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Election Results

The officers of EAA 44 for 2007 are:

President: Bob Northrup
Vice-President: Marty Snow
Secretary: Steve North
Treasurer: Dave Hurd

The Directors are: Rob Williams, Steve North, Norm Isler, Phil Hazen, Jarrel Battaglia, Dave Hurd, Steve Zigelstein

Chapter Needs

Is there anyone who can donate a good used or supply a new refrigerator for the Chapter House? Dimensions not to exceed 31" wide x 30" deep x 67" high. Please contact Bob Northrup, 507-1000. An appliance dolly can be made available to assist with moving the refrigerator.

Chapter Receives Generous Donation

By Dave Hurd

One morning just before Christmas, on the 22nd, I received a call from a gentleman who identified himself as Grant Sackel, the owner of a Quicksilver GT 400. He heard about Chapter 44, its work with youngsters, and our 501C3 status, and wondered if we would accept the GT 400 as a donation. I said I was very confident the chapter would be delighted to accept his generous offer, but would run it past the current and future presidents, VP and secretary.

In one of the fastest e-mail turnarounds of modern history, all responded in the affirmative, and I was able to arrange a time when we could accept the keys. And so on the late afternoon of Friday, December 29th, Bob Northrup and I arrived at the grass field where the GT 400 has been kept in a covered hangar since its purchase by the donor, Mr. Sackel. Mr. Sackel also gave Bob the prop, which is not currently on the GT 400, along with an assembly manual, which will be most helpful as we have to get the wings off in order to transport to a storage location, yet to be determined.

Mr. Sackel told us he is currently in the market for a 2 seater in the LSA category, and that is the reason for his decision to part with the GT 400. Whatever the reason for his decision to upgrade, Chapter 44 is most grateful for his terrific donation of the Quicksilver.

The Board will determine how the Chapter should use the Quicksilver.

Next meeting: January 16, 2007 at the club house. Dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30
Topic: New Jet Warbird Museum

Lunches for Club Members to Start

Starting January 29, club members can get together for casual lunch and aviation conversation at Rohrbach's Restaurant and Brewery, 3859 Buffalo Road in Ogden. Good food and good brew. Order from the menu and pay for your own lunch. Anyone is invited; bring yourself, your spouse, significant other, a friend, or your horse. Feel free to bring items for show and tell but please leave completed aircraft in the parking lot. Please RSVP to Paul Pakusch at 746-4514 or e-mail paulpakusch@gmail.com by Sunday, January 28 so we can get a count.



On behalf of Chapter 44, Bob Northrup accepts the keys from Grant Sackel

Special Notice from AOPA President Phil Boyer

December 7, 2006

I'm sending this special note to AOPA members in New York State to provide an update on your Association's efforts to overturn the law passed this year requiring background checks for all flight school student applicants. This week, AOPA filed a lawsuit in Federal court to challenge this law. It is not needed and is bad for general aviation.

You will recall that last June, after losing a fight in the legislature, we asked you and fellow AOPA members to contact Governor Pataki and urge him to veto the bill. Unfortunately, the Governor's decision came at the same time as British security forces arrested a group of terrorists planning airline bombings in London, and as the media began covering the approaching fifth anniversary of 9/11. While totally unrelated, these events clearly had an impact and the Governor signed the bill into law.

The law is unnecessary because the federal government, through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), has jurisdiction for aviation safety and security and has already taken all appropriate measures to address flight training. We need uniform standards nationwide, not a patchwork quilt of state regulations.

Beyond that, and even more important to general aviation: the new law imposes significant barriers for individuals who want to learn to fly.

In fact, the principal result of the law has been confusion, raising more questions than it answers. For example: Does the law apply to beginning student pilots only? Or also include those seeking more advanced ratings? Does it apply to independent CFIs as well as flight schools? Will federal agencies like the FBI provide the requested information (inasmuch as the new law requires the information to be shared with the flight schools in violation of FBI policy)?

Faced with the expense and delay of a background check, many prospective student pilots may decide to do their training in a neighboring state or, worse, forego flight training altogether.

And of course, nothing in this law will make New York any safer.

AOPA is fully prepared to see this case through to the end. We will also be working with legislators and the new Governor to explore legislation to change the law. Until then, we'll be in court asking the judge to overturn the law.

Phil Boyer
AOPA President

A "Thank You" from the Family of Cy Noon

Nov. 30, 2006

To Chapter 44 EAA

Our family is very appreciative of your group's desire to honor Cy's name at Oshkosh! He was pleased to be part of the group because, as you know flying (and the people connected with it) was his passion. We also thank you for those who were able to attend Cy's memorial service. That was SPECIAL!

Sincerely,
Zona Noon

Within 2 ½ months of Cy's death, I moved to North Carolina to be near family. (son Patrick lives here)

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Crews Battle Blaze Near Airport

by: Veronica Chiesi Brown
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Fire destroyed an equipment shed near the Brockport Airport Wednesday morning.

Firefighters were called to Colby St. just before 5 a.m. for the report of a fire. When they arrived they found a small repair shop next to the Ledgesdale Airpark Airport engulfed in flames. Firefighters had to fight the blaze from a distance because of the added dangers from fuel tanks and a fallen power line.

"There were a couple decent explosions," said Larry Vaughan, Brockport Fire Department. "And again, we don't like to put our people in harms way until they subside, or we get enough water on it from a distance to get it cooled down."

No one was hurt.

There were cars in the parking lot of the business that were vandalized. It is not know whether the fire and the vandalism are connected.

Pictures from Builder's Night

By Art Thieme



Jarrel Battaglia displays his rudder with the hinges attached. It would be a shame to cover it.



There was no more room at the inn and the Link trainer had to be moved from Phil Hazen's hangar to the club house. Phil sold his house and had to move his stuff into his hangar and something had to give.



John Oliveira with the flap to his RV. Tail surfaces and wings are finished. Working on fuselage.



Gregg Meyers cooks what he says will be his last meal for the chapter. A job well done as cook and president.



Gregg Meyers makes sure all members pay for their meal.

See all these pictures in color on our website:
www.eaa44.org

Member Profile; Marty Snow

When did you join EAA 44 and why?

I joined Chapter 44 around 1988 after talking to Mark Donovan and Bob Dykes at a show in Greece Ridge Mall. I had just earned my private pilot license and was interested in building my own plane.



Marty and his RANS S-9 at Wings 2006

How are you involved with EAA 44?

I am currently the Chapter vice-president and AEC Fund-Raising Campaign coordinator. I also participate on the Board of Directors. It was a difficult decision for me to “step up” and assume chapter leadership responsibilities because of family commitments and my employer had me traveling quite a bit – but I am so glad that I did. Our chapter is made up of wonderfully talented people and what started out as a cautious commitment has turned into a very rewarding and enjoyable experience. I really want to encourage other members to think about “stepping up”, participating and volunteering – if you’re not careful, you just might find you’re having fun!

Are you a builder, a pilot, or aviation enthusiast?

I am fortunate to be all three! I was the last person to earn a Private Pilot’s license prior to the closure of the Ray Hylan School of Aeronautics (1987). I am also a bit of an amateur aviation historian and a diehard aviation enthusiast. If it flies, I’m interested in it!

What aircraft do you own, rent, or otherwise fly?

Currently, my flying has been reduced to “bumming rides” – I can’t afford to buy parts for my S-9 project and pay for flight hours too! When I was flying, I was renting Cherokees and Archers from Bill Law’s. So, if any Chapter pilot needs a second set of eyes or “ballast” for that open seat, give me a call!

Where do you like to fly?

I love flying all over NY State. We are so lucky to have such a beautiful area to fly over. My goal, once my project is completed, is to get up early on a bright weekend morning, pick an airport at random from the sectional, fly there, shoot a couple of pictures, and fly home. I’m also looking forward to being able to actually fly into a fly-in breakfast.

Can you describe any interesting aviation adventures you’ve experienced?

The best flying adventure I have ever experienced was going to Sky Warriors at Charlie Brown field in Atlanta, Georgia.. This was an air combat school for pilots and non-pilots alike. I learned to do lead, lag and pure pursuit, high and low yo-yos, barrel roll attacks, and rolling scissors. (Editor’s note: Watch for a full account of this experience in a future issue.)

What are you building?

I am building/restoring a RANS S-9 Chaos. The S-9 is a fully-aerobatic, single-seat mid wing that looks a lot like a baby Edge 540 or Extra 300. My project was originally built in 1988 and flown until around 1992 where it then sat in a hanger until 2001. A trike pilot bought it for the engine and prop and put the airframe up for sale on the internet. I drove to Skowhegan, Maine to claim my “prize” – which was an essentially complete airframe from the firewall back albeit in pieces. All of the original builder’s documentation came with the project. With all of the needed documentation in hand, I decided to completely rebuild/restore the plane from the bare tubes on up.

Any other organizations you are involved with?

I’m a new member of the Genesee Warbirds in Batavia, and a member of the Air Race and Record Aircraft Special Interest Group.

Have you ever been to Airventure Oshkosh or other major fly-in events?

Unfortunately, I have never been to either Airventure or Sun ‘n Fun. Once my project is completed, and my kids are older, I look forward to attending Airventure and I would also really like to get to Reno to see the air races.

What do you enjoy about your involvement with aviation?

Flying is in itself the ultimate enjoyment – but I continue to be amazed by that special bond among people that participate in aviation that instantly forms a wonderful connection. One time in my employment, I was part of a team visiting a company that was having quality issues and their General Manager was being very defensive almost to the point of uncooperative. When we broke for lunch, I happened to see a picture of what looked like a Van’s RV in his day planner. I asked him if he was a builder and soon an aviation conversation ensued. When the rest of our team gathered after lunch, what continued was a totally different meeting – the GM and I were both part of the “fraternity” of builder/pilots – and our meeting and the company’s future performance were both successful!

What do you do for a living?

I’m a manufacturing engineer by degree but have practical experience in mechanical, design and quality engineering. As most of you know, I am also an entrepreneur, having developed and marketed a number of my own aviation safety products. I have a U.S. patent on one of my product designs. Currently, I’m the Material Quality Engineering department supervisor at the RF Communications Division of Harris Corporation. RFCDC manufactures the tactical communications equipment in use by our troops world-wide.

Please describe your family.

My wonderful and aviation supportive wife of 14 years is Jeani. We have two children, Rebecca (13) and Tyler (10). Jeani refers to my S-9 project as my “mistress” and likes the fact that she knows where to find me (in the garage). Both our kids are fascinated by aviation and want to go flying sometime – perhaps at a future Young Eagles event?

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Favorite Quote: “Only those that dare to fail greatly can achieve greatly!” – John F. Kennedy

Favorite Food: My wife’s chicken and stuffing casserole (made from scratch – no Stove Top Stuffing here!).

Person you most look up to: My dad! He has always supported me in my interests and set the example for me – he has been the measure that I compare myself to in life. When I became a father, I gained a whole new appreciation of what he did for me while I was growing up, that’s why being a good dad is at the very top of my list of life’s priorities.

Favorite TV Show: Dogfights! Although, my favorite DVD that I watch over and over is “One Six Right”!

Favorite band: I love such a wide range of music that I just can’t say there’s any outright favorite! But AC/DC and the Glenn Miller Orchestra are both up there – figure that one out!

What will your spouse say about your involvement in aviation? ...that’s nice dear!

A Board of Directors meeting of Chapter 44 of the Experimental Aircraft Association Held at the Chapter House, Colby Street, Brockport, NY on 14 Nov 2006 at 7:30 PM

Members present: Hurd, Snow, Meyers, Isler, Greeno, Battaglia, Hazen, Northrup, Greeno, Williams, North

Reports:

Treasurer (Larry Greeno): Read and approved

Secretary (Stephen North): Read and approved

New Business:

- AEC Land Purchase: Gregg Meyers reported that the FAA would not approve a taxiway easement that requires “through the fence” access. A number of alternative plans were discussed including selecting a different parcel of land, adding the current parcel to the designated airport, and leasing the land. Gregg will continue to discuss options with Walt Eisenhower and the FAA. Board of Director’s Elections: Five openings for the Chapter BOD are up for election at the November general membership meeting. The following members have been nominated to run: Bob Northrup, Marty Snow, Dave Hurd, Jarrel Battaglia, Steve Zigelstein
- December Meetings: The Board will meet as usual in December but there is no general membership meeting.
- Cy Noon Memorial: Bob Northrup was please to note that a total of \$655 was received for Cy Noon’s commemorative plaque on the Oshkosh Memorial Wall. The plaque costs \$350 so the balance of \$305 will be donated to the AEC Building Fund.

- November Program: The November meeting will be a builder’s night.
- Picture Board: Jarrel Battaglia will work on assembling a display board of member’s names and photos.

Thanks: Thanks to member Jeff Punton for is help in getting the Chapter finances set up on QuickBooks and preparing the required annual 501c3 filings.

A General Meeting of Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 44

Held at Chapter House, Colby Street on
21 Nov 2006 at 7:30 PM

Reports:

Treasurer (Larry Greeno): Report read by Secretary

Secretary (Stephen North): Read and approved

Builders Reports: [None]

New Business:

- Silent Auction: Marty Snow conducted a silent auction for the benefit of AEC Building Fund. A leather flight jacket and several aviation related gift packs were offered to the highest bidder.
- Cy Noon Memorial: Bob Northrup was please to note that a total of \$655 was received for Cy Noon’s commemorative plaque on the Oshkosh Memorial Wall. The plaque costs \$350 so the balance of \$305 will be donated to the AEC Building Fund.
- Chapter Leadership Awards: President Meyers presented Chapter Leadership Awards to the following members in recognition of their chapter support over the previous year: Rob Williams, Marty Snow, Steve North, Larry Greeno, Earl Luce, Paul Pakusch, Phil Hazen
- Oshkosh Airlift: The Oshkosh Airlift raised a total of \$1,700 for the AEC building fund.
- AEC Donation: Rob Williams presented a donation of \$3,000 to the AEC Building Fund from the KenLou Foundation.
- Capital Campaign: Marty Snow distributed AEC Capital Campaign benefactor contact lead forms. He requested that members forward contact details for anyone likely to be interested in supporting the AEC.
- Board of Director [BOD] Elections: The following slate of candidates were nominated to fill the five vacant BOD positions: Bob Northrup, Marty Snow, Dave Hurd, Jarrel Battaglia, Steve Zigelstein

All five candidates were unanimously elected by secret ballot.

Chapter Officers: The newly elected BOD met to elect Chapter officers. The following candidates were nominated by Rob Williams with a second by Norm Isler:

Bob Northrup	President
Marty Snow	Vice-President
Dave Hurd	Treasurer
Steve North	Secretary

All officer candidates were elected unanimously.

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For membership info, contact Treasurer Dave Hurd. Gifts of cash, securities or other property to EAA Chapter 44 in the interest of sport aviation are welcome and fully tax deductible. Chapter 44 is a 501c3 organization. Contact Dave Hurd for details.

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Calendar for 2007

January 16- Meeting, 7:30 PM at Chapter House, Dinner at 6:30 Topic: New Jet Warbird Museum

January 29-Lunch at Rohrbach's Restaurant & Brewery, 3859 Buffalo Road. 12:00 noon.

February 20- Meeting, 7:30 PM at Chapter House, Dinner at 6:30

February 26- Lunch at Rohrbach's Restaurant & Brewery, 3859 Buffalo Road. 12:00 noon.

March 20- Meeting, 7:30 PM at Chapter House, Dinner at 6:30

March 26- Lunch at Rohrbach's Restaurant & Brewery, 3859 Buffalo Road. 12:00 noon.

April 17- Meeting, 7:30 PM at Chapter House, Dinner at 6:30

April 30 -Lunch at Rohrbach's Restaurant & Brewery, 3859 Buffalo Road. 12:00 noon.

May 4 & 5 - Rochester Wings weekend

May 15- Meeting, 7:30 PM at Chapter House, Dinner at 6:30

May 28- Lunch at Rohrbach's Restaurant & Brewery, 3859 Buffalo Road. 12:00 noon.

June 19- Meeting, 7:30 PM at Spencerport Airpark, Picnic at 6:30

June 25- Lunch at Rohrbach's Restaurant & Brewery, 3859 Buffalo Road. 12:00 noon.

July 17- Meeting, 7:30 PM at Chapter House, Dinner at 6:30

July 24-29 – EAA Chapter 44 Airlift to Oshkosh!

July 30- Lunch at Rohrbach's Restaurant & Brewery, 3859 Buffalo Road. 12:00 noon.

August 21- Meeting, 7:30 PM at Norm Isler's, Dinner at 6:30. Directions will be posted in the August *Flyer*.

August 27- Lunch at Rohrbach's Restaurant & Brewery, 3859 Buffalo Road. 12:00 noon.

September 18- Meeting, 7:30 PM at Chapter House, Dinner at 6:30

September 24- Lunch at Rohrbach's Restaurant & Brewery, 3859 Buffalo Road. 12:00 noon.

October 16- Meeting, 7:30 PM at Chapter House, Dinner at 6:30

October 29- Lunch at Rohrbach's Restaurant & Brewery, 3859 Buffalo Road. 12:00 noon.

November 20- Meeting, 7:30 PM at Chapter House, Dinner at 6:30

November 26- Lunch at Rohrbach's Restaurant & Brewery, 3859 Buffalo Road. 12:00 noon.

Officers Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. All members are invited to attend.