

DIFFICULT DECISIONS: WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

The Air Safety Institute is offering their Fall Seminar at the Sport Aviation Center on Thursday October 24 from 7-8:30 PM. The event is free and open to the public though attendees are asked to register at <<https://www.aopa.org/login/EventRegistration>>.

Here's ASI's description of "DIFFICULT DECISIONS: What Would You Do?"

Whether you're deciding which way to enter a busy traffic pattern or how to deal with deteriorating weather, the safest option isn't always crystal clear.

This exciting new ASI seminar can help you make safer, more informed decisions next time you fly. Here's how:

In this exciting new seminar you will:

- Participate in two interactive vignettes based on PilotWorkshops Mastery scenarios
- Discuss, Decide and Debate your options
- Understand there is no easy or right answer
- Share your aviation safety knowledge with your peers

What will you decide to do?

BART UPDATE:

WHEN YA GOT A PLANE TO PAINT, WHO YA GONNA CALL? ACE DUSTERS!

Another corner has been turned on our restoration of Baby Ace N75H. We have started priming some surfaces in preparation for fabric covering.



We welcome a new member to the Baby Ace Restoration Team. Jeff LaChausse is an award-winning painter and he will be assisted by Ace Dusters Tyler Mullen, Druvia Rana, Elijah Brewer, and Elio Dominguez-Montalbano (above L to R.) Or is it Elijah, Elio,... Doesn't matter. The young men are learning priming and painting.

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2ND 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.

Paint Dusters con't

Here is the result of their work with Jeff. Be sure to detour through the Board room to see these pieces up close at the General Meeting.

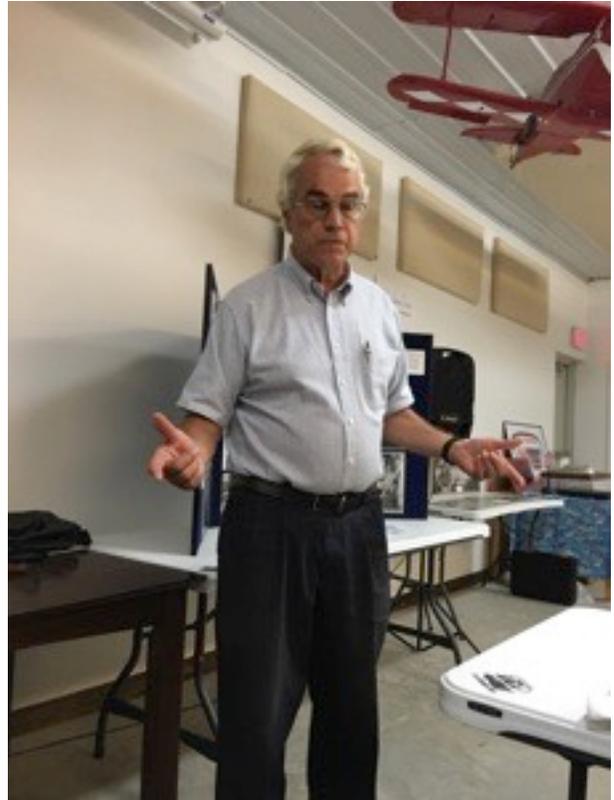


Our woodworkers have also been hard at work on the wing. It's 90% finished with 90% left to go before covering. Hats off to Vet Thomas, Jim Gooding, and Peter Bonneau for making a beautiful piece of structure and aviation art.



SAME EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DIFFERENT MUSEUM

Our good friend Trafford Daugherty joined us again this year for a very informative presentation on the National Soaring Museum and the WACO CG-4A WWII gliders.



Trafford joined the National Soaring Museum in 2016 after a long stint as Executive Director of the Glenn Curtiss Museum. The Museum hosts National Soaring Competitions every two years. They have their own hangars and building at Harris Hill near Corning.

WACO sailplanes were built for WWII and used in Sicily and the Normandy Invasion. 14,000 of these single use, wood gliders were produced. The NSM has only the front end of a CG-4A, no wings or tail. Eventually the invention of helicopters made these gliders obsolete.

OLD GOAT REFLECTIONS

by Art Thieme

I look at things and wonder how they are made and who designed them. Take a box of tissues for instance. The tissues have to be folded one within the other so it will pull up the next tissue. Someone has to design the machine that does this. It has to count the number of tissues and place them into the cardboard box. And let's not forget the person who made the tissues. Many people much smarter than me.

Every so often I make a list of my favorite airplanes. The names occasionally change, but two are always there. Number one is the DC-3 and number two is the PBY. The DC-3 is beautiful in design. It incorporates in a single design a number of features that have become proven and available technologies such as a clean, streamline shape, faired wing roots, smoothed all-metal stressed skin construction, retractable landing gear, constant speed props, landing flaps and fully cowled supercharged radial engines. Today it is still a beautiful looking aircraft. The PBY is my idea of a go anywhere airplane. Long range, land or sea. Plenty of room for living. And good to look at. What's not to like?

Last month's speaker reminded me of Ernest Gann's book *Fate Is the Hunter*. It has been a long time since I read it, published in 1961. It is basically the story of Gann's career as a pilot for an airline. He flies on a route from Newark to Wilkes-Barre, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo and Cleveland. His plane is a DC-2. He spent years as a co-pilot, not being promoted because of the seniority fly time. He said it promoted not based on skills but on seniority numbers. He has flown with 60 captains and

learned good and bad from each. He wrote about his co-pilot friends, naming each except a few he gives fake names to because of who he is or what happens. He tells of flying with ice 6 inches thick on the wings and a frozen rudder. One time he just happened to be in the passenger space and saw oil pumping out on the wing. He ran to the controls, feathered the prop, and shut down the engine before it exploded. Seems that someone put a cup full of water in the oil and it turned to steam to cause the engine to explode. He was fortunate to see it before it happened. Remember the book is called *Fate Is the Hunter*. He relates many more experiences including flying the Atlantic when World War II started. It is a riveting story and I would rate it one of the top aviation books. My local library found a copy in the system so you can get it through your local library.

I now have more than 50 calendars for 2020. And they are still coming. My name must be on many mailing lists.

Old Goat, out.

FALL CLEAN-UP AT SAC WORK DAY THIS SATURDAY!

Now that our busy season is over it's a good time to do a good cleaning of our Sport Aviation Center. This Saturday is our monthly work day so I ask and encourage all of you to come out for one day to help us spiff up the joint.

Attendance at these Saturday Work Days has been sparse of late. Kevin could sure use some help. Many hands will make light and quick work. We start at 10 AM and are usually done by 2 PM. Hope to see you there.

Experimental Aircraft Association – Chapter 44

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 10, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Randy Spurr on September 10, 2019, 7:02pm at the EAA44 SAC.

Board Members Attendance:

Present: R. Spurr, J. Weinkauff, P. Hazen, N. Isler, M Clayton, D. Kenney, K. Arganbright

Absent: F. Grossman, F. Englund

Other Attendees: G. Isaacs, Treasurer; R. Nelligan-Barrett, Editor & BART Project Director

President's Report

- EAA 44 has been invited to the Town of Sweden Chamber of Commerce meeting. Gail Isaacs volunteered to attend with Randy
- National EAA Leadership opportunity in Oshkosh and one day Detroit – Randy may attend and sought others interested. None noted at this time.
- Brockport Rotary donated \$ **(amount redacted)** to the EAA for help with their Breakfast. Was very successful 586 Breakfasts sold.

Vice President – None

Secretary – None

Treasurer's Report & Financials

- We received a **(amount redacted)** Wegmans Gift Card along with Purchasing Card. P-card to be used on EAA needs
- Hanger Fund has almost \$**(amount redacted)**. Conversation ensued regarding gap to goal, what to do and reignite interest. Deferred to Capital Committee
- Gail will make an Honor Poster of Deceased members and use their retired name tags
- Financials
 - Treasurer Report August Net Profit
 - Budget Norm YTD Revenue and Expense are below budget target. YTD Net Surplus of
 - Mike commented that Baby Ace is approximately \$**(amount redacted)** positive, and inquired what anticipated expenses will be. To be discussed further at BART report. **(amount redacted)** the seed funds was provided by EAA and to be repaid from proceeds of sale of the Baby Ace
 - *Motion by Mike second Norm to approve the financial report*

Committee Reports

Facility – K. Arganbright

- No report
- Gail suggested that there be coordination of cleaning dates and Young Eagles

Capital Campaign – R. Spurr

- Randy reported he sent out packets to several aviation related businesses and not receiving responses except for one declination
- Brainstorm ideas on how to re-establish a buzz
- Show the general membership the importance and what this could do for the BART project. Projects and educational initiatives are what is bringing in youth and family which is the future of the EAA.

Explorers – None

Young Eagles – 6 pilots and 34 students signed up and we are full/at limit.

Budget Oversight & By-Laws – N. Isler

- tracking and report reviewed and discussed
- Norm working on updates and National recommendations but have not had a committee meeting yet

Baby Ace Restoration Team (BART) – Bob reported

- Two new period pictures of the plane
- Found documentation of the award in 1957 “Best Baby Ace” from Baby Ace Corp
- A walk-in former member donated two Hayes wheels
- Vet, Earl and Bob met to see where things stand and plan. Started one year ago and have completed 1200 hrs of work. Finish first wing by Mid October and other wing 1st quarter 2020
- Looking for location to hang completed wing to protect it. Perhaps in the ceiling in the shop area.
- To Do
 - Wings and prime the metal
 - Fuselage not ready yet for prime
 - Cover the tail
 - Paint near the end for uniformity
 - Engine
 - Crated for 40 years so should be overhauled again. Approx **\$(amount redacted)** per cylinder
 - Request of the Board for \$ to prime all the small misc parts and will need protective gear for participants. Also fabric for the tail. Requesting **\$(amount redacted)**.
 - ***Motion by Darrin second by Norm for an amount not to exceed \$(amount redacted) paint and related supplies, and up to \$(amount redacted) tail fabric and related pending detail provided by Bob to the Board Carried 7-0***

- Parents will provide \$ to EAA and we will buy protective gear so that all students have what is needed and it shows parents are aware of the risks.

Old Business

- Norm discussed he we need to improve fundraising and increasing dues will bring in less money
- The membership needs to have skin in the game. The Board or a handful of people cannot do it all.
- Darrin to investigate alternative Fundraising ideas such as sales etc.
- Chapter Insurance – Norm received information that we currently have approximately \$(**amount redacted**) of fire coverage. Our Building Insurance covers fire, theft and vandalism, \$(**amount redacted**) deductible. We are light on business content coverage. A \$(**amount redacted**) content coverage would by \$(**amount redacted**) increase to current premium.
 - *Motion Darrin second by Mike to increase content coverage to \$(**amount redacted**) approximately \$(**amount redacted**) in premium. Carried 7-0*
 - Directors and Officers Insurance – is to protect B.O.D. and officers if someone takes legal action against something they don't like. EAA liability coverage protects the B.O.D. actions.
- New Business – None

Motion Darrin second Mike to adjourn carried 6-0 Norm abstain. 9:34pm

BART FASHION WEEK



BART's Jason Brewer, Gail Isaac, and Elijah Brewer model the latest in EAA Chapter 44 T-shirts. This limited-edition collector design is unfortunately sold out.



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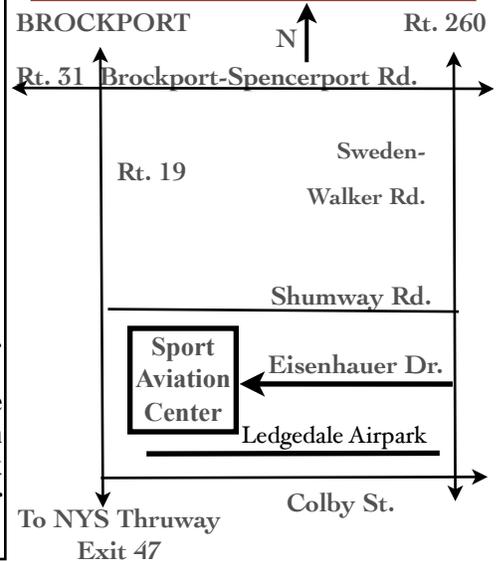
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REGIONAL CALENDAR

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



EAA 44 Calendar

October 15 Board Meeting
October 22 General Meeting

November 12 Board Meeting
November 19 Annual
Meeting, Elections, &
Steak Night

December 10 Board Meeting
December 17

**NO GENERAL
MEETING: Enjoy the
holidays with your
family and friends.**

**December will be the last
issue of The Flyer until a new
Editor steps forward.**

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

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

**Our Guest Speaker this
month will be YOU!** We will be
having a discussion on the future
of the Chapter. We want your input
as to our future direction.

**Ginny and Darryl Byers
are preparing their traditional
Italian Sausage Soup for dinner.**
Please bring a side or dessert of
compliment their entree.

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