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SPORT AVIATION CENTER UPDATE

by Norm Isler

This month we crossed a major milestone at our new home. In addition to new “construction” and working towards completion, we have now accomplished our first major act of “maintenance.” At our last meeting it was determined that the heat was not working in the Great Hall. Two weeks ago, we had a heat tech in and effected our first significant “repair” to the building. That said, I am happy to report that the heat is now once again fully functional, and we won’t have to worry about staying warm at our upcoming Holiday Festivity.

In addition to setting up for our Holiday Bash, this past week saw several smaller, but important tasks completed. Winter prep is well underway with solar lights moved inside (to protect them against wayward snowplows), and the Plane Train and Lawn Mower are now resting for the winter under tarps on the porch. As a result, the shop area looks much bigger, (and a bit cleaner too!) We can now anticipate seeing our first airplane project move in soon, and another aspect of the “Big Plan” for the building achieved.

Door frames are going up in the Great Hall closet door openings as well as the main entrance from the Grand Promenade. Soon there will be doors and hinges and a real feel of “creature comfort” throughout. All of this is in preparation for receiving our full and permanent Certificate of Occupancy, which we expect to happen shortly after the first of the year. At this time, it seems only some plumbing work stands between us and the elusive C of O!

As we get close to moving from “Construction Zone” to “Finished Home”, your

Building Committee is once again working and planning. Much needs to be done working out details as to how the building will be “fitted out”, and put to use. A major endeavor of the committee now is researching the best way to make the building available to all of our members on a regular basis once it is legal to do so. Our old home had a simple mechanical combination lock that made access simple, but not very secure. We hope in the next few weeks to select a somewhat more robust system that will allow each member to have a unique access code so we can be sure that the people using the building are, in fact, authorized to do so. If you have any experience, knowledge (or a desire to learn) about such systems, let us know!



Thanks to Jerry Isaac & Norm Isler for taking our two semi-functional dishwashers and making one good one out of them for the Food Warming Area.

The Building Committee and the Board of Directors also both discussed a continuing concern about “Stuff” showing up in, at, or on the SAC. As a member of both committees / groups, I know I speak for all of us, saying that we appreciate the generosity of every member that thinks to donate some treasure to the building. That said, we also need to ask everyone to talk with the board or building committee *before* bringing *anything* to be placed in the building. While that treasure may be a great opportunity for someone, there may not be a place for it in the SAC. As we use up, and clean out excess building materials, we have many chapter belongings to bring to the SAC that have been occupying space generously donated “off site”. (I know many wives will be happy to get back corners of their living rooms, closets and storage buildings when the archives, spare parts, art work, library and flight simulators go back to their rightful place at the SAC.) Please help us continue an orderly plan for fitting out the building by not bringing anything that will occupy space and add to clutter without first getting it approved by the BoD. We don’t want the new building to become a drop off place for unwanted “Stuff.”

As the year comes to a close, we can look back and see all the amazing progress we have made at the new **EAA Chapter 44 Sport Aviation Center of Western New York** over just the past year. I just re-read my column from last December. We had just hooked up the electric, and were just *TALKING* about getting the water turned on. There was no heat in the building, and we were still a far cry from being ready to hold meetings there. My sincere thanks to all that have helped make this dream come true.

And now, just to be sure I am not accused of being politically correct, let me wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and a Happy New Year.

See you at the SAC!

OLD GOAT DROPPINGS BY ART THIEME

I may have mentioned it before but my US Navy WW2 ship no longer has reunions. Nor does my high school (West High '43.) And the Geriatric Pilots are close to giving up. (Even the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association is ending their reunions after this year’s 70th Anniversary-ED.) And that brings me to the point of thanking all the younger members of Chapter 44 for taking over and continuing the support of sport aviation. I would be remiss if I didn’t mention the ladies who attend our meeting and grace the proceedings, not to mention the improvement in the meals. Thank you Ladies!!!

I see in the Oshkosh reviews that a Fairey Swordfish arrived on Saturday morning. For you younger fans, this plane is a biplane torpedo bomber that in WW2 dropped a torpedo into the German battleship Bismarck and damaged the rudder to the point that she couldn’t steer and the British ships caught her and sank her. This is one of only two currently flying. I would have liked to see her, but alas our group left on Saturday.

Somewhere I read that Schweizer Aircraft is part of Sikorsky which is part of United Technologies. I remember Schweizer as a working glider manufacturer and flight school. I got my glider license there in the '70's. I highly recommend that pilots get some glider training as it makes it easier to land when the engine goes silent.

Recently I played a CD of Benny Goodman. Pieces like “Sing, Sing, Sing” “Stompin’ at the Savoy” and “One O’Clock Jump” are great and not one guitar! And the drums are great.

With the giving season coming there are only two wishes on my list. I would like a toaster that can toast one slice evenly on both sides and in a reasonable amount of time. I would also like a coffee maker that can brew one cup of good coffee. Mine makes nice warm brown water.

I wish you all a Happy Holiday Season and the best New year for all of us!!

Old Goat, out.

BOTTLE QUEEN INVITE by GAIL ISAAC

Come and join us at the 1st Annual Holiday party at our new SAC. You won't believe what I have done to it...or maybe you would!!! All I ask is to let me know if you are coming if you have not already. I would like to know for food count and if you come, bring your \$15.00 per ticket to the party. See you there...HOHOHO!!

EAA CHAPTER 44 YEAR IN REVIEW



Guest Speaker Guido Hassig from the FAA at one of our last meetings in the church.



No heat or closed walls in February.



Our first OFFICIAL meeting in the SAC.



The PlaneTrain in the Lilac Parade.



Paul Gugliemi gives a Spencerport Young Eagle Adventurer her first airplane ride.



Wings 2011



Carl Bowens giving a demo during the SAC Grand Opening



SAC Ribbon Cutting & Dedication



We welcomed the AOPA ASI Safety Seminar, our first outside presenter.



EAA President Hightower's Grassroots Pilot Tour



Dave Goodwin smoothing out Phil's Porch.

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

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

Non-Board Member Officers / Members Present: Byers, Bowdler, Myers, and E. Isler

Reports:

- President (Tom Bowdler):
 - Continue to receive surveys, still reviewing and collating. Taking a little time to organize comments.
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
 - No report.
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd):
 - Report read and approved
 - Postal rates going up in January, will buy a bunch of forever stamps.
 - Received thank you card from Pat Pederson (Chapter 46) acknowledging our payment covering expenses from Young Eagles.
- Secretary (Stephen North):
 - Minutes read and approved.

Business:

- Capital Campaign (Mike Stoddard)
 - Mike Stoddard met with Norm and Mike Clayton to develop a strategic approach for 2012. Focus may shift to companies and foundations.
- Building Committee (Darryl Byers)

- Looking for clarification as to purpose of committee. Guidance was that committee needs to generate ideas for vision of building. Maybe open up shop area for short-term member projects. Need to set guidelines for usage. Otherwise set up vision for the future.
- General
 - Sound control (Mike Stoddard)
 - Mike went to a local workout studio to examine a sample installation. Favorable impression. Recommended the Chapter proceed with a similar design. Mike will work up bill of materials.
 - Eagle Scout Project
 - Still working along, may be delayed for the winter, start again in the spring.
 - Bottle Queen / Program Host
 - November program: Bob Northrup flying RV8 to Oshkosh, maybe also include Craig Ritson and Jeff Paris talking about their trip as well.
 - Christmas party plans: Food stations set up around the room: fruit/veggies, cheese & crackers, etc. BYOB to share. Food starts at 6:30. Cost: \$15 per person. Looking for donations of Christmas lights and other decorations. Setting up the previous Saturday.
 - Steak night: Bob Nelligan-Barrett picking up steaks, extending invitation to Chapter 46.

- Looking at choices for chairs, need to evaluate options. Have time while funds from bottle returns accumulate.
- 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. Darryl Byers nominated by Bob Northrup.
- Visit to Geriatric Pilots' Association – The Chapter is looking for opportunities to partner with the GPA for the mutual benefit of both organizations.
- Chapter wear – Norm will be collecting orders for Chapter clothing at the next General Membership meeting.
- News of a potential new airport owner. Norm requested that a small delegation meet with the new owner to discuss his vision for the airport and how the Chapter can help. Rob Williams moved to approve this suggestion, Mike Clayton seconded, passed unanimously.

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

Reports:

- President (Tom Bowdler):
 - Thank you for Bob Nelligan-Barrett for getting and cooking steaks and a special thank you to the beef cattle who gave their all in support of a worthy cause. Thanks to all for contributions. Also for survey responses, will present results in December. Anyone wishing to add thoughts please feel free to contact Tom.
 - Tom is resigning as of Dec. 30, 2011. Pleasure to serve but time to move on.
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
 - Thank you to Tom for his service
 - Received check from AOPA for the use of our building
 - AOPA scheduled another Air Safety Meeting in the building May 10, 2012

- Treasurer (Dave Hurd): Report read and approved.
- Secretary (Stephen North - absent):
 - Elise Isler reporting for meeting
- Builder's Reports:
 - Given – and damn fine builder's reports they were too.

Business:

- Building Committee (Darryl Byers)
 - Priority for: Exterior lighting, Certificate of Occupancy, doors and access key entry for members. Also in discussion – drawing up a contract for use of shop facilities.
- General
 - “Happy Bottom” (Gail Isaac) – Report given
 - Sound Proofing (Mike Stoddard) – Report given in a quiet and muffled tone of voice.
 - Holiday Donations Fund (Elise Isler) – Reminder to use letter/form requests for contributors. If all else fails extortion is still an option.
 - Apparel (Norm Isler) – Order in process
 - Donations (Phil Hazen) – Report given. Reminder: Please do not bring items to the SAC as a donation without board approval.
 - Christmas Party – (Gail Isaac and Bob Nelligan-Barrett) – Report given. Un-meeting: December 20, 2011 at the Sport Aviation Center
 - \$15.00 per person – catered dinner / BYOB
 - Please purchase tickets in advance if possible. Contact Bob or Gail
- Elections:
 - Ballot for Board Members: Norm Isler, Phil Hazen, Rob Williams, Bob Nelligan-Barrett, and Darryl Byers. (No write-ins) Motion to approve: Whit Beckett, second: Norm Isler. Passed unanimously.

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REGIONAL CALENDAR

AOPA ASI Seminar at the SAC
Topic TBA
May 10

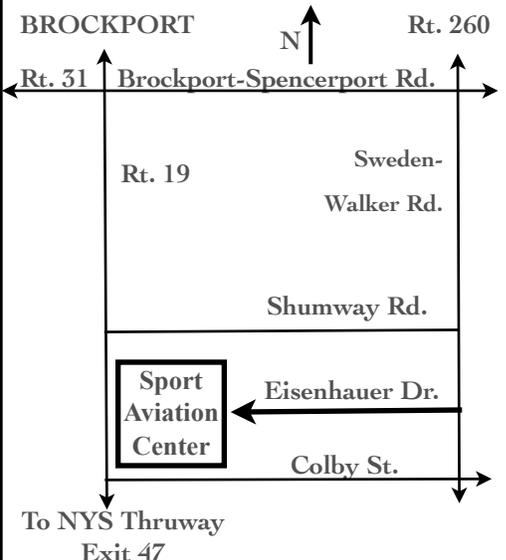
AirVenture Oshkosh 2012
Oshkosh WI
July 23-29

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



Dyke Delta photo from EAA.org website



EAA 44 Calendar



NEXT GENERAL MEETING
Chapter Holiday Dinner
6:30 PM

No business, no speakers.
Just a catered meal for
your holiday pleasure.

Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year to all.

Dec. 17 Holiday Dinner Set-up
Dec. 20 Holiday Dinner

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

Mar. 10 SAC Work Crew
Mar. 13 Board Mtg.
Mar. 20 General Mtg.
Mar. 24 SAC Work Crew

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

Sport Aviation Center
Eisenhauer Drive
Brockport Airport/
Ledgesdale Airpark (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-
2nd & 4th Saturdays, 10 AM -?

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