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SPORT AVIATION CENTER UPDATE

by Norm Isler



Mike Stoddard learning how to wire an electrical box.

“Let there be light!” And there is light. And the light is good.

Now without the sound of a generator running in the background. The Sport Aviation Center is now ELECTRIFIED!

The Dynamic Duo of Diggering strikes again. With deft movements of wrist and arm, Dave Hurd and Carl Bouwens maneuvered our rented excavator across the plains and over the roads to provide the “Big Dig” we needed to reach from our building to the existing high voltage electric line by the big hangar.

This project was not without some “pain.” Due to some impossible to avoid scheduling issues, we had to rent the excavator for two weeks instead of the original plan of one. While this provided more “fun” time for our dig team to “play” with the equipment, it also cost us twice the original budgeted amount. Also, it was determined that a new culvert had to be installed under a stretch of airport roadway, and that required hiring a paving

NEXT GENERAL UN-MEETING

Our annual December “Un-Meeting” will be held on Tuesday Dec 21 (regular meeting night) at 6 PM at the Stonyard Bar & Grill, 1 Main St., Brockport.

Plan to arrive around 6 for a beverage and dinner can be ordered off the menu at 6:30.

No business will be discussed, though new President Tom Bowdler will be schmoozing the tables. Come join us for dinner and friendship.

CHAPTER ELECTIONS HELD

New Officers and a Board of Directors were selected at November’s General Membership Meeting.

Those elected are:

Two Year Term: Mike Clayton, Dave Hurd,
Steve North, Mike Stoddard

One Year Term: Gail Isaac

The new Board of Directors met briefly and appointed the following Chapter Officers:

Pres: Tom Bowdler

VP: Norm Isler

Treasurer: Dave Hurd

Secretary: Steve North

Thank you to all who offered their names for nomination and congratulations to the new Leadership of Chapter 44.

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crew to accomplish the job. Our thanks to Finnefrock Paving of Holley, NY for completing this task within 48 hours of initial contact, and at a very favorable price.

Larry MacDonald and Curt Bradford worked hard to be ready for the big day when the crew from National Grid connected us. One circuit at a time, we are finalizing the lines inside our home, and bringing lights and outlets to life. No more need for hundred foot extension cords! Yippee!!!

We did stumble on some good news. Multiple phone calls to Frontier Phone resulted in multiple prices to run a phone line from the existing service, east of the big hangar on Eisenhower, to our building. My final call got the reply that if I could come to Henrietta to pick up the cable; we could have it for free and install it ourselves. Of course, my response was "What time would you like me there?" We now have a hardwire phone line installed in the trench so we have the option of installing up to three phone lines and / or DSL Internet Service. Thank you Frontier!

A special thanks again to Russ Swanger for bringing his daughter's "Big Green Machine" John Deere tractor to the site. Russ and the machine have moved tons of stone from the trenches to a fill area so we can truly say we are well along in the repair of the lawn areas opened by our trenches. This is a project we need to finish as the weather improves in the spring to return the land to its original condition.

Water is our next "big" concern. As I write this column, we are waiting on our last few invoices connected to the electric installation. Once they are received and paid, we will take a careful look at our remaining funds. Although we know we could write a check today to connect water, there are a few additional concerns we have to resolve. First and foremost, we have no valves or other plumbing infrastructure in the building to control the flow of water. If we just have the water turned on, we could end up with a very big indoor skating rink, not part of our initial plan. And that brings up the

second concern; before we turn on the water, we must have heat up and running in at least the area (s) that have water in them. As you can see, we have two issues to resolve, and we need to keep a close watch on our pennies as we move forward. All concerns put in perspective, if we don't have water (and heat) by Christmas, we WILL have both by spring!

Our regular work crews continue the first and third Saturday's of the month. Each week, we get a lot done, and enjoy the opportunity to get to know some of our fellow members better. We also eat well when we break for lunch. To those of you that have come out and worked with us, thanks for all of your time and support. To those of you who have not been able to come out and help yet, please try to work us into your schedule. Don't worry if you are not a natural-born handyman. We can always use an extra set of hands, or an extra set of eyes as a safety spotter, or "something." Also, starting with the new year we plan to get a new system up and running to better notify everyone by e-mail of what the plans are for each weekend; what, when, where, how, etc. We hope with better communication we will be able to see a few more members each week.

By the way, is there a member, or member spouse that does upholstery? We received a donation of a small "couch" that simply needs a couple of cushions made to give us some more comfortable seating. If anyone feels up to the task, please give me a call!

And now, I'm off to frame in some more closets, or run some gas pipeline, or something else at the building.

See you at the SAC!

We have two new private pilots in our group:

Andrey Grinishin November 1, 2010

Mike Kuyt November 2, 2010

Both completed their training at Rochester Air Center. Congratulations to Andrey and Mike.

MYSTERIES OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

- OR -

Why Is This Bowdler Guy In Charge?
by Dave Hurd - Treasurer

Following the last meeting, where the membership elected 50% of the Board of Directors, Tom Bowdler was appointed by the new board to serve as President for the next couple years (congratulations, Tom!) In the intervening days a few folks have raised the question as to why the membership did not vote for Tom as a member of the board. In recent years the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer have all been members of the board. For the first time, we have an officer who is not an elected board member. Question – “Is this legit?” Short answer – “absolutely!” Longer answer follows.

Some brief history now. After having been formed in 1958 as an unincorporated club, EAA Chapter 44 was first incorporated in December 1965. As is common with smaller groups, the original papers of incorporation required the officers and the board members be elected by the membership to serve for a 2 year term. When, in March of 2001, the chapter looked into receiving 501(c)3 status from the IRS, the need arose to change the Articles of Incorporation to make the chapter look more like a “real” corporation.

If you own shares of stock, you get a proxy form every year or so. On that form, you are asked to approve a list of names who will be elected to the board of directors. Nowhere on that form are you asked to approve who will be hired to be the CEO (President), COO (Vice-president), CFO (Treasurer). That’s because those people are “hired” by the board, and usually paid outrageous salaries to boot.

Since March of 2001, Chapter 44 has worked like a modern corporation. The “stockholders” (members) vote for the board of directors, then the board decides who will be appointed as the officers. In the past, the only people who were willing to raise their hands and serve as officers came from the board. This year we got lucky, and Tom indicated his willingness to be the Prez, so the board appointed him, along with Norm as VP, Steve as Secretary, and myself as Treasurer. Norm, Steve and I just happen to also be board members, but that’s really just coincidence. So, you see, just as in the case of the big companies, it’s perfectly OK for Chapter 44 to have a President, or any other officer, who is not a member of the board of directors. It’s the directors who call the final shots, the officers jobs are to carry out the will of the board.

One other note of interest. As is the case with IBM, AT&T or Boeing, the officers serve at the pleasure of the board. This means that unlike the board members who have a specific tenure and must be re-elected by the stockholders, the officers can remain in their posts for any length of time. The tradition in Chapter 44 of officers serving for a 2 year stretch and then having their “term” end, is simply that - a tradition that has its origins in the old incorporation. Under the rules we adopted in 2001, the board could fire any one of the officers tomorrow, or keep them on indefinitely – well beyond a 2 year period. (Is that Tom I hear screaming; “Nooooooooooooo....”?) Because we don’t pay any of our volunteer officers, we have always maintained unofficial 2 year terms, so they (and their spouses) can see the light at the end of the tunnel.



Dave Hurd, Bob & Val Northrup, & Art Thieme at the November meeting.



Incoming President Tom Bowdler practicing his gavel swing to open a meeting.

**EAA Chapter 44
Board of Directors' Meeting
09 Nov 2010**

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

Reports:

- President (Norm Isler):
 - Electric service is connected and the lights are on! Thanks to all who made this possible.
 - A phone line was run alongside the electric service for future DSL.
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd):
 - Report read and approved
- Secretary (Stephen North):
 - Report read and approved

Business:

- Sport Aviation Center (SAC)
 - The Board discussed a legal issue regarding the property lease. A meeting will be scheduled for the near future to resolve.
 - Despite a few last minute set-backs, the electric service line was run to the SAC.
 - The next milestones are connection of water service and installation of heating system (budget permitting).
- Elections
 - Five Board of Director positions will be filled at the November General Membership meeting: Hurd, Clayton, North, Battaglia, Zigelstein (1 year)
 - The Board discussed the procedure for filling 2 year vs. 1 year terms. The consensus was that the election ballot would offer two choices for each candidate: a one year term and a two year term. The top four "two year" vote recipients would serve full term while the remaining candidate would fill a single year term.
- General
 - December Un-meeting, planned for 21 December at the Stoneyard Bar and Grill (Brockport).
 - The Board of Director's Transition meeting is scheduled for Mon, 13 Dec at Norm Isler's.

- The Board is looking for program ideas for the January meeting, additionally; the Chapter needs a meeting site for the January, February, and March general membership meetings.

**General Membership Meeting
16 November 2010**

Reports:

- President (Norm Isler):
 - Thanks to John Pearson and Jarrell Battaglia for cooking dinner with additional thanks to Lorraine Meyers and Gail Isaac for setting up.
 - Norm also thanked the membership for the chance to serve as President during a very active and productive time in the Chapter's history. Norm recounted the great deal of progress that's been achieved in the past couple of years and is looking forward to continued success in the future. The Chapter acknowledged Norm's hard work with a standing ovation.
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd): Report read and approved.
- Secretary (Stephen North): Minutes read and approved.

Business:

- Sport Aviation Center (Mike Clayton)
 - Electric service is connected (as evidenced by the lights being on in the building we had gathered in without the sound of a running generator). Unfortunately a couple of minor problems during the electric installation have drained the financial reserves. The final water connection and completion of the heating system installation will have to wait until the bank account is replenished. In the meantime Mike noted that there are a number of low cost, high member sweat activities that will help move the building towards completion. Mike will be scheduling work parties after the Thanksgiving holiday.
 - Special thanks to Dave Hurd, Russ Swanger, Mike Clayton, Kurt Bradford, Kevin Arganbright and Carl Bouwens for extra effort in preparing for the electric connection
 - The SAC building committee is looking for an additional volunteer.
- Capital Campaign (Mike Stoddard):
 - Mike reminded everyone that a donation to the Chapter makes a great Christmas gift

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Are your friends and family wondering
what to get you for the holidays?

Don't need another tie, scarf or pair of gloves?

Perhaps they will help to support a cause
important to you?

Ask them to donate to the EAA Chapter 44
Sport Aviation Center of Western New York

As the holidays fast approach, our families and friends are making their lists and checking them twice. Often we are asked what we want for the holidays, and we offer a non committal answer that
"I really don't need anything."

While that may be true, our generous friends and families often spend hours in search of a gift of one
sort or another for us.

This year, make a difference!

Ask your loved ones to consider making a donation to
the EAA Chapter 44 Sport Aviation Center of Western New York
in your name. All donations will be used completely towards completing construction of this unique
building. All donations are 100 % tax deductible.

Please show your loved ones this letter.
A special card and receipt will be sent to all who donate.

Thank you, and enjoy the holidays!

Winter - 2010

Dear Friends and Family,

With the holidays fast approaching, I know that I am very fortunate to have you in my life and anxious to please me with a holiday gift. Instead of braving the mobs at the mall, please consider making a donation in my name to the EAA Chapter 44 building fund to support construction of the new EAA Sport Aviation Center at Lagedale Airport in Brockport.

All donations will be used 100 percent towards completing construction of the new Sport Aviation Center. All donations are tax deductible.

When a donation is received, a receipt will promptly be sent to the donor indicating the date and amount donated. A gift card will also be sent either to the donor, or directly to the person your donation honors. This full color card will let the person you are honoring know that you have made a donation in their name to help realize the EAA dream.

Please use this handy form to mail your donations to our Treasurer, Dave Hurd at:

EAA Chapter 44
c/o Dave Hurd Treasurer
1681 Oak Openings Road
Avon, New York, 14414

Enclosed is my check payable to EAA Chapter 44 as a tax-deductible gift of \$_____ to the EAA Chapter 44 Sport Aviation Center in honor of :

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name of Donor _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please mail holiday card to donor honoree.

Special message you would like written in card:

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**EAA 44
SPORT AVIATION CENTER**

CORRECTION

You know those pictures in last month's The Flyer that showed an Antonov-225, the worlds largest airplane, in Buffalo? I got snookered. No one else in the local aviation community heard of it, one photo shows a space shuttle on the back, another shows show planes on the flight line. Oh well, don't trust everything (or anything) you get in an email or from the web.

Even this newsletter. ;-)

for anyone who's hard to shop for.

Elections

- Results of the annual Board of Director's elections:
Two Year Term: Clayton, Hurd, North, Stoddard
One Year Term: Isaac

- The new Board of Directors met briefly and appointed the following Chapter Officers:

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General

- The Bottle Queen (now known as "The Bottle Goddess") reported total proceeds from a year's worth of returns (19,633 cans and bottles.) As she looks to expand her kingdom, she has begun to recycle scrap metal netting more funds for the SAC in aluminum and other metal scrap. Those with aluminum airplanes should be observant for missing parts.

EAA 44 Calendar



Next Meeting:

Tuesday Dec. 21, 6 PM
Stoneyard Bar & Grill
11 Main St. Brockport

Join us for our annual Holiday
“Un-Meeting” dinner. Treat
your spouse to a night out.

BOTTLE QUEEN REPORT BY GAIL ISSAC

For all of you that missed our last meeting at the SAC, I want to update you on your generosity. You have donated a huge amount in bottles and recycled metals. That's a great increase in our fundraising for the year from when I started in Oct. 2009 to Oct. 2010. This is way beyond what I had hoped and a fabulous and easy way to help the progress of the SAC.

As of this date, I already have a good start the next year of collecting.

I asked if I should continue on and you said a unanimous YES!. So, keep drinking and I will go on....and on....and on!

Happy Holidays to all of you from me and thank you for your support. Maybe Santa will drop off a sleigh full of nickels in our crate. HOHOHO!

Board Meetings-

2nd Tuesday of the month
Location TBA at <eaa44.org>

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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