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SAC UPDATE by Norm Isler

Thanks to The Winter That Wasn't (TW²) we continue to make progress at The SAC, and save money on reduced expenses such as heat and snow plowing. As of this past week, we are seeing more and more of the "decorative" touches vs. just the functional. In the Great Hall, we now have six closet doors on the closets. Next will be some internal shelving and the beginnings of, dare I say it, organization? Hard to believe we have so much "stuff"! It will be great to be able to start putting it away and knowing where it is for when we need it. (Not so long ago, we spend most of an hour searching for our three scotch tape rolls for mailing the newsletter. We finally found them in the freezer!)

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SPECIAL PROGRAM SPEAKER Thursday, February 23, 7:00 PM

Ever wonder what it is like flying a U-2 spyplane at the edge of space? Come to EAA Chapter 44's Sport Aviation Center (SAC) at Brockport's Ledgesdale Airport on Thursday, Feb 23 at 7:00 PM to find out.

Major Roger "Starman" Mostar USAF (ret.) will be visiting us in Brockport, and will give a talk on what it was like to fly the famed *Dragon Lady* at the edge of space. While many of Mostar's adventures are classified, we'll hear what it was like to be part of the elite U-2 family for 13 years. He flew over Baghdad during Desert Storm, Bosnia during the Bosnian War and many other areas where Washington had an interest in knowing exactly what was happening on the ground.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Rob Williams

I've been experiencing it for a long time, but it never ceases to surprise me anyway. You know the saying, "the older you get, the faster time goes". Well Ground Hog Day just flew by and it marked the year anniversary of my good friend Carl's passing. It's hard to believe. Most of you remember him. We brought the Mohawk in one night for a meeting and he flew Young Eagles in my Colt a few summers ago (see photo below).



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EAA 44 SAC TO HOST AOPA ASI SAFETY SEMINAR

EAA 44 is proud to announce its SECOND AOPA ASI Safety Seminar to be held on Thursday May 10 at 7PM.

The topic is "Wanted: Alive! Reining in the Fatal Accident Rate." "The general aviation accident rate is not dropping, and pilots continue to find themselves in the same accident-causing scenarios that have been plaguing them for years. Be a part of the safety conversation as the Air Safety Institute digs a little deeper into what's causing pilot-related accidents. Join us as we discuss the top pilot-related accident categories, why they are what they are, and how you can avoid falling into them." (Text from AOPA ASI website)

SAC UPDATE con't

Almost all of the doorframes are now framed, and more doors are being hung at each work session. Not only will the doors help control the heat distribution, but also serve as noise control. Fortunately, former VP Steve Zigelstein salvaged nearly all the doors we needed from Strong Hospital. That represented a huge cost saving for us. Once hung, we will have another opportunity for someone to help out in refinishing the doors for better appearance.

We are getting closer to the C of O we are constantly chasing! This week marked completion of the plumbing vent pipes, and now we have only one plumbing fixture left to install. Mike and I will be contacting the inspector within the next week or so to do a walk through and determine what if any items remain on our punch-list for approval. Our neighbor and soon-to-be Eagle Scout Ben Hare is looking forward to warm weather so he can complete his Eagle Scout Project, landscaping our back yard.

The most exciting report on the SAC is the use it is getting, and upcoming scheduled events. We have hosted our first AOPA Air Safety Foundation seminar, and I am happy to report we are confirmed for another ASF seminar on May 10. Not only does this use and promote our building, we also get paid for it! As spring approaches, we can look forward to many events at our home such as Young Eagle flights, Adult Orientation flights, National Learn to Fly Day open house, and many more. Don't think it will be "All work and no play!" We are also planning many member events to include more flying and fun than has been possible before. Don't miss this month's Special Event, a talk by one of the few people privileged to fly our nation's premier reconnaissance tool, the U-2 Dragon Lady. See you at The SAC!

Special Speaker con't

Roger is originally from just north of New York City, and served 23 years in the US Air Force. Prior to joining the U-2 team, he served as aircraft commander on B-52s of the Strategic Air Command, standing "alert" duty ready to fly anywhere at a moment's notice. Retired from the service, Roger now flies as first officer on FedEx 777 airliners. He is also a CFI, and regularly flies general aviation aircraft as well.

Pizza and wings will be available for munching prior to Thursday's program. Come and join us. See you at the SAC!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE con't

I think I may have even shamed him into a spontaneous program one night. He always had a knack for just getting up and pulling a good presentation out of his you know what. Yes, aviation lost a good friend last year. He was so involved in so many things. I will always cherish our many flying adventures together, whether it was racing at Reno, bouncing along in my Cub to a breakfast or moving a jet across the country. His death was a blow to me, but as you all know, time is a great healer.

As I find myself reflecting on the past year, I am also beginning to experience a renewed sense of adventure, a renewed excitement to make this coming year a great aviation year. I am spread thin with my involvement in aviation most of the time, but I am really looking forward to chapter events this year. The idea of casual Saturday morning meets at the SAC on off work weeks, whether you fly-in or drive, appeals to me. We have a lot of chapter member projects flying out there and more nearing flight status this year. It will be great to see them gathered together. Holding chapter movie night is a great idea too. Between all our members, I am sure we will fill many a night with great film. Our usual fare such as Young Eagle flights and other events are always a treat and it will be great to finally get some real use out of our SAC. So I am excited. I hope you are too, and I hope to continue to see you all at our chapter events. CAVU!

DUES ARE DUE!

If you haven't reupped yet, please send a check for \$30 to Treasurer Dave Hurd, or see him at the General Meeting. His mailing address is on the next to last page. Thank you for your support of EAA 44

LAST MONTH'S GUEST SPEAKER

Dave Hurd on Aircraft Electrical Systems



Dave Hurd using sign language to demonstrate aircraft electrical terminals. If he KNEW what he was really signing, he'd have to wash his hands!!!

Dave Hurd presented a very clear and complete, yet brief explanation of aircraft electrical systems in general, but also specifically for our homebuilts.

He began by offering an analogy most of us would understand because we have seen it, water flow and plumbing. Moving electrons in a wire are like water flowing thru a pipe. OK, good start, we got it. Then he explained units of measure (ohms, volts, watts, etc) again comparison with water flow.

For show and tell, Dave brought typical special tools that anyone working with an electrical system would need- strippers, crimpers, cutters, and soldering irons.

The highlight of the evening was his selection of a "lovely assistant from the audience" Ms. Elise to demonstrate how a strong connection would hold up to 10 lbs of scuba weights. You had to be there.

Thank you Dave for a very educational presentation.

METAL RECYCLING IN THE SPRING by Gail "Bottle Queen" Isaac

Hi all, I am willing to take another trip to Metalico with metals in the spring. If you would like, start putting things aside now. I have been saving canned goods cans since Ginger, my dog, is now on canned pumpkin to lose weight. They are not very valuable but every penny counts. If you take off both ends and flatten the cans, they don't take up much space. Of course, all metals are worth something and I just found out that motors from appliances have metals that are worth more. They have to be taken out of the appliance though. The rest of it can be recycled also. Any way, I am ready to take another run and once a date is set, we will gather the metals at the SAC but not until then. Start a pile at home. I will let you know the date soon.

Of course, the bottles and cans are still a money maker and I am still your faithful Bottle Queen so keep them coming. We are well on our way with funds to purchase new, comfortable, practical chairs for the SAC from our "Happy Bottom" fund.

See you soon.



EAA 44 members attended the opening night of George Lucas' "Red Tails." Maybe movie night will become a regular chapter activity...Friday Flying Flicks at the SAC?
N.Isler Photo

OLD GOAT'S TWEET BY ART THIEME

I was going to start off with a few tweets, but I misplaced (lost) my tweet sheet. Perhaps next month.

In the last issue I mentioned that the Navy had 99 aircraft carriers commissioned at the end of WW2. That info came from the August 2011 issue of Flight Journal. I thought that was a little high but if you can't believe the printed word, what can you believe? In the January issue of AOPA PILOT, in Barry Schiff's Q&A section, he listed the number as 34. That seems more like it.

I used to tell people that I was older than Joe Paterno, Now I tell them I'm as old as Queen Elizabeth. Look it up. (*I did. You've both 85. Are you going to celebrate your Diamond Jubilee, 60 years of your monarchy on the home "throne?" Ed.*)

I have a new years resolution: Cut down on the number of magazines I read or at least subscribe to. A rough count would be 35, not counting those that come with memberships. Aviation magazines lead the list with 10. But I'm going to cut the food and cooking magazines. I find that I seldom make what they list, as good as it sounds. Many have an ingredient that I never heard of or would only use once. But it is difficult to resist the special subscription offers.

Speaking of cooking, I wonder who the first cook was that put a bay leaf into the pot. I suspect it was cook cooking under a tree and the leaf just fell into the pot.

I leave you with this thought: She could turn more heads than a chiropractor.

Old Goat, out.

MEMBERS RECEIVE SERVICE AWARDS

President Rob Williams presented Outstanding Service Awards to several members in recognition of their contributions to the Chapter. Below are pics of some of the recipients: Outgoing Pres. Tom Bowdler, Webmaster and Young Eagle Coordinator Phil Hazen, and Tech Counselor Jeff Paris.

More next month.



**EAA Chapter 44
Board of Directors' Meeting
10 Jan 2012**

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

Non Board Member Officers / Members Present:

Bowdler
Reports:

- President (Rob Williams):
 - Present and ready for duty
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
 - No report
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd):
 - Report read and approved.
 - Summarized receipts from holiday giving program.
 - Dave is looking for assistance in filling out Chapter renewal forms.
 - Per National guidelines, need to schedule an audit of books by Vice President.
- Secretary (Stephen North):
 - Minutes read and approved.

Business:

- Capital Campaign (Mike Stoddard)
 - No update from last meeting
- Building Committee (Darryl Byers)
 - Review of options for member access door lock.
 - Began general cleanup of pilot's lounge area.
 - Measured for gas grill storage locker on porch.
 - Working on securing C of O, coordinating with new town building inspector.
- General
 - Sound control (Mike Stoddard)
 - Summary of bill of material costs, within budget.
 - Review of panel quantity and placement.
 - Isler moved to purchase acoustic panel materials, seconded by Hurd. Passed unanimously.
 - Bottle Queen / Program Host
 - Funds received from container returns

- Programs for upcoming year:
 - January Dave Hurd – Electrical systems
 - February Mike Clayton – Declassified Kodak surveillance programs
 - March Bob Bailey – Chapter history
 - April Gene Benson – Wings credit program
 - May Paul G (Tour of Alaska)
- Tom Bowdler
 - Distributed Chapter renewal information
 - Eagle Scout Project – Ben Hare still working, passed to Mike Clayton to coordinate.
 - Reviewed results of member survey
- Chapter activity calendar for upcoming year (Bob N-B)
 - Bob passed around proposed calendar for the year.
 - Pancake breakfast – would need a leader or leaders, propose to general membership and then begin planning.
 - Regular low-key gatherings with food, coffee and doughnuts, hots and hamburgs, etc. (maybe 1st / 3rd Saturdays)
 - Open House for International Learn to Fly Day - 19 May (maybe hold Eagle Flights).
 - EAA International Young Eagle Day – 9 June
 - Youth education program for Spencerport School (starts in April)
 - Geriatric Pilots Association, invite out to visit SAC.
 - Aerocamp
 - Washington trip (April / May?)
 - Fall harbor / river cruise
 - Oshkosh Airlift
 - Hendershot's
 - Rochester Wings
 - Movie nights

**EAA Chapter 44
General Membership Meeting
17 Jan 2012**

Reports:

- President (Rob Williams):
 - Chapter Service Awards
 - Norm Isler – Young Eagles, Vice President
 - Phil Hazen – Young Eagles, Web Editor
 - Bob Nelligan-Barrett – Newsletter Editor
 - Jim Martin – Tech Counselor
 - Earl Luce – Tech Counselor
 - Jeff Paris – Tech Counselor
 - Stephen North – Secretary
 - Dave Hurd – Treasurer
 - Tom Bowdler - President
 - Discussion about changes in EAA National leadership
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
 - Chapter group outing on Friday, 20 January to see opening of Red Tails, a movie about the Tuskegee Airmen.
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd):
 - Report read and approved.
 - Please pay your dues.
- Secretary (Stephen North):
 - Minutes read and approved.

Business:

- Capital Campaign
 - Donors were very generous for 2011.

- Building Committee (Darryl Byers)
 - Pilot's Lounge getting cleaned out.
 - Moving towards permanent C of O
 - Work in progress: door locks, storage locker for grills, acoustic panels
- General
 - Airlift appeal – need a trip leader or will cancel for this year.
 - Chapter Plans for upcoming year
 - Fly In Breakfast? Needs Chapter support, general approval?
 - Informal weekend gatherings, maybe on 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings.
 - Eagles flights – May 19th (National Learn to Fly Day)
 - International Young Eagle Day
 - Movie nights at SAC



SAC Milestone: Our first airplane project in the SAC. Steve North discusses the fine points of his Breezy with Tech Counselor Jeff Paris.

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REGIONAL CALENDAR

AOPA ASI SEMINAR @ SAC
Wanted: Alive! Reining in the Fatal Accident Rate
Thur. May 10

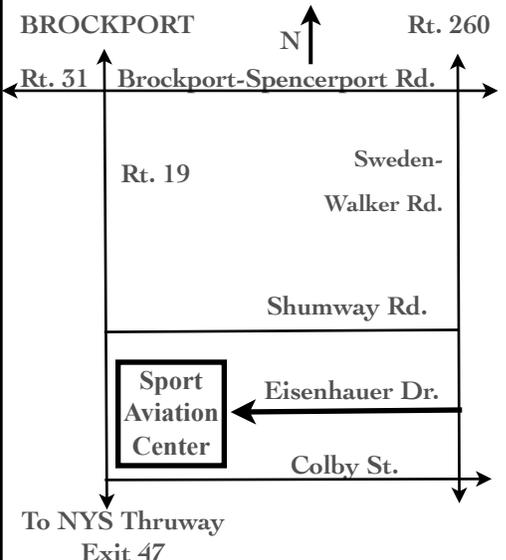
EAA LEARN TO FLY DAY
Sat. May 19
EAA 44 Activities TBA
<www.learnstofly.org/default.aspx>

EAA YOUNG EAGLE DAY
Sat. June 9
EAA 44 Activities TBA
<www.youneagles.org>

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY TO CUB HAVEN
June 20-23
Piper Memorial Airport (KLHV)
Lock Haven, PA
<www.sentimentaljourneyfly-in.com>

GENESEO WWII AIRSHOW
July 13-15
Geneseo Airfield (D52), NY
<www.1941hag.org>

AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH
Oshkosh WI
July 23-29 Go to: <www.eaa.org>
EAA 44 Oshkosh Airlift TBA



EAA 44 Calendar



NEXT GENERAL MEETING **Tuesday Feb 21 6:30 PM**

Mike Clayton will be talking with us about the recently declassified material involving Kodak surveillance (aka SPY) satellites. Should be fascinating. As always, please bring a dish to pass.

Feb.23 **Speaker: U-2 Pilot**
Feb. 25 SAC Work Crew

Mar. 10 SAC Work Crew
Mar. 13 Board Mtg.
Mar. 20 General Mtg.
Speaker Bob Bailey on EAA 44's founding history
Mar. 24 SAC Work Crew

Apr.10 Board Mtg.
Apr. 14 SAC Work Crew
Apr. 17 General Mtg.
Speaker Gene Bensen-"Hangar Flying"-WINGS credit available
Apr. 28 SAC Work Crew

May 8 Board Mtg.
May 10 AOPA ASI SEMINAR
May 15 General Mtg.
May 19 LEARN TO FLY DAY & OPEN HOUSE

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

Sport Aviation Center
Eisenhower Drive
Brockport Airport/
Ledgedale 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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