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SPORT AVIATION CENTER UPDATE

by Norm Isler



It's not sexy, but we now have a closet.

The leaves are starting to turn color and kids are headed back to school. Two sure signs that summer is coming to a close, and that it is time to try and catch up on the numerous chores still unchecked on the "To Do" list, both at home and at the Sport Aviation Center. (I won't bore you with the long list of things to still be done here at the house, but I am accepting volunteers!)

At the SAC we have had a few weekends off due to holidays, etc, but Mike Clayton and the entire team keep "moving the ball forward" on the field. Perhaps most exciting this month is that we are making good progress on electric. Last month I told you we had "a number (\$)" from National Grid for the expected cost of installing our electric. We have since received the invoice, and sent full payment to the company for the installation of the electric line. We also have a full list of specifications on exactly where, and how, we need to dig and prepare the ditch for the underground cable and transformer placement. Once dug, we

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING



Marcia Gitelman, local pilot, author, teacher, and historian, will talk about Rochester native Blanche Stuart Scott, a student of Glenn Curtiss' and the first woman to solo an aircraft.

Meeting details in Calendar on last page.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR FLY-IN BREAKFAST

by Norm Isler



Despite "lack-luster" weather, August 15 saw a very successful "Fly-In, Drive-In, Swim-In" French Toast Breakfast. Many thanks to Gail Isaac, our "Pancake Princess" who put together a winning formula of food, people, activities and actions that brought our members together to achieve several goals. Among others, our group worked together to be a TEAM and got things done – again. It was great to see the teamwork!

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need to line the ditch with sand to protect the cable, and a supplier has been lined up. Monroe County has signed off on the required easement paperwork, and all that we are waiting on is Airport Management's signature before we bring in a rental excavator and start digging. Once the cable is in place, it should be fairly short order before we have the lights turned on and we get ready to tie into the water system. I can see it now, Flush Toilets and other indoor plumbing is coming!

In the meantime, we will be back to our regular work details on the first and third Saturday of the month with additional sessions scheduled, as volunteers are available. Don't be shy! Anyone can put together a work detail at the SAC on any day they want. Mike and I can help put together a plan for exactly what needs to be done based on what type of project a group of volunteers wants to do.

All we ask is that you have at least two people on site for safety reasons. We still need to do a lot of work around the outside of the building to get cleaned up and ready for winter. Ideally, we will smooth out the bumps and rock piles so a lawnmower can cover our entire property without doing damage to blade or siding. We also need to clear up some piles of old rebar and other scrap that can go to the metal recycler.

More news coming soon. See you at the SAC!

EAA44/46 YOUNG EAGLE RALLY THIS SATURDAY SEPT 18!

EAA Chapters 44 and 46 are hosting a Young Eagle Rally at Genesee County Airport (GVQ) in Batavia from 8AM-1PM. Ground crew and pilots/planes are needed to fly the kids. If you are available to help, please contact Norm Isler or Phil Hazen.

Lunch will be provided afterwards.

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Along the way, we achieved several objectives, beyond serving about 237 paid breakfasts, (and meals to all of our member / volunteers.

Three new members signed up, and several more "prospective members" came to see us. (A few more have since signed up at the August general meeting.)

Several locals said "I never knew there was an airport in Brockport!" It's important that neighbors know of the airport and the positive things it brings to the community.

Several area aviators came, by (air, land and sea!) to see and tour our new Sport Aviation Center.

New friends were made, and once again, EAA 44's "Can Do" spirit shined in the spotlight.

Special thanks have to go to a growing list of area sponsors, both within and outside of the chapter:

- Colby's Pig Roasts and Catering for culinary assistance;
- Ledgesdale Airpark for the use of the airport and large hangar;
- Optics Technology for their cash donation;
- Wegman's for a shopping card donation;
- The Curiosity Shoppe for their donation of three clocks to be raffled;
- Tim Horton's for a donation of 80 cups of coffee and "Accessories;"
- Mahan Discount Liquors for their donation of two bottles of wine to be raffled;
- Diana Petranek for a hand made original art ceramic bowl to be raffled;
- Capen Hose for use of tables and chairs;
- Jim Weinkauff and Friends for arranging the use of tables and chairs.

Special mention of a few members and family members who "served beyond the table:"

- Loraine Myers for creating lap quilts, aprons bake sale "items of mass consumption;"
- Elise Isler for more "items of mass consumption" and more!;
- Mary Styn for donating items for the raffle;
- Muriel Shaw, Marsha Hazen, Rose Zigelstein & "Miss" Becky Hurd for donations to the bake sale.

While attempting to thank ALL of you that came out to help, donated goods, services, facilities and / or other materials, I am sure I have left some names off this list, and to those individuals I offer both my apologies and thanks. I have but one point here – Many people, companies and organizations came together to support EAA 44 and General Aviation. All of your efforts ARE appreciated!



I WANT YOU!
To Run For The Board

Each year, approximately 1/2 of the Board of Directors comes up for election. At the end of this year Dave Hurd, Steve North, Jarrel Battaglia, and Mike Clayton will each have completed their two-year terms in office. Our thanks go to each of these fine gentlemen for serving our organization so well.

Now is the time for you to make a difference. Over the past 52 years, many of our members have “stepped up to the plate” and given of their time and abilities. We can always use a new face on the board with a new perspective and a new view of things.

Please consider offering yourself, (or a good friend!) to help out as a member of the Board. We will be talking about the election starting in September. Nominations open at the October meeting and elections will be held at the November meeting. Please consider this a chance to help move our dreams forward.

RV-12 DEMO RIDES OCT. 8/9

Don't forget the RV-12 Demo Rides and Cook-out next month at the SAC. See more info in last months newsletter. Contact Bob Northrup for registration. Cook-out is Friday evening.

PHOTOS FROM THE FLY-IN BREAKFAST



Are YOU gonna tell Ranger Bob how cute he is in his airplane apron? I didn't think so.



The Pancake Princess checking on her guests.



Future Young Eagle pre-fighting a Kitfox.

OLD GOAT'S OSHKOSH RAMBLINGS BY ART THIEME

How was Oshkosh?

Hey, if you love airplanes, what's not to like? Oshkosh is a survivor. Heavy rains before the opening flooded the fields so that the incoming planes couldn't be parked. The field was closed for two days and planes were directed to other airports. The North Forty was empty as we drove by. Eventually the fields dried out so that planes could be parked. I talked to a lady on the bus and she said that they had to park their RV on the Fair Grounds. How in heck did they do that? Turn out she was talking about a camper. Did the weather affect the attendance? Reports said that attendance was up and the vendors were happy with brisk sales.

Our EAA 44 group made it to Detroit in good fashion. Our connecting plane was waiting for a pilot, who was coming from home. The co-pilot said that the plane was hot because the ground crew didn't or couldn't hookup the unit. She also indicated that there was a weight and balance problem. I asked her how they determined that and she kind of shrugged her shoulder and said the computer did that. The pilot finally arrived and told us that as soon as we boarded he would start the engines, it was a turbo prop, and it would cool off. OK. We boarded a full plane, and waited. The captain announced that they were working on the weight and balance problem. The baggage was all stored in the rear of the plane and the solution was to remove some of the bags. We all wondered if OUR bag was going to be left behind. At Appleton the bags arrived with one exception. Our leader, Steve North's bag was the only one from our group that didn't arrive. They delivered it the next day.

Oshkosh grounds sure have improved with wide walkways, even in the Fly Market. Sure makes getting around easier. I scooted all over the place. It sure beats walking, but it means that you don't stop and look at everything. I can't wait to read the magazines to show me all the wonderful things I missed.

The feature planes this year were the DC-2 and -3's. There were 20 +/- planes parked all over the field. I like this plane because it is of my generation. There were a number of group fly-bys.

I said it before and it is more true than ever. The show is a commercial showplace. The light sport aircraft had a street all to itself. Made shopping easy if you had \$100,000 +. The ultralight section featured more planes this year. Gone of course are the wood planes of Team and Fisher. Lots of trikes, helicopters

(only one was an ultralight), gyro planes, and plenty of planes that looked like they need to be licensed.

I think the group is getting younger, although there were plenty of grey hairs and pot bellies in view. When 15,000 persons gather in the Shell Showcase area to listen to the band Chicago on Monday night, you know the audience is not of the Glenn Miller era. I never even HEARD of Chicago. Old Goat, indeed.

I checked out watches. "What do you have in a chronograph for about \$150?" "Sir, our least expensive watch is \$345." "I think I'll keep my Timex." The lady did like my skydiving t-shirt. I told her I'd give it to her for a watch. I still have the shirt. Steve North made his dream come true. He got to ride in the Breezy.



Only at OSH- A Breezy holding short for a Phantom. Too bad it wasn't the other way around. S. North photo.

Our return flight in Detroit was cancelled. The plane we were scheduled to be on was at the gate with mechanical problems. I asked how long they were working on the plane. Since 7 that morning. I said that plane is not going to fly today, we had better book another flight, True, it did not fly. The altimeter was inoperative. Two hours later they had another plane on line and we made it home.

I took 75 pictures. None of them really turned me on. Not because the pictures weren't good, there was very little that really excited me. Perhaps I've been going to Oshkosh too long. Did listen to Burt Rutan and space flight. Will report on this and other things in future blobs. Perhaps even share some pictures.

Old Goat, out.

REMINDER!!

If you ordered clothing with the chapter's logo on it and haven't picked it up yet, please contact Norm Isler and make arrangements to pick it up as soon as possible.

Elise thanks you. ;-)

MEMBER PROFILE-CARL BOUWENS

Some members fly quietly under the radar of our attention, while making significant contributions to the chapter, and exemplifying the spirit of experimental aviation. Carl Bouwens is such a member.



Carl first aviation memory is seeing a DC-3 on ski's in the science-fiction movie The Thing. He is, first and foremost, a rocketeer. He started with them in 1968, and later, while taking a flight with a rocketeering friend, developed an interest in aircraft. He earned his private pilots license in 1969, and joined EAA the same year after seeing a Dyke Delta on the cover of Sport Aviation at Bethany Airport. How many of US have that kind of longevity?

Carl has been one of the hardest workers at the Sport Aviation Center. He thinks nothing of diving in a ditch and shoveling rocks as needed. But he also likes playing with the big boy toys (aka the excavator. He's waiting for the next trench.)



Carl's interest in aircraft design started first with designing rockets and space re-entry vehicles. From there came delta-shaped aircraft, including the one above with a circular-ducted engine design. Further details are Top Secret at the Bouwens Skunk Works.

Thank you Carl for your unassuming nature, your vision and dedication to the goals and passions of EAA 44.

BOTTLE QUEEN REPORT BY GAIL ISSAC

To all my Royal Drinking Subjects:

I am very happy to inform you that the plane train repair has been paid back and will be given to Steve Z at the next meeting. You also have donated another \$20 dollars worth as of today (9-7-10). From now on, I would like to see your money go into the SAC itself unless you have any better ideas. I will turn it in to Dave in \$100 increments.

Now that I have been officially crowned, I will dedicate myself to continue on as long as your thirst continues.

Having said that, I have contacted Metalico on Scottsville Rd. and I can recycle any aluminum to them at \$.25 a pound. Now...stop laughing! It may not be much but I already have over a \$1 from any cans or aluminum that cannot be recycled for a nickel. Other metals can be turned in also.

I am practicing my royal wave and I will go on...and on...and on.

EAA Chapter 44 Board of Directors' Meeting 10 August 2010

Board Members Present: Hurd, Williams, Nelligan-Barrett, Isler, Clayton, Hazen, Zigelstein

Guest Members: Isaac, Myers.

Reports:

- President (Norm Isler):
 - Norm was proud to report on his receipt of a Major Achievement Award from EAA National during this year's AirVenture.
 - The order of Chapter logo clothing has arrived. Norm will distribute.
- Vice-President (Steve Zigelstein)
 - A church group in Victor would like to borrow the Chapter's plane train cars for use in a fundraiser. The Board approved this request.
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd):
 - Report read and approved
- Secretary (Stephen North):
 - Report read and approved

Business:

- Sport Aviation Center (SAC)
 - Need easement signed for trenching
 - Ready to finalize plans with National Grid
 - Need to start trenching soon
- Capital Campaign (Mike Stoddard):
 - No report
- Oshkosh Airlift 2010 (Steve North):
 - The Airlift went very well. Proceeds will be transferred to building fund.
- Fly-In Breakfast (Gail Isaac):
 - Ready to go, hoping for good weather.
- General
 - The Vans' RV12 demo previously scheduled for 11-12 June has rescheduled for 8-9 October with a rain date of 10 Oct. Contact Bob Northrup for details.
 - A Young Eagles rally is planned in coordination with Chapter 46 for September 18th.

EAA Chapter 44 General Membership Meeting 17 August 2010

Reports:

- President (Norm Isler):
 - Thanks to Elise Isler for preparing dinner
 - Norm was proud to report on his receipt of a Major Achievement Award from EAA National during this year's AirVenture.
 - Confirmation from New York State of complete filing for 501c3 status.
 - Guest: Bill King from EAA Chapter 46 (Buffalo)
 - The order of Chapter logo clothing has arrived. Norm will distribute.
- Vice President (Steve Zigelstein):
 - No report - absent
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd): Report read and approved.
- Secretary (Stephen North): Minutes read and approved.

Business:

- Sport Aviation Center (Mike Clayton)
 - National Grid easement
 - Need to start trenching soon
- Capital Campaign (Mike Stoddard):
 - No report – Mike absent
- Fly-In Breakfast 2010 (Gail Isaac):
 - Despite the bad weather the Chapter still ended up with a modest profit that was supplemented with bake sales / raffle / 50-50. Thanks to Elise, Lorraine, and Jarrel / Mary Kay.
- Oshkosh Airlift 2010 (Steve North):
 - Good trip, proceeds to general fund.
- General
 - Gail Isaac reports total significant proceeds from bottle deposits.
 - Wings 2011 – reviewing plans
 - RV12 Demo – Fri and Sat (8-9 October). Cookout Friday night.
 - Young Eagles event with Chapter 46, 18 Sep (Sat) from 8:00 -1:00 at Batavia. Picnic lunch to follow.

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**EAA 44
SPORT AVIATION CENTER
LEDGEDALE AIRPARK (7Go)
BROCKPORT, NY**

REGIONAL CALENDAR

Sept 17-19

7th Seaplane Homecoming

Keuka Lake, Hammondsport, NY
Glenn Curtiss Museum
<glenncurtissmuseum.org>

Visitors and local residents gather on Saturday to watch the parade of seaplanes fly over Keuka Lake and circle the Curtiss gravesite in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery. Seaplane rides will be given throughout the weekend at the lakefront.



Kurt Bradford (above) and Kevin Arganbright at a SAC Work Crew Saturday.



EAA 44 CALENDAR



Glenn Curtiss & Blanche Stuart Scott

Next General Meeting

Tues. Sept. 21

Brockport Presbyterian Church
35 State Street, Brockport, NY.

Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30

**Guest Speaker Marcia Gitleman on
Blanche Stuart Scott**

Easiest entrance is through the back
door on the north side of the building
from the lot located behind the
Brockport Fire Department on
Market Street.

September 18- SAC Work Crew
September 18 - EAA44/46 Young Eagle
Rally at Batavia GVQ
September 21 - General meeting

October

October 2- SAC Work Crew
October 8/9 -RV-12 Demo Rides,
Cookout Fri nite
October 12 - BoD Meeting
October 16- SAC Work Crew
October 19 - General meeting –
Hopefully at SAC with electricity!
**Guest Speaker Gene Benson. See his
great web page at <genebenson.com>**

November

November 6- SAC Saturday Work Crew
November 9 - BoD Meeting
November 16 - General Meeting –
**Steak Roast and Board of Director
Elections**
November 20 - SAC Work Crew

Board Meetings-

2nd Tuesday of the month
Norm and Elises' Home 7 PM
3631 County Line Rd.,
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General Meetings-

3rd Tuesday of the month
Location TBA at <eaa44.org>

SAC Saturday Work Crews-

1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month
10 AM-3 PM

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