



# The Flyer

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## SPORT AVIATION CENTER UPDATE

by Norm Isler

It's been a "quiet" month at the SAC. While progress continues, there hasn't been the roar of power tools, but rather, mostly the sound of paintbrushes and rollers coating the walls in the Great Hall (meeting room) with two coats of paint. Soon curtains and shades will be back up on the windows and other wall decorations permanently in place. Next we will be completing the finish work on the drywall in the Grand Promenade (hallway) to give a fully finished feel to the two areas seen most often by members and visitors alike.

Jim Weinkoff has been busy with his tractor, smoothing out the fill dirt that has been steadily piling up around the building. Rapidly disappearing are the low spots and puddles that have plagued us. Thanks to Dave Goodwin and Jim McGowen for locating the source(s) of fill!

Behind the scenes, we continue to plug away at our final Certificate of Occupancy which we expect around the beginning of the year. More planning is underway to prioritize our efforts for next year, and to make the building more accessible to all our members on a more regular basis once that paperwork hurdle is cleared.

As many of you know, the economy has taken its toll on many businesses in the Rochester area. Recently, Lowes announced the closing of their Batavia Store. In the past two weeks, Mike Clayton and I have made three trips to the Batavia store, purchasing many of the supplies we need at 25 to 55% below regular price. These are items that almost never go on sale, and represent a huge savings to the chapter for materials such as interior doors, bathroom mirrors, finish lumber, lighting, hardware etc.

It has been a fantastic year with exceptional results we can all be proud of. Next week, we can celebrate a job well along (not done yet!) at our annual streak roast.

See you at the SAC!

## SAC HOSTS AOPA SAFETY INSTITUTE

by Norm Isler

On Thursday, Sept 13, EAA 44's Sport Aviation Center hosted the Aircraft Owners and Pilot's Association Air Safety Institute for the first time. Guest speaker Steve Frahm expressed great pleasure speaking in a real "aviation location" instead of a hotel or party house. Very happy with both the reception he got, number of attendees present and the facilities, Steve expressed hope that AOPA and EAA 44 would be able to partner for many more similar events in the future.



Approximately 85 attendees came for his presentation "SAY AGAIN? - Radio Communication Done Right." One brave soul even braved the less than perfect weather to fly in for the event. With more cooperative weather, we hope to see more fly in attendees in the future.

Thanks Steve and thanks AOPA! We look forward to seeing you back at the SAC soon.

## MAKE A FASHION STATEMENT FOR CHRISTMAS

by Norm Isler

Recently, several members approached me about getting some more EAA 44 logo clothing, some for themselves, and some as Christmas gifts for others. Time is short, but I think we can get one quick order in time for the holidays. Here's how-

Go to [www.queensboro.com](http://www.queensboro.com).

There you can look at all the items that the company offers. We can get our logo embroidered onto just about any style of shirt, jacket, coat, sweatshirt, scarf, etc. you may want. Find the article you want, and come to the November meeting with all necessary information to order; Item Description, Color, Size, Quantity and Price. Add \$5.00 to the cost of each item to cover the cost of shipping and bring a check or cash to cover your order to the steak roast. I will also try to have a computer "on line" at the roast to help members select the items they want.

Assuming we have sufficient interest to place an order (I would hope to have at least 8 to 12 pieces to order) I will place the order in the next day or so, and I would expect delivery to my home about mid December. As soon as I receive the order, we can make arrangements for pickup. Lets all dress sharp for 2012 like the two handsome models below!



## HOLIDAY DONATIONS TO CHAPTER BUILDING FUND

by Elise Isler



It's hard to believe ~ but the holidays are quickly coming upon us! Santa's making the list so how 'bout including a donation to Chapter 44 to help continue our building project? We have come a long way but still have a long way to go! Here's how it works:

Ask your loved ones to consider making a donation to **The EAA Chapter 44 Sport Aviation Center of Western New York** - in your name. Donations will be used strictly for materials, supplies, furnishings, construction needs for finishing the Aviation Center and funding for our Community Outreach programs.

**All donations are tax deductible.**

Please show your loved ones the enclosed letter and form. A special card and receipt will be sent to all who donate as well as a gift card to the recipient in whose name the donation is given.

Contact Elise Isler if you have any questions: [singholley@aol.com](mailto:singholley@aol.com)



**OLD GOAT DROPPINGS BY ART THIEME**

Doldrums: A becalmed state. That's what I seem to be in. If you have built a plane or are building one, you will recognize the feeling. There comes a point where you must take a rest and ponder things. And as you get older you ponder more often.

Recently I spent five days in San Antonio at the Lackland Air Force Base. The occasion was the graduation of a grandson from basic training. I was and am really impressed with what the training did for him. He became a man, polite, well-mannered, poised and ready for his next assignment. His mother, brother and sister and wife were there also. The difficult part was that the graduates were not allowed to show any affection on base, no holding hands, kisses, a peck was OK. I was proud of all the graduates, men and women. I think that many of our young people could benefit from a form of basic training.

While at San Antonio we visited the Alamo. Now my picture of the Alamo is what I've seen in the movies- the building standing out in the plains. But the Alamo is right in the heart of the business section with office buildings, shops and hotels just a street width away. It was difficult to appreciate what the building means.

While there, everyone told us we had to see the River Walk. It is a canal with sidewalks on both sides and nothing but shops, restaurants, and hotels along the way. My impression: a tourist trap. Of course, it didn't help that the temperature every day was 100 or more.

When I returned from Oshkosh and Lackland I had 120 emails. Perhaps I should tell them that I don't buy much stuff anymore. Except at Oshkosh. Talking about buying, there are two things I wished I had purchased: a hollow chisel mortiser and a dovetail router kit. And a four foot joiner.

Oh, I did receive my AOPA airplane Christmas cards. Now I'm out of the doldrums.

Old Goat, out.

**HOLIDAY PARTY DEC 20**

by Gail Isaac & Bob Nelligan-Barrett

Plans are underway for our first EAA 44 Holiday Party in the SAC. Gail and I have decided to give an in-house party a try to see how you all like it. Any adjustments can be made for next year if you determine you would rather have it catered or held at a restaurant. But this year, we try it here.



The Party will begin at our regular dinner time 6:30 PM and go until...? We are planning to have several food stations around the room for you and your guests to wander, nibble, mingle, and chat with old and new friends. Please be sure Bob or Gail know you are coming so we can accurately order food.

Our main courses will be Chicken French and Sausage with Peppers and Onions, with assorted fruit and veggie trays, a chocolate fountain, and desserts. Cost is \$15 per person, payable at the November meeting or as you arrive for dinner.

Non-alcoholic drinks will be provided, though we are asking you to BYOB to share with other friends and guests. We will have a "Wine table" for you to share your wine, and to sample others. Dave Hurd will be our bartender for the night if you would like to bring mixed drinks. No alcohol will be provided by EAA 44.

We would appreciate it if members would loan or donate Christmas decorations for our tree and the room, preferable of an aviation theme. Please bring them any time you come to the SAC between now and then, or on Saturday Dec 17.

**WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES- NOVEMBER 2010 GENERAL MEETING**

### **BOTTLE QUEEN REPORT BY GAIL ISAAC**

Hi Everybody....here's the latest jabber from me!

BQ report: We are in the money again this month. I just found the crate full today (with a text reminder from Elise) and pulled in \$26. Along with some non-nickel cans that I have crushed for the May metal collection. Save them too but help me by putting them in a separate bag.

MM (Metal Maiden) report: Our Optics department uses a lot of single sided razor blades

and I have a large coffee can full for the May metal collection. One of our guys has been collecting them for safety and just told me about them. It has to weigh 5 pounds. It is amazing what metal we have hanging around and don't even pay attention to any table ware, knives that are dull and you hate using, a can of misc screws that you never look at... anything that is metal. Old lawn chairs that the fabric or webbing is shot. Metal tools. Pots and pans. Just give it a little thought and save it for May. I will set up a date in the Spring. Remember, bright copper, brass and clean aluminum are the best price.

See you at the November meeting.

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

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

**Non Board Member Officers / Members Present:** Bowdler, Byers

**Reports:**

- President (Tom Bowdler):
  - Tom summarized member survey results; he was generally pleased with the level of participation. He plans to continue for the November membership meeting.
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
  - AOPA Air Safety Institute seminar – preparations. Renting 90 chairs. Phil has volunteered to pick up / return chairs. Volunteer crew needed to help set up on Wednesday / clean up on Thursday. Lighting for driveway / walkway. Signage / lighting by road. Phil and Marsha Hazen to cover cold beverages. Gail to brew coffee.
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd):
  - Report read and approved
- Secretary (Stephen North):
  - Minutes read and approved.

**Business:**

- Capital Campaign (Mike Stoddard)
  - Receipts have slowed somewhat, plans moving forward will be guided by building needs.
- Building Committee (Darryl Byers)
  - Ideas to maximize use of building
  - Need storage building – work on plans (size, cost, etc.)
- General
  - Eagle Scout project – no update.

- Bottle Queen / Program Host
  - October program: Trafford Dougherty (“Flying in 1911”)
  - Bottle receipts reported
- Sound control (Mike Stoddard)
  - Need about 440 square feet.
  - Do it yourself fabric panels from purchased materials
  - Purchased finished would cost about 4X as much as DIY.
- Steak roast – Bob N-B volunteered to pick up steaks.
- Nominating committee – BOD members up for re-election: Isler / Hazen / Williams / Isaac / Nelligan-Barrett. All except Gail have agreed to run again, need to solicit nominations from General Membership.
- December Holiday Party (20 Dec) – Bob Nelligan-Barrett / Gail Isaac. Looking for decoration donations. Looking into catered food.
- Bob N-B shared draft of donor thank you letter and certificate.
- Web site – Norm moved to allocate funds for Phil Hazen to maintain web site domain name. Bob N-B seconded, approved unanimously.
- Driveway repair complete.
- Need to fill in the drain and electric line ditches. Norm moved that we allocate funds for Mike Clayton to rent equipment and purchase fill as required. Steve North seconded, pass unanimously.
- Nickels for chairs, a.k.a. “The Happy Bottom Club” – Gail Isaac moved that the Chapter dedicate the bottle return / scrap metal money towards new, more comfortable, matching chairs. Mike Clayton seconded, passed unanimously.

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

**Reports:**

- President (Tom Bowdler):
  - Tom summarized member survey results; he was generally pleased with the level of participation. He plans to continue for the November membership meeting.
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
  - Lightspeed – Yes for next year
  - AOPA ASI seminar – 85 attended, good feedback
  - BOD members up for re-election: Isler / Hazen / Williams / Isaac / Nelligan-Barrett. All except Isaac have agreed to run again, need to solicit nominations from General Membership. Bob Northrup nominated Darryl Byers. Nomination open until November elections.
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd):
  - Report read and approved
  - Money from bottle returns / scrap metal recycling goes towards chairs.
- Secretary (Stephen North):
  - Minutes read and approved.
- Builder’s Reports:
  - Hurd Glasair: Working with Jeff Paris on fitting doors and windows.
  - Paris Europa: Taxi tests
  - Northrup RV8: Needed to replace engine monitor.

**Business:**

- Building Committee (Darryl Byers)
  - Need storage building – work on plans (size, cost, etc.)
  - Sound proofing
- General
  - December Un-meeting (20 Dec) – Bob Nelligan-Barrett / Gail Isaac. Looking for decoration donations. Meal will be catered, cost \$20/ea. Sign-up sheet passed around.

**SAC WORK SCHEDULE TO CHANGE**

SAC Construction Manager Mike Clayton has decided to change the Saturdays that we work at the SAC. Conflicts with our regular meetings and other commitments lead him to move them to 2nd & 4th Saturdays, starting immediately. The new dates are:

November 26, 2011 (may be canceled due to Thanksgiving)  
 December 10, 2011  
 No work session on Dec 24th

January 14, 28, 2012  
 February 11, 25  
 March 10, 24  
 April 14, 28  
 May 12, 26  
 June 9, 23  
 July 14, 28  
 Aug 11, 25  
 Sept. 8, 22  
 Oct. 13, 27  
 Nov. 10, 24  
 Dec. 8, 22

These dates may be adjusted as we go forward, based on conflicts with holidays, planned chapter activities, etc. Mike will let you know ahead of time.



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## REGIONAL CALENDAR

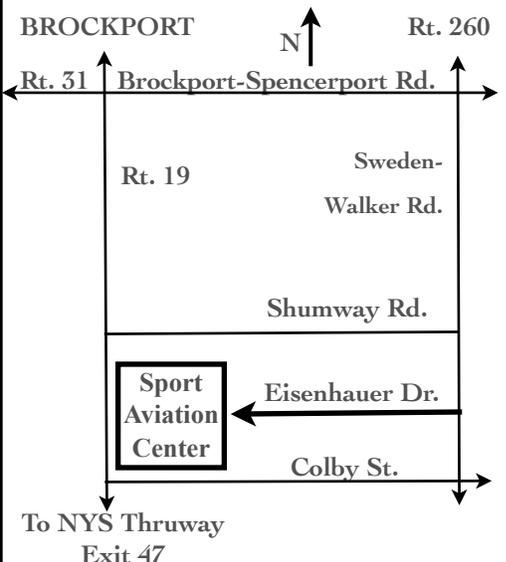
### AirVenture Oshkosh 2012 July 23-29

100th Anniversary Flying Boat  
75th Anniversary of the Piper Cub  
60th Anniversary of AirVenture  
50th Anniversary of the Dyke Delta  
Tribute to Richard Van Grunsven  
Electric Aircraft  
STOL Competition  
Tuskegee Airmen reunion and showing of George Lucas' film "Red Tails"  
and more... Go to: <www.eaa.org>

### EAA 44 Oshkosh Airlift TBA



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## EAA 44 Calendar



### NEXT GENERAL MEETING

#### **Nov. 15 Steak Roast and Annual Election Meeting Dinner 6:30, Meeting 7:30**

Guest Speakers: Bob Northrup on flying his RV-8 to AirVenture, & Phil Hazen & Norm Isler on a Murphy Rebel Builders Forum they attended in Canada.

Nov 26 SAC Work Crew-tentative

Dec. 10 SAC Work Crew

Dec. 13 Board Meeting

**Dec. 17 Holiday Party Set-up**

**Dec. 20 Holiday Party**

Dec. 24 No work session

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**Calendar for 2012 coming soon**

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR 2012!**

Jan. 10 Board Meeting

Jan. 14 SAC Work Crew

Jan. 17 General Meeting

Jan. 28 SAC Work Crew

Feb. 11 SAC Work Crew

Feb. 14 Valentines Day Bd. Mtg.

Feb. 21 General Meeting

Feb. 25 SAC Work Crew

**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-**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays, 10 AM -?

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