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SPORT AVIATION CENTER UPDATE

by Norm Isler

Snow, snow, go away. Come again some other day. On second thought, don't bother!

It has been a cold and snowy time out at the airport, but things are cooking along pretty well in the SAC. January saw only one "official" work party as the first Saturday of the month fell on January 1st, and not too many folks wanted to come out on New Year's Day to listen to hammers pounding, and screwdriver's driving.

A good bit of drywall went up over the main storage area in the meeting room this month. Soon, we will have organized "out of sight" storage areas for many of the items that gave our old home a cluttered



look- extra tables and chairs, assorted paperwork and Young Eagle event supplies. All will have a neat home, keeping supplies clean and making materials easy to find when needed.

By the time you read this, the gas supply line from the west side of the building, up and over the meeting hall and connecting to both furnaces should be complete. The line has been blown clear to insure no construction debris will clog the gas valves on our furnaces. Next step for heat is to install the PVC pipe vent from one furnace and the "B" Vent ductwork from the other furnace up through the roof to carry away the exhaust gases. Once that is done, we can order in some

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OPPORTUNITY

by Tom Bowdler

Good February Gang,

Webster's defines "opportunity" as "a good chance for advancement or progress." I can't think of a more fitting idea for the members of Chapter 44. We are in a transition phase with me as the new President but the majority of the Board staying on for continuity. Norm Isler as VP will keep going on the SAC building project with Mike Clayton and others keeping him honest. Steve North handles our reports and Dave Hurd oversees our finances. Both keep us on track. Mike Stoddard unveiled the next phase of our Capital Campaign at the January meeting and the Board is beginning to investigate corporate support for the outreach we plan to expand upon when our building is available for use. Bob Nelligan-Barrett continues to edit the newsletter to get the word out to our members.

At the January meeting I outlined a number of opportunities which members can sign on with to get our chapter programs going. The first of these is our successful Fly-In Breakfast. This event has been well received in the past and former organizer Gale Isaac will help train the new Chair to continue the success.

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EAA 44 PLANS TRIP to NASM & UDVAR-HAZY CENTER in D.C. for APRIL 16-18

EAA 44, in association with EAA 46 of Buffalo and EAA 95 UL in Rochester. will be sponsoring a fun filled, exciting bus trip to the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC.

We will visit both the NASM building located on the Mall in downtown DC, as well as the Udvar - Hazy Center at Dulles airport.

At each building we will begin our visit with a guided tour lasting approximately one hour, followed by plenty of time to revisit all areas of interest at your own pace.

We'll also include the very popular banquet, and perhaps a few other added benefits.

Full details will be available by the time of our regular meeting on February 15, but for now, mark your calendars. We will leave Brockport on Saturday morning, April 16, and return Monday evening, April 18

SAC Update con't

propane and have a service tech flip the switch, getting heat throughout the building.

Speaking of heat, we are re-evaluating our original plan to add electric heat to the bathrooms as we had in the old building. Electric is about the most costly option for heat in this area, and based on our findings over the past two years, adding electric heat may be unnecessary. We have never found the building below 38* during the past two winters. What we are considering is keeping the general heat plants set just above freezing, and eliminating the need for a secondary type of heat all together. We'll let you know more as we finalize the decision.

Last month our waterline was hooked up at the road end. Beginning in the next few days we will start the inside pipe project. First to be installed will be the main shut off valve, meter, back-flow preventer, outside hose bib and the distribution manifold. Once we get that part done we can have the initial install inspected as required, and get our approval from the health department. Past that, probably mid-month, we will begin the distributions system throughout the building. Can flush toilets be far behind?

As we move forward, we are keeping a very close eye on the shortening list of what we need to get our provisional Certificate of Occupancy. Fire and CO detectors, emergency exit signs, heat and water. We are getting closer! And that list will guide what we do so we can get that certificate soon.

Our work group on Saturday, Feb 5th was planned to concentrate on hanging drywall we need to enclose the closets, bathrooms and meeting areas. Also, more lights will be added and more electric circuits completed. On Feb 19, we will continue the drywall, and hopefully be moving forward on plumbing as well as the furnace vents.

We need YOUR help. Come on out for a few hours, and join the pride of accomplishment. Don't forget, we usually eat pretty well too!

See you at the SAC!



Mike Clayton receives his Award for service as a Board member and as SAC Construction Manager.

Opportunity con't

In past years, we have participated in Rochester WINGS with a booth and flying Young Eagles. We need a Coordinator to help with our involvement in this important, annual aviation event. WINGS takes place June 10/11, 2011 and planning is ongoing. International Young Eagles Day is also scheduled for June 11, 2011, and yes it conflicts with WINGS. A decision will be made soon as to how we will proceed. Strong leadership will make these opportunities happen.

May 21, 2011 has been named "International Learn to Fly Day". EAA national announced this event at 2009 to "increase interest in flying and to encourage the aviation community to get others involved in aviation". What could be more compelling for those of us who love airplanes and flying? Who will step up to organize an event for that day?

A very mundane but important task would be to coordinate the meals for our general membership meetings. Our fallback has always been pizza and wings but wouldn't you rather have a more healthful, home cooked meal before each meeting? Could someone volunteer to arrange the meals for our meetings? You don't have to cook them all yourself as there are members who would make dishes to feed our hungry members if only asked. You needn't donate as expenses are covered and money for the SAC is still available after costs are paid.

I'm so busy you say, no time to take responsibility for these items. Well let me thank some busy folks who have stepped up. Thanks to Gail Isaac, our bottle queen, for agreeing to coordinate the programs for our meetings. Probably few of you know how much Gail and husband Jerry contribute to our organization but they deserve public thanks for all of it.

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CHAPTER SERVICE AWARDS

EAA National Chapter Service Awards were distributed at the January meeting. These are presented by EAA President Rod Hightower and recognize dedicated service within the chapter and for service and assistance to foster the growth of recreational aviation through Chapter activities. Congratulations and thanks to all. Pictures throughout this issue.



Outgoing President Norm Isler receiving his award from incoming President Tom Bowdler.



Tech Counselor Earl Luce (above), Director & Young Eagle Coordinator Phil Hazen (below).



Larry “Sparky Sparks” MacDonald (above) and Cub Reporter Bob Nelligan-Barrett (below).



LAST MONTHS MEETING

Bob Nelligan-Barrett and his lovely bride Donna recently went to the Big Apple for a get-away weekend. In between eating at Bubba Gump’s Shrimp Co, and seeing Pee Wee Herman, and seeing two Broadway shows (The Addams Family and Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles), and stopping at Carlos “The Cake Boss” ‘s Bakery, they went to the World Trade Center Site to pay their respects.

There were three buildings on the periphery of the site that recognize and honor what happened on Sept. 11. One is the Museum and Memorial Preview which shows what a planned M&M will be like when it is completed. There is also a store to buy books and DVD’s about that day.

St. Paul’s Chapel was built before the Revolutionary War and George Washington prayed there when NYC was the nation’s Capital. It was used as a refuge center for the workers in “the Pit.”

The third location was the 9/11 Tribute Center. Here they were fortunate to have the parents of a fallen firefighter give them a tour from THEIR perspective. Very moving experience.

Bob shared with us a book and a DVD he purchased at the Museum & Monumnet Preview that depicted the events of that day from an aviation point of view: Above Hallowed Ground: A Photographic Record of September 11, 2001, by the Photographers of the NYC Police Department, and Clear the Skies: 9/11 Air Defense by BBC Video.

The book shows aerial photos taken by the only NYPD helicopter allowed in the airspace that day. None of these pictures has ever been published before. It is an unusual view because we are used to seeing the many photos of Ground Zero from the ground, but until now, never above.

The DVD documents the impact on ATC that day and how the National Airspace System was shut down in 3 hours and every aircraft grounded.

Both provide a new perspective to the tragic events of that day. They also show how aviation can simultaneously be used as a weapon, as an eye in the sky of the catastrophe, and protection against further attacks.

THANKS, BUT I'D RATHER DO IT MYSELF BY NORM ISLER

As many of you know, Elise and I recently flew to Hawaii for our daughter's wedding. It was a beautiful wedding, and even though I may be a bit biased, Kelly was a beautiful bride! Just for the record, whoever said, "Getting there is half the fun." never sat in the middle seat on an airliner for 9+ hours. Nor had that person ever heard of the TSA. But I digress.

While in Hawaii, I was determined to see as much of the island of Oahu as possible, but with only a week to spend in paradise, and several days occupied with wedding related events, there were limited options for seeing the sites. I was dreading the cost of an air tour, and mentioned this at one of our last SAC work parties. I'm not sure who suggested it, but someone said, "Why don't you just rent an airplane and an instructor and go for a flight?" Why not?

I did some research from home, and found out that there are only 3 GA airports on Oahu. Honolulu International, (Class B Airspace) Kalaeloa (Also known as "Rogers" - Class D Airspace) and Dillingham, (Class G Airspace) now used almost exclusively by gliders, ultralights and sky-divers. The only flight school that had rental aircraft available was at Honolulu, so Class Bravo it was.

I made arrangements to rent a Cherokee 140, and by leaving a bit of fuel out, we were just able to get the flight instructor, a 600 hour Embry Riddle graduate by name of Michaleangelo and me in the front with Elise and her mom in the back. I opted not to get "checked out" in their aircraft as I figured that would take at least an hour in the busy airspace, and with Michaelangelo aboard, we could circle the island in just a bit over an hour. Not to mention he knew the airspace, and could pronounce "Kalaeloa Approach", "Makapu'u Point", "Kaaawa" and other words with more vowels than I am used to. He also was able to provide some island lore to go along with the flight.

We took off out of Honolulu eastbound, flying low over Waikiki, Diamond Head and other easy to recognize landmarks. I won't give you all the details here and now, but the flight anti-clockwise around the island was breathtaking. (Yes, I can provide photos!)

Although there are only three GA airports, there are many, many military fields, I didn't see a lot of fixed wing military flights, (only one C-17 that I can recall) but we did see countless military choppers. Above us, below us. To the right and to the left. And ATC was great to work with.

When I looked at my log before the flight, I realized I only had 2 landings in the past 90 days, and they were two months old, so we shot three T & Gs at Kalaeloa. Tight right traffic with the approaches over water. I am now current, but was told I could not count this flight as my biennial. Darn!

From Kalaeloa to Honolulu, it was a short, almost direct flight that took us directly over Pearl Harbor and the Arizona Memorial. Again, ATC was great to work with, and before you know it we were back on the ground, fast taxiing 4R to return to Anderson Aviation.

What a way to see the island. To whoever suggested the idea, Thanks! I'll keep it in mind next time I travel someplace scenic.



Pearl Harbor - Ford Island in center of photo. Battleship Row with the Arizona Memorial is at the "top" of the island, just to the right of the bridge. Battleship Missouri, the only active battleship remaining in the US Fleet is just to the right of the Arizona.

BOTTLE QUEEN REPORT BY GAIL ISSAC

Hello everyone! Happy New Year...may your thirst continue on. We are already off to a good start for bottles and cans for 2011 and my job has gotten easier! Around the corner from me on Rt. 104, a new recycling center has opened up and I just made my second trip. No more sticking them into holes in machines that get full and beep their brains out until someone comes to rescue me. And no one to yell at me for bringing in too many! I just take in my bags, dump them on the table and VOILA...money! So easy! To be sure human error does not cheat us, I counted the last load and was within one nickle from them. Since their count was in our favor, I nicely smiled and said thank you. I also got 2 chances in their drawing on Jan 31 for an ipod touch. Every 100+ gets you a chance. If I win (but don't plan on it) we can raffle it off to help the SAC. So keep drinking folks. I know it is cold and a hot beverage sounds better but have you ever warmed up a Sprite? Try it and keep filling our crate. As always, I will go on...and on...and on!

OLD GOAT'S BLOB BY ART THIEME

My navy ship, the USS Guam CB-2, a battle cruiser, was mothballed in 1946. In 1961 she was sold for scrap. Our crew has had 22 reunions starting in 1989 in Buffalo. A model of the ship is in the Naval Museum at Buffalo. We did not have a reunion last year. I was the editor of the ship's newsletter for 15 years. This month I published the last edition. Out of a crew of 2000 our mailing list is under 100. Our ship was in service from 1944-1946. We had only one crew that served for the duration. No new crew members were assigned. Most of us are now over 80. It was time to retire the association. There is a void in my heart. I am thankful that EAA 44 has a continuing number of "younger" members to carry on the tradition!

Old Goat, out.

Opportunity con't

Bob Nelligan-Barrett has edited our newsletter for some time now. Did you know Bob has agreed to organize Adult Orientation Flights where members and the public over the age covered by the Young Eagles program can obtain an aviation experience and get the information they desire about learning to fly?

So you see there are many behind the scenes opportunities to help our chapter grow in the community. I would be remiss if I didn't plug helping to build the SAC on the first and third Saturdays of each month. The group who does has fun, a communal social meal and lots of satisfaction seeing our building progress toward occupancy.

How will you join in and contribute? That's the question I pose to our membership for 2011. Read the above, e-mail me with queries and commitments to give some of your time to further the mission of Chapter 44. I challenge you to get off your duffs and make our organization all it can be. Opportunity is also defined as "a favorable juncture of circumstances". I hope you will take this opportunity to step up and work with me for the betterment of our organization.

How can you refuse?

**EAA Chapter 44
Board of Directors' Meeting
11 Jan 2011**

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

Non Board Member Officers Present: Bowdler

General Members Present: Byers

Reports:

- President (Tom Bowdler):
 - Tom noted that he would be working to engage as many members as possible to help with Chapter events in 2011.
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
 - Norm submitted the Chapter renewal paperwork to EAA National
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd):
 - Report read and approved.
 - Dave reviewed the year end financials; 2010 was a busy year expenditure-wise but the Chapter does have a nearly complete new home to show for it.
- Secretary (Stephen North):
 - Report read and approved

Business:

- Sport Aviation Center (SAC)
 - Prior to making the final water connection the Chapter must install a backflow preventer, a device required by code that apparently prevents backflow. Norm Isler moved that the Chapter should spend up to \$1320 for purchase and installation of this unit. Dave Hurd seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Capital Campaign (Mike Stoddard)
 - Mike, Norm Isler and Mike Clayton prepared a series of cost estimates for various SAC completion phases ranging from Stage 3 to Stage 5. Stage 3 equates to the minimum level required for occupancy while Stage 5 is nicely finished. Each Stage has an associated fundraising goal. Mike suggested a two year program with the goal of being able to fund SAC Stage 5.
 - Mike discussed other potential fundraising sources including local businesses that might have an interest in supporting aviation or technology education programs.
- General
 - Dave Hurd suggested that the Chapter should lease a safety deposit box for

storage of important Chapter documents. Rob Williams moved that funds be allocated for a maximum yearly rental of \$250. Mike Clayton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- The Board review potential event plans for 2011 including Wings, a trip to the Air and Space Museum, and a fly-in breakfast.
- Norm Isler presented the details of an EAA National fundraising program. Peter Burgher, a longtime EAA member, has pledged up to \$100,000 in matching funds for any donations received in support of Chapter development programs. Norm moved that the Chapter should send in a check for \$100. Rob Williams seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Gail Isaac agreed to serve as Meeting Program Chair along with coordinating "Wall of Honor" displays

**EAA Chapter 44
General Membership Meeting
18 Jan 2011**

Reports:

- President (Tom Bowdler):
 - Thanks to Gail Isaac for preparing dinner
 - Tom stressed the need for greater member participation in Chapter activities. Unless noted, the following events are in need of a volunteer leader:
 - Fly-in Breakfast
 - Adult Orientation Flights (Bob Nelligan-Barrett)
 - Meeting Programs (Gail Isaac)
 - Wings
 - International Young Eagles Day
 - International Learn to Fly Day

Tom urged the membership to contact any of the Chapter officers for further information and more importantly to step forward and help.

- Vice President (Norm Isler):
 - The Chapter renewal paperwork has been submitted to EAA National
 - Norm outlined the details of the Peter Burgher \$100,000 challenge and the

Board's decision to donate \$100 to this worthy cause.

- The Chapter will expand its successful School 34 Youth Aviation Outreach program to the Spencerport Middle School.
- A Chapter sponsored fundraising trip to the National Air and Space museum is tentatively planned for 16 – 18 April, details to follow.
- Norm presented Chapter Service Awards to several Chapter Members, see newsletter for complete description.
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd): Financial summary read and approved. Please pay you dues!
- Secretary (Stephen North): Minutes read and approved.

Business:

- Sport Aviation Center (SAC, Mike Clayton)
 - Mike detailed SAC progress to date and requested that members consider material donations of drywall sheets (please call first for proper specifications) and plumbing parts. Cash is also always welcome.
- Capital Campaign (Mike Stoddard)
 - Mike described the goals of a follow on campaign to complete the SAC within two years.
 - Oshkosh Airlift (Steve North): Trip dates for 2011: Monday, 25 July through Saturday, 30 July. A total of 22 packages are available so sign up now!



Steve North doing a fine job with the Chapter minutes.

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EAA 44
SPORT AVIATION CENTER

REGIONAL CALENDAR

EAA International Learn To Fly Day
May 21
EAA 44 Activities TBA

EAA International Young Eagles Day
June 11
EAA 44 Activities TBA

Rochester WINGS
June 10, 11
Greater Rochester Int'l Airport (ROC)
EAA 44 Activities TBA

ESL International Airshow
featuring US Navy Blue Angels
Celebrating 100 Years of Naval Aviation
Greater Rochester Int'l Airport (ROC)
July 16 & 17, <rochesterairshow.com>

Thunder Over Niagara Airshow
featuring US Air Force Thunderbirds
Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station
Sept 10 & 11, <niagaraairshow.com>



Dave Hurd showing his usual respect for Norm's authority.



Tom Bowdler & Mike Clayton present a model for the next stage of our construction. Once we get some DRYWALL up around the BATHROOMS, we'll be able to finish the SAC.

EAA 44 Calendar



Next Meeting

February 15 Tuesday

6:30 Dinner

7:30 Program: Guido Hassig,
FAA, Safety w/Homebuilts &
Light Sport Aircraft

Brockport 1st Presbyterian
Church, 35 State St., behind the
Fire House

Feb. 15 General Mtg.
1st Pres. Church
35 State St. Brockport
Feb. 19 SAC Work Day

Mar. 5 SAC Work Day
Mar. 8 Board Mtg.
Mar. 15 General Mtg.
Mar. 19 SAC Work Day

Apr. 2 SAC Work Day
Apr. 12 Board Mtg.
**Apr. 16-18 Bus Trip to DC
NASM & Udvar-Hazy Center**
Apr. 19 General Mtg.

May 7 SAC Work Day
May 10 Board Mtg.
May 17 General Mtg.

Board Meetings-

2nd Tuesday of the month
Norm and Elises' Home 7 PM
3631 Orleans-Monroe County
Line Rd., 14420

General Meetings-

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

SAC Saturday Work Crews-

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

Sport Aviation Center
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