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Gone West

Hugh Jones 1925-2012

by Norm Isler

Friday evening, I had a call from Art Thieme informing me that long time EAA 44 member Hugh Jones passed away earlier in the day. Although we have not seen Hugh much in recent years, Hugh was a key member of our organization, and he left his mark on many of the things we do and see at every chapter event.



Hugh Jones (left) & Earl Luce (dark hair) sitting in a Skycycle that was put together on the 3rd floor of Earl's downtown Brockport "AeroPlane Works," a name made up by Hugh.

Hugh served as Vice President in the early 80's, and worked as an active member of the Board of Directors for many years. In 1982, using his own money to fund the project, Hugh ran the first Chapter 44 group trip to Oshkosh using a Trailways Coach that took two days traveling each way. This was the beginning of the highly successful Oshkosh Airlift which has grown to be a mainstay of EAA 44's history.

During his many years as Newsletter Editor, Hugh transformed our monthly mailing from a simple "monthly mimeo" to the attractive, informative 8 page publication it has grown into. In addition to creating the newsletter, as a Xerox employee, Hugh regularly "tested" Xerox machines monthly, copying the newsletter and prepping it for mailing. In the mid 90's, Hugh was honored, winning the McKillop Award, EAA's annual recognition of

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Rob Williams

A few weeks ago marked the passing of a long time, lifetime member of Chapter 44 and friend, Hugh Jones. Hugh was one of those guys that for so many years served as an important staple for the organization. A member who was involved consistently in every aspect of the organization, one you could count on for anything all the time. Hugh served as Vice President in the early 80's around the same time I cut my teeth for the first time as president. I remember many a Board meeting at his house and the nice visits we had with his wife June and daughters. He served on and off the Board for many years.

In the email Norm sent out with the announcement of his passing, he reminded us that in 1982, using his own money to fund the project, Hugh ran the first Chapter 44 group trip to Oshkosh using a Trailways Coach that took two days traveling each way. I remember this trip and I believe our halfway point overnight was either Kalamazoo or Battle Creek. I just recall a lot of cereal factories in that area. Of course this was the beginning of the Oshkosh Airlift which means that our chapter has been making it to the annual "mecca" of aviation in this formally organized way for almost thirty years. Wow!

Hugh changed the face of our newsletter in revolutionary style and with the precision he was known for. This eventually led to Hugh being honored in the mid '90s by winning the McKillop Award, EAA's annual recognition of the best newsletters published by over 1000 chapters worldwide.

Hugh put his love of graphic arts to work for the chapter in many ways over the years and his footprint is just about everywhere including our first logo design.

At one time Hugh's sights were set on building the Coot Amphibian, and very popular design by Molt Taylor back in the 70's and 80's. At his funeral, his daughter reminded us of the story of him bringing back the fuselage boom on the bus trip from Oshkosh. I had forgotten that until she reminded us.

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Hugh Jones con't

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When he retired from Xerox, Hugh pursued his love of graphic arts. Always eager to help, Hugh created many of the publications and forms we still use. Perhaps his crowning achievement was the creation of our Chapter Logo, the stylized "44" followed by the wings in flight.

As a homebuilder, Hugh built the hull and fuselage of a Coot Amphibian, and very popular design by Molt Taylor back in the 70's and 80's. He was also active in the model aircraft scene in Rochester.

Hugh was a great chapter member, always eager to help and encourage new members to get involved. Whenever they needed a little extra help, he was there to encourage and provide suggestions and ideas. He will be missed.

**THEN AND NOW:
FROM CHAPTER HOUSE TO
SPORT AVIATION CENTER**



Chapter Logo by H. Jones A.Thieme/A. Garlick photo



Earl Luce recently sent this photo (top) from "back in the day" when EAA 44 was building our first "Chapter House." It presents a nice look back and comparison with our new sign, building, and chapter logo.

The "Winged 44" was designed by Hugh Jones.

President's Msg con't

Speaking of his family, at the funeral we had a nice visit with his wife and daughter. His daughter Jenny invited us to come over sometime and go through all of his pictures. She said they have a box full related to flying and chapter activities. The few they had on display reminded us of when we were a little lighter on our feet and heavier on the top of the head. I look forward to going through them and bringing some back to the chapter to highlight his life with us.

If you did not get a chance to know Hugh, I'm sorry. You would have liked him. He was soft spoken, kind and just a pleasure to be around. He was a perfectionist with every task or challenge he took on. Sometimes to the frustration of others, but you always respected it, and in the end believed it to be worthwhile. For the last few years he was not been around much due to age and health, but he will be missed.

Godspeed Hugh Jones

Just a note about what kind of guy Hugh was...

When Al Garlick crashed his Guppy minutes after I flew it, I was going through a terrible guilt trip thinking that somehow if I didn't fly it first, Al wouldn't have crashed. Hugh called me immediately to comfort me as well as documenting my every word with his handy tape recorder and then sending me a copy so that when time passes I could remember what happened with a clear mind and ease my burden.

He also mentioned to me that he was inspired by the Bay Bridge that he drove over everyday and dreamed about flying his Coot off that very spot of the Bay which kept his dream alive. I come from the west side of town and didn't get exactly what he was talking about until years later when I got a job in Webster and saw the same beautiful site he saw and a warm feeling came over me knowing Hugh and I got were part of the same brotherhood.

Gone but not forgotten!

Earl Luce

EAA 44 Participates in Rochester WINGS 2012



Darryl Byers, Phil Hazen, and Mike Stoddard staff the booth.



Norm & Elise Isler welcome visitors to our booth.



Dave & Marcia Gitelman displayed their pretty green Comanche at the show.



Elise Isler ropes them in to get Lightspeed votes.



Darryl tries on a Baby Great Lakes for size. It was a tight fit!

[Choice Awards](#)

OLD GOAT DROPPINGS

BY ART THIEME

Hugh Jones was a member of the chapter when I joined. We soon had a number of things in common; WWII vets, love of airplanes real and model. Our daughters married brothers, so we were some kind of in-laws. We were co-editors of the newsletter for a while and when I became editor he was the mentor that I needed. There was no better craftsman. I would sketch things on an envelope and he would prepare computer drawings. I was in the "looks about right" category. Hugh couldn't live with that. When he and I decided to paint our chapter logo and numbers on the chapter house roof I was ready to snap two lines to be sure that the figures were of the same height. Hugh came with detailed dimension for each letter. I was ready to paint with a four-inch brush. Who could tell the difference from 500 feet on final approach? It took us twice as long but they looked great. Hugh also organized the library and had installed a computer for the index. He built the elevator of my miniMAX and where the plans called for the hinges to be mounted on top, he set them in flush. He served the chapter well and his death leaves a big void. Goodbye Friend.

My mother saved all the letters that I wrote while in the service. One written from boot camp tells about going to the small stores to buy clothing. "I think things are pretty expensive. They want 35 cents for a pair of shorts. T-shirts cost 30 cents. I always thought service men were to get things cheap." Remember we only made \$50 a month.

General Aviation News, May 25, tells about a healthy energy boost for pilots. It is called PILOT CHEWS. According to the author they work for about four hours, taste good and are less expensive than energy drinks. They help with "alertness, mental sharpness, memory, reflex, night vision and oxygen absorption." Anyone out there aware of this product? I better take some before I finish this.

My thanks to Phil & Marcia Hazen for picking me and other old goats up for the chapter meetings. Night driving can be a problem for us. Steve North has also filled in on this mission. We appreciate it!

"There is a fine line between eating smart food to live longer and boring oneself to death." James Patterson in CROSSFIRE. Amen to that.

Old Goat, out.

DAVE AMSLER DOES FIRST ENGINE START-UP ON HIS SONEX

Dave Amsler reports that he is making progress with his Sonex project. The engine, a Jabiru 3300, ran strongly during its first run-up. He has just gotten back his EFIS (failed on first power-up) and is working on programming that and learning it. Soon he will be going to Ill. for some dual instruction in another Sonex, and is #9 in a waiting list for one of 10 hangars at Olean/Cattaraugus airport.

Congratulation and good luck on your project.



BOTTLE QUEEN REPORT

by Gail Issac

Here's a good laugh for you. I have nothing to say this month. Imagine that!

COME ON GUYS AND GIRLS! You're not giving me any bottles or metal. I'm feeling lonely and neglected. :-(

And that's NOT a good thing. Just ask Jerry!!

**EAA Chapter 44
Board of Directors' Meeting
8 May 2012**

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

Other Members Present: Isaac

Reports:

- President (Rob Williams):
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
 - Lightspeed Foundation – Norm distributed solicitation cards.
 - Young Eagles event with Cosgrove – went very well, flew a total of 16 kids. Need ground crew set up earlier at future events. Also, should discuss content and format of classroom sessions to make them more engaging and interesting for kids.
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd):
 - Report read and approved
 - Review of canceled memberships because of dues non-payment. BOD members to call to encourage renewal.
- Secretary (Stephen North):
 - Report read and approved

Business:

- Capital Campaign (Mike Stoddard)
 - No report.
- Building Committee (Darryl Byers)
 - Building and landscaping – report from Ben Hare (585-317-2698). Scale of project reduced as previously described. Focus on getting grass in with minor decorative plantings. Schedule paced by concrete work – walkway along east end of building.
 - In support of landscaping work Ben will be holding pancake breakfast on 10 June, Fire Protective in Brockport.
 - First work weekend: June 16/17 (tentative).

- Concrete – Mike Clayton has been in contact with Dave Goodwin, to estimate cost for east side walkway and small pad at southwest corner of building. Norm Isler moved to spend funds for necessary concrete work. Seconded by Bob N-B. Passed unanimously.
- Mike Clayton purchased 400-watt high-pressure sodium light for parking light. Mike to coordinate installation with Norm Isler.
- Sound panels – have component materials. Need to create production line to fabricate initial lot of 20.
- Phil Hazen noted that he has order a keypad entry lock, delivery expected within a week. Installation should be straightforward.
- Old Business:
 - Received funds from Bottle Queen. Balance of funds from Happy Bottom fund to go towards new tables; style and size TBD.
 - AOPA Safety Seminar on Thursday (10 May).
 - Wings (9 June) – The Chapter will be hosting an information booth. From the security of his quarantine corner, Phil Hazen reviewed options for creating a wi-fi hotspot to enable laptop connection for Lightspeed voting and other internet access. Norm moved to spend up to funds for hot spot hardware and monthly service. Mike Stoddard seconded, passed unanimously.
 - Plane Train to be in the Lilac Parade on 12 May
- New Business:
 - Young Eagles on Saturday, June 16th.
 - July 11 (Wed), fly-in at Bob Mesmer's airport on Grand Island (rain date is July 12). 2548 Love Road.

**EAA Chapter 44
General Membership Meeting
15 May 2012**

Reports:

- President (Rob Williams):
 - Opened the meeting with a rousing Pledge of Allegiance.
 - Builder's Reports:
 - Paris Europa...Jeff reported that his Europa with the rebuilt landing gear finally made its maiden flight. The bad news was that something let loose on his cowling which quickly resulted in the engine overheating within moments of his takeoff. He made a quick 180 and landed back at the airport just as the engine seized. He was amazed at what a great landing he had in spite of the troubles. He's now working with the engine manufacturer to figure out why it overheated.
 - Guests:
 - Art Beyer - EAA Chapter 46
 - Jim & Cathy Carpenter
 - Brian Blonowicz (Phil's stepson)
 - Connie Hertzlin (Phil's sister) and two other friends
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
 - Landscaping by Eagle Scout candidate Ben Hare was discussed. Hopes to start in mid June once concrete sidewalk has been built across east side of SAC plus sidewalk to connect main entrance sidewalk with porch. Also a similar wrap-around on the southwest corner of the porch to provide a pad for storage of the gas grills. Primary goal is that it is easy to maintain and something Ben can solicit funds. On Sunday, June 10th Ben is holding a pancake breakfast at the Brockport firehouse on West Ave to help raise funds for his Eagle Scout project at our SAC.
 - Acoustic Panels: One panel was built up and showed to the membership.
 - AOPA / ASF Seminar: Norm reported on the success of the ASF seminar held on May 10th. Believes that they will sign up to do this again based on positive feedback from attendees and speaker.
 - Project School Flight: 16 kids from Spencerport Cosgrove Middle School completed the classroom sessions and went up for their Young Eagle rides. He received a thank you letter from them along with a gift certificate for EAA 44.

- EAA Chapter 46 Open House: Lancaster Airport, Wed. June 13th, 6PM. 4343 Walden Ave, Lancaster, NY
- Bob Mesmer Fly-in: Wed. July 11th at 6 P.M. Arrive early if you want a parking spot. 2548 Love Road, Grand Island, NY. Rain date is July 12th.
- Lightspeed Aviation Foundation Contest: Norm had some business cards printed up for our members to hand out to their friends and other contacts asking them to vote for EAA 44 to win one of the \$10,000 grants.
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd):
 - Report read and approved
 - The bank we've done business with has switched over to First Niagara.
- Secretary (Stephen North):
 - Absent; a fine set of notes was recorded by Phil Hazen.

Business:

- Capital Campaign (Mike Stoddard)
 - No report
- Building Committee (Darryl Byers)
 - No report
- General
 - Plane Train (Bob Nelligan-Barrett) - New graphics were purchased from Alan Bouwens and applied to the Plane Train. Believe Jerry Isaac gave the Plane Train its yearly annual inspection. With the help of Mike Clayton and Ward Wolf, the EAA Chapter 44 Plane Train was able to participate in Rochester's Lilac Day Parade on May 12th. Bob was able to "borrow" a couple kids from the parade viewers to ride in the Plane Train.
 - Rochester Wings 2012 (Phil Hazen) - EAA 44 will be participating in this year's Rochester Wings event at 1299 Scottsville Rd on Saturday, June 9th. Volunteers are needed. Phil with the help of a couple others will set up the booth on June 8th. Rob Williams is bringing his Stearman, Jeff Paris is bringing his Zenith and Bob Northrup is bringing his RV-8A. We plan to procure a Wi-Fi hotspot for chapter use at events like this so we can encourage others to vote for EAA 44.
 - Young Eagle Event: EAA Chapter 44 will host a Young Eagle event at the SAC on Saturday, June 16th. This replaces the one we had previously scheduled for June 10th.

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REGIONAL CALENDAR

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>

GRAND ISLAND FLY-IN

July 11, 6 PM FREE FOOD!
Mesmer Airport (NY49)
2548 Love Rd., Grand Island NY
(Note new event)

GENESEO WWII AIRSHOW

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

AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH

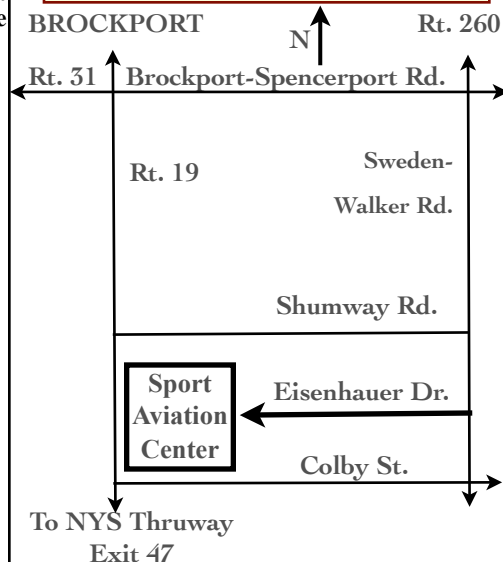
July 23-29 Oshkosh WI
<www.eaa.org>

OSHKOSH AIRLIFT

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

NYS FESTIVAL OF BALLOONS

Aug 30 -Sep 3
Dansville Muni (KDSV)
<<http://nysfob.com>>



EAA 44 Calendar



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Speaker Carl Bouwens
"Original Delta-Wing
Design"

Please bring a dish to
pass to complement a BBQ
dinner provided by our
Metal Maiden Gail & Iron
Man Jerry.

June 12 Board Mtg.

**June 16 YOUNG EAGLE DAY
(Note new date)**

June 19 General Mtg.

June 23 SAC Work Day

July 10 Board Mtg.

July 14 SAC Work Day

**July 15 HENDERSHOT'S FLY-
IN BREAKFAST- Hilton NY**

**EAA 44 to park planes-
(Note new event)**

July 17 General Mtg.

**FLIGHT NITE- NO BUSINESS
EAT TO FLY, FLY TO EAT**

July 28 SAC Work Day

Aug 11 SAC Work Day

Aug 14 Board Mtg.

Aug 21 General Mtg.

Aug 25 SAC Work Day

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

Sport Aviation Center

Eisenhower 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 Days-

2nd & 4th Saturdays, 10 AM

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