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FULL HOUSE FOR A FAMILY REUNION

by Norm Isler

Longtime friend of EAA 44 Mark Schaible came to visit in August, and he packed the house. Not only did we have a full house of 44 members there to hear what Mark had to say, but just to be sure there were no empty seats, Mark brought his entire family, including wife Char and all four kids! It was a pleasure to have them all.

Mark has come a long way from 14 year old "Junior Member" of our chapter to General Manager of Sonex Aircraft, one of today's most successful kit manufacturers. Along the way, Mark has worked at EAA, AOPA, and a few more alphabet soup entries.

Mark talked about Sonex Aircraft, their current products and what is working its way through their research and development department. He also brought us up to date on developments in the Aircraft Kit Industry Association, also known as AKIA. This is a group of aircraft kit manufacturers, developers and other stakeholders in the kit industry created to work both independently and with EAA, FAA and others to help promote the experimental aircraft industry, kits, the "51% rule" and builders. We'll be hearing more and talking more about AKIA in the near future. Thanks for coming Mark, and bring the family back again soon!



Mark & Char Schaible with their family.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Rob Williams

With Oshkosh behind us and a few additional traveling distractions, I now focus my attention toward Reno. I realize it is coming up fast and I have to get my act together to be ready for the race team I am with this year. We are lucky to be having it again this year after the tragedy of last year. It is good to see since this is the last real venue for air racing as it was in the Golden Years of aviation. We all hope for a safe and successful event.

This fast approaching event in mid September is also a reminder to me that we need to keep an eye on the Lightspeed ball. By the time you read this, the voting window will be closing. If you have not done so yet, PLEASE go to our website and vote. If you have voted already, PLEASE get your fingers to the keys and email or text all your friends and family to jump in with a vote. As they say, "just do it!" I don't have to tell you how huge it would be for the SAC and for the chapter if we can win. Please give it your best shot. It is very easy. Just log onto our website at



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HUGH JONES MEMORIAL

by Norm Isler

EAA Chapter 44 will honor lifetime member Hugh Jones with a plaque on the Wall of Remembrance in Oshkosh. The Wall is a scenic stone structure on the AirVenture grounds near Compass Hill, away from the busy airshow spaces, suitable for quiet contemplation and relaxation. The names of several other past members of EAA 44 are already permanently remembered here.

As a lifetime member, Hugh was not just a long term member, but a long term inspiration to many who joined and mentored under him.

A collection began at the August meeting, and anyone wishing to contribute may either send a check to Dave Hurd made payable to "EAA Chapter 44" and marked "Hugh Jones Memorial" in the comments section, or you may make the donation in person at the September meeting.

EAA 44 GREAT CHAIR GIVE-AWAY

by Norm Isler

Own a piece of EAA 44 history!

Over the years, through the generosity of our members, (and some non-members) EAA 44 has come to own a large variety of furniture including many chairs of various description. Through the highly successful efforts of The Bottle Queen and all of our members, we have begun to acquire high quality matching chairs to fill our needs at the Center and provide a uniform, high fashion look throughout.

As a result, the Board of Directors has declared ALL of the older chairs to now be "Surplus" and available to our members on a first come, first serve basis. These chairs still have plenty of life left in them, and would make a great addition to your hangar, workshop, office or (insert your favorite spot here).

All chairs available for the taking are located in the front right corner of the Great Hall at the SAC. Any chairs remaining at the end of the September meeting will be "gently cared for" by our disposal squad. Don't miss this chance to own a piece of EAA44's valuable history!

President's Message con't

eaa44.org and follow the directions in the yellow box. Go get'em.

September is also a reminder that the summer season is quickly coming to an end. I hope that all of you took the opportunity to maximize your time flying in the wonderful weather we have had all season. There were a lot of activities and fly-ins around to take advantage of. I can't recall any event getting cancelled due to weather, at least not around here. I hope the great weather continues, but I have lived around here long enough to know that it is more likely that we will pay for this at some point. So far the weather predictors are calling for more than usual amounts of snow this winter. Better get that Cub or Champ on skis.

Fall also signals election time. This is a big year for that, and a big year for aviation coming up. The pressure on general aviation continues between the threat of user fees and the price of fuel. I mentioned in the beginning that I had a few traveling distractions. I was very fortunate to be able to travel for a few weeks through the Mediterranean and briefly visit five countries. Back in April I also visited Ireland. I can only imagine the pressure on general aviation there with auto fuel averaging around \$7 per gallon. Aviation fuel can't be any better. I always appreciate what we have when I travel abroad. I only hope that we can maintain the freedoms we have now, our freedom to fly. CAVU

WHAT IS IT? Can you identify this aircraft found in a NJ boneyard along with 25 - 30 military models of this aircraft? Answer next month.



EARL LUCE TO OFFER GAS WELDING CLASS

by Phil Hazen

Long-time EAA Chapter 44 member and welding expert Earl Luce will be teaching a "2-day" gas welding workshop at the Arc & Flame Center, 125 Fedex Way, Rochester 14624, at the Manitou Rd exit of Rt. 531. The workshop will be held Friday, November 2nd (6-9 PM) and Saturday, November 3rd (8-4). At press time, 6 of 14 seats had already been spoken for.

Register at: <<http://www.rocafc.com/products/gas-welding-2-day-workshop>> or call 585-349-7110. Members of EAA Chapters 44 & 46 are eligible to receive a discount to attend this workshop. Enter code "EAAMEMBER123" at the website when you register. The course is being sponsored by Aircraft Spruce and Specialty. Your welding equipment is new and will be available for purchase at a reduced price after the class.

OLD GOAT RAMBLINGS

by Art Thieme

"At five thousand feet the peaks of West Virginia rose slowly on the horizon. Ray completed an in-flight checklist and relaxed for the first time since taxiing into position for takeoff. Ray knew from personal experience that psychiatrists worked for two hundred dollars an hour. Flying was a bargain and much more effective." The above excerpt is from John Grisham's book The Summons. It brought back memories of heading the Champ down to the Finger Lakes or along the shore of Lake Ontario taking in the views. After making a great landing the feeling of euphoria was a cloud nine one. After such a flight all the cares of the world were gone. I am happy that most of my flights ended that way And boy, do I MISS it!

Thinking about the love for flying, Capt. Chesley Sullenberger's book Highest Duty

describes his feeling for flying: "climbing to eight hundred feet above ground, and then circling the field, I felt an exhilarating freedom. I felt a certain mastery... I had achieved something." the book confirms that he is organized, pays attention to detail, expects a lot from himself and those around him. This does not always work on the domestic side as his wife reminds him more than once, "life is not a checklist." He spends several chapters describing his family life, including the effort to adopt two daughters. He enlisted in the Air Force, flew fighters, but not in combat, He spent years training hard, paying close attention, demanding a great deal of himself and maintaining a constant readiness. I credited his safe power off landing to his glider training. He says, "I have to dispel that notion. The flight characteristics and speed and weight of the Airbus are completely different from all the gliders I flew."

He describes in detail what took place in the few minutes they had after the bird strike. Cockpit voice recorder and FAA controller tapes are printed. Sully gives credit to his First Officer Jeff Skiles, the flight attendants, The FAA controller, and the rescuers on ships on the Hudson.. he describes himself as: "I am trained to be intolerant of anything less than the highest standards of my profession." Retired from the airline, he continues to work on safety for the crew and public. An inspiring read!

Flying magazine has launched its list of the top 100 airplanes of all time. They actually have 101 listed and are asking their readers to take one or more off th list or add some that should be on the list. Just go to <flyingmag.com/top100>. I would like to see the list but I am not going to sit on my computer trying to read the material. But I think that some of you might have the skill and patience to do so.

I have reason to believe the squirrels are mocking me.

Old Goat, Out.

MARSHA HAZEN'S "PRETTY UNFORGETTABLE TRIP" TO AIRVENTURE 2012

by Elise Isler

After 8 years of being married to Phil, I asked Marsha why she was willing to take the trip this year. Phil, who attended annually for many years, has really wanted to go back. He has heard about the growth – but not experienced it. Marsh was curious and wanted to share the experience. However, the ultimate decision was made when Steve North asked Phil for help. Steve has run the Chapter 44 trip for the past several years and was unable to attend this year. Marsha and Phil both support the chapter in many ways and this is just another example of how dedicated they are! They not only went on the trip, but helped in the organization and activities to make the trip successful.

In an almost ironic way, they were both rewarded for once again going above and beyond. They had no idea at the time that Phil was going to be the recipient of the EAA Major Achievement Award. They were able to be present at the breakfast and presentation! Both were very proud. Also, while at a dinner given for all those who help with the Young Eagles program, Marsha was the recipient of one of the door prizes! (Marsha has helped with ground crew for the past several years both with our events and the combined events with Chapter 46.) This turned out to be a very exciting experience for Marsha! She won a ride on one of the Ford Tri-Motors that fly at Oshkosh! One can purchase a ride, but this trip was made even "sweeter". Marsha got to ride with Jeff Skiles, co-chair for Young Eagles, as right seat pilot!

Marsha was quite stunned and very modest. Her comment was that people at our table were more deserving – but not so. Marsha's dedication both as an active member and supporting Phil, has been wonderful for our chapter. Marsha really had no idea at first what it was she actually received until she asked some questions, looked up information and studied some of the history. What a great example of what our Young Eagle program promotes! This is yet another story to be told another time!

Marsha made the comment that she knows she did not get to experience all that Oshkosh had to

offer. Some of the events and/or things remembered include: their visit to the seaplane base, the air shows – day and night, EAA's museum, Kid Venture, making a sock plane at the craft tent, the Fly Mart, the one-man band, the ultra lights, the Vintage Aircraft shuttle, Pioneer Field and a presentation made by one of the original Tuskegee Airmen. She also expressed special appreciation to Norm for an evening of entertainment at the Fin "N" Feather dinner cruise – a chance to experience a different part of Wisconsin and have dinner with friends from the trip and chapter. Last but not least the people! The experience of talking with total strangers and finding out they know someone you know or live not too far away from home. How friendly everyone is and how many there were in one place! Oh yes – and ice cream!! That was available and a MUST at one point.

The one possible fear Marsha had before the trip was dealing with the heat. The temperature in Oshkosh was over 100 the day before we left Rochester and Marsha had heard stories from the past. This turned into a non-issue. Although the temps were still in the 90's, days were fine and so were the evenings in the dorm. Fans were good (although air conditioning may have been nice).

One possible request for next time: maybe a room not so close to Kelly's (Bar and Grill)!



E. Isler Photo

Marsha Hazen at Pioneer Field with the ORIGINAL Buttercup.

**Board of Directors' Meeting
14 Aug 2012**

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

Other Members Present: Marty Snow

Guests: None

Reports:

- President (Rob Williams - Absent)
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
 - Report on Phil Hazen receiving Major Achievement Award at Oshkosh this year.
 - Norm stressed the need to support the Chapter in the Lightspeed Foundation competition.
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd):
 - Report read and approved.
 - Review of Federal tax filing and balance sheet.
- Secretary (Stephen North):
 - Report read and approved

Business:

- Capital Campaign (Mike Stoddard)
 - Much to the Chapter's loss Mike is relocating to Canada and has resigned as Capital Campaign chairman. Mike Clayton suggested that the Capital Campaign committee should meet and outline future fundraising goals and plans. Norm expressed a desire to get input from other members as a means of generating new fundraising ideas and strategies.
 - Need definition of Corporate Membership
- Building Committee (Darryl Byers)
 - First phase of landscaping will be to pour concrete for walkway on east side of building and for storage pad on west end building.
 - Phil Hazen has received the keypad entry lock. Programming and installation should be straightforward.
 - New high output parking lot light installed.
 - "Dog House" clean out – need to set a specific date in September for removal

of good stuff and plan for disposal of remainder.

• Old Business:

- Marty Snow's company has approved funding for Ben Hare's Eagle Scout project. Although Ben was unable to attend the Board meeting he did send in his budget outline. Marty will coordinate project planning and execution with Ben. The Chapter extends its sincere thanks to Triumph Aviation for their support of Ben and the SAC.
- Dave Amsler proposal– Tabled until September.
- Plane Train –Norm has volunteered to store the Plane Train in his barn until its ultimate future is determined.
- Bob Nelligan-Barrett suggested that we extend an invitation to Geriatric Pilot's Association.

• New Business:

- Hugh Jones Memorial Plaque - Norm proposed that we take up a special collection for purchase of an Oshkosh memorial wall plaque in recognition of Hugh Jones' contributions to the Chapter. Dave Hurd moved that the Chapter cover the portion of the \$350 cost not met by donations. The motion was seconded by Clayton, passed unanimously.
- Outside Storage – Norm outlined a plan for expanding the previously planned gas grill storage shed into a one-car sized structure (~12 x 20 feet). Construction should be straightforward since it would be built off of the existing structure. Budgetary estimate was provided. Norm and Mike Clayton will look into the details.
- Clean Up – The Board enthusiastically endorsed the goal of reducing the general clutter within the SAC. North moved that the Board designate surplus chairs as items to be offered to the Membership first and then disposed of. Darryl Byers seconded, passed unanimously

**EAA Chapter 44
General Membership Meeting
21 Aug 2012**

Reports:

- President (Rob Williams - absent):
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
 - Builder's reports
 - Amsler Sonex – DONE! And it was in attendance at this meeting!
 - Guests – Bill Giroux and Ed Hawkins
 - Norm reported with pride that Phil Hazen was the recipient of a Major Achievement Award from EAA national during a ceremony at AirVenture 2012.
 - Norm urged the members to get the word out about voting for the Chapter 44 in the Lightspeed Foundation grant competition. Time is running out....
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd):
 - Report read and approved.
 - Taxes are filed!
- Secretary (Stephen North):
 - Minutes read and approved.

Business:

- Capital Campaign (Mike Stoddard)
 - Mike noted that regrettably he is resigning as Capital Campaign chair since he is moving to Canada. The BOD is looking for a replacement.
- Building Committee (Darryl Byers)
 - The parking lot is now brightly illuminated with a new high power spotlight.
 - Phil Hazen should have the electronic door lock operational in the near future.
 - Additional concrete will be poured to connect the porch area with the front walk.
 - Marty Snow announced that his employer, Triumph Aerospace, has pledged support for Ben Hare's Eagle Scout project. Ben has been

planning and fundraising for improving the landscaping around the SAC.

- Old Business
 - The Hendershot fly-in breakfast went very well despite the last minute addition of car show along with airplane traffic.
 - The Chapter will try to coordinate a group event with the Geriatric Pilots Association, specifics TBD.
- New Business
 - Earl Luce will be teaching a welding class on Nov 2 at the Arc and Flame Center of Rochester. Stay tuned for details.
 - In an effort to reduce clutter within the SAC, a collection of misfit chairs was offered to the membership for them to take as they wished. Any unadopted chair will be sent to the big furniture store in the sky.
 - Phil Hazen was presented with a plaque recognizing his many contributions to Chapter and designating the porch on the SAC as "Phil's Porch".
 - The Chapter is soliciting donations for the purchase of a memorial plaque in recognition of the contributions of the late Hugh Jones.

EAA UL 95 FLY-IN AT LONG ACRE POND

Linda & Tom Deveronica sent us the photo below of their chance visit to the fly-in of our colleagues down the road. Congratulations RUFF group. You made a good first impression on two new visitors.



L. Deveronica photo

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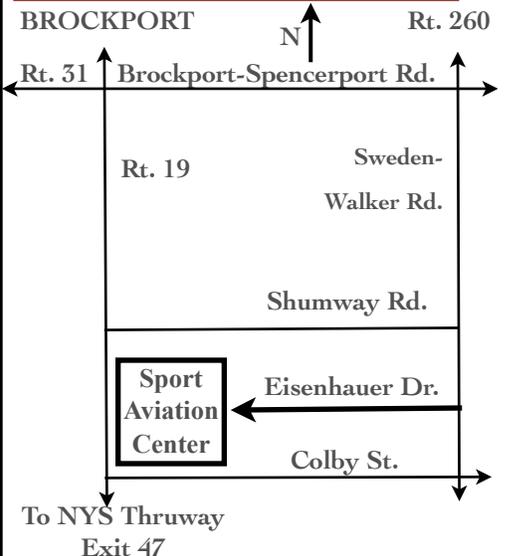
REGIONAL CALENDAR

TWO-DAY WELDING CLASS, Nov. 2/3

taught by Earl Luce
See details in this newsletter

AOPA ASI SAFETY SEMINAR at the SAC Oct 18, 7-9 PM

“FLYING FOR A LIFETIME”
A bit of trivia: Every cell in the human body is replaced at least once every ten years. You are, quite literally, not the same person you were a decade ago. You're also (less literally) not the same pilot. Experience, physical stamina, risk tolerance and mental acuity all shift over the years, in obvious and not-so-obvious ways. Question is, how do you adjust? Our latest seminar delves into the forces that shape us as pilots, and explores different ways to maintain the same high level of safety over a lifetime of flying.



EAA 44 Calendar



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

EAA 44 member Marty Snow will be presenting on "The Great Race for Powered Flight."

Becky Hurd will be providing dinner, and as always, we ask you to bring dishes to pass and desserts for our culinary pleasure.

Sept. 22 SAC Work Day

Oct. 9 Board Meeting

Oct. 13 SAC Work Day

Oct. 16 General Meeting

**Oct. 18 AOPA ASI
SAFETY SEMINAR**

Oct. 27 SAC Work Day

Nov. 10 SAC Work Day

Nov. 13 Board Meeting

Nov. 20 General Meeting

STEAK NIGHT!

Guest: Chip Mcquire- Bucket List

Check-Off: Fly a Mustang!

Nov 24 SAC Work Day

Dec. 8 SAC Work Day

Dec. 11 Board Meeting

Dec. 18 HOLIDAY PARTY

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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

Bob Nelligan-Barrett

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