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## SPORT AVIATION CENTER UPDATE

by Norm Isler

The last month or so has been pretty quiet at the SAC. Not that there is anything wrong with that.....

Since making it's "World Premier" on June 21, 2011 when we welcomed EAA President Rod Hightower and his entourage from Oshkosh, Wisconsin, things at the SAC have slowed down by design. Having hosted our grand opening, it was decided that the crews that had labored "round the clock" for several weeks getting ready for the Grass Roots Tour and Grand Opening deserved a break. Many of us took that break in Oshkosh, but that is a whole 'nother story. (Yep, Oshkosh was hot, but it was fun!)

The break is now over, and the really neat thing is that the building is already doing what it was designed to do; helping to promote General Aviation. On Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, Susan Walsh, Director of the Greater Monroe Airport visit and about a EAA 44 meeting, chance to



Aviation at Rochester / County came to meet with dozen members. informal giving us a meet the

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## ROC ESL AIRSHOW

Celebrating 100 Years of Naval Aviation



Who else but the Blue Angels, tucked in tight.

## CHAPTER 44 NEEDS YOU

by Tom Bowdler

You're probably like me, struggling to keep too many juggled balls in the air simultaneously. There's work, the honey-do list, yard chores, keeping track of finances, discovering which politicians exposed themselves on Facebook, you know...life stuff. Then way down the list comes Tom asking for help again.

When VP Norm and I were being interviewed at the SAC for an article about how the building

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

The end is near but we are not at the finish line yet! Go to <eaa44.org> and click on the link to the Lightspeed voting page. Only one vote per e-mail address is allowed. It is extra important to ask ALL your friends and family to help us win this campaign. Proceeds go to the Sport Aviation Center.

**Spread the word and ROCK THE VOTE for EAA 44! ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT!**

## SAC UPDATE Continued

new Airport Director at Rochester, giving her a chance to see who we are and what we do, and create an opportunity to open new lines of communication that could lead to improved conditions for all of us.

On Saturday, Dave Goodwin started laying out the forms for concrete, which will become “Phil’s Porch” on the south side of the building and a front walk from the ramp to our front door. Also coming up is a second meeting with Ben Hare, the Eagle Scout candidate who will be presenting his plan for landscaping our front and side yard.

And now the news you have been eager to hear! After a 6 week (or so) “Stand Down” of our regular work crews, we will be starting them up again, first and third Saturdays each month to continue our journey to a finished “home”. Emphasis will change from heavy carpentry, plumbing and electric to finish work on the drywall already hung, painting and trim work. We still need to locate a few vanities for the bathrooms, repair a dishwasher (or two) and continue adding in all the comforts of home. We are getting there!

Last, but not least a reminder: PLEASE! Ask all your friends, family, co workers, even people who you may not like to vote for us in the Lightspeed Aviation Foundation Grant Competition. Time is growing short, and \$10,000 is within our grasp. PLEASE, make an extra effort to ask anyone you know with an e-mail address to vote for us. Just go to [www.EAA44.org](http://www.EAA44.org). Right at the top of the front page is a yellow banner that tells folks how to vote. It really is true – “44 seconds could equal \$10,000!”

See you at the SAC!

## Chap 44 Needs You! con’t

process was accomplished and talking about the contribution of many hours of labor by our members it struck us as to how many little jobs there are that require only a short commitment of time vs spending an entire Saturday hanging, mudding or painting sheetrock walls. The vision for finishing the SAC and the continued health of EAA Chapter 44 needs to be spread from a few to all of you. To continue our quest to represent aviation in western New York we need all of our members to be contributors instead of spectators.

It isn’t all drudgery; some of the tasks can be fun. Enjoying time spent with like-minded folks while accomplishing something to benefit our organization has great rewards as many have discovered at Saturday work sessions. You can contact me or any board member to get the SAC opened if you wish to work there and there are even tasks that could be accomplished in your leisure time at home. The President of the EAA Vintage Aircraft Assn always ended his editorial with the phrase “We’re better together” and I submit to you that the same should be said for EAA Chapter 44!

So without further baloney here is my take on some bite-sized (and some not so) jobs that YOU can take charge of, assist with, participate in and accomplish to make our organization the best it can be.

**Lightspeed grant:** recruit family, friends, co-workers, strangers, enemies, everyone; to vote for us on the Lightspeed grant website!

**Monthly general meetings:** Invite an aviation minded friend to attend and join, offer to make dessert, offer to provide the meal, recruit a program speaker, give a program about your aviation related interest/project/experience.

**Newsletter:** Write an article; an interesting aviation book I read, video I watched, experience I’ve had, how I chose my project, place I visited, construction method I employed. Contact Editor Bob for guidelines.

**SAC maintenance:** Cut the grass, change the oil in the tractor, pick up rocks, plant a low maintenance ground cover, help clean the building, (now in preparation for our big day and once it is “occupied”) wash windows, sweep/vacuum, organize “stuff”, check the ramp for foreign objects that could damage aircraft.

**Young Eagles:** Recruit young neighbors, friends, grandchildren, to sign up for the Young Eagle experience. Come to the event to help on the ground crew or as a YE pilot, you’ll be warmed by the smiles and enthusiasm.

**Run an Event:** Fall river cruise, Oshkosh Airlift, bus trip, fly in breakfast/chili fest.

**Plane Train:** Help keep the plane train in good working order. Take the plane train to a community event and take kids riding. (with the donation jar along of course)

**General help:** collect bottles for the bottle queen to redeem, administer the EAA 44 clothing order process, offer to serve on the building committee to oversee use of the SAC, assist an officer in their duties, contact the building project manager to help, discover and develop sources of funding (grants etc) for future chapter/SAC needs, and

## OLD GOAT'S OSHKOSH TWEET

by Art Thieme

A report on Oshkosh (aka AirVenture) should only concern itself with what went on in 2011. Based on the number of aircraft and cars, I believe that attendance was probably at a high level. The grounds and paths have been enlarged and so it is easier to get around. I can't wait to read about the planes that I didn't see as I scooted all over the place.

I have attended every Oshkosh since 1983, so my observations are clouded by many past memories. I found this year to be lacking in things that attract me. Sure, there was the B-29, a historic aircraft. It just doesn't do to me what a B-17, B-24, or B-25 etc. do for me. I was impressed with the Boeing 787 that came in for one day. It is a beautiful aircraft. It is also three years behind delivery and the first one will be delivered to Japan either this month or next. A display of Rutan airplanes drew a crowd, rightfully so. What I missed were attractions such as Concorde, my all time favorite, and planes such as SpaceShipOne, Voyager, the Osprey, and one of a kind like the DreamLifter. But that is not Oshkosh's fault. They deal with what is available. I also remember when planes like the GeeBee and Mr. Mulligan put on a race. I am sure however that first time attendees are very impressed with the airplanes, air shows, and forums.

In the exhibit building Virgin Galactic had a booth with a big sign: NOW HIRING!. I asked if they would have me for a flight attendant, and while not rejected, they said they were looking for engineers and technical people. They expect to hire 70-175 people by 2012.

Tributes were made to Burt Rutan and Bob Hoover. Overflow crowds for these events. I read that you can bid on a aileron from Hoover's Ole Yeller P-51 for a suggested price of \$20,000.

There was the world's largest blimp tied up on the museum grounds. It was giving rides for \$400. I never saw it over the grounds, but it is reported that it flew around outside the grounds. But who wants to pay \$400 to look at corn and cheese?

The Chapter airlift went off without a hitch. All planes on time. Oshkosh weather sunny with only one day of rain. Dorms hot as usual. A large new dorm is being built. Hopefully it will be air conditioned.

If you love airplanes, you have to go to OSH! Old Goat, out!

whatever else you can dream up to escape from the sidelines and get in the game.

At our July meeting I passed around an "opportunities" sheet and a good number of members took up the challenge to help with specific tasks. I will continue to do this, giving ample chances for you to receive the same sense of accomplishment others have gained as participating members of Chapter 44.

Thank you!

## LAST MONTHS MEETING

Bob Nelligan-Barrett presented a 4-part slide show showing the SAC construction from the ground-breaking, the Ribbon-Cutting and Dedication, EAA President Rod Hightower's Grassroots Tour, and the Grand Opening.



Only at OSH... A gaggle of Rutan designs dwarfed by the B-29 FiFi, which is dwarfed by the B-787 DreamLiner. Below, Blue Goat One on the roll.

A. Thieme photos



**NEW MEMBER PROFILE - BOB GUZMAN**

Be sure to welcome our new member Bob Guzman when you meet him at the next meeting.

When did you join EAA Chapter 44 and why?

June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Ribbon-Cutting and Grassroots Tour, to get more involved in local aviation events.

Are you a builder, a (student) pilot, or aviation enthusiast?

Aviation enthusiast

Can you describe any interesting aviation adventures you've experienced?

August 1968 I flew with my Dad in his Piper Twin Comanche, to Santiago, Chile and back.

Other aviation activities or organizations you are involved with.

EAA.

Have you ever been to Airventure Oshkosh or other major fly-in events?

Many, many times.

What do you do for a living?

Machinist (retired)

What will your spouse or significant other say about your involvement in aviation?

My wife doesn't have much interest in aviation.

**SCENES FROM THE 1941 HISTORIC AIRCRAFT GROUP AIRSHOW - GENESEO**

Fokker D VII Tri-planes just moments before the foreground plane crashed during the airshow.



You know you're gonna have a bad day when you see THIS on your tail!

**BOTTLE QUEEN REPORT BY GAIL ISAAC**

Hello all of you wonderful drinkers! Vacation was WONDERFUL and since it was soooo hot, I collected a bunch of nickels from everyone in camp. Unfortunately, my drinking neighbors were not there this year so I lost out on that one. I still came home with \$32! Then I filled my van with all the bags in the crate. Filled the whole thing and all four seats were in the floor! Great! So keep drinking...and I will go on...and on ... and on! Come to the meeting to hear what bucks I collected to help the SAC.

**EAA 44 HOSTS YOUNG EAGLE DAY**

After the excitement of “the June events” had settled, the Chapter hosted it’s International Young Eagle Day on July 23. 5 member/pilots flew 19 kids on a CAVU day.

As usual, for some this was their first flight ever. For others, first in a small plane. For one, old hat, his Dad’s an airline pilot.

**Thank you to the pilots and ground crew who make these events possible for the young people in our community. The Young Eagles Program is one way EAA 44 satisfies its mission of aviation education & outreach.**



Elise Isler and Marcia Hazen run a friendly and welcoming Registration Desk.



Thumbs Up from a new Young Eagle.



Young Eagles are a family affair, as are all EAA 44 activities.



**Thanks to all the pilots for their time and contribution to the Young Eagles Program.**



Old Buzzard Jack Frenz got a ride at the end of the day.

**EAA Chapter 44  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
12 July 2011**

**Board Members Present:** Hurd, Isler, Clayton, North, Hazen, Nelligan-Barrett, Stoddard  
**Non Board Member Officers Present:** Bowdler, Meyers

**Reports:**

- President (Tom Bowdler):
  - Tom reviewed the visit from Rod Hightower and the SAC Grand Opening. Both were great events and a great promotion for the Chapter.
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
  - Norm requested that the Chapter Secretary send an official thank you to Rod Hightower.
  - Review of Grand Opening festivities on Saturday, 25 June.
  - Susan Walsh, Greater Rochester International Airport Director, has accepted an invitation to tour the SAC on Aug 5<sup>TH</sup> (Fri) at 2:00.
  - The networking of the SAC is complete, waiting on final connection to ISP.
  - Lightspeed Foundation Grant competition – The Chapter continues to campaign for as many votes as possible. Norm placed another order for 1500 business cards and some note cards / business cards. He will be pushing hard at Oshkosh.
  - There is a Young Eagles Rally on Saturday, 23 July. Pilots should show up by 8:00, kids arrive at 8:30; first flights are at 9:00.
  - Hendershot's – Fly in breakfast on Sunday, 24 July.
  - Repair paving of airport entrance driveway scheduled for near future when contractor can fit into schedule.
  - Need to establish a grass cutting sign-up sheet.
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd):
  - Four new members have signed up
  - Dave reviewed the expenses for the Rod Hightower visit.
  - Dave reviewed the proper procedure for making tax free purchases per the Chapter's 501c3 status.

- Secretary (Stephen North):
  - Report read and approved.

**Business:**

- Sport Aviation Center (SAC)
  - Need to prioritize tasks both in terms of time and dollars.
  - Working up options for adding sound deadening per dedicated donation.
  - Re-start building committee.
  - Concrete plans - would like to pour concrete pad for Phil's Porch / entrance walk. May set up work crew for forms and finishing.
  - Storage building – Need a group to go out to Steve Z's old place to sort through Chapter Stuff and dump the junk. Once that's complete the question is where do we store the stuff we want to keep. Minimum size 25' x 15' with concrete floor for doghouse stuff, tractor, etc. May need to store temporarily inside SAC.
  - Pilot's Lounge – can support with cleaning out / organizing. Need to discuss with Bob Northrup about expected costs.
  - Organize shop area; add workbenches for demo classes.
  - Hoping to establish weekly cookout / coffee & doughnuts / etc.
  - Eagle Scout Project – Need to outline plan for project. Landscaping seems to be the best option, Mike Clayton volunteered to help mentor.
- Capital Campaign (Mike Stoddard)
  - Receipts have been slow recently, hoping to re-energize campaign.
- Oshkosh Airlift (Steve North)
  - Ready to go, looking forward to a good trip.
- General
  - Norm suggested a Fall Foliage cruise, he will present at the next General Membership meeting.
  - May participate in local Farmer's Museum fall festival to help promote Chapter.
  - Donor recognition dinner and rides – may want to postpone with target date of October 15<sup>th</sup>.

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**SPORT AVIATION CENTER  
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## REGIONAL CALENDAR

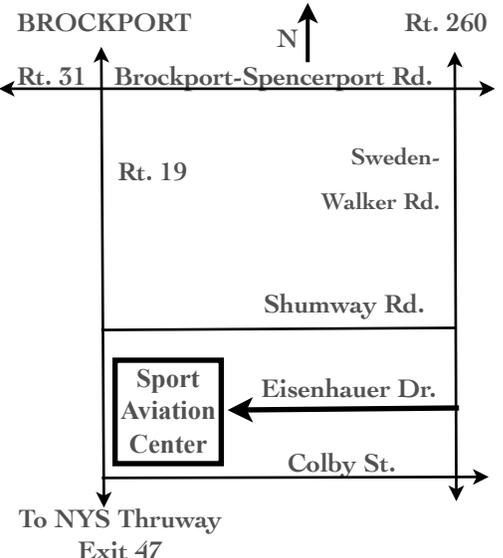
**NYS Festival of Balloons**  
Celebrating 30th Anniversary  
Dansville Airport (KDSV) NY  
Sept 1-5, Labor Day Weekend  
<nysfob.com>

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

## Members Attend EAA 46 Grand Island Fly-in Dinner Mtg.



Several members recently drove to Buffalo to attend a Chapter 46 cook out. This chapter MEMBER arranges C-130 fly-by's, visits from 6-7 helicopters, airplanes of all kinds, 200 people, and all the food and drinks FOR FREE!  
**Thanks EAA 46 for the invitation.**



## EAA 44 Calendar



### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING Bringing the Breezy Home by Steve North**

Hear the exciting story of the road trip from Texas to Brockport bringing back Steve's new-to-him airplane.

Elise has agreed to bring Hot Roast Beef sandwiches and Lorraine will bring dessert. **It will be appreciated if everyone will bring a dish to pass.** Be as creative as you want. Thank you

August 20 SAC Work Crew

September 3 SAC Work Crew

September 13 Board Meeting

**September 17 EAA 44/46 YE Day**  
Genesee County Airport (KGVQ)

September 20 General Meeting

Oct 1 SAC Work Crew

Oct 11 Board Meeting

**Oct 15 SAC Donor Thank You  
Fly-in Cook-out, 10 AM - 2 PM**

Oct 18 General Meeting

Nov. 5 SAC Work Crew

Nov. 8 Board Meeting

**Nov. 15 Annual Election Meeting  
& Steak Night**

Nov 19 SAC Work Crew

Dec. 13 Board Meeting

**All activities take place at the Sport Aviation Center unless otherwise noted.**

**Sport Aviation Center**

Eisenhower Drive

Brockport Airport/

Ledgesdale Airpark (7G0)

**Board Meetings-**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7 PM

**General Meetings-**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month

Dinner 6:30, Meeting 7:30

**SAC Saturday Work Crews-**

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 10 AM -?

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