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Airlift to Oshkosh

It's not too early to be planning for summer. Chapter 44's 2007 "Oshkosh Airlift" will be departing Tuesday July 24 and returning Sunday July 29. This year, Airventure will host the U.S. Air Force 60th anniversary commemoration. Cost is only \$659 for round trip air, 5 nights lodging at the U. of Wisconsin, private coach ground transportation, and a "go anywhere" Oshkosh bus pass. Reservations accepted until May 15. More details on our website at www.eaa44.org or contact **Paul Stumpf: 585-669-2676** or e-mail airlift44@yahoo.com.

If you've never been to Oshkosh, here's what you're missing:

- **Education Forums:** More than 500 seminars and workshops are offered throughout the convention on every conceivable aviation-related subject.
- **Exhibits:** More than 700 exhibitors will have the latest in aviation and technical innovations on display.
- **EAA Air Adventure Museum:** There you will witness an outstanding selection of homebuilt, historic, and military aircraft and other displays.
- **Pioneer Airport:** Located just behind the museum, enjoy a nostalgic visit to this delightful grassroots airport setting of days gone by, where you will also have the opportunity for a helicopter ride.
- **Flightline:** A simply phenomenal display of several thousand aircraft... warbirds, homebuilts, ultralights, classics, antiques.
- **Daily Air Shows and Flybys:** Each afternoon you will witness the most comprehensive, outstanding display of aircraft in action in any place in the world. Many flybys occur at any time during the day.
- **Kidventure:** Daily programs for kids of all ages.
- **Airventure Seaplane Base:** A shuttle takes Airventure visitors a few miles to a picturesque wooded cove on Lake Winnebago where the seaplanes come and go.
- **The show before and after the show:** Many people like to set up a chair and watch the scores of planes landing and taking off before and after the official air show.

Admission to Airventure Oshkosh and EAA memberships are separate from the cost of EAA 44's Airlift to Oshkosh. More details about Airventure Oshkosh can be found at www.airventure.org.

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

Pilots and Volunteers Needed for Wings '07 Young Eagles

Chapter 44 will once again be providing Young Eagles rides for kids ages 8-17 during Rochester Wings weekend on Saturday May 5. Volunteers and pilots are needed. Please contact Phil Hazen or Norm Isler if you would like to help.

Phil can be reached by phone between 10:30 and 5:00 at 742-2020 ext. 107 or e-mail pmh@radiodaze.com.

Norm can be reached by e-mail at normisler@aol.com.

Have You Paid Your 2007 Dues?

EAA 44 membership dues must be paid this month. You will receive a notice with this newsletter mailing if you have not paid yet.

RUFF to Meet at Spencerport Airpark

The Rochester Ultrasport Fun Flyers (EAA 95UL) is now holding its meetings at Spencerport Airpark (D91) on the last Saturday of each month at 10:00. Y'all come!

Aviation's Greatest Movie?

What is the greatest aviation movie of all time? Cast your vote at www.airventure.org.

Then tell us how you voted! We'll tally EAA 44's results for the greatest aviation movie of all time and post it in *The Flyer!* E-mail paulpakusch@gmail.com



February 28, 2007
Attn: Bob Northrup

Dear Bob,

I enjoyed reading the February issue of EAA Chapter 44's newsletter "The Flyer." I enjoyed Art Thieme's description of the January meeting. In reading many of the newsletters, one finds similar incidents that makes for news and good experience. I also enjoyed Rob Williams experience with the Stearman and his experience on the pit crew at Reno. I've attended the Reno Air Races for some 41 years acting as Chief Judge, and as a participant racing a Mustang several times. I enjoyed Rob Williams' Member Profile - brings back a lot of memories of the good old days of EAA.

Please give everyone in the chapter my very best regards.

Sincerely,
Paul H. **Poberezny**
EAA Founder and Chairman of the Board



March's guest speaker was Jim Moore, a news photographer at WHEC Channel 10 in Rochester. He showed footage of aviation stories that he has covered during his 31 years at the TV station. Jim says his favorites are the stories of service men and women returning from overseas. He also answered questions about news photojournalism in general and how he copes with the tragic stories that he must cover. Although Jim enjoys airplanes, his real passion is motorcycles.

Vet Thomas's Curtiss Model D Pusher Unveiled at Rochester Airport

Photos by Art Thieme



Jim Birch, Vet Thomas and Doc Thomas, Vet's father assemble wings



Ladies dressing Blanche Scott with authentic replica flight gear



Vet Thomas receives awards certificate from County Manager Maggie Brooks



The plane is a work of art and looks great!

A story about the Curtiss Pusher appeared in the November, 2006 issue of *The Flyer*.

Building a Crate

John Oliveira is moving to the west coast so he needed to transport his RV-9A. Over a couple of weekends, a team was assembled to build a shipping crate.



The team included Brad Salai, John, Larry Greeno, and Doug Crockett, as seen left to right. Here the crate is on its side.



The fuselage in the crate, resting on bubble-wrapped 4x4 at the rear cockpit bulkhead and the stub spars.



Extra brace ties the sides to the airframe with clamps. Then more bracing and straightening. Then the elevators, rudder and vertical fin are bubble-wrapped and loaded to either side of the tail.



Empennage parts, remaining fuselage parts, and the horizontal stabilizer are fastened in.



The wing crate is constructed. Wings are set in cradles, flaps and ailerons are suspended from the sides outboard of the wing and the box is closed up.



The movers came to load up the crates for the trip out west. John is thankful for the great job by the team!



~~Member~~ Founder Profile: Paul Poberezny

Paul Poberezny founded EAA in 1953. He was generous to respond to our standard chapter 44 member profile with the following letter:

Regarding some of your questions, when did I join EAA - it was at our first meeting as founder January 26 1953. I did not join in the general sense since I founded the organization, but I wanted to bring together people who were interested in the design and construction of homebuilt airplanes. Regarding my involvement, I've been involved every day for 54 years and have held the title as Founder, President and now Chairman of the Board, and I've been involved in all activities in building this organization, its divisions as well as Chapters. I've built some 12 airplanes, aided on a number of others (I hold a commercial license), flight instructor in the military; I hold all seven military pilot wings, I have several homebuilts (Pober Jr. Ace, etc.), I've flown almost 500 types of aircraft and a week or so ago I flew EAA's B-17. I've had the privilege of flying some 30,000 hours. As for interesting aviation adventures I've experienced, they are so numerous I could write another book. I belong to many aviation organizations: EAA, AOPA, Vintage Aircraft Association, Warbirds of America (which I was very involved in getting that division founded), as well as IAC (which I helped form). I've been married 62 years to my wonderful wife Audrey and have a son, Tom - who is president of EAA and my daughter Bonnie, who is very involved with EAA for many, many years. She built her own Pitts with my help here. My favorite food is: anything. I don't have any favorite TV shows, but I do like country music and my motorcycles. EAA has a book available called "The Poberezny Story" which would give you more insight. But, I love people the best. If you don't love people, you'll never be a success.

Sincerely,
Paul H. Poberezny
Founder and Chairman of the Board
Experimental Aircraft Association

We are always looking for members to profile. If you would like to be featured, contact Paul Pakusch at 746-4514 or paulpakusch@gmail.com.

EAA Founder and Chairman Paul Poberezny will appear on the Outdoor Channel's general aviation program, Wings To Adventure, on Saturday, April 14, at 7 p.m. and again at 9 p.m. EDT. The episode, "Homebuilt Airplanes," features Paul exploring the history of the homebuilt movement, the Experimental Aircraft Association, and grassroots flying. The Outdoor Channel is available on most digital cable and satellite systems, including Time Warner's digital package. Please check your local listings for more information.

G-Meters

In response to last month's article on G-Meters, editor emeritus Art Thieme received this e-mail:

Hi Art,

I'm restoring two military F-4 Phantom cockpits for static display. One is a C the other is a D model.

I actually have 4 accelerometers if anyone would like to try one out. Records + and - G forces. They have a lead for 5v night illumination and a "push to reset" button.

Actually, I'm not looking to sell the G meters, but I'd be willing to loan one out if anyone wants to see how many g's they pull.

I'd like to put one in a Fed Ex package and see how much force they subject my packages to.

If you know of any members that have any prior experience with the F-4 Phantom I'd love to hear from them.

Dave Garbe
dwgarbe@netzero.net

Editor's note: I'd like to see that Fed Ex force test carried out!

Rochester Pilots to Hold Second Annual Picnic

Rochester pilots and aviation enthusiasts will get together for their second annual picnic on Sunday, August 12. It will be held at Genesee Valley Park in the same pavilion as last year. Last year's event was co-sponsored by Artisan Flying Club and the Rochester Flying Club. Other groups are invited to co-sponsor this event. Contact Brad Salai for more information: bsalai@rochester.rr.com

**A Board of Directors meeting of Chapter 44 of the
Experimental Aircraft Association**

Held at the home of Norm Isler, Brockport NY
7:30PM 12 March 2007

Members present: **Isler, Pakusch, Williams, Snow,
Zigelstein, Hurd, Northrup, Hazen**

Reports:

- **Treasurer (Dave Hurd):** Report read and approved. Dues reminder notices will be sent out to those members who have not yet paid for 2007.
- **Secretary (Stephen North):** Minutes read and approved.

New Business:

- **A.E.C:** Negotiations are underway for a long term A.E.C. land lease at Ledgeale. The selected property is at the end of Eisenhower Drive adjacent to the aircraft ramp. Fill will be needed to bring the area up to the proper grade. President Northrup also suggested revising the design of the A.E.C. so that the porch section would extend out from the building for better runway visibility. After a brief discussion the board concurred with this proposal.
- **Capital Campaign:** No news.
- **Attorney Fees:** Norm Isler suggested that we should get a current account balance from our attorney so we won't be surprised by a large bill at the end of the A.E.C. land acquisition.
- **Wings 2007:** Wings 200 will be the weekend of May 4th and 5th [Friday and Saturday]. The Chapter will be flying Young Eagles on Saturday. The Board reviewed previous Young Eagle procedures and decided that for this event the kids will be taken on a "first come, first served" basis thereby avoiding the difficulties of trying to coordinate pre-registrations.
- **June Meeting:** The Board approved the idea of an earlier start [5:30 or 6:00] for the June general membership meeting at Spencerport Airport.
- **Joint Activities:** Steve Zigelstein suggested that the Chapter should participate in joint activities with other local EAA chapters [fly-outs, etc.]. The Board agreed and asked Steve to coordinate.
- **July General Membership Meeting:** The July General Membership meeting may be held at Hendershot's Airport. Stay tuned....

**A General Meeting of Experimental Aircraft
Association Chapter 44**

Held at Chapter House, Colby Street on 20 Mar 2007
at 7:30 PM

Reports:

- **Treasurer (Dave Hurd):** Read and approved
- **Secretary (Stephen North):** Read and approved

Builders Reports:

- **McDonald RV7:** No progress
- **Bouwen Mystery Ship:** Making good progress
- **Boudler Pientenpol:** Getting started
- **Greeno RV6A:** Flying and waxing
- **Hurd Glasair:** Firewall forward electrical work
- **Snow Rans S9:** No progress
- **Battaglia Falco:** No progress
- **Isler Rebel:** Cleaning up and getting ready
- **Paris Zenith Zodiac:** 135 hours and counting, next project: Europa monowheel
- **Northrup RV8A:** No progress.

New Business:

- **Oshkosh Airlift:** Paul Stumpf handed out brochures for the Oshkosh Airlift. No other news to report.
- **Badges:** Norm Isler has begun making member identification badges. He passed around a sign-up sheet for members to note name and ratings / current project / aircraft ownership.
- **Meeting Programs / Food:** President Northrup passed out sign-up sheets for future meeting programs and catering
- **Compliments from National:** President Northrup shared an e-mail from Paul Poberezny complimenting the Chapter on our January newsletter. Special recognition goes out to Paul Pakusch and Rob Williams (E-mail is printed on page 2 of this issue)

Visit our website at **www.eaa44.org** for additional EAA news stories. Past issues of *The Flyer* are available for download on the website with color pictures. You may also sign up to receive *The Flyer* by e-mail.

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Calendar for 2007

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. (Meeting time and location subject to change, so please confirm with an officer if you plan to attend.)

Lunches at Rohrbach's are casual affairs. Contact Paul Pakusch by the day before the lunch so we can get a head count for the table: 746-4514 or paulpakusch@gmail.com.

For other aviation events, visit www.UpstateList.org

"I have a hunch the most important reason we're going to space is not known now."

— Burt Rutan, 'Time' magazine, 5 March 2007