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AVIATION EVENTS TO SATISFY ALL THIS SUMMER

This summer is shaping up to be an exciting one for aviation enthusiasts. No matter what your interests, something is happening for you locally or within a days drive. See the Regional Calendar on page 7 for details of these events.

The 25th annual Ontario Beach Kite Flight was held as it always is on the first Sunday in May. The photo below is from the Albert Stone Collection at the RMSC of a kite day in the 1930's.



If you like warbirds you have two choices this summer. The Canadian Warbird Airshow in Hamilton Ontario Canada, and the Geneseo Airshow, the "Greatest Show on Turf."

For fans of vintage aircraft we have the 75th Anniversary of the Piper Cub in Lock Haven PA and the International Vintage Sailplane Meet at Harris Hill.

Of course, we cannot forget Airventure Oshkosh and our airlift to it. This is the Big Daddy of airshows for homebuilders like ourselves.

And finally, the NYS Festival of Balloons in Dansville closes out the summer. So whatever your interest, warbirds, Cubs, sailplanes, kites, hot air balloons, or all of them together, this is your summer in Upstate NY.

See you at the airport.

EAA 44 FINALIST for \$10,000 GRANT

EAA 44 has again been selected as one of 20 finalists for the Lightspeed Aviation Foundation Grant. Online voting between now and the end of summer will narrow down the finalists to 5 winners. Last year we missed winning by 300 votes, which worked out to 8 missed votes per member. We were SO close last year and the grant would do so much for completing the SAC.

If you didn't vote last year, we IMPLORE you to do so now, RIGHT NOW, at <www.eaa44.org> before you forget. ANYONE can vote (your kids, your mother-in-law, your boss), one vote per email address, so personal and work email addresses are TWO votes.

If you receive the electronic copy of this newsletter, you can copy either of the links below to your Facebook page, your email signature line, your home page, or anywhere electronically where voters can one-click vote for us. Make it quick and simple for them. It will only take 44 seconds for us to win \$10,000.

VOTE for EAA Chapter 44!

[EAA Chapter 44 needs your vote for the Pilot's Choice Awards](#)



STUDENTS COMPLETE YOUNG EAGLE ADVENTURE PROGRAM

Sixteen students from Cosgrove Middle School in Spencerport completed their Young Eagle Adventure program with flights provided by members of EAA 44.

Students attended classes on aerodynamics, navigation, ATC, weather, and other topics. EAA 44 members Norm Isler, Mike Clayton, Mike Stoddard, and Dave Hurd taught classes along with faculty from the Cosgrove School. **Thank you to pilots Tom Bowdler, Larry Greeno, Frank Grossman, Norm Isler, Bob Northrup, & Rob Williams for donating your aircraft, thanks to Elise for YE Registration, and thanks to the ground crew.** Here are some pictures of the day.



Norm welcomes Cosgrove students and their parents. Below, a mother's photo op.



Students and parents wait for pre-flight briefing.



Gail makes a point to Jack Mazarella, airport founder. Jerry listens.



Smile!

APRIL GUEST SPEAKER GENE BENSON

For our April meeting we again welcomed aviation consultant Gene Benson to discuss "Hangar Flying," how to reduce accidents in GA flying.

Gene believes that most accidents are the result of human error. He came to this conclusion after studying thousands of accidents and NTSB reports. Most accidents are not the result of one cause, but rather a chain of events that could be broken at any time. Pilots need to be aware of the error, trap or stop it, and mitigate or fix the error.

Fuel management, or lack thereof, is a problem that could be solved by physically checking the fuel level before takeoff, topping off, and using checklist during the flight to prevent mismanagement of tanks at a critical time of flight, such as takeoff and landing.

Pilots making too low an approach on landing is another problem that could be reduced by checking charts and being situationally aware of your location.

Gene emphasized over and over the benefits of having, AND USING, checklists during all phases of flight. He said that most aviation accidents can be reduced or eliminated if pilots were more strict about using checklists.

Thank you Gene for joining us again and presenting a very informative session.



Queen Crab. 'nuff said

OLD GOAT DROPPING'S (AS SEEN ON TV) BY ART THIEME

Sorry. We are not on prime time and have nothing to sell.

The more I read about technology the more I am impressed with the knowledge and skills today's engineers have and the more I wonder if I could survive in the work world. There was a time, many years ago, that I felt that I was on the cutting edge of technology. Today it is all I can do to comprehend what I am reading. Could I be a rocket scientist? I think that I need a little more math.

I was reading a book where the hero went into a big wigs office that was full of "look how good I am" pictures. We've all been in those offices where the boss is in pictures with famous people, getting awards, etc. I look around my room and see the same "look at me" pictures of my airplanes, my navy ship, Oshkosh, Chapter 44 memories, family, projects, etc. does the shoe fit?

Right-handed people end up walking in counter-clockwise circles because most of them have left legs shorter than the right leg. Do left-handed people have shorter right legs? And exactly where do you measure the length of a leg? Google that for me and get back.

The US is currently tracking 21,000 pieces of space debris and that is just a fraction of what's up there. Air Force magazine, July 2011

If you hit the lottery you may be interested in the following items for sale by Hammacher Schlemmer: a genuine, restored, 66 year old, WWII PT boat. She is armed with .50 caliber and 20 mm guns (deactivated.) Price- \$1,000,000. Can't afford that? How 'bout a Killer Whale submarine. It can hydroplane up to 50 mph on the surface and 25 mph submerged. It even has a snorkel. Seats two. A bargain at \$100,000. Or you can spend the money on a new LSA.

How many of you remember the BD-5 kits? Jim Bede sold 5000 kits but not many were finished, mainly due to lack of proper engines and drive shaft problems. An Oregon company is offering prop and jet kits. They have nothing to do with the old Bede company. A prop kit costs \$40,000, the jets \$85K. Bob Bishop used to fly one down the runway at Oshkosh popping the wheels in and out. A good show. Aviation Week, March 19, 2012

Does a goose get people bumps?

Old Goat, out.

DONATION RECEIVED FROM ED ESMAY

EAA Chapter 44 would like to recognize and to thank Ed Esmay for his donation of assorted aviation materials. This included a scanner, 4 Sigtronics headphones, a Garmin GPS, a King portable nav-com radio, a Sporty's Instrument course, books and videos, and other assorted items.

Thank you Ed for this donation.

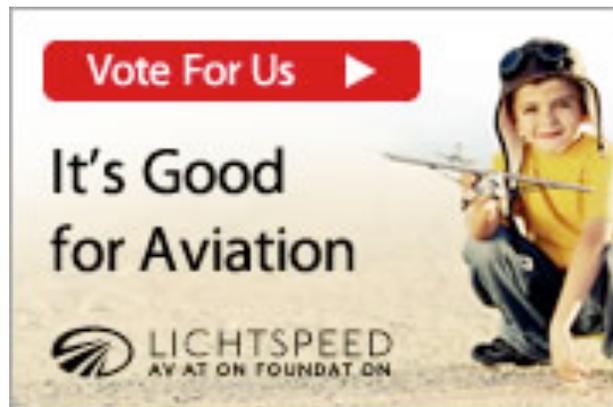
BOTTLE QUEEN REPORT by Gail Isaac

In case some of you did not come to the last meeting, we were very successful with metal recycling on April 14th. How is that for left over "stuff". Out of these proceeds, I purchased 20 more chairs which gives us a total of 80, and I purchased many more Correlware dinner plates for the SAC. No more plastic plates for dinner. As time goes on, I hope to purchase some tables (white plastic tops to match the chairs) to replace the old brown ones, not the nice wooden ones and then our SAC should be totally stocked with furniture for the meetings. The rest of the money will go into the general fund to help finish up the SAC.

Our nickels are still active and I will continue to recycle them as you bring them in so don't forget to save them for me.

So come one, come all and have a great night with all of us.

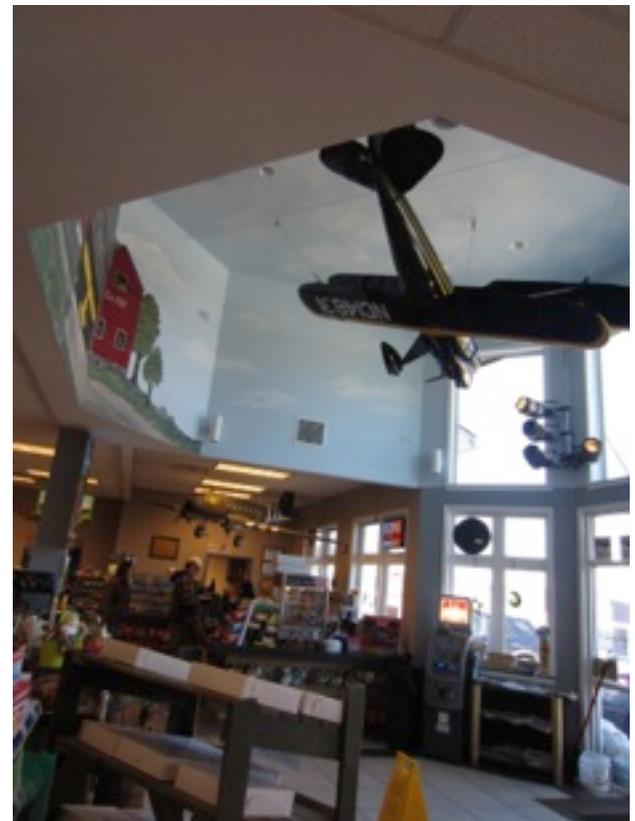
BQ out!



NORM'S TRAVELOG

While driving thru Amserdam NY recently, VP Norm Isler came across the Tower Shops with an airport theme. Here are some pics from that visit.

It looks like our original design for the SAC with the observation deck. I wonder if they have a hot tub like we had planned? ;-)



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

Board Members Present: Isler, Hurd, Hazen, Byers, Nelligan-Barrett

Other Members Present: Isaac, MacDonald

Reports:

- President (Rob Williams):
 - Absent
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
 - Youth Aviation program at Cosgrove Middle School (Spencerport) is underway. They are teaching 3 of the 5 classes this year.
 - Discussed renewal of Chapter's Sam's Club membership. Voted on and passed.
 - Discussed reducing the number of newsletters we have printed from 80 to perhaps 65. No reduction until after May newsletter so we have extra copies for attendees of ASF meeting on May 10th.
 - Suggested that we purchase an additional 20 folding chairs. We'll now have 80 new chairs thanks to the efforts of Gail and Jerry Isaac. We can use older chairs to provide enough chairs for larger events. Voted on and passed.
 - Suggested that we plan on setting up SAC on May 5th for the AOPA Air Safety Foundation seminar on May 10th. We will also be giving Young Eagle rides to kids from Cosgrove Middle School on May 5.
 - Briefly discussed Lightspeed Aviation Foundation contest. No progress so far on plan to solicit votes. Phil has put links on our 44 web site to encourage votes.
 - Received notice that the acoustic panels we have ordered are available for pickup. Gail Isaac volunteered to pick them up from Buffalo supplier. Once we have them, we'll build up two examples to work out any problems before proceeding with the building of the

others. One to hang on the wall. One to hang from the ceiling.

- Treasurer (Dave Hurd):
 - Presented list of those who have not renewed their memberships. Phil has sent out email reminders.
 - Monthly Treasurer report read and approved
- Secretary (Stephen North):
 - Absent

Business:

- Capital Campaign (Mike Stoddard)
 - Absent
- Building Committee (Darryl Byers)
 - Reported that the Building Committee had agreed on a scaled back plan for landscaping the SAC grounds that would be more manageable from a cost and resource standpoint. This would include a sidewalk across the east side of the SAC that would also connect the main entrance with the porch as well as a pad on the west side (south end) for a small storage area for the gas grills.
 - Reported that the Building Committee had selected a programmable door lock that would allow us to assign each EAA 44 a unique number that they would use when entering the SAC at their leisure. The BOD discussed the door lock and then voted to authorize the purchase of it. Phil will place the order.
 - Finishing off the bathrooms was also discussed. Need to add privacy panels for urinals and privacy area for toilets.
- General
 - Rochester Wings 2012 (Phil Hazen) - Phil is attending the Wings meeting. Event will be held on Saturday, June 9th at KROC. Will solicit members to bring their homebuilt or nicely restored aircraft to the show. We'll also have a booth inside to display parts from some of the aircraft now being built and have a laptop with Wi-Fi so visitors to the booth can vote for EAA 44 on the Lightspeed web site.
 - Young Eagle Event (Phil Hazen) - EAA 44 will host a Young Eagle event at the

SAC on Sunday, June 10th. Still need to solicit YE pilots for this event as well as come up with a list of kids wanting to take part in the event.

- Lilac Day Parade (Bob Nelligan-Barrett) - Bob has submitted an application so we can once again use the Plane Train in the parade on Saturday, May 12th. We discussed the need to reduce the signage on the PT. Less signage makes it easier to read. The BOD approved funds for signage if it is needed. Mike Clayton volunteered to transport the PT to and from the parade.
- New Business:
 - Wi-Fi Hot Spot - Norm discussed the idea of EAA 44 purchasing a hot spot so it could be available when needed for chapter activities such as Lightspeed vote recruiting at the SAC, Rochester Wings, Hendershot's (?) and other events where Wi-Fi access is not readily available. Bob N-B, Norm and Phil will research the cost of this.
 - Tool Box Kits - Dave Hurd asked what the status of the infamous Van's Tool Kit building experience was. Norm indicated that it would be a priority for sometime this spring or summer.

EAA 46 Open House 2012

Join us for our Annual Fly-In & Cookout!

Wed. June 13th 6-9pm

Rain or shine!

**Hot Dog's, Burgers, Drinks –
Bring a Dish (if you wish!)
All EAA Members, Families & Friends
Welcome.**

And it's free! Donations accepted for food!

Lancaster Airport (BQR),
4343 Walden Ave.

EAA Chapter 44 General Membership Meeting 17 Apr 2012

Reports:

- President (Rob Williams):
 - Deferred specifics to officers.
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
 - Once again Chapter 44 is a finalist for the Lightspeed Foundation grant. Will be printing up promotional cards
 - Spencerport School education program underway. Young Eagle flights scheduled for Saturday 5 May (rain date 6 May).
 - AOPA Air Safety Foundation seminar, Thursday, May 10th. Set up on 5 May after Young Eagle flights.
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd):
 - Report read and approved.
- Secretary (Stephen North):
 - Minutes read and approved.

Business:

- Capital Campaign (Mike Stoddard)
 - No report.
- Building Committee (Darryl Byers)
 - Preparing to order electronic door locks
 - Insulation for sound panels is in, assembly to start soon
 - Landscaping plans scaled back to basic seeding and planting.
- General
 - Bottle Queen – Reported on proceeds earned during metal recycling drive
 - Lilac Parade – May 12, looking for two volunteers to accompany Plane Train with banner.
 - Young Eagles Day – Sunday, June 10th.
 - Program – Gene Benson
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REGIONAL CALENDAR

ROCHESTER WINGS

June 8/9 GRIA (KROC)
<www.rochesterwings.com>
EAA 44 Activities TBA

CANADIAN WARBIROD AIRSHOW

June 16-17, Hamilton ON CA
Hamilton International Airport
<www.hamiltonairshows.com>

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY TO CUB HAVEN

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

INTERNATIONAL VINTAGE SAILPLANE MEET

June/30-July/7 Elmira NY
Harris Hill Gliderport (4NY8)
<www.soaringmuseum.org>

GENESEO WWII AIRSHOW

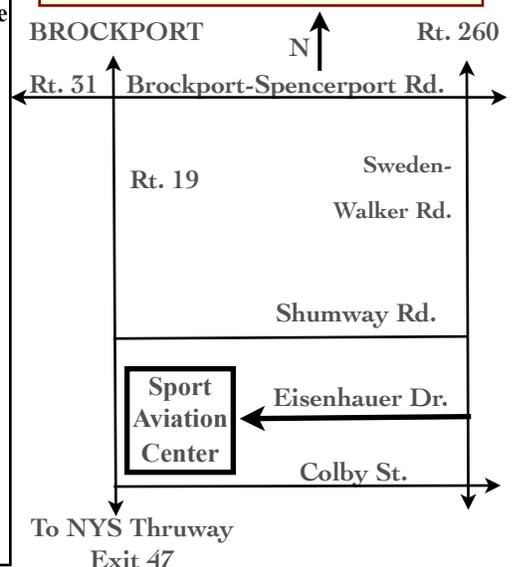
July 13-15 Geneseo Airfield (D52)
<www.1941hag.org>

AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH

July 23-29 Oshkosh WI
<www.eaa.org>

OSHKOSH AIRLIFT

July 24-29
<www.eaa44.org/oshkosh>



EAA 44 Calendar



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

May 15: Speaker Paul Gugliemi, his SO Diana, & friends Tom and Kathy on "Flying to Alaska." They flew in Paul's C-210 and have many AWESOME pictures of their trip.

As always, please bring a dish to pass. Mike and Julie Kuyt are providing dinner.

May 15 General Mtg.
May 26 SAC Work Day

June 8/9 Rochester WINGS

June 9 SAC Work Day
June 10 YOUNG EAGLE DAY
June 12 Board Mtg.
June 19 General Mtg. - Speaker Carl Bouwens "Original Delta-Wing Design"
June 23 SAC Work Day

July 10 Board Mtg.
July 14 SAC Work Day
July 17 General Mtg.
July 28 SAC Work Day

Aug 11 SAC Work Day
Aug 14 Board Mtg.
May 21 General Mtg.
May 25 SAC Work Day

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

Sport Aviation Center

44 Eisenhower Dr. 14420
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 Days-

2nd & 4th Saturdays, 10 AM

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