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Sport Aviation Center Update

By Norm Isler

We reached a major milestone Thursday afternoon, October 8, 2009, at approximately 5:30.

Wednesday, October 7 saw Fingerlakes Construction on site to install the north wall overhead door. On Thursday, our beautiful new, double, six foot wide aluminum and glass front door was delivered to the site, and Mike Clayton and Norm Isler set about to get them installed. Stopping by at 5:30 to provide quality control inspection, Prez Isler's wife Elise became the first person in history to be LOCKED OUT of the new Sport Aviation Center of Western New York. As of now, all doors windows and siding are in place, and the building is SECURED.

Fingerlakes has a few more details to attend to such as installing gutters, and the aluminum wrap on the front entrance posts, and insulating the attic. Those tasks will be completed shortly. Saturday, Oct 10 was the first "official" large scale work party, concentrating on cleaning up the site and getting the land ready for winter. Thanks to Bob Nelligan-Barret for heading up that party, and thanks to Elise Isler for offering to feed the troops.

We now move to the "US" phase. Chapter members will have the opportunity to help as we start interior work. Larry MacDonald has offered up his experience to lead the electrical efforts, and in the next few days all wires for lighting in the main meeting hall will be run, (so they will be in the attic before the insulation gets in the way). Soon after, other wiring throughout the building will be installed. If you have experience in electrical installation,

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Next Meeting is
October 20 at the
New Sport Aviation Center!
Largedale Airport at the end of Eisenhower Drive
Dinner 6:30 PM
Meeting 7:30 PM
*Please Bring A Chair
And a Dish to Pass*
Annual Steak Roast!***

***We are only buying enough steaks to feed those that signed up for them. If they didn't sign up, (or don't remember if they signed up), be sure to call Prez Norm Isler at 638-8098 by **Sunday night, Oct 18** to be sure we get a steak for them.

All Aboard!

Last call for the Fall Foliage cruise aboard the Harbor Town Belle.

*For All Rochester Area Aviation
Enthusiasts and Their Families and
Friends*

Sunday, October 18, 2009 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

**For more information,
please call Norm Isler at 585-638-7369
Advance reservations are a MUST.
Members can call Norm to reserve space,
but no tickets can be sold at the boat**

- Cruise From The Port of Rochester South To Veteran's Memorial Bridge
- Fall Colors Should Be At Peak Around This Date
- **Main & Central Decks Are Enclosed And Heated**
- Upper And Fore Decks Open For Purists
- See Page Two For Additional Information

\$29 Per Person Includes Cruise
And All-You-Can-Eat Picnic Dinner

Sport Aviation Center Update, continued

or want to learn, contact Mike Clayton or Larry MacDonald. We can use everyone's help, if not on electric, on the soon to be started carpentry, drywall, plumbing, landscaping, etc.

A brief update meeting was held recently with the Town of Sweden building inspector, Jim Butler, to update him on our project. We reviewed all work and materials performed and installed to date and plans for the future. Jim is very pleased with our efforts, and assures us that all is going well in his eyes. It has been a pleasure dealing with him and the Town of Sweden.

We continue to hear excellent ideas and suggestions from our members. If you have any thoughts, ideas or concerns, remember that our phones are always open. Feel free to call and discuss any ideas or concerns you may have.



Clayton's Bulldogs perform the Can Can!

"This plane may remind you of some things you used to know: that life is in the moment, joy matters more than money, the world is a beautiful place, and that dreams really, truly are possible."

- Lane Wallace



I Can Dig It! Dave Hurd and Carl Bouwens proudly display their Bronze and Gold Shovel Awards for excavation well done!



Laura Luce proudly models her award at September meeting: "Behind Every Great Man Is A Woman - telling him how to do it so it will work."

UpstateList
Upstate New York's Aviation Calendar
www.UpstateList.org

Election Notice:

November is the EAA Chapter 44 Official Annual meeting. Officer elections will be held at that meeting. Board of Director members whose term expires at the end of 2009 include Norm Isler, Steve Zigelstein, Phil Hazen, Rob Williams, and Mike Stoddard (filled one year vacancy).

Board member with terms running for another year include Dave Hurd, Steve North, Mike Clayton and Jarrell Bataglia.

Nominations for new officers may be made at either the October or November meetings prior to the election.

"Ask not what your EAA Chapter can do for you. Ask Rather what you can do for your EAA Chapter."

Longtime EAA Chapter 44 member George Baron passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on Oct. 2, 2009, the day following his 90th birthday. Many will remember George's eagerness to discuss anything aviation oriented, and his friendly smile. He will be missed.

Sport Pilot Training

Need instruction to become a Sport Pilot? Here's a recent roundup of flight instructors around Western New York who are willing to teach students for the Sport Pilot Certificate. Information is from www.sportpilot.org/instructors

Auburn: Nicholas Coblio, coblio@hotmail.com

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Weedsport: John Whitford, John@whitfordairport.com



Matching Fund Opportunities

Some companies out there are still matching their employees' donations to charity. If you haven't checked yet, please ask if your employer will match your donations to EAA Chapter 44.

Gail Has an Idea

By Gail Isaac

I will be collecting all cans and bottles that members would like to donate for funds for the Chapter house. I will return them for anyone who wants to contact me and I will either pick them up or they can drop them off behind the chapter house and I will keep tabs on them.

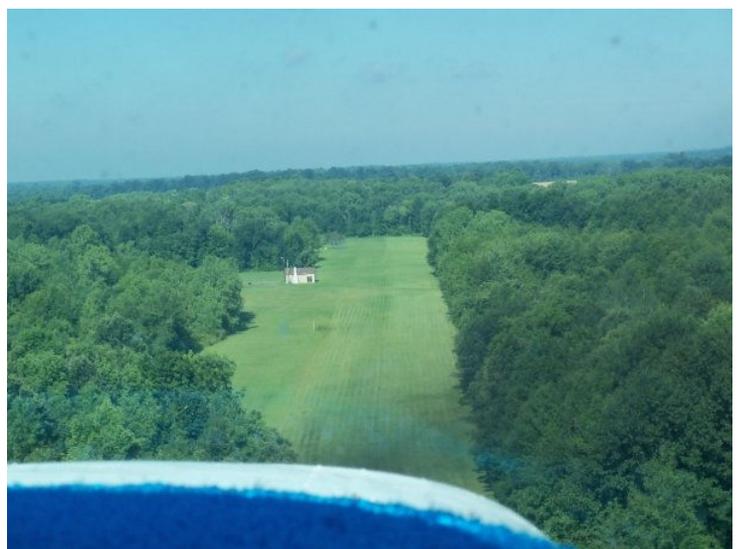
A friend of mine did this to raise money for a cancer walk she is doing and we were more than happy to help her. She collected a considerable amount of money.

This would help us with all the little expenses that come up when least expected.

Please contact me at: gisaac@rochester.rr.com.

Thanks for the help.

Photo of Spencerport Airpark



This photo was taken on short final to D91, Spencerport Airpark in August, by John and Jeff Macksamie

Old Goat Brain Droppings

By Art Thieme

Oshkosh had an increase in attendance of 12%. In these economic times it was hard to understand why. Budd Davisson (Plane and Pilot, Oct. 2009) thinks that the reason for the increased attendance might be: "Aviation isn't a career or an interest, it's a disease, and the name of disease is 'passion'. That certainly explains my attendance. I noticed more parked cars and aircraft. I wasn't aware of the crowds, perhaps because I rode a scooter. But the enlarged grounds gave more room for people to move around. And some forums, as usual, were standing room only.

I saw this ultra light, shook my head and took the picture. It had wings made of pipe covered with what looked like a bed sheet fastened with black zip ties. It has four wheels and a V tail. I didn't see how it could fly. I was wrong. The plane called the Snedden M7, named after the builder, won the reserve grand champion ultra light award. But then again, I didn't see any other new designs. The ultra light community is not what it used to be.



"His first words were few, and they rang like tools dropped in an empty hangar at night". Taken from: BAXSeat, Log of a Pasture pilot, Tab Books, Inc. Blue Ridge Summit, Pa. 1988, 1978.

I found the book in a pile at the FLYING magazine tent at Oshkosh. I asked the young man behind the counter in what warehouse they had discovered this pile of books. (Baxter has been dead for a number of years). He didn't know. He did tell me that the book was signed by Gordon Baxter. I asked him if he ever heard of Gordon Baxter. He admitted he didn't. I dare say that many of you reading this are in the same position. Gordon Baxter wrote for FLYING magazine many years ago, from 1970 to 1987. His stories were always from the point of view of a fly for fun pilot. Great stories that you could relate to.

Looking for a job? FAA is looking for controllers. An average controller (what is that?) can earn \$95,000 a year after five years employment, a highly experienced controller, \$200,000. How many of those do they have?

Sorry to report that there was no radial Luscombe Phantom 11 on display at Oshkosh.

About that electric airplane from China, the E430. It will fly for only 15 minutes if you cruise at 80 kts. Cruise at 52 knots and endurance will be 90 to 100 minutes. As it will take 3 hours to recharge the batteries, what will your local FBO charge for that? Airplanes will be available in a year and cost \$90,000, batteries included. Batteries are good for about 600 recharges and cost \$6000 to replace. Data from Barry Schiff, AOPA Pilot, Sept. 2009.

I wonder how many people can drive a stick shift? Or fly a tail wheel airplane? Some of us old goats did and can. I also had a beta recorder, an 8 track tape player, various film cameras, but I did get rid of my corduroy pants.

Attention veterans: I have not received any e-mail informing me of any chapter members who are WW 2 veterans. I have to assume that Hugh Jones and I are the only ones. However we do have veterans from Korea and Vietnam and I would like to recognize them. So please let me know if you served in this time or if you were in Iraq.

Old Goat, out

Flight Magazine Archives Available Online

Flight International Magazine is one of the world's pre-eminent aviation magazines.

It started out as the newsletter for the British Aero Club in 1909, and became famous over the years for their outstanding coverage of international aviation, including gorgeous detailed cutaways of famous (and not-so-famous) aircraft and engines.

They have now placed their entire archives online...dating back to 1909!

Check it out!

www.flightglobal.com/pdfarchive

“Abandoned and Little Known Airfields”

Here's a great website that lives up to its name. At press time, there were 1,445 airports in all 50 states listed on the site:

members.tripod.com/airfields_freeman/

A couple from Western New York listed on this website include:

Brizee - Harmon Airport, Pittsford, NY (43.09 North / 77.48 West)



A 1938 view of a Rearwin Sportster, Taylor E-2 Cub, a Taylorcraft, the office, and hangar at Brizee Field. (courtesy of Bob Bailey)

Brizee-Harmon Airport was a small general aviation airport. The precise date of establishment of the Brizee-Harmon Airport has not been determined. According to Bob Bailey, “This airport... was in operation from the 1920's. The airport was opened by Warren Brizee. Warren Brizee had learned to fly during the World War I period. The airport was owned & managed a majority of the time by Roy Harmon. Roy Harmon was the son-in-law of Warren Brizee. Roy had also learned to fly about the same time.”

Hylan Field, Rochester, NY (43.08 North / 77.64 West), site of the current Marketplace Mall. The website does not have a photo of it. If anyone has one, you can submit it to the website. It details the story of Ray Hylan and others who operated the airport. Ray closed the airport and moved to Rochester Airport when taxes became too high to support flight operations. He then led the effort to develop Marketplace Mall. Hylan Drive is named after him. Of special interest to the members of EAA Chapter 44, this is where our first meeting took place in 1958! The website contains a link to our chapter's website history page. Check it out!

The website has great stories of these and well over a thousand other airports, all submitted by the people who flew into, operated, or worked at these airports. There are many photos and clips of sectionals showing their locations. The site is free with no advertising, but the web host does ask for a voluntary contribution.

EAA Chapter 44
Board of Directors Meeting
08 September 2009

Board Members Present: Clayton, Hurd, Isler, Battaglia, Isaac, Hazen, Williams

Reports:

- Treasurer (Dave Hurd): Read and approved.
- Secretary (Stephen North): Read and approved
- New Business:
 - Sport Aviation Center (SAC)
 - Many thanks to “Clayton’s Bulldogs” (a.k.a. Carl Bouwens, Norm Isler, Dave Hurd, and Mike Clayton) for their tireless site prep work. The task has been made extra difficult by the large number of buried obstacles.
 - Per the latest estimate there is enough money to complete the building but not enough to provide electric service. Options for securing the necessary funds are being developed.
- Fundraisers
 - Fly-In Breakfast: The final accounting for the breakfast is still in progress.
 - Oshkosh Airlift: A final financial report for the 2009 Airlift will be completed shortly.
- General
 - President Isler stressed the need for the recruitment of new members. Completion of the new SAC should provide a tangible marketing opportunity to help tell our story.

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Minutes, continued

- The Board discussed the option of providing reduced rate spouse memberships. Secretary North will prepare a draft revision to the Chapter By-laws.
- The following Board Member's terms expire at the end of this year: Isler, Zigelstein, Hazen, Williams and Stoddard. All have agreed to run again. Open nominations will be announced at the next General Membership meeting.
- Coming Up
 - Norm Isler has arranged for a fall foliage cruise on the Genesee River aboard the Harbor Town Belle. An information sheet and ticket order form was distributed in the last newsletter.
 - EAA Chapter 46 is planning a Young Eagles Rally at the Akron airport on 26 Sep (Sat).
 - A possible trip to the Air Force Museum in Dayton, OH is under consideration. Details to follow.

EAA Chapter 44
General Membership Meeting
15 September 2009

Reports:

- Treasurer (Dave Hurd): Read and approved. Spending on SAC construction is quickly drawing down the building fund but that's what the money was for anyway.
- Secretary (Stephen North): Read and approved
- Thanks:
Thanks to Gail Isaac and Elise Isler for crafting the leftovers from the Fly-in Breakfast into a delicious dinner.

New Business:

- Sport Aviation Center:
 - Capital campaign – Mike Stoddard reported that so far he has accumulated 26 pledges totaling \$9,260. Of that, \$4,773 has been received in cash.

- The building is quickly nearing completion. Mike Clayton, the project manager, estimated that we are 75% on the way to a completely enclosed and insulated structure. One of the larger remaining tasks is laying of the septic pipe and connection to the existing leach field.
- Save the date: Saturday, 10 October is a scheduled for a general site clean up work party.
- Many thanks to Mike Clayton, Norm Isler, Dave Hurd and Carl Bouwens for the tireless work in support of the SAC. Dave and Carl were singled out for a special award from President Isler in recognition of the prodigious digging ability. Dave received the Silver Shovel award while Carl earned a Golden Shovel.
- The October general membership meeting will be held in the new SAC! This will be the annual steak roast; members are requested to sign up for a dish to pass.
- Oshkosh Airlift
After many years of much appreciated work in running the annual airlift, Paul Stumpf is taking a well deserved break. A volunteer is needed to fill this important role. Interested members should contact Paul or anyone on the Board of Directors.
- General
 - The Chapter was represented at the recent Brockport "Septemberfest", a chance for local non-profits to increase their public visibility. Chapter members were able to confirm for many that yes, there is an airport at Brockport and there is something exciting going on there.
 - Fall Cruise – Sign up fliers were distributed with the September newsletter for a lunch cruise aboard the Harbor Town Belle on 18 October. This event is open to all members of the local aviation community and will hopefully be as successful as the previous trip.
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Tall Paul's Logbook

Paul Pakusch

In his "Old Goat" column, Art Thieme mentioned a couple of books by Gordon Baxter. I have a copy of both. I first got the flying bug in 1984 but had to wait until 1990 before family finances would allow me to take lessons. During that time, I was an avid reader of anything aviation and Gordon Baxter's monthly column was at the top of my list. Some people just have a way with words and he is one of them. When I found out he had hosted a radio show in his hometown, I wasn't surprised. When I found out he had books that contained many of his older columns, I bought both of them.

I met Gordon during my first trip to Oshkosh in 1995. He had a forum in one of the tents, where he told great stories in the fashion that only he could tell, both about himself and about other people. I later found him at the Flying Magazine tent, hawking his books and signing them. There was hardly anyone around, so it gave me an opportunity to have a nice chat with him. I told him I had both of his books. He asked me if they were the soft covers or hard covers. Mine were hard cover; he seemed to imply that there was something special about having the hard cover versions. Since I didn't have the books with me, he pulled out two business cards, signed both of them, and when I got back home I pasted one in each book.

As Art indicated in his column, if you don't know who Gordon Baxter is, you're missing something. The man may be gone but his written works will always be with us. Find his columns and read them, whether you find a copy of his books or dig up Flying magazines from the years he wrote for them.

I regret to announce that I have given notice to EAA 44's Board of Directors that I will be stepping down both as webmaster and as newsletter editor of EAA 44, effective by the end of this year. I have been webmaster since February 2001 and newsletter editor since January, 2006. Both of these positions have given me a unique viewpoint of EAA 44 as I've worked alongside our presidents during that time. I will leave it to the Board of Directors to handle any succession announcements.

If you enjoy my writing style, you can keep up with my blogs, about both aviation and non-aviation items, at **tallpaulsrap.blogspot.com**. I have links to photos and videos, too.



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2009 Calendar

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October 20: General Meeting & Steak Roast. Sport Aviation Center (SAC)
November 9: Officers Meeting
November 17: General Meeting at SAC

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