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Chapter House
Dinner 6:30 PM
Meeting 7:30 PM
Scheduled Topic:
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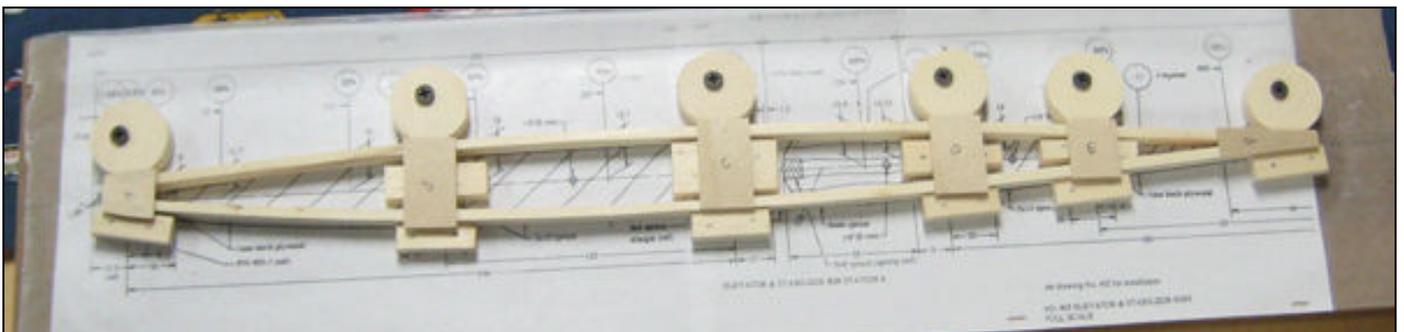
At the February meeting, Rob Williams gave details of his experience ferrying the Red Star Museum's Mohawk OV-1 to Texas. Read more about the OV-1 in our January issue, available on our website www.eaa44.org.

Jarrel Battaglia (standing in the photo below) presented a workshop for building with wood. In the photo at the bottom, you can see one of the ribs that was completed.

EAA Headquarters in Oshkosh delivered a plaque commemorating Chapter 44's 50th anniversary. Here Paul Pakusch (left) presents the plaque to Rob Williams, believed to be the most senior member present at the February meeting. Rob accepted the plaque on behalf of all members who have come before us by stating that we must remember all that they have done.

The plaque reads, "Chapter 44, Rochester, New York, 50th Anniversary (1958-2008) Congratulations for 50 years of outstanding support, and in appreciation for contributions to the development, promotion, and advancement of recreational aviation and EAA. Tom Poberezny, President, Experimental Aircraft Association."

It will hang in our new Aviation Education Center.



RED DOT SPECIAL!!

No, this isn't a Target ad, but if you see a red dot on your mailing label, it means we haven't received your dues for 2008. In order to continue your membership and to keep receiving this newsletter, please send your check of \$30 to Dave Hurd or bring it to the next meeting. Make your check to "EAA Chapter 44."

This is an exciting year for Chapter 44! Maintain your membership and be a part of it!

Airlift to Oshkosh 2008

EAA Chapter 44 is celebrating its 27th annual Airlift to Oshkosh!! Imagine traveling by jet with fellow Oshkosh-bound aviation enthusiasts to spend 5 days, with round trip jet air transportation and accommodations included in one low package price. Your flight pass entitles you to:

- Round-trip jet airfare from Rochester.
- Private coach ground transportation to our accommodations.
- 5 nights lodging at the University of Wisconsin dormitories in Oshkosh. Only a short walk to the Dining facilities at Blackhawk Commons and the bus stop where we pick up our shuttle to AirVenture.
- "Go Anywhere" Oshkosh Bus Pass includes Shuttle Pass to and from the convention grounds.

Only \$695

Departing Monday, July 28, 2008

Returning Saturday, August 2, 2008

Reservations accepted until May 15, 2008

For more info, contact:

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Or download the brochure on our website

www.eaa44.org

Something to Excite Your Kids or Grandchildren

Are you wondering what all the buzz is about Myspace? Now you can sit down at a computer with your kids and contribute to EAA 44's new Myspace account. This is a way to get them interested in aviation by talking to them in their own language!

We need your kids to help spread the word about EAA 44's new Myspace account.

www.myspace.com/experimentalaviation

Tell them about this Myspace account. Ask them to contribute pictures and videos to it. Chances are they already know how to use Myspace, so this should be a cinch for them to get started.

Tell them we need them to help build this Myspace account. They don't need old fuddy duddies like us to create the content; this is their space. This is their opportunity to contribute aviation photos, videos, captions and comments. It's their opportunity to create a list of favorites, interests, blurbs, friends, blogs, surveys, and groups.

Are you wondering what the heck I'm talking about?

Ask your kids, they'll tell you what Myspace is! It's a great opportunity for you to sit down with them at the computer so they can show you what they know about Myspace, and so you can show them what you know about aviation.

Have them contribute some content to EAA 44's Myspace account. (It's pretty bare right now) Then ask them to help spread the word about it with their friends. Don't forget...we have events specifically designed for kids, including Young Eagles and Aerocamps.

Understandably, some of you may be leery of bad things you've heard about Myspace. That's OK, remember that people hear bad things about aviation, too. It doesn't mean it's all bad. You already know that. As with anything else on the internet, you just have to be careful.

Ultimately, our goal is to help spread the good word about aviation to today's youth.

Finally, if you're new to Myspace, be sure to ask them about Tom!

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***RUFF and EAA Chapter 44 Trip to the
National Soaring Museum, Saturday, 15 March***

www.soaringmuseum.org

At the door-entrance fee \$6:50 (\$6.00 age 60+)

Tour Museum 1:00 pm

National Soaring Museum
51 Soaring Hill Dr.
Elmira, NY 14903
(607)734-3128

Lunch 12:00 noon

Maple Lawn Dairy Family Restaurant
3162 Lower Maple Ave. (Rt. 427)
Elmira, NY
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EAA UL Chapter 95

Aviation Calendar

While most of us have been dodging wind, ice and snow this winter, Barbara and Lincoln Wainright have been compiling yet another comprehensive list of pancake breakfasts and other fun aviation outings for 2008. This very comprehensive and still-growing list can be viewed at www.upstatelist.org.

It's a great service that they provide and they do it for the love of aviation.

Be sure to check out the list of events. Most of them are an easy flight or a reasonable drive from the Rochester area. The 2008 flying season starts very soon!

www.upstatelist.org

2008 Rochester Wings

This year's Rochester Wings event and EAA 44's Young Eagle flights have been scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 13 & 14. The Young Eagle rides for kids ages 8-17 will be on Saturday. For the first time, EAA 44's Young Eagle flights will take place on the same day as International Young Eagles Day. The annual event brings together kids and pilots as part of the EAA Young Eagles program, the largest youth aviation education program ever created, which has flown more than 1.3 million young people free of charge since its inception in July 1992.

Each year since 1994, approximately 9,000 young people are flown on or around International Young Eagles Day. The flights are provided by volunteer EAA-member pilots in aircraft ranging from the newest airplanes to vintage biplanes. Such interesting aircraft as gliders, helicopters and even hot air balloons and blimps have also been used for Young Eagles flights.

Rochester Wings activities include exhibits, seminars, airport tours, free dual instruction towards completion of FAA Wings programs, door prizes and a breakfast on Saturday. EAA 44 has participated in Rochester Wings since it began about five years ago by providing Young Eagle flights.

Please consider volunteering some time for setting up our booth, staffing our booth, helping with Young Eagles flights, or teardown at the end. More details will be given in upcoming general meetings.

A General Meeting of Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 44 Held at Chapter House, Colby Street on 19 Feb 2008 at 7:30 PM

Reports:

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

New Business:

- **Dinner:** Thanks to Norm and Elise Isler for an excellent dinner!
- **Oshkosh Airlift:** Paul Stumpf reported on the plans for this year's Airlift. The trip dates will be from 28 Jul (Monday) through 2 Aug (Saturday). The flights will be roundtrip from Rochester to Green Bay. The cost is \$695 and only 19 packages are available. The trip brochure is on the website, hardcopies due soon.
- **50th Anniversary:** This year is the 50th anniversary of Chapter 44. President Northrup shared a plaque he had received from EAA national headquarters commemorating this event.
- **AEC (Part 1):** Norm Isler lead a brainstorming exercise to generate ideas about chapter goals and interests, our value to the community, and reasons that people should donate money for the A.E.C.
- **AEC (Part 2):** Marty Snow outlined the revised A.E.C. fundraising plan. Several functional teams will be formed to address specific areas such as Capital Funding, Publicity, Potential Donors, and Recognition. Marty expects active support from all members.
- **Program:** Rob Williams presented the details of his trip to Texas in an OV-1 Mohawk. Jarrell Battaglia conducted a rib building workshop. Thanks to both for excellent programs.



Member Profile: Art Thieme

OK, let's get one thing straight. Art is a nick name. My first name is Eberhard, a good German name, but known here only if you happened to make pencils (Eberhard Faber) or make beer (Eberhard Anheuser or Eberhard Busch, I forget which).

I've always been in love with airplanes. Started building models back in high school. Was vice president of the Progressive Aviation Club in high school. (Yearbook photo at the end of this article.) We did have nice blue corduroy jackets. I had no mentors and did the best I could. I remember having a gas engine that I couldn't start. My dad and a friend tried to help me. It was only much later that I realized that we were propping the engine the wrong way. Never did get it started.

I think I joined the EAA sometime in the late 1970's. I wasn't interested in building a plane as I was a partner in a 1946 Champ. I started flying in 1967 in a Beech Musketeer. I had something like 40 hours when I passed the flight test. The days of 10 hours learning in a Cub were over. I flew that Champ over 400 hours. The longest flight was to Bennington, Vermont. My partner was in the plane when it crashed, (August 1988), he died and the plane was destroyed. I next became partner in a Cessna 172. A Piper Warner was in there somewhere. In 1975 I took gliding lessons at the Schweizer Soaring School and earned my glider rating. I highly recommend this experience, especially when you experience an engine out. Total flying hours: 500, not much, but I was a fair weather flyer, wings level most of the time.

The miniMAX (photo above) was started in 1992. I bought the rib kit and plans. I built a rib a night. That was after I spent many hours cutting gussets and pieces. The ribs took about 50

hours to make. The spars and wings took another 80 hours.

Somehow I kept track of all the pieces in both wings and they totaled 712. The fuselage took about 70 hours. Covering, painting, engine installation, instruments, etc. took 187 hours. First flight in October 1994. Plane retired in October 2003. Total flying hours: about 50.

Benefit of membership in EAA: I know that I'm not the sharpest tool in the tool box, but I have been fortunate to be able to associate with people who were more knowledgeable and skilled than I was. I have to thank Earl Luce and Al Garlick for help on the miniMAX. Vet Thomas was also a big help. Thanks to Hugh Jones for help on the newsletter. Mark Donovan was always there when I needed him. Work on the Chummy, especially in the final weeks, credit to Jim Birch. And I can't forget Jim McGowan. And Jim Birch for working with me on the Ohnv' Stoppelbein racer. They were all mentors to me. Many thanks.

Other information that you may or may not care about: I went to Clarkson College right after high school. I finished my freshman year when I was called up to become a sailor in the Navy. Two years on board ship in the Pacific and when I returned it was back to Clarkson. I saw the handwriting on the wall, all in mathematical terms, and transferred to Oswego State. Got my BS and MS from there. Taught industrial arts for five years in Piermont, N.Y. just south of the Tappan Zee bridge. Came to Rochester and taught drafting at Franklin for two years and shop at West High. Earned a doctorate from Penn State in education. Was promoted to head of the city wide industrial arts program. Served as Director of Instruction for all city high schools. Headed a three man committee to plan the new Edison Tech. School opened in 1979 and I became principal in 1980. Retired in 1985 - eat your heart out!

Photography was always an interest. I purchased a Rolleiflex camera for \$150 when we were first married. That was pretty steep when you were only making \$2900 a year. I also had an Argus C-3. Built like a tank. I took hundreds of slides with the camera. Still have 40 cassettes with 100 slides each - about as useful as my Beta tapes. I love taking pictures from the planes I flew.

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Member Profile

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My wife, Audrey, and I have been married for 55 years and counting. We have six children, five girls and one boy. I have to thank my wife for allowing me to follow my interest in aviation. I know that she worried when I flew, but never told me not to. And that is why we stayed married for all these years.

Favorite music: Big bands. Miller, Dorsey, ... Today a band is three guitars and drums, perhaps a keyboard. My folks liked classical. Didn't take on me. Father played the violin on occasion. Dog howled, I cried.

Favorite food: Roasted dark turkey meat. Favorite quote: It's not what you do; it's what people think you do. Also: A person who expects no praise shall never be disappointed. I also like Ingrid Bergman's quote: Happiness is good health and a bad memory.

Favorite TV: History and Discovery channels.

Things that amaze me: Pictures of the earth from the moon. How can this sphere hang there and revolve? And what about the stars that are light years away? I can't even imagine what a light year is. I'm happy going the speed limit. The whole universe is just mind boggling.

Do you like being OLD GOAT? Beats the alternative.

OLD GOAT out!



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Tall Paul's Logbook

Please allow me to take a moment of your time to write about something very dear and personal to me. As many of you know, my beloved wife of 24 years, Mary, has survived two sudden cardiac arrests. The first one was in July 2006 and the second one was three days before Christmas, 2007.

I was with her the first time when it happened. While talking in our kitchen, she suddenly went unconscious and collapsed. I called 911 immediately and a wonderful 911 operator talked me through CPR until firefighters arrived. It took two shocks to get her heart started again. After ten days in the hospital, she went home with an implanted defibrillator which was to deliver a shock to her heart if it ever happened again.

Well, it did on December 22. She was in the kitchen again, alone, and suddenly passed out. The defibrillator did its job and restarted her heart within eight seconds.

Our great appreciation for first responders and today's health professionals has been made somewhat public through organizations we have become involved in. They are the Lights and Sirens Foundation, the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association, and the American Heart Association. Mary is unique in that her chances of surviving the first sudden cardiac arrest and going on to live a normal life were only about 5%. She beat some incredible odds. I can't express my thanks loudly enough to all the wonderful volunteers and professionals who are part of the chain of survival that allowed her to continue living a mostly-normal life. I know that many of you have also been touched by these people. If you have been a volunteer or professional yourself, I am indebted to you with my gratitude.

On April 5, Mary and I are both participating in the American Heart Association's Heartwalk. It will form up at the Blue Cross Arena at the Rochester War Memorial between 8 and 10 AM, and then depart on a three-mile walk through "historic downtown Rochester." You may see or hear Mary on radio and TV spots that were recorded to promote this event.

If any of you wish to walk with us that morning or sponsor our team, "Mary's Team," please let me know. Contact me at ppakusch@yahoo.com or (585) 746-4514.

Thank you very much. ☺

Paul Pakusch, editor & webmaster, EAA 44



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2008 Calendar

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April 15: General Meeting
May 20: General Meeting
June 14: Rochester Wings & Young Eagle flights
June 17: General Meeting at Spencerport Airpark
July 15: General Meeting
July 28-August 3: AirVenture Oshkosh
 EAA Chapter 44 Airlift details TBA
August 19: General Meeting
September 16: General Meeting
October 21: General Meeting
November 18: General Meeting

Officer meetings are the second Tuesday of each month 7:30 PM at the Chapter House. All members are invited to attend. Officer meeting time and location subject to change, so please verify with an officer if you plan to attend.

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