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Agenda for an Exciting New Year!

By Norm Isler

At the January meeting, Luc Premont, Vice President of Sales for Dream Aircraft - Manufacturer of the "Tundra" airplane, will give us a presentation on the Tundra. During the evening, Luc will assemble the fin and rudder of a Tundra and give members an opportunity to help assemble to the "cleco stage." Rumor has it that Luc will also offer members a chance to win a cash prize worth coming for!



To see more about the Tundra, go to www.dreamaircraft.com

Our March or April meeting will be "Assemble Your Own Metal Tool Box" by Van's aircraft. During this session, members will assemble a toolbox kit produced by Van's Aircraft. They will have a "hands on" opportunity to identify parts, read plans and directions, drill, fit, cleco, use pulled rivets and conventional rivets. Assembling this toolbox gives you a chance to practice most of the skills necessary to assemble one of today's aluminum aircraft kits. At the end of the session, you will go home with your own completed tool box.

The chapter will place one order for all the tool box kits towards the end of January or early February. Each member will need to sign up and present a check for the cost of the tool box, \$28.00 per box. (Van's charges \$27.00 per box, The extra dollar per person will help cover the shipping charge.) If members wish, two members can purchase one kit together and assemble together. They get to decide who keeps the finished

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product!

The Toolbox Kit comes with documentation, along with all the parts and rivets needed to complete the toolbox. This training project consists of several pre-punched parts that are riveted together to form the box and lid and a hinge to hold them together.



This training project will give you the chance to try several different styles of riveting, using aluminum parts identical to those that make up the airplane. Although Vans uses only "driven" rivets, here at Chapter 44 we will also use some pulled rivets to add another dimension to the experience. The completed toolbox is just the thing for a traveling tool kit when your RV is done or for holding your safety wire supplies, etc. Finished toolbox measures 16"L X 6"W X 4"H. See page 6 for the order form.

2009 Dues are due!
Please see page 6.

Sport Aviation Center Update

By Norm Isler

We continue to make progress on the new Sport Aviation Center!

The holidays slowed things a bit, but we are still moving forward. Since our December update, we have worked with our Site Planner, Kris Schultz at Schultz Associates of Spencerport to make one small change to our site plan which will enable us to run all utilities in and out of the building through the same area. We expect to see the revised plan soon, probably before our meeting on January 20th.

Setting up a mechanism to run the construction project was a goal of the December Board meeting. We established a Building Committee to run the project. This committee, comprised of Norm Isler, Mike Clayton, Steve Zigelstein and Steve North will report to the BOD and, of course to our members. One of our newer members, Mike Clayton, made the "mistake" of letting us know that he has many years experience in the project management field, and has agreed to function as project manager for the SAC. What does that mean? Mike will be a member of the building committee, and will represent the chapter as the "Single Point of Contact" between the chapter and contractors. By having only one person able to request changes and answer questions, the possibility of error, confusion or unexpected cost overruns is reduced. Mike will work with all of us to be sure what is built is what we want!

Right now, the emphasis is on getting the final plans into a package that can be distributed to our list of prospective builders, about 8 in all. Once the invitation for bid goes out, we expect to see quotes coming back fairly quickly. The goal remains unchanged, the building shell to be completed this summer. As always, if you have any questions, please contact any member of the building committee or BOD. We'll keep you posted every step of the way!



Ronald "Hornet" Vagg, age 59, of Ridge Rd., died January 4, 2009 at Roswell Park Cancer Institute. He was employed by the Orleans County Highway Department for 39 years, retiring in May of 2005. He was a member of the AFD Die Hose Co., Crusaders Motorcycle Club, Gaines Valley Aviation. Hornet enjoyed life to the fullest. He had his Pilot's license and enjoyed flying, being a busy-body and woodworking with his father-in-law. Ron visited our chapter from time to time and joined us on Airlifts many years ago.

Norm's Notes

Norm Isler, President

"This is like deja vu all over again."

Just about everyone has heard that famous line from Yogi Berra. But it sort of fits...

Wwaaayyyy back in 1985 and 86, I had the pleasure of being president of EAA Chapter 44. And back then we decided that we were going to build ourselves our own place to meet. (Up until then, we met at Edison Tech High School, the Lowden Point Library and a few other places.) At first, no one thought we could really have our own place. But it happened.

And now, we are poised to build our "New, Improved" EAA Chapter 44 home. Several of our recent past presidents put a lot of time and effort into preparing for this event. Thanks to all of their hard work, we will break ground this year, and move into our new home.

Constructing the new Sport Aviation Center is just one of my goals for the next two years. I would like to see our group become a little better known throughout the community, both among fliers and non (well, not yet!) fliers. We'll be talking about more of those ideas soon.

One thing is for sure. As new projects are undertaken, some members will immediately embrace the project because it fits their dreams. Other members will prefer to work on other projects, and that's OK. As an officer of the group, it is my job to answer to you. And if you ever have a question, comment or idea that you want to discuss, please contact me so we can give it the full attention it deserves. You can always reach me at 638-8098 or by e-mail at NormIsler@AOL.com .

Happy New Year!

Old Goat Droppings

By Art Thieme

You folks ever hear of white tails? Seems that Boeing and Airbus may be stranded with 200 "white-tail" aircraft that they can't place with customers due to a severe shortage in aircraft delivery financing. White-tails are aircraft that have no airline logo painted on the tails.

The highly secret WW2 Norden bombsight was claimed to be able to drop a bomb into a pickle barrel from high altitude. Well it wasn't quite that simple. Air Force Magazine, Oct. 2008, points out that if the calculated speed of the plane was off by 2 mph and the altitude wrong by 25 feet, the bomb would miss by 115 feet. Now you can understand why there was saturation bombing during the war. One of those bombs had to get close.

More Oshkosh 2008

This Kodiak aircraft (top right) turned out to be my favorite aircraft at Oshkosh 08. I first saw it on display near the flight line. When I asked questions, the pilot told me that he couldn't answer about the plane; he represented the Fish and Game Department. The plane was on floats, each one probably cost as much as my first house.

In the commercial section I found the → plane on wheels. It turns out that the Kodiak was ordered by a missionary group that wanted a plane that was short field capable and operated on kerosene. They ordered four.

The fifth Quest Kodiak has earned FAA certification as a jump ship. It is a 10 seat jump ship. The plane is all aluminum, Pratt & Whitney PT6A powered, takes off in 700 feet and climbs at 1500+ fpm. It cruises at 185 knots. Find out more at www.questaircraft.com

Now is the time to protect your prop blades from snow and ice. How do you like those covers? I think they were selling the skis. →

Old Goat, out.

"For pilots sometimes see behind the curtain, behind the veil of gossamer velvet, and find the truth behind man, the force behind a universe."

- Richard Bach, *Biplane*, 1966



Art Thieme found Vet Thomas' picture in the January 2009 issue of Model Aviation, the official publication of the academy of model aeronautics. The picture was taken at a Flying Aces meet at Geneseo, July 16-19, 2008.



**EAA Chapter 44
Board of Directors Meeting
Chapter House
11 Nov 2008**

Board Members Present: **Northrup, Hazen, North, Hurd, Isler, Snow, Zigelstein**

Chapter Members Present: **None**

Reports:

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

New Business:

- **December Board Meeting:** The Board will hold a meeting in December.
- **Donation Received:** The Hilton Rotary mailed a check for \$100 in recognition of the Chapter's support at this past summer's Hendershot's fly-in breakfast.
- **EAA Calendar Order:** We've received a total of 9 orders so far, we'll re-circulate the list at the General Membership meeting to see if there's any more interest.
- **Elections:** There is a full slate of candidates for the November elections. Marty Snow volunteered to prepare ballots.
- **Sport Aviation Center:** The Town approved the site plan for the SAC. The Board reviewed interior layout details and options for phased construction.



A special Treat for EAA 44 Members!

Intrigued with...

←Bob

Paul→



Make a night of this: On February 14, , editor Paul Pakusch, and past-el president Bob Northrup will take turns drumming for the band, Intrigued! Paul is leaving the band and Bob is rejoining the band. This is your only opportunity to hear both chapter members play with Intrigued as they take turns behind the drums! Intrigued plays a variety of songs from the past few decades. Website is www.intriguedband.com. Performance is at 9:30 PM at Mulligan's Bar, corner of West Ridge and Manitou Roads.

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

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9 Dec 2008

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- **Secretary** (Stephen North): Read and approved

New Business:

- **Thanks**: Thanks to Carl Bouwens for cooking the steaks
- **Donation**: The Chapter gratefully received a check in the amount of \$7,000 for the Sport Aviation Center from the Ken-Lu Foundation.
- **Sport Aviation Center (SAC)**: Norm Isler updated the membership on current progress on the SAC. He noted that we are not required to install sprinklers and that we only need a 2 hour rating on the fire wall separating the hanger from the meeting space. Both of these items will result in significant savings to the building costs. Norm noted that we should be ready in the near future to begin soliciting bids for Phase I construction. Finally Norm joined the rest of the Chapter in a round of applause in appreciation of the tireless efforts of outgoing President Northrup who has been indispensable in getting the SAC to this milestone.
- **Board of Director Elections**: The Chapter voted in the following individuals to the Board of Directors:
 - Stephen North
 - David Hurd
 - Mike Stoddard
 - Mike Clayton
 - Jarrel Battaglia

The new Board met briefly and approved the Chapters officers as noted:

President Norm Isler (Replaces Bob Northrup)

Vice President Steve Zigelstein (Replaces Marty Snow)

Secretary Stephen North

Treasurer David Hurd

Board Members Present: Northrup, Hazen, North, Hurd, Isler, Snow, Zigelstein, Clayton, Pakusch, Stoddard, Battaglia

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- **New Officers**: Dave Hurd will notify HSBC about the new Chapter officers so they can update the approval list for check signing.
- **Chapter Status Report**: The annual Chapter status report is due to National this month, Dave Hurd to submit.
- **New Meeting BOD Night**: Per the request of President Isler, the Board of Director meetings will now be held on the Monday night before the second Tuesday of every month. The General Membership meetings will remain on the same day (third Tuesday of every month).
- **Sport Aviation Center**: The Board reviewed plans for the SAC in preparation for bid solicitation. A couple of minor changes from the original design were approved. These include relocation of the sanitary sewer holding tank to the rear of the building and inclusion of "Phil's Porch" in the Phase 1 build. requested volunteers to serve on a builder selection committee. The Building Committee is Mike Clayton, Steve North, Steve Zigelstein and Norm Isler.
- **January Program**: The program for January will either be a presentation on building a Light Sport Aircraft or a visit from a kit manufacturer.

"Man's mind and spirit grow with the space in which they are allowed to operate."

- Krafft A. Ehricke, rocket pioneer

2009 Annual Chapter 44 dues are due

In order to verify membership info accuracy, please fill out this form and bring to the January meeting or mail to Dave Hurd, Treasurer, with your check:

2009 Dues..... \$30

Additional tax-deductible donation to Chapter 44..... \$ _____

Tool Kit* (\$28 each)..... \$ _____

Total check.....\$ _____
Make check to "EAA Chapter 44"

Over the next year or more, we will be doing plenty to complete Phase I of the new Sport Aviation Center.
 If you are interested in helping in a specific area of the assembly, please let us know.
 Again, please check all that apply:

- Basic Carpentry (framing)
- Finish Carpentry (trim, molding, etc.)
- Electric
- Plumbing
- HVAC
- Masonry
- Painting
- General labor
- Other

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Personal E-mail _____ Work E-mail _____

Please check all that apply!

Builder Pilot Aviation Enthusiast Other _____

Year joined EAA 44 _____ National EAA# _____ Renewal Date _____

License _____ Ratings _____

Aircraft Owned _____

Homebuilt or Restoration Project _____

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*Tool kit to be assembled during March or April meeting. See page 1 for details.



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Tall Paul's Logbook

Paul Pakusch

The subtitle of this column may as well be, "*On the Outside, Looking In.*" It's been almost a year and a half since I've flown a GA aircraft. In the Fall of 2007, I quietly let my medical expire and voluntarily went on inactive status with the Rochester Flying Club.

The reason is that I have some higher priorities in my life for a few years, so I may not fly again for awhile. My membership in EAA, editing this newsletter, and my enthusiasm for the Sport Aviation Center are what's keeping me in the loop.

So, what's it been like as a casual observer instead of an active pilot? I've missed it, but surprisingly not as much as I thought I would. Flying had been a huge priority in my life since I got the flying bug in 1984 and finally earned my ticket in 1991. In the years since, it was always a top priority for me to maintain VFR currency and then IFR currency after 1997. I'll admit the newfound lack of pressure to maintain currency has been a relief. It WAS getting to be a chore to stay IFR current. I felt like the fun of flying was fading away.

It's coincidental that gas prices were climbing sky high while I'd chosen to stay on the ground. I've been watching other flying activity decline as memberships in both my current and past flying clubs have dropped. It's discouraging to see the FAA still attempting to create rules that seem to discourage flying rather than promote flying. As an inactive pilot, it's easy to see why it's difficult to get wannabe's motivated to start learning. The cost is high; I never realized how much money I was spending on flying until I stopped spending it. Regulations are burdensome and often seem unnecessary. My message to the FAA is, "What the hell are you thinking?"

At this point, it would be easy for me to say, "Been there, done that." What would motivate me to become active again? Perhaps it will be sport pilot. I've found that the vision of sport pilot flying fits what most of my flying has already been.

I've been watching the progress of sport pilot and anticipating the day when qualified LSA aircraft are available here for rent. One model that particularly interests me is the Flight Design CT. At 6' 5", I'm a big guy and this model is designed for bigger people. I sat in one at Sun n' Fun and it fits well.

As we go to press, there is a new development that may bring light sport aviation right to Ledgesdale Airport. I'm enthusiastic about it and see it as my ticket to return to active flying. More about this in the February issue of *The Flyer!*



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2009 Calendar

January 12: Officers Meeting
January 20: General Meeting
February 9: Officers Meeting
February 17: General Meeting
March 9: Officers Meeting
March 17: General Meeting
April 13: Officers Meeting
April 21: General Meeting
May 11: Officers Meeting
May 19: General Meeting
June 8: Officers Meeting
June 16: General Meeting
June 27 (Saturday): World flight presentation
by CarolAnn Garrett
July 13: Officers Meeting
July 21: General Meeting
July 27-August 2: AirVenture Oshkosh
[EAA Chapter 44 Oshkosh Airlift TBA]
August 10: Officers Meeting
August 18: General Meeting
September 7: Officers Meeting
September 15: General Meeting
October 12: Officers Meeting
October 20: General Meeting
November 9: Officers Meeting
November 17: General Meeting

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