



AIRLINE CAPTAIN RETIRES- JOINS CHAPTER 44

One of the fascinating things about EAA Chapters is the variety of backgrounds and interests represented by its members. From the little guy or gal in a Cub to an 35,000 hour Boeing 777 Captain, lucky Chapters have them all. We are such a fortunate Chapter.



Tom is holding one of the items on his Required Equipment List.

Retired American Airlines Captain Tom Henion joined us again for an update on his career. He has been a member of Chapter 44 off and on through the years and has presented on different topics at past General Meetings.

An interesting fact he mentioned this time is that he was present here at Ledgesdale Airpark when Jack Mazzarella finished grading the runway and Bill Peper flew in! He saw that first hand!! That was 52 years ago. Imagine how young he must have been!

Tom showed us a comparison chart of weights and measures of a Cessna 172 compared to a Boeing 777. Just for grins. It's pretty mind blowing to see the numbers he worked with. Approximately 280 pounds of fuel in a Skyhawk vs hundreds of thousands of pounds in a Triple-7.

Tom outlined his career path starting by earning his Private Pilot License before going to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Upon graduation he worked for various local flight services accumulating experience and hours.

He then applied to the airlines and started as a B-727 First Engineer, then an MD-82 Co-Pilot through the B-767 to eventually Captain a B-777.

FAA Regulations mandated his retirement at 65. He was not ready for that. What pilot ever is?

Thank you Tom and welcome back.

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.

OLD GOAT QUID PRO QUO

by Art Thieme

So we now have a picture of the black hole. Not actually. It's a picture of what surrounds the hole. What takes place in that area is hard to imagine. And it is 58 million light years away. It took seven telescopes around the globe to capture the picture. It will take some time to digest the information gathered. The inferno around the hole is 65 billion times greater than the sun. Science fiction? Wow!

I looked through a pile of magazines and found five issues of a magazine entitled TO FLY. They are quarterly issues from winter 2002 to summer 2004. The publisher and editor was Paul Poberezny. This was a publication of the Sport Aviation Association. When did this all start? I must have been a member. There were no dues. It survived by member donations! The articles are great, and I read all of them. I did check the EAA publication EXPERIMENTER and it was published by Tom Poberezny, with editor Jack Cox. When did Paul organize this Sport Aviation Association? Perhaps the Editor can do his magic research and provide some information (*You got it Art! Ed.*)

Barry Shiff in AOIA PILOT writes that the hangar fees at his airport are now \$1500/month. Since he retired as a pilot for a major airline he was sport flying his Citabria. The cost of the hangar (he didn't want to tie down a fabric plane outside), maintenance, and I'm sure age, made him sell his plane. Age did it for me. Tie down at Hendershot was reasonable: free!

Miscellaneous info of no value:

- A. I have received my first 2020 calendar.
- B. Have you considered that the number one draft player in the NFL will go to the worst team in the league?

Keep the wings level.

Old Goat, out

- C. No computer or printer yet.

SPORT AVIATION ASSOCIATION- WHAT WAS IT, WHAT IS IT?

Art challenged me to find information on the "Sport Aviation Association." It took some digging because the term "sport aviation" has become ubiquitous (an Art word) in EAA. Look no further than our facility. But there WAS a connection to EAA back in the day.

The most recent information that I could find about the SAA is at: midwestflyer.com?p=6881 in an article from 2013 entitled "Honor Paul: Join the Sport Aviation Association & Support Grassroots, Affordable Flying!"

EAA Founder Paul Poberezny established SAA in 1970 as a non-profit corporation to promote "sport" aviation rather than "experimental" aviation. Paul didn't do much with the organization for many years while EAA was developing into the organization we have today.

In 1996, air racer and EAA Board member Jimmy Leeward, Paul's daughter Bonnie, and his son-in-law Chuck Parnell jump-started the SAA. In 2000 they held their first convention in Urbana, IL.

"By 2005, SAA had a mailing list of 2200 interested folks, including about 700 active members, and put out a magazine called *To Fly*. But for various reasons, Paul decided to abandon this effort, ceased publication of the magazine, and disband the organization that same year. (The funds in the SAA treasury were donated to help establish the Founder's Wing at EAA headquarters.)"

In 2012 Paul handed the baton to Ed Fisher, EAA Homebuilder's Hall of Famer and Lindy Award winner. He got membership up to 800 people.

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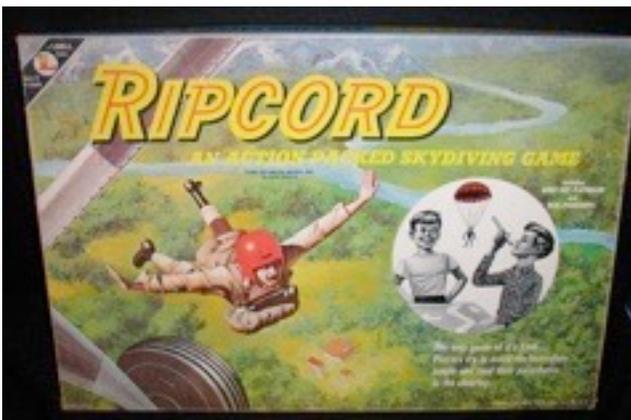
SAA continued

But what WAS the SAA? Ed was quick to emphasize what it WASN'T- competition with EAA. The SAA wanted to complement EAA and "to help retain the heritage of the amateur aircraft builder. Our mission is not political- it is simply to encourage the fun, fellowship, and camaraderie that is so special and unique to aviation... The Vision and Purpose of the SAA is to promote fellowship, learning, and safety for the grassroots 'little guy' of recreational aviation."

It seems the Sport Aviation Association "flew west" around 2013. I could find no more current references to it online later than the article referenced above.

AVIATION BOARD GAME OF THE MONTH RIPCORD

Do any of you remember the 1960's TV program "Ripcord?" Did any of you own this 1962 "action-packed skydiver game?" The object of the game is to drop a skydiver onto different targets on the game board. More points if you play outside in a crosswind (*joke Ed.*)



Next month: Century of Flight Monopoly. Do you have suggestions for games to be reviewed? Let me (Bob) know.

BART UPDATE

Did you fall for last month's BART April Fool's joke? No? Shucks.

"Out with the old, in with the new(er)" could be the way to describe our progress this month. While work continues slowly but steadily on the fuselage, tail feathers, and wing, Randy was able to sell our Revmaster engine to a man in Colorado who sent his Marine buddy from Albany here to pick it up (gotta love the internet.) It was always part of our plan to sell the engine to help fund the restoration. This has now happened.

As this newsletter was being written, Gail and Jerry Isaac and I went to Granville Airport NY (near Rutland VT) to pick up our DONATED, overhauled and pumped up to 75 HP Continental engine below.



As I have mentioned before, Engine Donor and former member Bob Bailey is following our build from his home in Maine and is planning to join us for the Father's Day Saturday Fly-in Breakfast. If you happen to sit across from him over pancakes, be sure to thank him for his significant contribution to N75H.

Now we need to find a Propeller Donor. Do YOU have a prop under your bed just collecting dust? Put it to good use on the front of our airplane.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

These two images came across my Facebook page and I thought they were fascinating snapshots of bird-flight. Made me think of parallels: head looking one way-body going another as he slips it in, drooped wingtips for more lift, gear down; eyes on the landing spot, all flying surfaces out flaring for landing.



They were just cool flight photos to me, flight in all its forms. (Photos from the internet. Used without permission.)



AN IMAGINARY CONVERSATION

Jimmy Olsen: Gee Superman! What are we gonna do when Mr Nelligan-Barrett retires as Editor of The Flyer at the end of the year”



Superman: Well, Jimmy, someone will have to step up and accept the responsibility to lead the newspaper. EAA Chapter 44 depends on the timely news of our members, on our Community Calendar, and the comings and goings of our Chapter Board. Why don't YOU apply?

JO: I think Mr Kent or Miss Lane should do it.

S: Of course you do. Always someone else. But why NOT you?

JO: Ah....Ummm...I dunno...

S: I'm sure that Mr. Kent and Miss Lane, and Mr. Nelligan-Barrett from his retirement rocker, will be very happy to help you. Well, maybe not Mr. Nelligan-Barrett, you know how crotchety HE can be! But I'll always be there for you Jimmy.

JO: Gee thanks Superman.

S: Anytime Jimmy. Gotta go. I've got a tall building to leap in a single bound. Woooshhhh..



FIRST YOUNG EAGLE RALLY 2019

June 1, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Volunteers Welcome

Contact Elise: singholley@aol.com

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 44 Board Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2019

Board Members Attendance:

Present: R. Spurr, D. Kenney, N. Isler, F. Grossman, F. Englund, M. Clayton, J. Weinkauff, P. Hazen

Absent: K. Arganbright

Called to order 7:08 pm

Approval of Minutes: March 8, 2019 meeting minutes unanimously approved

President's Report:

- Donation flyer done and Randy will start meeting with donors
- Chapter 44 received a 10 out of 10 score and will be recognized at the 2019 Chapter Recognition Program

Vice President's Report:

1. Sign is installed and Frank is donating ½ the cost. Project within budget
2. **Aviation Explorer Post 44-** 9 attended and maybe more that will join
 - a. Jeff Peters proposed to the Board a "Flight Sim Open House" to be held August 8th and 9th to supplant the Sport Aviation Camp. Approval was sought to garner Board conceptual, support so Jeff may move forward with planning, marketing/recruiting. Vigorous discussion ensued regarding volunteer, food, liability and financial needs.
 - i. **Motion:** Norm Isler made a motion second by Frances Englund to support the organization/planning and recruiting for the program and present a conceptual plan and schedule of needs and curriculum to the Board by future date. Motion Carried 8-0
 - b. 7:22pm Frances Left the meeting– President Spurr called a brief recess
 - c. 7:27pm President resumed the meeting, Board Member Englund was absent for remainder of meeting
 - d. **Flight Sim Open House-** Jeff Peters gave a report by phone – nominal cost, for a few flyers, 3 donated sims and use Jeff & Frank's sims. To date no recruiting of instructors or chaperones has occurred. Does not anticipate the need for a lot of people. After discussion it was determined that here does need to be a preregistration process for the sim open house to avoid everyone showing at one time and unmanageable wait times.
 - e. Jeff will start working on the program and recruiting necessary volunteers.
 - f. National initiative, **EAA Flying Start** Event in May to invite public out and give rides. Similar to Young Eagles but for adults too. Need to partner with local flight school and have an instructor here.
 - i. There was concern about too much on the calendar already and hard to put together in a few weeks.
 - ii. Asking a lot for members to volunteer their plane & gas for someone that just wants a joyride.
3. **VIP Open House** for area legislators discussion regarding local an county governmental officials to come to the EAA/SAC to see what we are about and how we benefit the local community. Randy has been trying to find a time for the Town Board to tour. More ideas and options will be explored.

Financial Reports

4. Treasurer, Gail Isaacs presented the March 30, 2019 Treasurer's Reports
 - a. **Motion:** Darrin made a motion to accept the report, second Mike C carried 7-0
 - b. VMC Club refreshments expenditures were questioned and issue was resolved to the Board's satisfaction.

- c. Gail presented on tax exempt Wegmans cards which we now have. We can also open a Wegmans charge account. For now we will just use the tax exempt shopper's club card
- d. Quick Books is requiring an update at cost (*cost redacted*)
 - i. The current version will no longer be supported and could pose an increased security risk.
 - ii. Mike and Randy will help evaluate
 - iii. **Motion:** Norm made a motion second by Frank to expend *up to (amount redacted)* to update QuickBooks. Motion carried 7-0
- Budget Committee
 - Norm presented the first budget report comparing monthly planned revenue and expense to actual.

Committee Reports

- Bob N-B reported on BART
 - Working on the cowl and firewall
 - Tail is being modified to original
 - 99% of wing ribs are complete and right wing dry fitted
 - Total expense to date is almost (*amount redacted*.)
 - Randy put the old engine on Barnstormers and E-bay for (*amount redacted*) and has received no interest.
 - The board authorized a minimum price to authorize Randy or Bob to sell the old engine.
- Bylaw Committee – has not met at this time
- Young Eagles – Norm reported Elise has already received interest and planning is underway

Old Business

- Randy is heading up “Pancake Boss” the June 15th fly-in breakfast. He has secured some volunteers for key tasks and is working on resource and budget needs using last year as a baseline.
 - **Motion:** Norm made a motion second by Frank to move forward with planning the June 15th event and expend up to *amount redacted*). Carried 7-0
 - Bob N-B has some marketing materials ready to go. \$8 Adult, \$4 3-12 \$0 <3
- Norm reminded the Board that there are two GoFundMe pages for the same thing and the internal control weaknesses. Mike C said, he would take down the one he created.

New Business

- **Motion:** Darrin, second Frank to have the July general meeting at Gaines Valley Airport. Motion carried 7-0
- Randy reported the e-mail with suggested EAA fly/drive trips such as Rhinebeck or Dayton AFB Museum have received interest. – does not require Board Action
- AOPA Flying Club Seminar May 28 - EAA has expressed desire to provide a grant to start the club. AOPA will be presenting a seminar that would bring people from outside the immediate EAA chapter membership in an effort to increase Club membership. The Flying Club will be a separate entity with an association to Chapter 44. **Motion** Mike Clayton, Second Jim W to have the seminar. Carried 7-0
- Randy shared a communication from Mike Zale, County Legislator and Town of Sweden resident requesting a political donation from EAA 44. The Board was not interested or felt it appropriate undertake political initiatives and expend Chapter funds on the like.

Motion: Mike C, second by Norm Meeting Adjourned 9:23. Motion carried 7-0



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REGIONAL CALENDAR

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

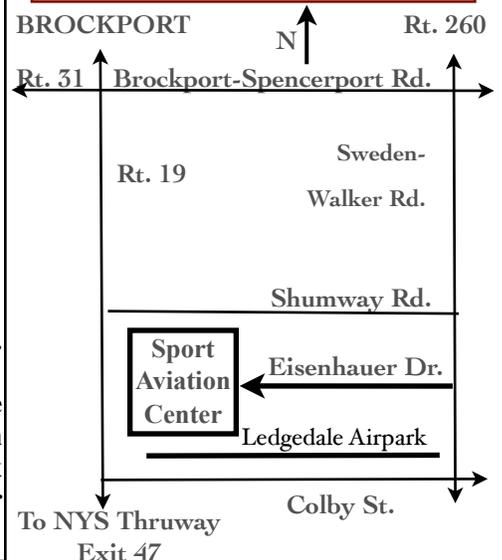
May 19- 7 AM to 1 PM
Williamson Flying Club
Apple Blossom Fly-in
 Williamson-Sodus (SDC)

May 28 - 7 PM
AOPA Seminar
Starting a Flying Club
 @ the SAC (7G0)
 AOPA Ambassador Norm Isler

June 1, July 13
August 10, September 14
11 AM - 2 PM
EAA Chapter 44
Young Eagle Rallies
 @ 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 in OSH
90th Anniversary Baby Ace
AirVenture 2019
 Oshkosh WI (OSH)



EAA 44 Calendar

May 11 SAC Work Day
May 14 Board Meeting
May 21 General Meeting
May 28 **AOPA Seminar**
“How To Start a Flying Club.”

June 1 Young Eagle Rally
June 8 SAC Work Day
June 11 Board Meeting
June 15 Fly-in Breakfast
June 18 General Meeting
(location may change. Watch
this space.)

MAY 21 GENERAL MEETING
Doug Trumbull will
talk about his trip to Alaska
in a Piper Cub.
Marsha and Phil
Hazen will be serving up
Sloppy Joe's. What surprise
sides and desserts can you all
match with that?

All activities take place at the
Sport Aviation Center,
& are free & open to the public
Sport Aviation Center
44 Eisenhower Dr. 14420
Brockport's Ledgesdale Airpark (7G0)

Baby Ace Restoration Team
Every Wednesday 6-9 PM
Aviation Explorer Post 44
Thursday's April 4-May 30 5:30-9 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
Flight Simulator Group
4th Thursday, 5:30-8 PM

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