



# The Flyer



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## RANDY'S RAMBLING'S

by President Randy Spurr

May you and your families enjoy a Happy New Year with Ceiling And Visibility Unlimited!

I feel like I ask for your help in every newsletter! However, **we really do need volunteers to keep our Sport Aviation Camp** going this summer. We need someone who could step forward as the Coordinator for the camp. I would help the Coordinator as much as I can if needed. Two instructors have stepped down as well, so we need volunteers that would be willing to take over the activities that we have developed for the camp or develop new ones. Jeff Peters has put a lot of work into the camp and I think he has left us with a model that works well and helps carry-on our mission of introducing youth to aviation.

Frank Grossman and I are also forming an **Aviation Explorer Post 44!** This will consist of an 8-week program, meeting one night each week for 2 to 3 hours. We will need to develop 8, 2 to 3 hour-long aviation programs. If you can help or would be interested in teaching a course on any aviation subject you are interested in, let one of us know. We need at least 4 adult Explorer members

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## GONE WEST

Audrey Thieme

Jeff "Heff" Paris

Chapter 44 lost two members just before Christmas. Audrey Thieme, Wife of Art, passed away after a long battle with cancer. She was survived by their five daughters and one son, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and two brothers.



Audrey Thieme

Jeff Paris passed the day before Audrey. Heff was a friend to all who knew him. As you can see inside this newsletter, he believed in personally testing the parts he put on his airplanes. ;- ) There will be a Celebration of Jeff's life later this year.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Art and Heidi, their children and their families.

**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.

**Randy's Ramblings Con't.**

to fill out applications as adult advisors including at least one female should we have any young women who might join. Surely there are members or member spouses out there that could help. Please let me know as soon as possible as we need to start planning the camp and the Explorer programs.

**Facebook!** We really need to expand our social media footprint to increase awareness of our chapter, especially with “younger” people. Have you “liked” our Facebook page? This allows you to follow posts that have been put on the page. You can also suggest the page to your Facebook friends who might have an interest in aviation. The more people you share this with and the more people who “like” our page, the more exposure our chapter gets. This can be the most valuable and low-cost source of marketing out there! Facebook is easiest to use if you download the Facebook app from the app store on your phone, it's much simpler and convenient than using a computer! Come-on, its time to move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century!

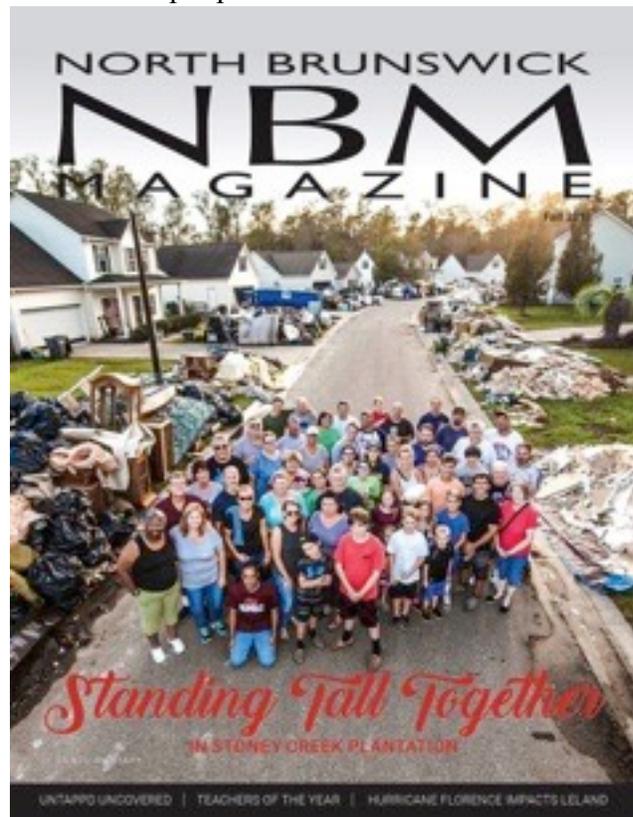
We will resume **VMC Club** Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 6:30 pm. This is a fun session where you can talk about flying in an informal setting with your peers. We always have a CFI present for those questions where an expert is needed. We don't have to limit the discussion to VFR flight, we can talk about any aviation topic. Give it a try, what else are you gonna do on a cold January night?! (*Work on the Baby Ace? ;-)* Ed.)

**LETTER TO THE CHAPTER**

Hey Norm, we are truly grateful for the wonderful donation from all of you at EAA Chapter 44. Couldn't have come at a better time for us. It's been a very challenging time but we're hanging in there and plan on rebuilding the house after the New Year. We miss all of you and hope to make it up there in the late spring. Again, thank you so much

Bob and Val Northrop

Here's a couple pics of what we dealt with...



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## AVIATION BACK WHEN THE BABY ACE WAS BUILT

As you know by now, the Baby Ace plans were first published in a 3-part series in a popular do-it-yourself, inventor magazine called Mechanix Illustrated. Earl Luce happens to own original copies of these magazines, which is very fortunate because we need them now to restore N75H. It was built on those plans. But I digress...

Looking through the magazines gives a fascinating look at the state-of-the-art of aviation in 1955. For example, in the May issue author Martin Caidin penned an article, "IBM Means I Bring Massacre," how Intercontinental Ballistics Missiles (*their term back in the day*) can "roar at 10,000 MPH and destroy a city half a world away in less than an hour's time." It was the Project Hermes, C-1 hypersonic glider, based on the German V-2 technology. The author felt it was "actually the prototype of the world's first spaceship!"

"The Plane With the Two-Way Stretch" shows photos of an Experimental aircraft that "can take off like a helicopter and convert to conventional forward fight," in other words, a 1955, single-seat, homebuilt Osprey! The Model 1-G was built by Mario Guerrieri and built by Transcendental Aircraft Corp in Glen Riddle PA.

An Air Force jet was shown launching from a "zero-length launcher designed by Martin." It looks like what we've come to know as a "Jet Assisted Take Off" from a mobile launching vehicle. All three of the above are verified in Wikipedia as being real.

The Flying Flea (*Pou du Ciel in its native French*) was introduced. At the time there were no plans for it, but designer Henry Mignet planned to produce "it in kit form for do-it-yourself fans." One of those fans was former member Al Garlick. It's parts and pieces may

still be in someones garage or attic, Earl. Did you notice in this month's Sport Aviation (page 95) the mention by Christy McCormick from Kansas of the flight of her SECOND, scratch-built Flying Flea? This is the only one flying in the United States and may be at AirVenture this summer. The Flea is a SMALL little airplane. Makes you wonder how it flies.

Another digression... There was an article describing "What Makes A Good Slide Projector?" opposite an ad for Kodak Signet and Merit Series slide projectors, cost \$80-\$24. Kodak's address back then was Rochester 4, NY.

## BABY ACE UPDATE

Well, it's been a long, strange trip since last April when I laid eyes on my first Baby Ace, N75H, in Lancaster Ohio. I had never even HEARD of a Baby Ace before this.

Restoring an aircraft was never on my "Bucket List." But here it was. I got it here, so I'd better do something with it. And members and Young Eagles and people who heard by word-of-mouth signed up on the Baby Ace Restoration Team to participate in the first Chapter airplane project since the Chummy build in the 1990's, and before that... I don't know. Before my time.

We have had members come out of the woodwork to participate and to lead us. We have Young Eagles getting their hands dirty. Financial support has magically appeared when we needed it...so far. Because of his enthusiasm, one of our young BART's received a family vacation from Santa with his parents to AirVenture 2019, Oshkosh's 50th Anniversary. Connections to our planes' past appear often because of our Facebook page.

Oh, an update on the plane itself? All the metal is cleaned and back in our possession. Wing wood has been ordered. We should pick up our donated engine this month. We need a propeller. Happy New Year!

**Jeffrey John "Heff" Paris**

**Son, Husband, Father, Friend to all, Pilot, Model Builder, Dog Lover, Aviation Speaker, Grandson of the Owner of a Member Jim Reddig-designed Fleetwings Seabird, Experimental Homebuilder, 1 of 3 Amigos Flying to Oshkosh in their Homebuilts, Spinner-Tester, Chapter 44 Member.**

**CAVU forever.**



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

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

**Board Members/Officers Absent:** Isler, Englund and Horne

**Other Members Present:** Weinkauff and Kenney

**Reports:**

President (Randy Spurr)

Randy welcomed Jim Weinkauff and Darrin Kenney who were elected to the Board at the November General Meeting and will officially join the Board in January. Mike Clayton and Frances Englund were re-elected for another two-year term. He then introduced the meeting agenda and provided a brief update re:the upcoming chapter and local aviation events. Currently, no arrangements have been made for a food provider or a program speaker for the January General Meeting.

Current President Randy Spurr, Vice President Frank Grossmann and Treasurer Gail Isaac were re-elected to their positions by a unanimous vote. The election for the open Secretary position was tabled until the January meeting as there was no candidate(s) for the position.

Norm Isler had contacted Randy re: the potential donation of some cubicle partitions. Following a discussion, the BOD declined the offer.

Vice President (Frank Grossmann)

Frank updated the Board re:the purchase of a Chapter 44 sign to be placed at the entrance of Eisenhower Drive. The DOT has issued a year-long permit to construct a 30" x 60" approved sign on their right-of-way on the West side of Sweden Walker Road. The Board selected the sign layout and opted to purchase it from the Natalie Sign Company and either Natalie or the DOT will install the sign. The total cost of the project should be less than the sign budget approved at the November BOD meeting.

Treasurer (Gail Isaac)

The November financial reports were read and approved via a motion by Mike Clayton, seconded by Frank Grossmann and passed unanimously. The BOD approved the payment of the Chapter Renewal Fee to the National EAA. For discussion purposes, Gail Isaac provided the year-to-date transactional details for the Chapter's Chart of Accounts for the Profit & Loss Statement, and Frances Englund has formatted a Budget Template that displays the summary year to year comparisons for each account. The consensus of the group was that a budget could be constructed using the Budget Template with the addition of a few sub-accounts that should also be tracked such as individual contributions and selected restricted accounts. Mike Clayton volunteered to develop the 2019 budget numbers for each account for BOD review and approval. He also agreed to work with Gail Isaac to create the sub-accounts for use with the Quick Book system. Once the 2019 Budget is approved, the monthly board review of the financial reports will include a budget vs actual comparison for each account on a monthly as well as a year-to-date basis.

Secretary (Jeff Peters)

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

Building Committee (Kevin Arganbright)

Kevin is developing a SAC repair/maintenance "punch list" to be addressed at the monthly work sessions, and he will include a newsletter article to encourage additional member participation in maintaining our Chapter house and property.

**Business**Capital Campaign

Randy indicated that the Capital Campaign Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> to review a draft of the Building Expansion Marketing Brochure and to discuss the specifics of the Campaign itself.

Baby Ace Restoration Team

Bob Nelligan-Barrett, Leader of the Baby Ace Restoration Team (BART) could not attend the Board meeting but submitted a written report summarizing the cost estimates for the Baby Ace Restoration project. The total estimated project cost (*amount redacted*) did not include cost estimates for several major airplane components, and did not include a comprehensive restoration plan pertaining to completion time lines, volunteer hours, etc., as requested by the board.

The Board had an extensive discussion re: the Baby Ace including the Board's approval at the November meeting for (*amount redacted*) to support the project as requested by the BART. The group concluded that there has been some widespread confusion related to the use and approval of donated restricted funds vs general funds, and the Board approval process for spending such money. The Board agreed that any money donated and designated to either the restricted or general funds becomes the property of the Chapter and cannot be spent without the specific approval of the Board. Any money donated and designated for the restricted fund accounts - the Hangar Fund or the Baby Ace Fund must be used for only that purpose after approval by the Board.

The Board agreed that the approval of the previous motion to spend (*amount redacted*) pertained to the existing money in the Baby Ace account rather than "new" general funds money. To rectify the resulting deficit in the Baby Ace account, and to facilitate the continuing progress of the restoration project, Kevin Arganbright proposed the transfer of up to (*amount redacted*) from the General Fund to the Baby Ace Restricted Fund to purchase the wing spars as requested by the BART. Mike Clayton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Randy will contact Bob Nelligan- Barrett to discuss the board's policy and approval process.

2019 Membership Dues

The \$30 annual primary EAA Chapter membership dues has been periodically discussed by the Board but has not been changed for many years (*since 1993.*) To recognize the increasing costs of administering the Chapter and maintaining the SAC, and to appropriately share these costs among the membership, the Board voted, with one abstention, to recommend an increase in the 2019 dues for a single or primary membership from \$30 to \$40. The cost for the other membership categories will remain the same. The recommendation will be presented to the General membership for discussion and approval at our January meeting.

General Meeting 50/50 Raffle

To clarify any confusion re: the 50/50 raffle that was re-instated to support the Hangar Fund, the Chapter 50% will go to the Hangar Fund and the winner's 50% can be donated to either the Hangar Fund or the Baby Ace Fund, or be pocketed (kept for himself/herself).



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**REGIONAL CALENDAR**

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

**May 1**

**AOPA/ASI Safety Seminar**  
@ the SAC (7G0)

**July 12-14**

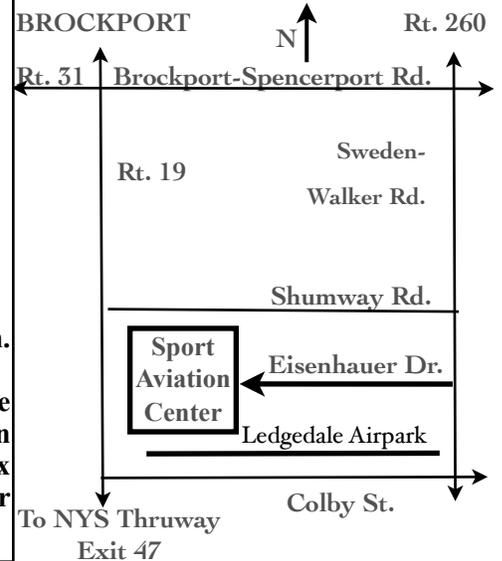
**National Warplane Museum  
Airshow,**  
featuring the A-10 Thunderbolt,  
B-17 and C-47 Rides  
Geneseo NY (D52)

**July 22-28**

**50th Anniversary  
AirVenture 2019**  
Oshkosh WI (OSH)

**August 24/25**

**Rochester Airshow**  
featuring USAF  
Thunderbirds  
and F-22 Raptor  
Rochester NY (ROC)



## EAA 44 Calendar



### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING January 15 6:30 PM**

**Jim Martin** will be talking about his **sailplane experiences and other FAA topics of interest** to him and you.

**Gail Isaac** will be preparing a **Cheeseburger Soup** to keep us warm. Please bring a side or dessert to pair with a cheeseburger. Or soup. French Fry Salad? Cole Slaw on a Bun? Surprise us with your creativity.

**January 23 VMC Club**

**February 2 History Comm.**

**February 9 SAC Work Day**

**February 12 Board Meeting**

**February 19 General Meeting**

**February 25 61st Anniversary**

**EAA Chapter 44, 1958**

**February 27 VMC Club**

**March 2 History Comm.**

**March 9 SAC Work Day**

**March 12 Board Meeting**

**March 19 General Meeting**

**March 27 VMC Club**

All activities take place at the EAA 44 Sport Aviation Center, & are free & open to the public unless otherwise noted.

Sport Aviation Center  
44 Eisenhower Dr.  
Brockport, NY 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 7 PM

### **SAC 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 PM

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