



# The Flyer

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## OLD GOAT RAMBLINGS

by Art Thieme

Ever have one of those nights when random thoughts just come bouncing in your brain? I had a superintendent that told me that thoughts woke him up and he would jot ideas down on shirt cardboards that he kept next to his bed. He said that in the morning he couldn't read his notes.

There was a time when you learned to fly it was either in a Cessna 150/152, a Piper Skipper, Beech Musketeer, Cub, or Champ. When these planes got high engine numbers, they would be sold at a reasonable price to new want-to-be plane owners. They were replaced by new models. Now Piper just announced a new trainer, the Piper Pilot 100. It comes with a Garmin G3X touch avionics system and the 100i with auto pilot. And it costs \$259,000 for the 100 and \$285,000 for the 100i. Do you think these will make it into new pilots' hands?

Which brings us to Plane & Pilot Nov 2018 issue where they list the 10 cheapest planes. They are the Cessna 150, going for about \$15,000. An Ercoupe lists for \$18,000. An

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**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:** You will notice this issue has no photos. My hard drive with my Photo Library died while building this newsletter. Hopefully I will have resolved the problem by next month. Sorry for the inconvenience.

## GUEST SPEAKERS ABOUND

@THE SAC

Last Month's Guest Speaker was a local man, Doug Turnbull, from the Bloomfield/Canandaigua area. His topic was Back Country Flying Alaska in a Piper Super Cruiser.

Doug received his first license in the 1980's. In 2013 he bought the Super Cruiser and prepped it to fly to Alaska in 2016. At the time he had an 800' private strip that was no problem for him to get in and out of.

He showed photos of his 100-hour round trip flight up to and back from British Columbia. He followed the AlCan highway much of the way.

AOPA NE Ambassador Norm Isler led a seminar on "Starting a Flying Club" which was attended by 12 people. Hopefully this will lead to a club being established here.

**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.

Aeronca Champ goes for \$25,000. The Cessna 172 goes for \$27,000. A Beechcraft Skipper lists for \$25,000. A Luscombe Silvaire goes for \$17,000. A Piper Cherokee 140 goes for \$21,000. And a Stinson 108 goes for \$28,000 plus. When I was flying, early on a Cessna 150 could be had for \$5000. But who had that kind of money then?

Our recent speaker spoke about flying in Alaska where he was told they don't fly high. I never flew high in the Champ. Up high, you don't enjoy the view or even get the smell of farm by-products.

Memorial Day brings back sad views of cemeteries with hundreds of white crosses all in a row, each remembering a living person. Wars are such a terrible waste!

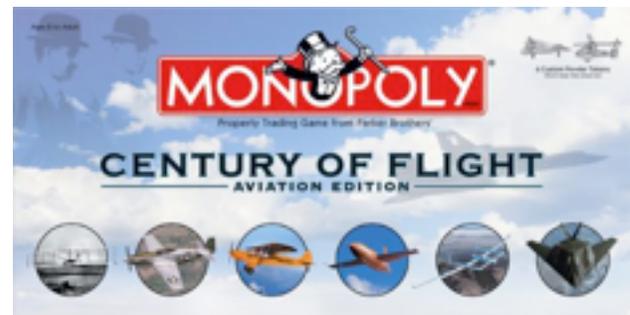
I was eating my lunch when the phone rang. Hello, yes. Do you know who this is? No, I don't recognize your voice. I'm your oldest grandson. Sorry, but I still don't recognize your voice. I have a cold. The doctor gave me something. I'm in Pittsburg. A friend's mother died, and I went with him. I'm in jail. What? I was in a rental car and another driver forced me off the road and I hit a tree. I hurt my nose. That's why my voice is different. The cops searched my car and found prescription medicine that they said was illegal. They charged me with possession and a traffic violation. They have a video showing that I was not at fault. The public defender is trying to get me out. The rental car agency is going after me.... I still don't recognize your voice and it sounds like a scam to me. The phone went dead. I told my daughter what happened, and she said none of my grandkids would call me in this

situation; They would call their parents. I said it didn't matter because I wouldn't send them money anyway. So, I'm a geezer who was on a call list. Interesting.

I can fly higher than an eagle. But you are the wind beneath my wings.

Old Goat out.

## GAME OF THE MONTH MONOPOLY: CENTURY OF FLIGHT



This game was sold in the early part of this century to capitalize on the 100th Anniversary of the Wright Brothers first flight.

It comes with "Aviation Dollars" and 6 collectible pewter tokens: fighter jet, helicopter, monoplane, hot air balloon, commercial jet and airship.

The object of Monopoly, as you know, is to acquire "properties" which in this game are different aircraft. A player can increase their properties value by buying hangars and airports for their aircraft.

Here's what's different: Navigation System, Propeller, Safety System and Engine replace the railroad spaces; Sport Aviation replaces the Electric Company and Flying replaces Water Works; Props and Jets cards replace Chance and Community Chest; FAA Fine replaces Income Tax and Landing Fee replaces Luxury Tax. Seems like it could be a fun game.

## THIS COLUMN LEFT BLANK

This is how all 8 pages of YOUR newsletter will look come January 1 if no one volunteers to be the next Newsletter Editor.

I have the step-by-step process of building a newsletter already written out for another Chapters' Editor. I will gladly train you if necessary or have you look over my shoulder while I build one between now and December.

The next Editor will need to bring to the table writing, photography, and computer skills. Unless an article has another persons byline, your Editor wrote it. I also use my smartphone to take photos to go with the articles. And I use a plethora of programs to actually produce a newsletter.

The next Editor needs to be fluent with a word processor/page layout program (for obvious reasons) and a photo editor (for cropping, resizing, and adjusting values.) S/he should also have a passing understanding of a spreadsheet, email, an address book, a text editor, and a .PDF reader (Adobe Acrobat.)

This is not a hard position to fill but it but it is an important one. It does take time, to collect stories and photos, to write articles and to build the newsletter, and to distribute it to our audiences. It will take you a few issues to get your feet under yourself. It did me. And Art was STILL grading me on my output. Forced me to get better QUICK!

We so much for leaving the column blank. But hopefully the headline got your attention enough to read this article and to make you THINK about becoming our next Editor. See me if you are considering volunteering.

## BART UPDATE AND PICNIC INVITE

During the past month the BART has made progress on several different fronts-wood, metal, and the engine.

Jim Gooding, Peter Bonneau and Druvia Rana have been loose-fitting the strut braces and drag wires for the wing. Once we know everything fits, the hardware will be removed while we varnish the wing and aileron, and then reassembled. Then a process called "trammeling" will square the wing and tighten it down to become a permanent structure.

Earl Luce has been teaching Tyler Mullen and Druvia how to weld. They have built a new door for the right side, cut cardboard templates for the boot cowl, and are preparing to work on the tail feathers.

Finally, Jerry Isaac has been disassembling our motor to inspect its condition. The cylinders are off, 2/4 of the pistons have been removed, and we still need to split the case. Then we can make a determination where to go with what we have.

**On July 10 at our regular BART session we are suspending work for one night to have a BART Picnic to thank all those who have supported the project along the way and for you, the Members of Chapter 44, to have an opportunity to meet the BARTS and THEIR families who you may not know if they don't come to meetings. I have invited the Officers and Board and their families and you and yours are welcome too.**

The grill will be on, EAA 44 is supplying hots and burgers, you know the rest of the deal.

Please do come out and see what we have been doing on this Chapter project with your Chapter dollars.

## Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 44 Board of Directors - Meeting Minutes - May 14, 2019

Called to order 7:11PM

### **Board Member Attendance:**

Present: R. Spurr, F. Grossmann, N. Isler, F. Englund, M. Clayton, J. Weinkauff, K. Arganbright, P. Hazen

Absent: D. Kenney

Treasurer: G. Isaac

Newsletter Editor & BART Coordinator: R. Nelligan-Barrett

### **President: Randy Spurr**

1) Phil Hazen was asked to record the May 14<sup>th</sup> BOD meeting minutes since we have had no one step forward to act as Secretary of Chapter 44.

2) Randy and Gretchen Pennington exchanged text messages regarding a pancake breakfast at our SAC on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Gretchen believed EAA444 complained to the FAA about conditions at 7G0. The exchange became heated. Gretchen told Randy that she had arranged to have someone restripe the runway on or about June 15<sup>th</sup> which meant pilots would have no way of attending our planned breakfast.

Phil Hazen suggested that perhaps an individual not affiliated with EAA44 had contacted the FAA. Many pilots in the area belong to EAA National but are not members of EAA44.

A motion was made to cancel the pancake breakfast pending more information from Gretchen.

F. Grossman voted against the motion.

R. Spurr, M. Clayton, F. Englund, K. Arganbright, J. Weinkauff, N. Isler, P. Hazen voted in favor of the motion.

Jim Weinkauff felt he had a good relationship with Gretchen and offered to talk to her first thing the next morning about the misunderstanding. Reportedly, Jim was unsuccessful in his attempt to discuss the matter with Gretchen and left shortly afterwards on vacation.

As a result, the June 15<sup>th</sup> pancake breakfast was cancelled. The BOD will discuss holding it at a later date. We had to scrap flyers and posters that had been printed to advertise the breakfast.

3) Randy said there had been some inquiries about whether EAA44 had a family membership plan. At present we do not offer a family membership but the BOD was generally in favor of creating one. This would likely require tweaking of our current membership guideline structure. Frances felt there should be some age limit imposed before student members have voting privileges or access to the SAC. This topic will be discussed at a future BOD meeting.

### **Vice-President: Frank Grossmann**

1) Frank discussed with the BOD how someone had accused him in an email of not supporting the Baby Ace project when in fact Frank felt he's been one of its biggest supporters.

2) Frank discussed the pending sale of an airplane that had been offered to Chapter 44. The BOD turned down the offer so Frank undertook advertising it for sale. The donor has agreed that the proceeds of the sale could be used to support the Baby Ace project.

3) Frank discussed our Chapter's Aviation Explorer Post and the various programs the Explorers would experience before the end of May 2019. At this time he's hoping someone else in the Chapter will step

forward to manage the Explorer Post now that he's established it and we know what is required to host one. He's working on several other projects and won't have time to manage it this Fall.

**Treasurer: Gail Isaac**

- 1) Gail reported that EAA Chapter 44's 2018 tax returns have been submitted on time to the IRS.
- 2) The BOD reviewed Gail's April 2019 Treasure report. After review, Jim Wieinkauf made a motion to accept it. Mike Clayton seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all BOD members who were present.
- 3) The BOD discussed the pros and cons of the Chapter obtaining a Debit or Credit Card as a means of establishing a credit rating for our Chapter and giving approved project leaders a means of ordering previously approved supplies without having to use their personal credit cards. Debit cards are easier to obtain but offer less protection if someone hacks into the card account and steals our money. It was suggested that we might only put a small amount of money in it until something needed to be ordered. It was also suggested that we first investigate obtaining an EAA credit card from the bank associated with EAA.

**Budget Review: Norm Isler**

- 1) Norm discussed with the BOD how our Chapter expenses and income have been this year when compared with the budget based on looking back at several years worth of past expenses and income. This budget is intended to help the BOD understand if our cash flow is within acceptable limits which it is.

**Capital Campaign (Building Expansion): Randy Spurr**

- 1) Randy reported that he's just starting to contact companies about making potential donations. One significant problem (but not unexpected), is that we need the name or contact information for the decision makers in these companies so that the Capital Campaign Flyer gets seen and not just shuffled into a waste basket. If any of our members know of a management figure in a company, Randy would appreciate that person's name and contact information.

**Building Maintenance: Kevin Arganbright**

- 1) Kevin discussed the need to obtain more gravel to fill in low areas in our parking lot.

A motion was made to approve the purchase of up to (*amount redacted*) worth of stone crush run. Frances seconded the motion which was approved by all attending BOD members.

**Bylaw Review: Norm Isler**

- 1) Norm has been reviewing and updating our bylaws with suggested changes to be presented to the BOD for discussion and approval at a later date. He's been comparing it with EAA National's recommendations.
- 2) Kevin Arganbright brought up the need for our Chapter to create a series of Standard Operating Procedures to guide future members on how something has been in the past or should be done. Now we just need to find members will to help create them.

**Young Eagles: Elise Isler (Norm Isler)**

- 1) Norm reported that Elise was not going to be available to manage our June 1<sup>st</sup> Young Eagle event due to a personal matter. She is working with other volunteers who have helped her in the past with the processing of YE paper work and other chores associated with holding a successful event.

**Baby Ace: Bob Nelligan-Barrett**

- 1) Bob updated the BOD on the status of the Baby Ace restoration project. The fuselage needs to be primed & painted. Someone has offered to do that as a donation to the project but it is unknown if that means we will have to purchase the primer or if it just involves the labor. The priming will be done off site at a date to be determined.

2) Bob discussed the problem of where the Baby Ace could be stored during the June 1<sup>st</sup> Young Eagle Event since YE group needs the workshop space.

3) Bob discovered that the Continental A-65 engine that former EAA44 member Bob Bailey so generously donated did not include any of the accessory items such as an oil tank, dual magnetos, exhaust pipes, manifold, intake pipes, carburetor, oil cooler, air filter, and much more. The state of the engine is unknown. It was obviously removed from an aircraft at some point and sat in Bob Bailey's shop for a number of years. Jerry Isaac volunteered to help examine the engine based on Vet showing him what needed to be done to remove each jug. We still need to develop some sort of a plan on what needs to be done to the engine before we spend money on it. Hopefully the engine's log book will provide some clues as to how and why it came to be in Bob Bailey's shop. Did it suffer a prop strike or some other problem? The Baby Ace project has been a learning experience for everyone. This is just one example of the type of learning curve the BA group and our BOD are going through. Even if this had been a brand new engine, it would not have included the missing accessories.

4) Bob discussed the need to be permitted to spend money on the Baby Ace without having to wait until each monthly BOD meeting for discussion and approval to do so.

Norm proposed a motion to permit Bob Nelligan-Barrett to spend up to *(amount redacted)* per month for miscellaneous Baby Ace project items. Details of the expenses are to be provided to Gail before the next monthly BOD meeting. Mike Clayton seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all BOD members attending the May meeting. Bob periodically submits a budget of known building expenses to the BOD for approval at our meetings.

5) Bob discussed one problem that both Earl and Vet have expressed frustrations about. They are both independent businessmen who must stop what they are doing each to gather tools they'll need to bring to the SAC each Wednesday evening for the Baby Ace work sessions. Vet is putting together a list of basic tools that he hopes we could acquire through donation or purchase that would belong to the Chapter. In general, the BOD members were supportive of the idea of purchasing some tools once the cost of doing so was understood and our treasury had sufficient monies without impacting other Chapter programs. Kevin Arganbright offered to LOAN the BA project a MIG welder that he's currently not using. We'll ask our members if they have any tools or aircraft instruments they'd be willing to donate to the project.

#### **New Business: Phil Hazen**

Phil discussed the need for us to review the fire insurance policy that was obtained years ago to provide us primarily with financial protection due to the loss of our facility in a fire. Our EAA Insurance policy only provides us with liability coverage for approved events. Last year Randy was able to find another insurance company that provided us with a less expensive insurance policy. With all of the things we've added to our SAC such as the overhead projector, shop tools, Link Trainer, Baby Ace Project, Chapter owned Flight simulator stations, sound proofing, member owned items temporarily stored at the SAC such as Frank's magnificent 4K HD large multiple screen displays & his high end gaming computer & software, we are concerned about what kind of coverage our policy provides us. Is there any coverage against theft of Chapter or personal property? We need to determine if we have sufficient coverage with our current policy or need to acquire additional coverage.

Meeting Adjourned: Shortly after 10PM



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**REGIONAL CALENDAR**

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

**July 13**

**August 10, September 14**

**EAA Chapter 44  
Young Eagle Rallies  
@ the SAC (7G0)**

**July 12-14**

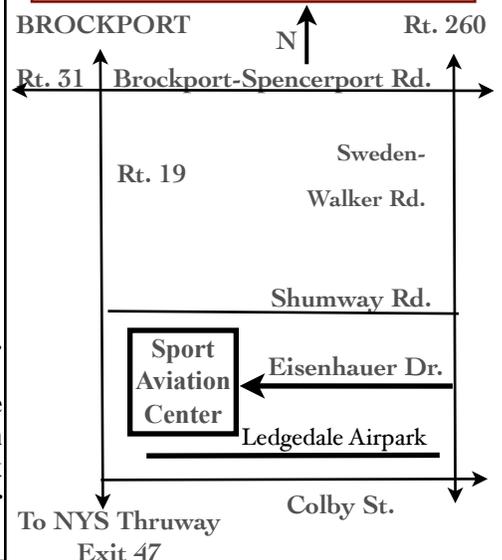
**National Warplane Museum  
Airshow,  
featuring the A-10 Thunderbolt,  
B-17 and C-47 Rides  
Geneseo NY (D52)**

**July 22-28**

**AirVenture 2019  
50th Anniversary in Oshkosh  
Baby Ace 90th Anniversary  
Oshkosh WI (OSH)**

**August 24/25**

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



## EAA 44 Calendar

### June 24 VMC Club (new day)

**July 9** Board Meeting

**July 12** Young Eagle Rally

**July 16** General Meeting

(watch this space, location may change)

**July 19** Camp-out @ the SAC

**July 22** VMC Club

**August 8 & 9** Flight Sim. Open House

**August 10** Young Eagle Rally

**August 11** Rotary Pancake

**Breakfast**

**August 13** Board Meeting

**August 19** National Aviation Day  
(Do you know what we celebrate?)

**August 20** General Meeting

(watch this space, location may change)

**August 26** VMC Club

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

### **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 Monday 6:30-8 PM

**(New Day of the Week!)**

Flight Simulator Group

4th Thursday, 5:30-8 PM

### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

**June 18** Speaker **Jeff Schans,**

**Lycoming Thunderbolt Sales**

**Manager,** will give us some history of Lycoming and a technical presentation on their Thunderbolt engine.

**Randy Spurr** is providing Chicken Fajitas. Please bring a Mexican themed side dish or dessert.

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