



# The Flyer



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## CHAPTER BREAKFAST AT OSHKOSH 2012

by Norm Isler

As many of you may know, I am not really what you would call a “Morning Person.” Neither is Phil Hazen. But this year Elise and I and Phil and his bride Marsha were headed over to the EAA Museum at 07:00 hours (7 AM for you non-military types.) Why were we doing this?

It was with great pleasure that we all attended the EAA Chapter Officers Awards Breakfast, along with several other 44’s that came to join in the festivities. Joining Elise and I below were friends of the Hazens, Rob Williams, Mike Clayton, Marsha and Phil Hazen, and Carol and Carl Bouwens.



N. Isler photo

We are very financially responsible in Oshkosh. Did I mention it was a FREE breakfast?

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## SHARING THE AIRVENTURE ADVENTURE

by Elise Isler

We fly commercial to AirVenture, but even in the airport – it was exciting. While waiting for the plane we met several people heading to Oshkosh, first-timers thru 26-year veterans! We shared stories, expectations, concerns, and even information about the use of iPads in aviation, as well as the game plans during our stay, various forums, and highlights. After landing in Appleton, we picked up our supply of cheese curds for the week and headed out to the dorm. Not the Ritz, but home for the week.

Norm and I have our routines and settled in the dorm before we headed out to the field to get our 2012 coffee cups as well as other collector items. (Our collection dates back to 1986!) We use the new cups during our stay to make instant coffee in the dorm to start us out in the morning!

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This was, without a doubt, the highlight of our trip, watching friend Phil Hazen receive the EAA Major Achievement Award. Some of



Phil Hazen receives EAA Major Achievement Award from EAA's Brenda Anderson (l) and Trevor Janz (r). E. Isler photo

Phil's achievements which qualified him for the award are that he has served as Chapter President, Vice President, Web Master, Young Eagle Coordinator, and has been a member of the Board of Directors continuously since 1985. (That's half the time that EAA 44 has been in existence!) He has also assumed a leadership role in the Airlift, mall shows, an Aviation Explorer Post, other scout activities, and created "Phil's Taxi Service," enabling some of our members who were not comfortable driving after dark to continue attending our meetings. Phil and Marsha have also generously supported EAA 44 through both cash donations and material gifts to our chapter.

It should be noted that EAA's published information allows awarding up to 10 Major Achievement Awards in a year, yet out of over 162,000 members worldwide, Phil managed to win one of only three awarded this year.

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On the field it's planes – old and new. I have my own favorites but will give more detail about that another time. There are innovative designs, historic aircraft and progress on various dream machines as well as kit planes, light sports, ultra-lights, commercial, and military aircraft. (I'm sure I missed a category or two!)

Then of course there are people from all walks of life; all with different reasons for coming. 71 nations were represented and over 500,000 people in attendance. (To find more facts and figures check out: [www.airventure.org/news/2012](http://www.airventure.org/news/2012) . We also met up with our special friends we have made through the years. It is always a lot of fun seeing each other again and sharing where we are in our various projects and life-happenings!

This year we were able to share two very special experiences with our good friends and Chapter 44 members, Marsha and Phil Hazen. Marsha, a contributor to our Young Eagle Fly In programs, as well as experiencing her first trip to Oshkosh, won a flight on a Ford Tri-Motor with Jeff Skiles as co-pilot! Phil was the recipient of the EAA 2012 Major Achievement Award – given for long time dedication and service to our chapter. We are honored to have such dedicated members in our chapter and we were happy to be able to share their joy!

And then there is the air show itself - maybe not quite as exciting after 15 years but there is always something new to keep one's attention. The night show was added several years ago with smoke, flares, pyrotechnics and more along with the aerobatics. This year the parachute team really impressed me. Four jumpers sailing separately or holding on to each other (sometimes 4 at one time) creating geometric shapes during their acrobatic falls

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Along with a great breakfast, we got to spend some time talking one on one with EAA President Rod Hightower, EAA's new Vice President of Chapters and Youth Education Jeff Skiles and New Chapter / Eagle Flight Manager Trevor Janz. All were enjoyable to talk with, and receptive to extending conversations on topics of interest to us, and I assume other chapters.

Phil and I have decided to launch a new campaign for the betterment of EAA members attending Oshkosh, and particularly, the Chapter Awards function. From now on, we want EAA to sponsor the "New IMPROVED EAA Chapter Officers Awards BRUNCH". Has a nice ring to it. Not like my alarm clock!

**Please join me in congratulating Phil in his Major Achievement Award recognition!**



N. Isler photo

Vendor t-shirt seen ..."Only at OSH."

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before separating and safely landing on the ground!

Most importantly, 15 years ago I went to Oshkosh for the first time with my boyfriend, now husband ... The joy of watching him still thrills me as well as my own exciting experiences!

To anyone who has never been to Oshkosh and might be thinking about going, I'm always willing to share more activities and adventures you can experience.

**MEMBER PHOTO FROM AIRVENTURE 2012**



M. Clayton photo

Many builders go to AirVenture to get the encouragement and motivation to start/continue/finish their project. This is Mike Clayton's Kitfox motivator. His will look like this. We can't wait.

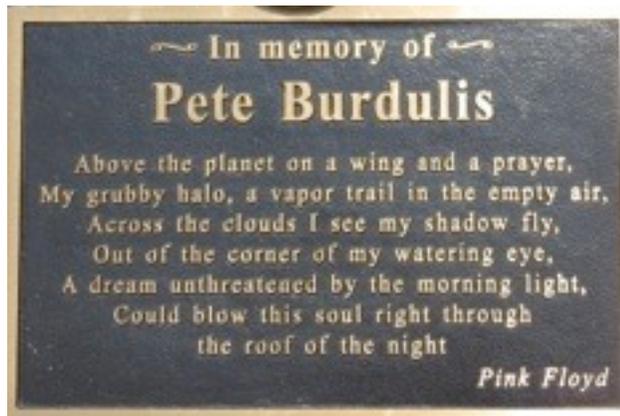
## BENEFIT OF METAL COLLECTION by Gail Isaac

Hi All, You have heard me yap, beg and plead for those nickels. Well, I am still drilling my post but thought you would like to hear what we have collected since the inception of my crazy idea. This will let those of you that don't come to the meetings know how this is profiting the SAC. Since the inception date of October 21, 2009, your donations have purchased one furnace, our big event grill, metal for the refurbishing of the Plane Train body, and all those great chairs to keep our bottoms happier. I still am waiting for the OK to purchase some tables to replace the old brown fold ups. The above amount also includes our metal drives.

As you can see, it has been well worth my time to turn your cans, bottles and metals in for cash. For any of you that want to start filling our crate at the SAC, please do.

## AVIATION LYRICS IN THE STRANGEST PLACES

The lyrics are from, ironically enough, "Learning to Fly" from the CD "Momentary Lapse of Reason." If you YouTube it (is that a verb now?) you will find you probably have heard this song a millions times and never understood the lyrics. You can Google those (also a new verb.)



## EAA 44 WELCOMES GENESEE VALLEY PILOTS ASSOCIATION



About 30 members of the Genesee Valley Pilots Association joined us for our "Flight Night." They provided delicious dishes to pass and desserts.

We had 3 of their member-aircraft fly in, including the first two helicopters to visit the SAC. **Thank you and come again!**



Also at the General Meeting we got a chance to try out our new donated computers and flight simulators. Jordan Pelovitz (l) is teaching Larry "Sparky" MacDonald (c) how to fly the sim. Marcia Gitelman (r) stands by amused at the boys playing with their shoot 'em up toys. **Thanks to the RIT Pilots Club for the donation arranged by Jordan.**

## NOBODY LIKES CHANGE

by Norm Isler

Just about everybody knows there have been some changes out in Oshkosh. Last year, for the first time in almost 60 years, the president of our organization, The Experimental Aircraft Association, is not named Poberezny. Rod Hightower walked into a position that would be tough for anyone to fill. I am neither endorsing nor condemning Rod's performance just now, simply making a few observations.

A few months ago, there was a significant change of personnel at EAA Oshkosh. Many of our old friends are no longer there. These are people I worked with for the past decade or so, and I consider several of them to be friends, not just business acquaintances. I will miss them. There are also many new faces, some of which I got to meet this summer during AirVenture.

Any time there is a new person "at the top" of an organization, change should be expected. When Tom took over from Paul in the 80's, there were those who believed that our organization was doomed. Tom held different opinions, and different objectives from his dad. While some still don't like the direction Tom took, there can be no doubt that he grew our organization, and put Oshkosh on the map as THE premier aviation event every year. We see change even at our local level. Roughly every two years we change president and officers at our own chapter. Some of our officers have emphasized educational projects. Others group participation / fellowship. One recent president pushed to put up a new building!

As he settled into his new role as president in Oshkosh, Rod did what any executive does. He observed the people around him. He assessed their strengths and weaknesses as well as how closely their interests and objectives aligned with his plans for our organization. Once he had his plans made, he selected who would remain on his team, and who would not. Replacements were recruited for some

positions left open. We all will like some of those things, and not like some.

I attended part of the annual members meeting at Oshkosh this summer. Many individuals spoke to the EAA Executive Board members expressing concerns, large and small. All were heard with respect. Finally, Paul Poberezny came to the microphone. He addressed a few of the concerns saying that as a group and event grows, it either explodes or implodes. "Bigger" causes financial requirements that can't be met just by homebuilders and kit manufactures, especially in a "down" economy, so commercial support is necessary. But there can be middle ground, and we should all work to find that reasonable compromise.

Now here is our part. We are not only members of EAA. We are also the stockholders AND stakeholders. We all want our organization to continue to exist and succeed, and continue addressing multiple goals. As members, it is OUR responsibility to let our selected officials know what WE WANT OUR ORGANIZATION TO DO. We do have a voice. Write and / or call Oshkosh when you have a concern, or a good idea. Use your vote to get your voice heard. If you are not sure who to contact in Oshkosh, I can suggest some names. Even if they are not the right person to connect with, they will ultimately be able to point you in the right direction. My strong feeling based on observation is they DO listen, and they DO care. Let's help by also giving Oshkosh suggestions and solutions, not just complaints.

Remember the battle cry of the 60's;

"If you're not part of the solution, you are part of the problem." Let's all work on solutions!



Norm Isler with his new BFF Paul Poberezny.

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

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

**Other Members Present:** Thomas, Amsler

**Reports:**

- President (Rob Williams):
  - No specific items.
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
  - No report
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd):
  - Report read and approved
- Secretary (Stephen North):
  - Report read and approved

**Business:**

- Capital Campaign (Mike Stoddard)
  - Mike is moving to Ontario, Canada in the near future so a replacement campaign chairman is needed.
- Building Committee (Darryl Byers)
  - No report
- Old Business:
  - Dave Amsler proposal discussion – Dave visited to review his goals for starting a youth education program.
  - Plane Train – The Plane Train is beginning to be a maintenance headache and insurance coverage may become problematic.

- New Business:
  - Discussion regarding plans for Hendershot's fly in breakfast on 16 Jul 12. The organizers have added a car show as part of the event so parking and crowd control will need more attention.
  - Mike Clayton suggested the Board consider the idea of a "Corporate Membership" to help engage local businesses and solicit their support.
  - Next week's meeting will be flight night with a very limited business meeting.

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

**Reports:**

- President (Rob Williams):
  - Flight Night – lots of hangar flying and a very, very short business meeting.
  - We welcomed the Genesee Valley Pilots Association as our dinner guests.

**CARL BOUWENS  
PHOTO REQUEST**

Carl Bouwens would like to ask anyone that took pictures of his airplane project at the June meeting to please make some copies for him. He especially wants any photos that show his airplane and the SAC together.

If you have anything would you print them out and bring them to the general meeting.

Thank you.

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## Sport Aviation Center of Western New York

## REGIONAL CALENDAR

### LONG ACRE FARMS FLY-IN

Aug 18/19  
Long Acre Farms  
1342 Eddy Rd.  
Macedon, 14502  
Sponsored by EAA UL 95 RUFF  
<[www.r-u-f-f.org](http://www.r-u-f-f.org)>

### FINGER LAKES SOARING/ SSA COMPETITION

Aug. 19-25  
Dansville Muni (KDSV) NY  
<[www.flsc.org/page/2012-events](http://www.flsc.org/page/2012-events)>

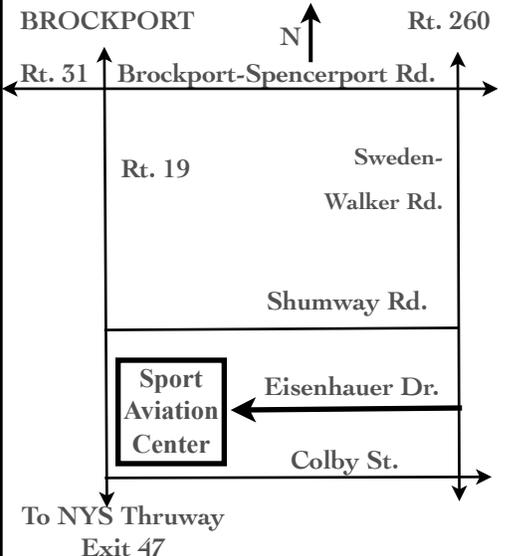
### WNY FREE FLIGHT COMPETITION

Aug 24-26  
Geneseo NY (D52)  
Lyle Whitford (716) 807-4748

### NYS FESTIVAL OF BALLOONS

Labor Day Weekend 8/30-9/3  
Dansville Muni (KDSV) NY  
<<http://nysfob.com>>

There are still a few fly-in breakfasts in the area still to be had this Summer and Fall. Find them at the Upstate NY Aviation Calendar: <[upstatelist.org](http://upstatelist.org)>.



## EAA 44 Calendar



### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday Aug. 21**

**Dinner 6:30, Meeting 7:30**

**Mark Schaible**, General Operation Manager for Sonex (& former EAA 44 member) will speak on "What's Happening at Sonex?" discussing the OneX and SubSonex, and the new Kitplane Manufacturers Assoc.

As always, please bring a dish to pass. Dinner is Beef on Weck.

Aug 25 SAC Work Day

Sept. 8 SAC Work Day

Sept 11 Board Mtg.

Sept 18 General Mtg.

Sept 22 SAC Work Day

Oct 9 Board Mtg.

Oct 13 SAC Work Day

Oct. 16 General Mtg.

### **AOPA ASI SAFETY SEMINAR**

Oct. 18 7-9 PM, Topic TBA

<[www.aopa.org/asf/seminars](http://www.aopa.org/asf/seminars)>

**(NOTE: new event, our 3rd AOPA ASI seminar!)**

Oct 27 SAC Work Day

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

### **Sport Aviation Center**

44 Eisenhower Dr. 14420

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 Days-**

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

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