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SPORT AVIATION CENTER UPDATE

by Norm Isler

I had a really neat experience this past Saturday

Earlier in the week, I received an e-mail from a gentleman by name of Charlie Luke. Charlie is a member of EAA 324, and lives near Simsbury, Ct. He heard about EAA 44 through some of my efforts to rally votes from other EAA Chapters for the Lightspeed grant. He wrote me, "I took a look at your website, seems you have a very active and progressive group, congratulations." He further noted, "With the demands on everyone's time, it's impressive that you have been able to put together a group that's committed to such a project."

I agree!

We exchanged a few e-mails. Charlie was planning a trip to Rochester to visit with friends and play in a fund raising golf tournament. ". I'm wondering if there is usually activity and people around on Saturday mornings?" Would he be able to get "a tour" of the SAC? Of course!

There were about 7 or 8 of us at the SAC when Charlie and his friend Dan stopped by. Mike Clayton and Mike Stoddard were working with Dave Goodwin to finish the concrete forms for our porch and front sidewalk. Russ Swanger was knocking down weeds over our water line. Lorraine Myers was in the Great Hall hanging some beautiful new curtains and valances. Phil

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ANOTHER UNRECOGNIZED THANK YOU

There is a member who made a significant donation to the Sport Aviation Center and we would like to thank him now.

Carl Bouwens donated our big sign and the logos on our glass doors. Thank you Carl, and to to his son who owns Signs of Jonah who produced all of our signage.

These signs will welcome all visitors to the SAC whether they fly in or drive in. **Thank you again Carl.**



BYOD- BRING YOUR OWN DISH TO PASS

Lorraine Myers will be bringing chicken and desert for the September meeting. And while that may be a meal for some... we are asking that everyone bring a dish to pass. The variety is nice and everyone gets to chip in. Nothing fancy, but please do bring a dish.

Our Guest Speaker for the month is author Allen Morris, aka Ace Abbott, the Rogue Aviator. He will be talking about his career in aviation and selling copies of his book. Don't miss this opportunity for delicious eats and a fascinating presentation, and see Tom B's review of the book in this issue.

LAST CHANCE!!!!!!!!!! Voting ends this Friday at midnight.

This is our last chance to win the \$10,000 Lightspeed Aviation Foundation grant, and YOUR last chance to help us win. Reach way down inside and ask yourself, ...

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SAC Update Continued

Hazen was knocking down some unwanted brush. I was once again playing with plumbing and waterproof panels in the rest rooms.

As we toured the building and grounds, I had an opportunity to tell the story of how we came to where we are now. Several of our members who were there also added their own chapter to our history. Our old building, committing to construct a new home, a committee to determine the design requirements, drawing up plans, negotiating the contract with Finger Lakes Construction, our first “Owners Tour” with the gas grill outside and the generator running for lights. We have had great turnouts for first and third Saturdays working to the tune of “The Gas Generator Blues” singing outside. Digging for water, sewage and electric, framing walls, drywall, mud, paint. On it goes...

To date, we have flown over 50 Young Eagles from our new home. We have hosted the EAA President, guests from Scaled Composites, Monroe County Airport, aviation authors and historians. We have worked though a Young Eagle Adventure program with both Spencerport and School 34, set plans for an AOPA Safety Foundation presentation, along with multiple guest speakers on a variety of subjects. We have consumed countless hots, burgers, subs, pizzas and other fine delicacies as we have progressed from an open field to a great new aviation center.

Charlie kept saying how much we had to be proud of. I couldn't agree with him more.

See you at the SAC.

PLANS FOR HOLIDAY PARTY

Gail Isaac and Bob Nelligan-Barrett are starting to make plans for the first Chapter Holiday Party at the SAC on Tuesday December 20. More plans will be announced, but for now we would like everyone to donate **aviation-theme** decorations for the tree. Donations of lights of mixed colors, white, or taxiway blue would be appreciated. Bring them to any general meeting. Anyone have a lighted, rotating beacon for the “star?” Thanks.

Lightspeed Grant Continued

“Who else can I ask to help us?”

- Friends
- Coworkers
- Classmates
- Kids (yours)
- Kids (someone else's)
- Your kids friends and their families
- Church groups
- Other charitable groups you are in
- Your book club
- Your golf club
- Your Canadian Club (on ice)
- Monroe County Correctional Facility (We'll take votes from ANYONE!)

This is our last chance. PLEASE do all you can to ask everyone to go to our site, www.EAA44.org, and follow the instructions in the yellow box at the top of the page to vote for us.

Thanks!



Above: Former member and friend of the chapter Jim McGowen amazed us with his mountain goat-like dexterity on his articulating, 4WD, front-end-loading Steiner. **Thanks for your help Jim!**

OLD GOAT'S BLOB BY ART THIEME

Give the officers and members who organized the opening ceremonies to the Chapter House a big THANK YOU! It was an excellent two days! Also, I thank the members who told me that they read the Old Goat's column. I appreciate the feedback. It's nice to know that someone reads the newsletter. In the same manner I urge you to thank your editor for the job he is doing. As a former editor, I know he would appreciate the feedback.

I just bought a new monitor. Much larger. Now I can read what is on the screen. Doesn't mean that I will check my emails any more often. You can lead an old goat to technology but you can't make him text.

The new Avidyne autopilot has a button that is S and L. Stands for straight and level. If you are in trouble, push the button and the aircraft smoothly rights itself with a minimum of altitude loss and airframe stress. They should also label it SYB- "Save Your Butt!"

In an airliner it is the instruments that for the most part tell you what the aircraft is doing. In a small plane, your rear end- the seat of your pants should tell you what the aircraft is doing. You must look outside while you fly, aided by the sensations of sight, touch, and sound. Rod Machado, AOPA Pilot, March 2011

Anyone out there remember filling fountain pens? The pen had a little bladder that held the ink. You had to break in the pen to fit your hand style. You couldn't make carbon copies, The ball point pen killed the fountain pen. When I write I find that I seldom dot the i or j. Lazy?

At the chapter meeting with EAA President Hightower I got to renew my friendship with Greg Kesel. Greg was a long-time member of the Chapter. He told me that he still flies a Gulfstream V for a local guy who can afford it. Great gig. I also renewed my friendship with Lauren Rosenthal, also a long-time member. Perhaps we need to organize an old goats chapter that meets during the day.

Speaking of old goats, former editor and loyal member Hugh Jones could use a few words or thoughts of cheer. His address is 3781 Lake Ave. 5D, Rochester, 14612. The Chapter has benefited from his work for many years.

Old Goat, out.

FROM BREEZY'S TO SPACESHIP'S, OH MY! GUEST SPEAKERS ABOUND AT THE SAC

This past month was an exciting one for presentations. EAA 44 member Steve North told us of his trip to Texas to acquire a new-to-him Breezy aircraft.

Steve is in the process of restoring the plane, so it will be awhile before it flies. "Sometime in the summer..." he says. Sure, but WHICH summer? ;-) An example is pictured below, though this is not Steve's aircraft. Talk about open-cockpit flying!



We had a very unique offer from four engineers who work for Scaled Composites. Would we like them to come to the SAC and talk about SpaceShip2 and other projects they work on. Oh, let us think about it and get back to you. OF COURSE we want to hear about it! DUH!

They were in the Rochester area to visit the Glenn Curtiss Museum and to see a man in Hammondsport who is designing and building an electric airplane. Any idea what Scaled may be working on NEXT? When asked about it, they said one word, "proprietary." Hmmm. 8-)

Elliot Sequin showed videos of drop glide tests and other test flights of SS2. He talked about the history of Mojave Air and Space Port and why it is so significant to aviation in the past and today. We received a quick overview of the many Rutan designs from the VariViggen to the BiPod. Elliott said engineers often jump around to as many as 12 different projects going on at one time at Scaled. When asked, he HAS had a ride in SS2, "for testing purposes." Yeah right! **Thank you Elliott, Justin, Mindy, & Jennifer for a look behind the scenes at Scaled Composites.**

“THE ROGUE AVIATOR-IN THE BACK ALLEYS OF AVIATION” BY “ACE ABBOTT”

Review by Tom Bowdler

I might never have learned about this book had I not attended Wings 2011 to help at Chapter 44's booth. My main goal was to get votes for our Lightspeed Aviation grant, though I did get some time to talk to attendees about our chapter and walk around the displays. At one, I found "Ace" holding court at a table regaling listeners with tales of his aviation exploits and opinions on various aspects of aviation management, the FAA, and so forth. How could I not buy his book and read of his unique aviation career? I also sat a while in the Cessna 162 Skycatcher and tried to convince two other chapter members to go in partnership with me but that's another story.

Ace's book came highly recommended by...Ace. Seriously, an insert of testimonials extolled the virtues: "will put you in the captain's seat for exciting aviation adventures in F-4 Phantoms, Learjets, and Boeing 727's... Take a ride on the wild side through a tumultuous aviation career that includes an expose' of the FAA and commercial aviation safety... This aviation roller-coaster ride reveals the many nuances of the life of a professional pilot... A harrowing journey through the wide spectrum of military flying and civilian aviation... From the top to the bottom in the world of aviation... very simply...just brilliant." How could I compete with that?

Actually I am enamored of this book as you will see. Though he is a bit older, Ace and I share some similar experiences, though he was lucky enough to be raised in "the idyllic farm country of the Finger Lakes in Upstate New York" flying with his father, to whom the book is dedicated, in an old Taylorcraft which was "tied up in the 'back forty' hay field" and in which father and son would buzz the other farmers "often sneaking up from behind to startle them". How I envy those experiences after growing up in a New Jersey suburb and not being introduced to aviation until visiting my college girlfriend whose father was a pilot and who took an impressionable 19

year old for his first flight from a farm airstrip. Both Ace and I finished college in the Viet Nam era and both encountered recruiters who wanted to fill a quota of warm bodies to fit into uniforms. Ace entered the Air Force and that is where his aviation career story begins.

The Rogue Aviator follows Ace through his Air Force training and experiences in the F-4 Phantom. Following service Ace settled in Florida with hopes of being a PGA tour golfer but detoured toward the cockpit of a Learjet, the training paid for by the G.I. Bill. After co-piloting the sleek Lear, Ace detoured again with a stint in a DC 3, working as a "freight dog", then chauffeuring rock stars around the US, and then back to freight dog status in a boring, whining turboprop. An opportunity to learn the Boeing 727 gave Ace the boost he needed for the last 22 years of his 36 year aviation career, until the FAA mandated age 60 retirement rule intervened. That last sentence was a gross overstatement when actually Ace's flying was frequently interrupted by periods of unemployment for various reasons, many beyond his control, but then I don't want to spoil the book for you. Suffice to say that during those 36 years Ace's paychecks came from 25 different aviation employers.

The title of this book contains the word "Rogue" which intrigued me so I looked up the definition. I would not consider Ace a "dishonest, knavish person", perhaps his career might lead you to term him a "tramp or vagabond" but for sure he could be defined as "playfully mischievous." He signed my copy of the book wishing the rest of my days be filled with "clear, blue skies, tailwinds, and silky-smooth, 'grease-job' landings." I wish the same for him.

Ace, your book is entertaining, thought provoking, sometimes hilarious, and an all around good read. I detect that despite some trials and tribulations you truly enjoyed your life in aviation.

I recommend it!

BOTTLE QUEEN REPORT BY GAIL ISAAC

Hi All. Well, this is it....summer drinking is over but....we can still drink in doors! I have a pretty sizable amount collected for August since the meeting and I am hoping to add to it. I will let you know at the meeting.

Also, I brought home a bunch of metal from camp, much to Jers dismay and will be turning it in soon to empty the truck. Is anyone willing to set up a weekend to collect at the SAC and turn in on the following Monday? A footnote here...the new rule on propane tanks is that they have to have a hole drilled in them. Jer did two and is still alive...I was chicken! So give it a thought and speak to me. I will need vehicles to transport stuff depending on the amount and can only go there Monday thru Friday. They are closed on the weekends.

So, there you have it! Keep drinking and I will go on...and on....and on!

**EAA Chapter 44
Board of Directors' Meeting
9 Aug 2011**

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

Non Board Member Officers Present: Bowdler

Reports:

- President (Tom Bowdler):
 - Need to work up plans to move forward now that the SAC is becoming operational.
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
 - Visit from Susan Walsh, Director, Greater Rochester International Airport. Good exchange, reminder of Chapter's support for local GA community.
 - The SAC wireless network is complete, just needs external linkage via DSL.
 - Lightspeed Aviation Foundation Grant – into final push. Worked hard to get the word out at Oshkosh.
 - YE rally – flew 19 kids, focused on quality of experience not quantity of kids flown. Each kid got a one-on-one ride.
 - Tentative plans for a combined YE Rally at Batavia (17 Sep)
 - Hendershot fly-in breakfast went well.
 - Looking for volunteer to run fall foliage cruise.
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd):
 - Monthly report read and approved.
 - Review of income tax filing.
 - Plan to call initial meeting of Finance Committee.
 - Pinch hitter course proposed. Board in general agreement, need to develop plan.
- Secretary (Stephen North):
 - Minutes read and approved.

Business:

- Sport Aviation Center (SAC)
 - Work underway for porch and walkway concrete.
 - Weekly Saturday work sessions scheduled for immediate future.
- Capital Campaign (Mike Stoddard)
 - Slow trickle, looking for additional member support.

- Oshkosh Airlift (Steve North)
 - Final report. Good trip with a reasonable proceeds.
- General
 - Eagle Scout project – Review of Ben Hare's proposal for exterior landscaping improvement. Focus on south and east sides of SAC. Looking to spread topsoil, plant some decorative shrubs, etc. Board reviewed plans and approved for Ben to proceed. Williams moved / Clayton second, passed unanimously.
 - Bottle Queen / Program Host
 - Hard metal and can deposits continue to be recycled for the benefit of the SAC for 2011. Keep it coming.
 - Proposed metal recycling day.
 - Storage building task force (Phil to lead) – looking to build a structure for storage of material kept at Steve Zigelstein's old house. Need a survey of what's there now, plan for Monday, 15 Aug.
 - Looking for volunteers to crew Plan Train at the Sweden Farmer's Museum Harvest Festival (17 Sept).
 - Donor picnic and rides 15 October (Sat), 10:00 – 1:00.
 - Member survey – Tom passed out a sample survey form, looking to get feedback from members on Chapter activities, support, programs, etc.
 - The Board enthusiastically agreed to extend access to the SAC pilot's lounge to members of Chapter 46.



Nothing to do with EAA 44, but I thought this was a beautiful cockpit from a Stinson at the Geneseo Warbird Airshow 2011.

**EAA Chapter 44
General Membership Meeting
16 Aug 2011**

Reports:

- President (Tom Bowdler):
 - Tom reminded the membership about the Lightspeed Foundation grant competition, voting ends 16 Sep and the Chapter needs everyone's support.
 - The next newsletter will contain a survey seeking member input on a variety of Chapter related topics.
 - Members are encouraged to volunteer to lead the following activities:
 - "Un-Meeting" in December
 - Fall foliage cruise
 - Plane Train
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
 - Susan Walsh, the Director of the Greater Rochester International Airport, visited the SAC to learn more about Chapter 44 and GA in general.
 - Update on Lightspeed Foundation status – still not in the top 5 but we getting close.
 - The "last" Hendershot's fly-in breakfast went very well although fundraising was a little below expectations.
 - A scout team will sort through the stuff at Steve Zigelstein's "Doghouse" to determine what should be transferred into a "yet to be procured" storage building and what should be discarded.
 - The AOPA Air Safety Foundation is renting the SAC for their 13 Oct Safety Seminar.
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd):
 - Phil and Marsha Hazen have generously donated towards the porch and walkway concrete. **Thank you Phil and Marsha.**
 - The 2010 Federal Income taxes are complete

- Dave will schedule Finance Committee meetings to help establish continuity in our finances.
- Secretary (Stephen North): Minutes read and approved.

Business:

- Sport Aviation Center (SAC)
 - Work underway for porch and walkway concrete, planning the first pour this weekend – need help!
 - The local wireless network is installed but not connected to an ISP.
- Capital Campaign (Mike Stoddard)
 - Absent - no report.
- Oshkosh Airlift (Steve North)
 - Final report. Good trip with a reasonable proceeds.
- General
 - In cooperation with Chapter 46, Chapter 44 is hosting a Young Eagles Rally on 17 Sept (Sat) at Genesee County Airport (Batavia – KGVQ). Please contact Phil Hazen or Norm Isler if interested.
 - Eagle Scout project – Review of Ben Hare's proposal for exterior landscaping improvement; the focus is on the south and east sides of SAC. Looking to spread topsoil, plant some decorative shrubs, etc.
 - Bottle Queen / Program Host
 - Gail reported that our efforts to recycle hard metal and bottles and cans continues to add to our SAC fund. Thank you all.
 - The Donor Appreciation Picnic is planned for 17 October (Sat), 10:00 – 1:00, rain or shine since we now have a building to stay dry in if needed.
 - The Chapter Is looking into holding a Pinch Hitter Course so that pilot friends / spouses can learn the basics of flight in order to help with basic flying chores or to take control of the plane in the unlikely event pilot incapacitation. Details to follow.
 - With the SAC moving towards full operational status, Mike Stoddard suggested that the Chapter should consider a regular monthly gathering of some type (Coffee and doughnuts on a Saturday morning?)

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Bob Northrup's RV-8A, Paul Gugliemi's GP-4, and Rob William's Stearman parked in front of the Sport Aviation Center of Western New York.

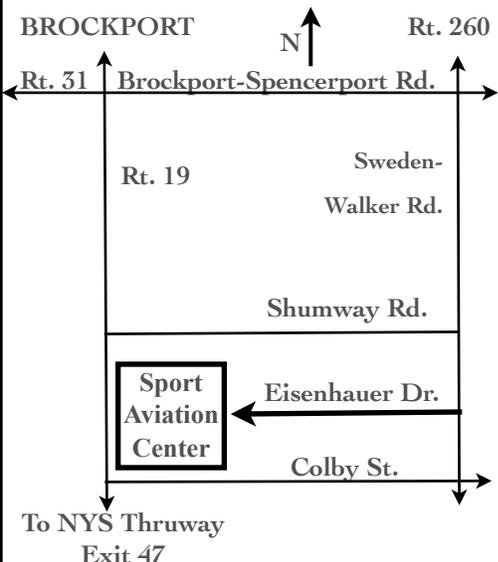
REGIONAL CALENDAR

Women Fly Weekend

October 1, 2
Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome
Rhinebeck NY
<oldrhinebeck.org>

The Sport Aviation Center is hosting its first major regional activity. **We are very proud to welcome the AOPA Air Safety Institute Safety Seminar on Thursday Oct. 13 from 7-9 PM.** This event is free and open to the public.

The topic is "Say Again? Radio Communications Done Right." Are you stymied by radio chatter every time you fly? Does everybody else get "cleared direct" and you don't? The Air Safety Institute digs deeper into radio communication in this information-packed seminar. Hear the other side of the story from air traffic controllers. Find out how to increase your margin of safety through effective communication with ATC. Don't miss this informative safety seminar designed to improve your communication skills and decrease your workload as a pilot. (Seminar description from ASI web site)



EAA 44 Calendar



NEXT GENERAL MEETING Tuesday Sept. 20 6:30/7:30

Allen Morris, aka Ace Abbott, author of “The Rogue Aviator,” was born and raised on a farm in NYS. He flew F-4’s for the Air Force in the Far East, was a civilian Learjet charter pilot, and a Boeing 727 Captain for several airlines. See Tom Bowdler’s book review in this newsletter.

September 17 EAA 44/46 YE Day
Genesee County (KGVQ), Batavia
September 20 General Meeting

Oct 1 SAC Work Crew
Oct 11 Board Meeting
Oct 13 AOPA ASI Safety Seminar
**Oct 15 SAC Donor Thank You
Fly-in Cook-out, 10 AM - 1 PM**
Oct 18 General Meeting
**Guest Speaker: Trafford Doherty,
Exec. Director, Curtiss Museum**

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
Dec. 20 Holiday Dinner

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

Sport Aviation Center

Eisenhower Drive
Brockport Airport/
Largedale Airpark
<airnav.com/airport/7G0>

Board Meetings-

2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 PM

General Meetings-

3rd Tuesday of the month

Dinner 6:30, Meeting 7:30

SAC Saturday Work Crews-

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 10 AM -?

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