. Does that make me a geek? I DO know port from starboard.

It is the season to be jolly. The best to you this holiday season and the coming year.

OLD GOAT, Out.

AOPA/ASI PRESENTS SAFETY SEMINAR ON WEATHER ACCIDENTS

AOPA Northeast Ambassador Norm Isler presented a seminar last month on “Investigating Weather Accidents.” Over 30 local pilots, many of them NOT members of EAA Chapter 44, attended.



These FREE, twice-a-year safety seminars for the pilot community are presented by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association Air Safety Institute and are always well attended.



BABY ACE RESTORATION UPDATE

by Bob Nelligan-Barrett

In just two short months the Baby Ace Restoration Team has made tremendous progress. As you will see we now have a bare



fuselage ready for media blasting and one wing is completely stripped down.

The metal “smalls,” wing struts and braces, seat frame, control stick, tail feather frames, and the landing gear and tail wheel, are out at media blasting now. The fuselage will go next. Once they come back we will be able to see where repairs need to be made and fix them, before sending them BACK out for priming and either painting or powder coating.

We have found that BOTH wings need to be rebuilt. There is little good wood left after 62 years and a few flip-overs. It has taken us several weeks to get the rib materials ready for rib building, though that will commence soon. It will be reassuring that the wings are new and strong.

GOOD NEWS! We have had an overhauled, 75 HP Continental engine **DONATED** to our project by a former member Bob Bailey. He has been following our project on Facebook from Maine! You never know where needed help will come from. **Thank you Bob.**

We have been very fortunate to have N75H itself donated, an engine donated, some of the painting will be donated. We are asking every business that helps us if they want to make our purchase their donation. Fingers crossed. Individual donations of materials are welcomed also.

We could use a “Fabric Sponsor” to cover the cost of the fabric for the wings and fuselage. If that is you, please contact Bob Nelligan-Barrett.

I want to thank also the members who have made financial donations to the Baby Ace. I appreciate your support very much.

The young lad to your left is Tyler M, our “Landing Gear Guy.” He is one of our two 14-years olds and has been bitten by the flying bug BAD! ;-) He helped clean up the engine for sale, and was responsible for breaking down the main landing gear and tail wheel in preparation for sending them to the media blaster. He’s very focused on his task at hand, yet also has a plan for his flying future, by way of the Recreational Pilots license! Ask him about it.

He took home some of the broken rib pieces that we discarded and **REBUILT A RIB** at home during the week. Think he’s hooked? Hmmm.

We meet every Wednesday night 6-9 PM. All are welcome to visit. But we follow the “Rutan-Yeager 7-Minute Rule.” If you hang around longer than 7 minutes, we’re gonna put a tool, or a broom, in your hand. You have been warned. ;-)

PARALLEL RUNWAY ESTABLISHED AT LEDGEDALE

As you drive down Eisenhower Drive. to this months meeting, notice that “someone” has painted runway marking on the roadway. Hold-short lines in both directions prevent crossing traffic, a centerline DYING for “someone” to paint 10L/28R on it, and double do-not-cross lines.

If you think any of this is true, it’s not. Just an April Fool’s joke in November. But try NOT thinking about those markings as you drive to the SAC. ;-)

Enjoy your turkey.

VMC CLUB ATTENDANCE GROWS!

A new program offered by EAA for VFR pilots is the VMC Club. These once-a-month sessions are attended by CFI’s, a youth member, members who don’t attend our regular meetings, and a member from Buffalo, VFR pilots all. And their numbers are growing from the first meeting last month.



Meetings are the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM. All VFR pilots and interested parties are invited and welcomed.

AIRCRAFT FOUND IN STRANGE PLACES

Recently Donna and I have been traveling backroads when visiting the kids and grandkids in Bradford PA. Along the way I have found these “aircraft” along side of the road.

The F-4 Phantom is in front of a VFW on Country Route 26 in Hindsale NY.



This craft below looks like a young homebuilders’ attempt at building an airplane from a trash can, table tops, and bicycle wheels. It’s on Rt. 408 in Mt. Morris. Next time I go by I will stop and take better shots, and maybe get the story.



**EAA Chapter 44
Board of Directors' Meeting
9 October 2018**

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

Board Members/Officers Absent: Grossmann, Clayton, Isler

Other Members Present: Nelligan-Barrett

Reports:

President (Randy Spurr)

Randy introduced the meeting agenda and provided an update re: the upcoming chapter and local aviation events. Gail & Jerry Isaac will provide a Taco Tuesday dinner for the October General Meeting and Carl Bouwens will discuss his attempt to get a seaplane rating and will update the status of his scratch-built aircraft project. Bob Nelligan-Barrett will also give a Baby Ace progress report. Frances Englund updated the Board re:the re-location of the 3 aircraft (Curtiss Pusher, Ohm Special and the Chummy) following the renovation of the Rochester Airport. EAA 44 and the Finger Lakes 99's were instrumental in the original construction, furnishing and placement of these planes, and have been recently involved in the relocation project.

Vice President (Frank Grossmann)

As Frank could not attend the meeting, Randy led a discussion re: the agenda items that Frank had sent to the board via e-mail. The first related to his investigation of the purchase of a Chapter 44 sign to be placed at the entrance of Eisenhower Drive. Four companies were contacted to obtain price quotes for the fabrication and installation of the sign. Only two companies responded with quotes, and both seemed to exceed the Chapter's "budget" for such a project at this time. The board agreed to continue to discuss options and may pursue other price quotes.

The other item pertained to an estate related potential donation to the chapter of two older non-flying aircraft. Based on the age and condition of the planes, the Board opted to decline the donation of the actual aircraft. Frank will pursue the disposition of the aircraft off-line and any subsequent cash donation to the chapter will be used for the Baby Ace Project.

Treasurer (Gail Isaac)

The re-sent September report, and the October financial reports were read and approved via a motion by Frances Englund, seconded by Kevin Arganbright and passed unanimously. The Board discussed the type and the required detail of the financial reports that will facilitate monitoring the financial transactions and the budget metrics. Jeannie Johnson, our Chapter CPA, is not able attend 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. Gail will contact Jeannie re:the Board's discussion.

Secretary (Jeff Peters)

The September BOD minutes were previously approved per an e-mail vote. A discussion was held re: the pros & cons of approving the minutes via an e-mail vote and the publication relationship and timing between the Board minutes and the Chapter's newsletter.

Building Committee (Kevin Arganbright) No Report**Business****Capital Campaign**

Randy led an extensive discussion about the cost estimates for the construction of the proposed chapter hangar, the current amount of the Hangar Fund, other Chapter financial accounts and the Capital Campaign. It appears that, at the bottom line, we will be able to construct a basic hangar (structure, floor, walls, hangar door and minimal ceiling insulation – but no electricity, lighting, plumbing or other amenities) for less than *(amount redacted but available to Chapter members.)* The Chapter will need to raise another *(amount redacted)* (rough estimate) to fund the project. It is assumed that construction could begin in late Spring of 2019.

Baby Ace Restoration Team

Bob Nelligan-Barrett, leader of the Baby Ace Restoration Team (BART) reported on the status of the project. The fuselage has been stripped of its fabric and the frame looks to be in good shape. The tail has been removed to facilitate the restoration work space and the wings have been moved into the shed. The BART is planning to build 30 new wing ribs. Bob has had the opportunity to converse with Charlie Becker from EAA National about our Baby Ace. Next year both the Baby Ace and the Pietenpol will celebrate their 90th anniversary at AirVenture. Bob's dream and goal is to get the restored N75H to Oshkosh to be displayed or maybe even flying in the parade. As Earl Luce estimates the restoration at 1,000 – 1,500 hours, the restoration team will need to get even busier.

Bob also suggested that we hold our annual first big public event each year on the Saturday prior to Father's Day in June. That would be June 15th in 2019 and we would/could have a fly-in breakfast and a public unveiling of the "restored" Baby Ace.

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 member Mike Clayton has agreed to run again for another term, Frances Englund has agreed to run again, and Samantha Horne and Jeff Peters have opted not to seek re-election. Both Darrin Kenney and Chris Koch have agreed to run for one of the open positions. Randy will discuss the upcoming elections at the October General Meeting to ascertain membership interest in running for a Board position.

Aircraft at the ROC

Phil recalled that something was said at our October BOD meeting that the Rochester airport was ready for us to repair or spruce up the Chummy and Ohm Special. He thinks Vet was going to take care of the Curtiss Pusher.

Phil thought Frances mentioned that the Chummy would be displayed at ground level on the east end of the ticket counter area. Because it is so large, the Curtiss Pusher is going to be displayed at ground level in the area beyond the pillars at the west end of the ticket counters. Both the Chummy and Curtiss Pusher will be in the unsecured public areas and thus hopefully be seen by more people.

According to an article he sent all of us (10/9), the Ohm Special is going to be hung above a new restaurant located in the round transition area between the secure area and the "A" (west) concourse area. So we'll need to address any sprucing up of it pretty quick since they were working on that restaurant area when I passed through that area [on August 24th](https://www.rochesterfirst.com/news/local-news/names-revealed-for-new-eateries-coming-to-rochester-airport/1507858524). <<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/news/local-news/names-revealed-for-new-eateries-coming-to-rochester-airport/1507858524>>.



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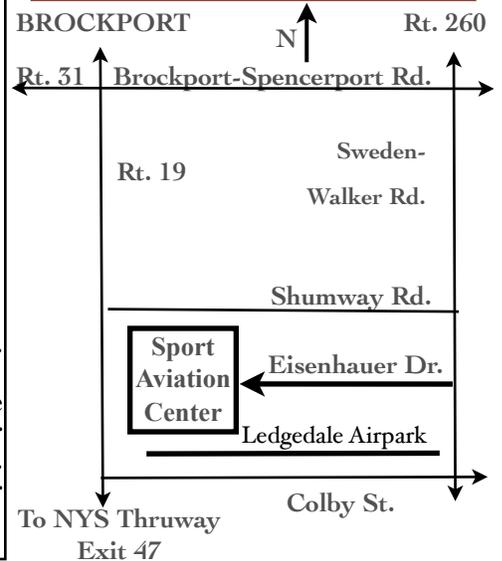
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REGIONAL CALENDAR

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



EAA 44 Calendar



NEXT GENERAL MEETING ELECTION & STEAK NITE NOV. 20

Our Guest Speaker is an airline pilot who had an engine-out two hours from his nearest airport. This is our last meeting of the year. Let's go out with full stomachs.

Dec. 11 Board Meeting
This is a joint transition meeting of current Board members with the those recently elected. to the Board

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 of the month, 10 AM

Board Meetings

2nd Tuesday 7 PM

SAC Saturday Work Days

2nd Saturday, 10 AM

General Meetings-

3rd Tuesday

\$5 Dinner 6:30 PM, Mtg. 7:30-9

VMC Club

4th Wednesday 6:30-8 PM

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