



# The Flyer



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## **BABY ACES! THEY'RE EVERYWHERE! THEY'RE EVERYWHERE!**

**by Frank Grossmann**

It's amazing how things work out for good if you work hard and have a little faith. Such has been our progress on the Baby Ace project. We started with an idea and a lot of research by Bob and a lot work by a lot of people that we will get what we need and we did; from a trip to check it out, to transporting it back, to getting veteran builders involved and obtaining an engine and financial support. Add to that the current highlight of our project and its youth involvement in the westside news Greece edition!!! I can't state enough how our chapter is benefiting in a positive way from this project.

I am going to miss all of you for a few months as I flew my plane to Columbia, South Carolina to help the daughter who is attending their police academy. She has to live in their academy from Sunday night until Friday evening so I am currently Mr. Mom. The gas to fly down cost me approximately \$200 for 3 people and it shaved a 15 hour trip to 6 hours. Quite a savings compared to commercial flying.

I have been visiting the local airports and meeting with some of the EAA chapters down

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## **OLD GOAT DROPPINGS**

**by Art Thieme**

Last month I encouraged you to read books by Richard Bach. I didn't share Bach's background. He was a former air force pilot trying to make a living in civilian aviation, and not making it. He wrote several articles published in *Flying* magazine. The stories were combined into a book called *Jonathan Livingston Seagull*. It sold a million copies and Bach was rich. He was like a lottery winner who had no knowledge of what to do with it. He ended up buying at least seven airplanes, and trying to find his soul mate. Raise your hand if you've ever heard of the book or read it. I thought so.

I asked my children if they had heard about the book. They had. It was a must read at the time, dealing with finding fulfillment and higher purpose in life. I read it like a pilot living like a seagull trying flight maneuvers. I bought a copy (out of print) and read it again. I saw a different meaning in the story. My copy will go into the chapter's library.

I had the same feeling about St. Exupery's *Wind, Sand and Stars*. St. Exupery was a French pilot flying from France over Spain to Africa. He

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## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF EAA CHAPTER 44**

The 2019 Annual Meeting of EAA Chapter 44 will be held on Tuesday November 19 at 6:30 PM at the Sport Aviation Center of Western New York, 44 Eisenhower Dr, Brockport NY 14420, at Ledgesdale Airpark. Voting for 5 open positions will occur. More information will be published next month. Please consider running for YOUR Board of Directors.

**Baby Aces EVERYWHERE con't**

here. Boy did that effort pay off when I met Norm Davis of EAA 1467. He invited me to fly in to Do-Little airport (SC90), a beautifully aviation community with a well maintained 3100' grass strip. I flew in and he gave me a tour of the place including his hanger which had several planes and one was a Baby Ace!!!! He even let me try it on for size! It was snug but I fit. He stated it was for sale, and no, I am not the new owner, although I was tempted.



After chatting for a bit he was eager to show me another persons hanger right across from his. He opened the door and low and behold- ANOTHER Baby Ace!! What are the odds of that? Seeing two Baby Ace's in flying condition was such a moral boost that I am sure we are heading in the right direction with the project and our chapter.

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**Goat Droppings con't**

also flew in South America along the Andes Mountains, all in open cockpit planes before WWII. I bought a used copy to read again and found it interesting. St Exupery talks about weather and flying, but mostly his thoughts while he was flying long stretches alone – somewhat like driving the Thruway alone for long distances. I do this, do you? My reading this again gave me a better feeling about how good this book is. The book will also go into the chapter library. St.Exupery was lost on a flight during WWII.

A chapter member at our last meeting reminded me that teeth pointing down on a jig saw was made for cutting plastic laminate countertops to keep the plastic from chipping. I knew that (?). Thanks for reminding me.

There are old pilots, bold pilots. But there are no old bold pilots.

Holy smokes, I just got a flu shot on Sep 4.

Old Goat, out.

**Aces Everywhere con't**

I look forward to seeing you all in a month or two when I return. In the mean time I will continue checking out the local airports down here. I may even get a chance to attend the Triple Tree fly-in. It's not AirVenture but you can't ignore the worlds longest grass runway at 7000 feet long 400 feet wide.

**BARTS NEW RIGHT WING**

90% finished, 90% to go.



### **BART UPDATE: ONE YEAR INTO OUR RESTORATION**

It was just a year ago September 5th that the first official meeting of the EAA Chapter 44 Baby Ace Restoration Team was held. I had no idea what I was getting myself into. I still don't.

This month we will complete the construction of the right wing. At the first meeting, the first night, we started building wing rib jigs, and now here we are. I am sure the left wing will go more quickly because the spars are already cut and the ribs are already built. But that's the learning curve. Most of us on the Team are restoration rookies. We don't know what we're doing. But Earl and Vet guide us on the right path to a safe and trustworthy airplane.

Whoever is the next owner (and pilots) of 75H will be getting a "brand new," 1956 classic homebuilt, open-cockpit, stick and rudder, hand-propped, taildragger with brand new wings, a recently overhauled A-75 engine, new landing gear front and back, a solid fuselage (an oxymoron), and new fabric on all surfaces.

Owner/pilots that I met at Brodhead and Oshkosh regaled the fun nature of a Baby Ace at low and slow flying, or on longer cross-countries, if you don't mind seeing the world pass by at 85 MPH. Zack Taylor flew his plane up from Texas to AirVenture, 26 flying hours. And he loved it! Chris Lehner flies his Mechanix Illustrated Replica around the country to different fly-ins and airshows. While this might not be a good FIRST plane for a

flying club, it could certainly be a fun and interesting SECOND plane in the clubs' hangar. I'm just sayin'...

Now that we have spent a year DIS-assembling the Baby Ace, we've rounded the corner to RE-assembling it. And this could be expensive We have been VERY fortunate with the donations thus far that have supported the BART. Cash donations are always appreciated, and recently we have been receiving physical items in new or like-new condition. For example, N75H itself, our engine core, a compass and altimeter, our Maule tailwheel, and just last week, two NOS Hayes 6.00 x 6 wheels have all been donated to the project. This is a tremendous financial savings to the Chapter. **Thank you to all our Donor/Sponsors.**

And it got me thinking. What if individual members chose to be an individual item Sponsor. For example, one could sponsor the overhaul or the purchase of one new instrument on the panel, or sponsor the whole panel. We have the main landing gear wheels and a tailwheel. We need tires and tubes for the mains, an overhaul of the brake system, the bungee cord suspension, etc. We have an engine core but need a intake system and exhaust systems, dual magnetos, and a prop. We need fabric and all its doodads.

This is in no way a complete list. It is a representative sample of our anticipated needs to give YOU an idea about how and where you could contribute to the Baby Ace project if you so choose and have the ability.

Please see Bob if you think you'd like to contribute in this way at some time in the future.

**Minutes of August 13, 2019 Meeting  
EAA Chapter 44  
Officers and Board of Directors**

**Attendance:** Spurr, Grossmann, N. Isler, Weinkauf, Clayton, Hazen, Englund, Arganbright  
**Members:** Shaw, Neligan-Barrett

**Meetings & Speakers:** August meeting at Gaines Valley Airport, 5:30. Gaines Valley members will host and open their hangars for us. Randy will send out a reminder email.

September Speaker: Trafford Daugherty, Executive Director, National Soaring Museum. He will be talking about WWII WACO Gliders and the NSM. Dinner by Frances.

Bill Shaw offered a Guest Speaker for October- Mike Moore who will talk about Raspberry Pi computers and their application for low-cost avionics.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Reports: Flight Simulator Open House-** Frank reported being short on Coaches but we have 3 Student Leaders, low pre-registration, man from Ithaca came twice. We had slots for 120, filled only 20. One new computer table was purchased with Young Eagle funds and **a monetary donation from Frank Grossmann for one table, and Frank loaned another one to the Chapter. Thank you Frank.**

**Aviation Explorer Post:** Frank reported that we gained 8 new members and families from this activity. He provided a financial report. The BOD will need to discuss and decide on future sessions. If we had sign-up in Sept/Oct, we could hold the sessions in Nov/Dec. Frank will continue to be involved but he doesn't want to lead (family commitments will take him out of town for extended periods during this period.) We will need two male and two female Coaches in the future. We need to involve more Members and their kids.

**Internet Service:** Frank reported that our ISP subscription is due to lapse soon. Should we renew? Internet service is seen as a valuable asset to the SAC. But our low bandwidth can be easily overwhelmed at general meetings or AOPA sessions by people just walking into the room and all their phones and tablets automatically search for a network to join. We will be receiving a new black box soon. **Motion MSP by Frances & Jim to authorize (amount redacted) for subscription renewal.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Norm reported that the BOD had not received and Profit/Loss Statement from our Treasurer. We have June, but not July's report. June's planned income of **(amount redacted)** was more than what we received, **(amount redacted)**. Our planned expenses for June **((amount redacted)** underestimated our actual expenses **(amount redacted)** leaving us with a loss.

YTD we need to be careful with our expenditures. The loss of income from AOPA workshops **(amount redacted)** will hurt us and we will have to make it up. Norm emphasized that it was an AOPA national policy change to not pay ANY sites for their seminars, not just us. Even so, We will continue to offer AOPA ASI seminars in the future. That is part of our mission to the aviation community. and general public. **Norms report of our finances was accepted.**

**Young Eagles:** August Rally flew 19 Young Eagles. Elise has a good waiting list for September. We have received a **(amount redacted)** credit from EAA for our activities. There is a new national policy effective July that for every YE flown a Chapter will receive \$5. **Anyone can give a Young Eagle Ride outside of a Rally (it's allowed), but be sure to fill out the YE paperwork and list Chapter 44 as your Sponsor so we can receive this credit.**

**Insurance:** Randy reported of a **(amount redacted)** increase in our **(amount redacted)** content insurance policy. Randy is still shopping for better rates and coverage. Will report back next month. We have EAA Liability coverage, and a separate fire policy for **(amount redacted)** coverage on the building and its contents. Will resolve at Sept. BOD meeting.

**Family Membership: Motion to Amend Membership Categories for EAA 44**

Motion to maintain and/or to create the following as the list of membership categories for membership in EAA Chapter 44.

- 1) Standard Adult Membership – Fully vested member with all rights of membership including voting privileges for members over 18 years of age. Standard Adult Membership Fee is set by BoD as required. (As of August 13, 2019 Standard Adult Annual Membership is \$30.00).
- 2) Spouse of Adult Member Membership – Spouse or domestic partner of a member in good standing may become a member with all rights of membership including voting privileges for members provided they are over 18 years of age and either a spouse or domestic partner of the primary member. Annual membership fee is ½ the Standard Adult Membership Fee.
- 3) Student Membership – Any Student registered for full time course load that has passed his / her 12<sup>th</sup> birthday or is in seventh grade or higher, or is a full time college student may become a student member of EAA Chapter 44, until the year in which they reach their 22 birthday. No voting rights are included in this membership. Annual membership fee is ½ the Standard Adult Membership Fee.
- 4) Family Membership – Applies to the children of a Standard Adult Member – One to nine children under the age of 21 may become “Family Members” of EAA 44 for one fee. The fee for Family Members is ½ the Standard Adult Membership Fee. No voting rights are included in this membership. (Example – Assuming a Standard member pays \$30.00. Spouse / domestic partner pays \$15.00 and from one to nine children pays \$15.00. Total family membership is \$60.00. If spouse / domestic partner is not a member, only one Standard Adult membership plus all children comes to \$45.00. With spouse, family has two votes. Without spouse, family has only one vote.)

Clarification - If a member's spouse wishes to be an active member in a “Family Membership” he or she must join as a Spouse of Adult Member to receive voting privileges in the Chapter. Family Membership applies only to children of a member, not to the spouse of a member

**By-Laws:** No Report.

**Baby Ace Restoration Team:** Bob reported that his trip to The Pietenpol/Hatz/Corben Gathering in Brodhead WI and AirVenture Oshkosh was very beneficial for the BART. He saw and studied 6 BA's, sat in three of them, took lots of photos to inform our build. Work is progressing on the wing. We are preparing to move it to Gail & Jerry's hangar for varnishing before bringing it back to the SAC for final hardware installation and trammeling. Work is progressing on the metal. We will be paining and printing the small parts soon. Bob will get an estimate before work begins.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**URGENT NEEDS:** a slate of Candidates for the November Elections. Randy, Frank, Kevin, Phil, and Norm's positions will be available. We will also need an ACTIVE Fundraising Committee (especially in light of loss of AOPA income) and a Newsletter Editor.

Future Financial discussions: Dues, and dues-delinquent members who still enjoy Chapter benefits. What do we do? Randy will call a member one-on-one. Should we discuss financial balances at General Meetings. The consensus was no but that any member can come to any Board member to get that information privately.

A Flying Club Summit will be held at the SAC led by Norm under AOPA auspices.

Adjourned at 9:20 PM

Notes taken by Bob ("The more I try to get away, the more they keep pulling me back IN!") Nelligan-Barrett Acting Secretary d'jour

### NEW PERIOD PHOTO FOUND OF N75H

I found this photo recently on Facebook. It was apparently taken in 1958 by Owen Billman and can be found in something called the "Stuffinder Collection."

From this photo it seems like the plane may have a coil spring suspension, not bungee cords, and we can see clearly the shading of the N-number. Vet remembers this detail from when he played on this plane as a boy. This is also the first and only shot we have of the left side of the airplane.





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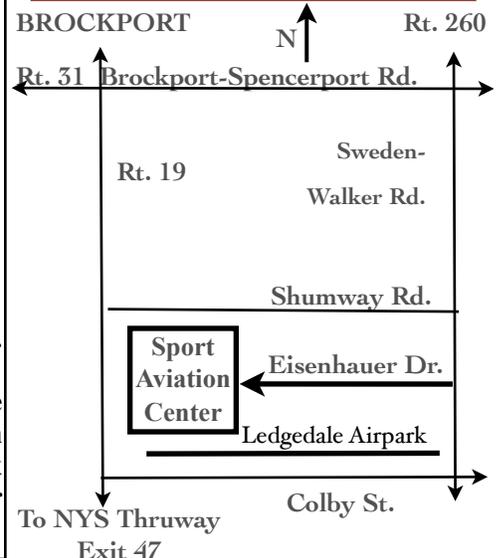
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**REGIONAL CALENDAR**

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

**September 14  
EAA Chapter 44  
Last Young Eagle Rally  
of the Season  
@ the SAC (7G0)**



## EAA 44 Calendar



**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**  
**September 17-** Our Guest Speaker is **Trafford Daugherty, Executive Director of the National Soaring Museum.** He will be speaking on WACO WWII Gliders and the NSM.

**Frances Englund is providing a dinner of Chicken Divan with Rice.** Please bring something scrumptilicious to compliment her culinary offering.

**Sep. 8 Chapter Founder**  
**Everett "Squeek"**  
**Hepler died 1987**

**Sep. 14 Last Young Eagle**  
**Rally of the Season**

**Sep. 17 General Meeting**

**Oct. 8 Board Meeting**

**Oct. 15 General Meeting**

Speaker Mike Moore,  
Raspberry Pi & avionics

**Nov. 12 Board Meeting**

**Nov. 19 ANNUAL MEETING**  
**OF THE CHAPTER;**  
**STEAKS WILL BE SERVED,**  
**VOTES WILL BE TAKEN.**  
**BE THERE OR BE SQUARE.**

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

**History Committee**

1st Saturday of the month, 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 Monday 6:30-8 PM

**Flight Simulator Group**

4th Thursday, 5:30-8 PM

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