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## SPORT AVIATION CENTER UPDATE

by Norm Isler

**On Monday, April 4, 2011 at approximately 1:35pm Jim Butler, Town of Sweden Building and code inspector lifted his pen and signed the provisional Certificate of Occupancy for the Sport Aviation Center of Western New York at 44 Eisenhower Drive. We no longer have a construction site. We have a BUILDING!**

A great deal of work has been accomplished to date, and everyone that has had a part in swinging a hammer, driving a screw, cutting a board or pulling a wire has cause to be proud of what they have accomplished! Every time I walk into the building, I am amazed at how far we have come in such a short time. Our old building took close to 4 years to build, and while we did not have the shell built for us, being a "kit" building, the exterior went together rather quickly. It was all the detail work inside that took so much of the time. Mike Clayton tells me that when he walked the electrical inspector through for our final electric

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## ROD HIGHTOWER COMING TO BROCKPORT

by Norm Isler

**For only the second time in 53 years, the President of EAA is coming to Western New York!** As his only Grassroots Tour stop planned in New York State, Rod has accepted *our* invitation to come and help officially dedicate and open our new home on Tuesday, June 21.



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## EAA 44 ONE OF TWENTY FINALISTS FOR LIGHTSPEED FOUNDATION GRANT!

by Norm Isler

I am EXCITED !!!!!

I just finished watching the Lightspeed Aviation Foundation Press Conference on AOPALIVE from Sun 'n Fun (Thurs. Mar 31). In the press conference, they announced twenty finalists for the Lightspeed Aviation Foundation Grants, **AND EAA 44 IS ONE OF THE FINALISTS.** Aviation enthusiasts get to vote for their favorite, and the top five vote getters will each win \$10,000. The video of this press conference is supposed to be available on the AOPALive website "soon." Winner will be announced this fall at the AOPA Summit in Hartford, CT.

We need YOUR help to round up the votes. We all need to talk to everyone we know, and ask them, BEG them, to vote for EAA 44. To see the list and to vote for EAA 44, just go to <http://www.lightspeedaviationfoundation.org/content.cfm/Finalists/Your-Vote-Counts> Once there, click on the "button" next to EAA, Chapter 44 (top of the right column) and fill in the information requested at the bottom of the page. Click on "Place Your Vote" and you're done. Only one vote per e-mail address is allowed. So it is extra important to ask ALL your friends and family to help us win this campaign.

Think of the progress we can make on the Sport Aviation Center with an additional \$10,000!!!!

Thank you for your support!

## SAC GRAND OPENING ANNOUNCED

by Bob Nelligan-Barrett

EAA 44 has announced plans for the public **Grand Opening of the Sport Aviation Center of Western NY on Saturday June 25**, from 8 AM-5 PM, at 44 Eisenhower Dr, Brockport NY 14420 on the Brockport airport (Ledgedale Airpark). This family-friendly event is free and open to the public.

Activities for the day will include a SAC Open House showcasing the main meeting room, the "Airplane Shop", board room, pilot's lounge, and the food warming area. Throughout the day there will be presentations and workshops about EAA 44, aircraft building methods & materials, member aircraft, & Rochester aviation history. Guests can watch take-offs and landings from Phil's Porch, read a book from our

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inspection, the inspector's jaw almost hit the floor, amazed at the level of complexity, and professionalism that went into our electric system. Something else for us to be proud of. And our hats are off in appreciation to our electric team leads, Larry "Sparks" MacDonald and Curt Bradford.

They say that in Australia, the water in a toilet bowl swirls in the opposite direction compared to water in a toilet bowl here. I don't recall the direction of swirl "Down Under," but in OUR toilet swirls to the right. YES! We have a working toilet. AND a working, albeit temporary, sink. Yes folks, we have a real, WORKING bathroom! For now, we have one basic, functional, bathroom. In coming weeks, we will work to complete the second bathroom to permanent specs, and then will come back to the first bathroom to also finish to final specs.

Hot and cold running water is now running in the first two bathrooms, and shortly will run throughout the building, including select outside faucets that will make grilling out and staying clean easy.

Our fearless leader, Tom Bowdler, will be out of town for the April meeting. It will be my pleasure, and my honor to run our first meeting in our LEGAL building and say once more, "Welcome home."

*SAC Grand Opening -Continued*

Library in the Pilot's Lounge, sign up for a membership or newsletter subscription, and build a wing rib or rivet a tool box.

In the evening from 5 PM - 8 PM will be a By-Invitation-Only, **Donor Fly-in Cook-out**, where EAA 44 members thank all of our donors for their support of the Sport Aviation Center. These special guests will have been invited for the day to see the fruits of their donation, and are then invited to join us for a cook-out and a flight. No better way to thank someone than with an airplane ride.

Norm is planning activities around President Hightower's visit, and I am responsible for this one. We are looking for volunteers to work to prepare for both of "the June events" as we are calling the package. We need members to help with pre-event publicity, signage, aircraft and car parking, trash clean-up and recycling, presenters, food prep and service, among other things. If you see a position where you can make a contribution to make these events a hit, we could use your support. Norm and I will be pigeon-holing everyone anyway, so beware. We're coming after you.

*Rod Hightower to EAA 44 Continued*

Rod is scheduled to fly in to Lagedale Airport during Tuesday afternoon, June 21. We are still working to finalize the schedule, but after Rod flies in, we'll give him chance to catch his breath, and enjoy some good old Western New York hospitality. During the afternoon, we are planning a media event that we expect will include many of our local and regional elected officials. Time is being set aside in the schedule for EAA 44 members to enjoy some private time with Rod, and share with him our plans for the new Sport Aviation Center. Perhaps we can also share with him some of our ideas how EAA National can better partner with the local chapters to help spread our joy of flight.

Unfortunately, Rod has pressing business in Oshkosh the following day, so our evening will wrap up wishing him Bon Voyage, and watching him depart runway 28, riding off into the sunset as it were. (Or is that "As it will be"?)

This is not "just" a visit. This will be a major aviation event for western New York, and *we* will be the hosts. We expect close to 200 guests to hear Rod speak about the future of General Aviation. We want to be sure our new home is looking spiffy and ready for the event. We can use lots of help in getting the building ready, preparing the meal(s) during Rod's visit, set up, clean up, crowd and parking management, etc. Our friends in EAA 46 out in Buffalo have already offered their assistance. Lets all work together to show Rod and EAA national all the great things Western New York has to offer!



Gail helping the guys with their plumbing.

**DONOR RECOGNITION**

EAA 44 would like to thank the following individuals and companies for their contributions in the support of EAA 44 & the Sport Aviation Center.

Crosby-Brownlie – HVAC System  
 Margaret Gottschalk, Albany: wall and base cabinets, countertop and sink  
 T.H. Herman, Inc. Rochester: air ducting materials  
 Tim Horton's Restaurant Brockport: coffee creamer & sweetener for Fly-in/Drive-in Breakfast  
 Dave Hurd: electric range – The guy's a bum, don't mention his name.  
 Nikolas Isler: computer  
 Norm Isler: miscellaneous items  
 Kriterium LLC, Todd Cameron-President: 2 HP deskjet printers  
 Mike and Julie Kuyt: clocks used as raffle items  
 Mahan Discount Liquors Brockport: wine to be raffled at Fly-in/Drive-in Breakfast  
 Diana Petranek: hand thrown pottery bowl  
 Glen Reed, Rochester: light fixtures  
 Grant Sackel – GT-400 ultralight - donated late December 2006, and sold by the chapter in 2007 to raise funds for the "AEC" as it was known at that time.  
 John Warda, Hilton: sinks and a furnace  
 Steve Zigelstein: storage space in "The Doghouse"

We would also like to thank the following for their Holiday matching gifts.

Blonowicz, Brian  
 Bouwens, Carol  
 Cosman, Christine  
 Ertel Family (honor of Art Thieme)  
 Hertzlin, Connie  
 Hoag, Cindy  
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 Mankino, Kevin/Kelly Cosman  
 McAllister, Deborah  
 Schlauger, Laurie  
 Thieme, Amy  
 Thieme, Mark  
 Toney, Carey  
 Trabold, Charles

And lastly, thank you to the following "Friends" of EAA 44 for their gifts.

EAA 486 Fulton  
 EAA 95 UL - RUFF  
 General Public  
 Hilton Rotary  
 KenLou Foundation  
 Neumann Living Trust (memory of Paul by Ruth)  
 Optics Tech, Inc.  
 Quenzler, Paul

**VOTE FOR EAA 44 TO WIN THE \$10,000 LIGHTSPEED AVIATION FOUNDATION GRANT**

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**BOTTLE QUEEN REPORT BY GAIL ISAAC**

Hello Everyone!

The back account keeps swelling with all your drinking and now, also my trips to Metalico. I have started picking up tin cans from the Golden Eagle Restaurant in Brockport so go there and have dinner. Mike Kuyt brought me a mess of aluminum scrap that he uses at his Curiosity Shop to repair clocks. If you have clocks that are broken, keep him in mind. Russ Swanger helped by stripping all the wiring pieces to get the bright copper out. That has a good price on it. I have a metal walk behind lawn mower to turn in and as soon as the mud dries out, we will be taking the scrap pile in the yard over. That needs a trailer to get it there. If anyone wants to start collecting for me, let me know and the bank account will get fatter yet. Don't forget to search your garage and basement for useless metals to recycle. I will announce at the April meeting my total dollars so come and hear.

I spent Monday along with Lucy Pearson (Chef John's wife and my great friend) cleaning and setting up the warming center. All the cabinets are up and full of kitchen supplies that were on the shelves in the middle of the meeting room. I will be using that to serve dinner at the next meeting.

That's it for now. Keep drinking and I will go on....and on....and on.

**OLD GOAT'S TWEET by ART THIEME**

Last month I attended the flower and garden show. I wore my WW2 hat. Two persons thanked me for my service. I appreciated that. But I thought that the troops that served in Korea, Vietnam, Iran, and Afghanistan deserve the thanks. My war was the "good" war and the whole country supported us. Most of us were reserves, and we won that one. The troops that served and are serving in the other wars really deserve our thanks. They have mine.

While at the flower show I picked up material about the bonsai plants. They were announcing a class for beginners. I pondered long and hard why a guy my age would start on something that takes years to mature. I could build another plane in that time. I signed up. Imagine my delight when at the first class I was our president Tom Bowdler. Seems that he was in for a refresher class. I'll let you know if the plants survive the winter. Oh, and its pronounced bone-sai.

Speaking of pronouncing, the Sonex electric plane Waix (pronounced Y-X) flew at Oshkosh. It will be one of many competing for the \$60,000 Electric Flight Prize this summer at AirVenture. They also flew a folding wing plane, the Onex (One-x).

Want to get type rated in a B-25? It will cost between \$40,000 and \$60,000. If you can afford this, you can probably already own the plane. You can also get a SIC rating (Second in Command) for \$5,000. And you don't need an FAA check ride.

An increase of 10% in your landing speed will increase your landing length 21% unless you fly into a strong head wind.

There is a DVD out for advanced tail wheel landing training. They teach advanced slips. I made many slips on landing in my Champ. What is an Advanced slip? In the cross wind is so strong I would choose another runway or even another airport. *Continued on pg. 6*

**LAST MONTHS MEETING-  
JEFF PARIS, A&P**

Longtime EAA 44 member Jeff Paris entertained us with stories of recently EARNING and attaining his Airframe & Powerplant Certification. Congratulations "Heff!"

He told us that his journey into getting his A&P involved came from the desire to save money and have a dependable plane. Going to the one week school on Long Island felt like being hit with a firehose of knowledge. He had 200 question quizzes. 8 of them! EVERY DAY! And his Oral was 8 HOURS LONG! That entailed mapping damage he found in samples and looking for damaged parts on aircraft. His daughter had to teach him algebra and how to use a scientific calculator before the course.

It was an incredible journey through the course and also with the romance of building his Zodiac and Europa. We look forward to seeing them fly. Congratulations again.

**EAA Chapter 44  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
8 Mar 2011**

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

**Reports:**

- President (Tom Bowdler):
  - No report, absent.
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
  - Reservations for the 16 April trip to the National Air and Space Museum are running slow. Norm encouraged anyone who might be interested in going to sign up as soon as possible.
  - Norm reported on his follow-up conversation regarding the Chapter's entry into the Lightspeed Foundation's grant program. Norm noted that he successfully lobbied for the Chapter's inclusion as a candidate for a share of the foundation's support of general aviation.
  - In the biggest news of the evening (and perhaps in recent memory), Norm received a phone call from Rod Hightower, the President of EAA. Norm has been campaigning hard for Rod to add the dedication of the SAC to his grass roots tour. Rod was calling to accept the invitation and to discuss some of the details of his visit. Rod will be in Brockport on 21 Jun (Tues) to meet with Chapter 44 and other local officials and to present his vision for the future of aviation.
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd):
  - Dave noted the names of the members who are late in their dues

payment. As a friendly reminder, these members will receive a specially marked March newsletter requesting payment as soon as possible. If necessary, we will use a more direct approach of personal phone calls from Board Members.

- Kurt Bradford has volunteered to serve on the Finance Committee.
- Sufficient funding should be in place to finish the SAC through a provisional Certificate of Occupancy.
- Secretary (Steve North):
  - No report.

**Business:**

- Sport Aviation Center (SAC)
  - The propane tank has been delivered and installed.
  - Drywall installation is about 50% complete. Once the final electrical inspection is complete and the data network cables are run, the balance of the drywall will be installed.
  - We are still on track for a Certificate of Occupancy in the near future.
  - The Building Committee held their first meeting to discuss the policies and procedures for use and development of the SAC.
- Capital Campaign (Mike Stoddard)
  - Donors continue to meet their pledge obligations.
- Oshkosh Airlift (Steve North)
  - The Board approved a transfer of funds into the airlift account to cover the room deposit cost.

- Community Outreach
  - The aviation education programs at School 34 and Spencerport Middle School will be starting soon.
  - Bob Nelligan-Barrett will contact the Lilac Parade in order to confirm that the “Plane Train” can participate in this year’s Lilac Parade.

**EAA Chapter 44  
General Membership Meeting  
15 Mar 2011**

**Reports:**

- President (Tom Bowdler):
  - In the interest of Chapter cohesiveness Tom proposed the distribution of member rosters. Tom noted that to protect member privacy the rosters would be sent to current members only and not posted to the website.
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
  - Norm encouraged any member interested in the Chapter sponsored trip to the National Air and Space Museum to sign up as early as possible.
  - The Chapter has expanded its youth aviation education program to include both Rochester School 34 and Spencerport Middle School (Cosgrove). The program at Spencerport starts 23 Mar. Volunteer instructors are needed.
  - Norm broke the news about EAA President Rod Hightower’s visit to Chapter 44 on 21 June. Rod’s trip to Brockport is a combination of his Grass Roots tour of EAA chapters with the SAC dedication. Stay tuned as plans evolve.
  - Chapter 44 is one of 20 participants in the 2011 Lightspeed

Foundation grant award contest. The top five groups will each receive a donation of \$10,000 to aid in their promotion of aviation and it’s positive effects on the community.

- Treasurer (Dave Hurd): Norm Isler reviewed and approved the Chapter books for the previous year. Please pay you dues!
- Secretary (Stephen North): Minutes read and approved.

**Business:**

- Sport Aviation Center (SAC, Mike Clayton)
  - The furnace is connected and running.
  - Minor electrical and plumbing working continues.
  - The Certificate of Occupancy should be issued in the near future, perhaps in time for the Chapter to meet in their new home.
  - The Grand Opening is scheduled for Saturday, 25 June.
- Capital Campaign (Mike Stoddard)
  - Mike reported that pledge donations are being received as planned. He also suggested that a donation to the SAC would make a wonderful Father’s Day gift.
- 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 early if interested.

***Old Goat’s Tweet continued***

As a last question: Why is there a copper penny welded on many Pratt & Whitney radial engines? Because the builders believed that a bad penny always comes back or turns up . I’ll have to look for that at Oshkosh.

Old Goat, out.

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### SPORT AVIATION CENTER GRAND OPENING!

Saturday June 25, 8 AM-5 PM  
44 Eisenhower Dr., B'port 14420  
Brockport Airport/  
Ledgesdale Airpark (7G0)

## REGIONAL CALENDAR

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

### Rochester WINGS

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

**EAA International Young Eagles Day**  
June 11

**EAA 44 Activities TBA**

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### EAA President Rod Hightower

Tuesday June 21  
Social Hour 6:30 PM  
Grassroots Tour Presentation 7:30 PM  
@ monthly General Meeting  
SAC-Brockport Airport (7G0)

### SAC Grand Opening

Saturday June 25, 8 AM-5 PM  
SAC- 44 Eisenhower Dr. 14420

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### 25th Annual Sentimental Journey to Cub Haven Fly-In

June 22-25  
Piper Airport (KLHV) Lock Haven PA  
<sentimentaljourneyfly-in.com>

### 1941 Historical Aircraft Group Geneseo Warbird Airshow

"The Greatest Show on Turf"  
Geneseo Airport (D52) NY  
July 8-10, <1941hag.org>  
**EAA 44 Activities TBA**

### ESL International Airshow

featuring US Navy Blue Angels  
Celebrating 100 Years of Naval Aviation  
Greater Rochester Int'l Airport (ROC) NY  
July 16 & 17, <rochesterairshow.com>  
**EAA 44 Activities TBA**

### Thunder Over Niagara Airshow

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

## EAA 44 Calendar



### NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday April 19  
Dinner 6:30, Meeting 7:30

Program: Bob Nelligan-Barrett slideshow of the SAC. Daniel Pelovitz, RIT student, on designing a cockpit for a British LSA.

May 7 SAC Work Day  
May 10 Board Mtg.  
May 17 General Mtg.  
May 21 SAC Work Day

June 3 SAC Work Day  
June 14 Board Mtg.  
June 18 SAC Work Day

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### EAA President Rod Hightower Grassroots Tour

Tuesday June 21 7:30 PM  
@ monthly General Meeting  
SAC-Brockport Airport/  
Ledgeale Airpark (7G0)

**SAC Grand Opening**  
Saturday June 25 8 AM-5 PM  
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Brockport NY 14420

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### Board Meetings-

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

### General Meetings-

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month  
Dinner 6:30, Meeting 7:30

EAA 44 Sport Aviation Center  
44 Eisenhower Drive  
Brockport NY 14420

Brockport Airport/  
Ledgeale Airpark (7G0)

### SAC Saturday Work Crews-

10AM. Work crews are now meeting EVERY Saturday until June. Help us be ready for Pres. Hightower & the Grand Opening. Watch for Mike Clayton's email blasts on SAC work updates.

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