



# The Flyer



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## A TALE OF VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS

by Norm Isler

“This is a little story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.”

And so it goes.....

One of the biggest issues that came up in the arguments over the tenure of our recently departed National EAA President Rod Hightower was the treatment, and callous presumptions, about the volunteers that make EAA, and AirVenture, WORK. For many years, it has not been corporate employees and hired contractors that made EAA the organization it is, but rather the hard work of hundreds, actually thousands, of people that give their time and abilities to make the programs that are coordinated by EAA the success they are. Rod seems to have started taking those who so eagerly gave their time for granted, and started to build an elite group (code word “Chalet”) “above” the volunteers. And the volunteers rebelled. And the system worked. And Rod is gone and EAA is re-evaluating the “hows” and “whys” the organization needs to work.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Rob Williams

Well now that the “big” election is over, we can turn our attention to our small but not insignificant election of our EAA Chapter 44 Board of Directors. Thankfully none of the nominee/candidates have taken out full page adds in this newsletter or are making political pitches over the unicom frequencies. The election is coming at our next general meeting in November. We currently have four positions open on the board, and as of this writing, four fine and qualified nominees. However, it is not too late to consider running. At the next meeting we will open the floor for nominations before the vote if you are interested in adding to the mix.

The November meeting is also our steak night for dinner. Please contact me as soon as possible if you plan on eating and have not signed up or emailed me with your steak order. Also keep in mind that our Christmas party is on December 18th. Plan on attending that too.

We will soon start planning our programming for 2013 meeting nights and your input, feedback and ideas would be appreciated. Some feedback we received suggested we get back to a few more sessions focused on building. All ideas are welcome. Let the board or Gail know your thoughts on this.

I wish all of you best wishes and a happy Thanksgiving. CAVU.

**Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, Nobody con't**

Here at EAA 44, we have a few of the same dynamics in play, and I am asking each and every member to sit back for a moment and think about our group. What have we recently accomplished, and how it was accomplished? What do we want to do going forward, and how will it happen. Will the same small group of individuals "Git 'er done" or will more jump in to help?

When I was given the opportunity to serve as your Chapter President, it was my goal to see the new Sport Aviation Center move from the "Dream" column to the "Reality" column. Through the hard work of many volunteers, that is now almost done. Even though it is still "almost" done, it is "enough" done that we have proven the building works. We have hosted over 1000 guests at various events in addition to the events exclusively produced every month for our members.

Some have recently commented that we have become "a group about building a building, not airplanes." Well, we have about 60 members, and yet every other Saturday I see pretty much the same 6 – 10 people working on the building. We enjoy the project and each other's company, so we will likely continue to show up and do what we enjoy, seeing the building progress. What about all the comments about the other activities talked about?

"We should have hots and hamburgs at the SAC on Saturdays to bring more people out to the airport. ANYBODY can set that up."

We should organize more demonstrations of how to do fiberglass / fabric / metal construction. SOMEBODY should set that up.

We want to run a series of programs that feature interesting speakers at our monthly meetings. EVERYBODY can help to find and invite speakers.

We should be more active as a group, but NOBODY offers to coordinate these activities.

Recently we asked for volunteers to run for the Board of Directors. Only one person in the entire room was willing to offer a couple of hours a month to help this group. That is too small a percentage. In order to see the group continue to grow and add to our 54 year history, we need EVERYBODY'S help to make programs work. Some members eagerly give several hours a week to make projects move forward. Naturally, not all can, or want to offer that level of commitment. BUT THIS IS EVERYBODY'S organization, and if we each step up and offer just one or two additional hours per year to help plan and execute programs and events, we can see so much more happen.

I never wanted to build a building to build a building, I wanted to build a place where EAA 44 can sponsor, host and enjoy flying and flying related activities. Please lend a hand. If something is new to you, one of our more experienced members will be glad to lend a guiding hand. Please offer to help! You will be glad you did.

### **THE LINK TRAINER IS HOME AND IT WORKS!**

It needs a good annual, and some spit and polish, and some TLC to convert it to a X-Plane flight sim. Is ANYBODY interested is working on it? See Sparky McDonald.



M. Clayton photo

## WINGS PROJECT GET UNDERWAY

by Marty Snow

What do EAA Chapter 44, the Boy Scouts and a local aerospace company have in common? The answer is the Sport Aviation Center!

A spirited group of **Boy Scouts**, leaders, parents and employees from **Triumph Aerospace Systems Seattle** have been busy working to help finish our beautiful new building. The work is part of a three phase project sponsored by Triumph through their WINGS program.

The Rochester, NY location of Triumph sponsors Eagle Scout candidates by providing financial funding and manpower to assist the candidates to complete a project required to earn the Eagle Scout award. The projects are activities geared toward benefitting the community. Triumph and the Scout candidates worked with the EAA Board of Directors to propose projects that will qualify the Scouts for their award requirement by supporting the completion of the Sport Aviation Center.

The three phases of the WINGS project are:

Phase I – Outside landscaping (below) and picnic tables led by Scout Ben Hare.



M. Snow photo above

Phase II – Pilots Lounge/Board Room (above) led by Scout Nick Gennarino, III.

Phase III – Completion of the bathrooms – TBD

“We see this as a WIN-WIN-WIN for the Scouts, EAA and Triumph” said Dian Fyfe, the local Triumph WINGS program coordinator. “We are an aerospace company and the opportunity to sponsor projects that will benefit both Scouting and Aviation is ideal!”

The Eagle Scout candidates have to present a project plan detailing what is to be done, the supplies and materials needed, gather quotes and set a project timeline for completion. The candidates are expected to lead and manage the project, do fund-raising as necessary, and enlist other scouts and leaders as resources to help with the execution of the project.

## EAA 44 SAC HOSTS 3rd AOPA ASI SAFETY SEMINAR

EAA 44 welcomed back Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association Aviation Safety Institute presenter Steve Fram (below right, with Bill Shaw) on Oct. 18.



He spoke on "Flying For A Lifetime," how changes in our physical & psychological health, and airmanship skills can slowly affect our flying. More than 90 guests, many of them first-timers, but many more REPEAT visitors, crossed our SAC threshold.

## EARL LUCE TEACHES "FOLLOW THE PUDDLE!"

Master welder and Buttercup designer Earl Luce offered a gas welding class for beginners. We learned basic welding of two pieces, tack welding, laying a bead, and saw a demonstration of TIG welding. This was a very beneficial and fun-learning class. Mike Clayton, Jeff Punton, Steve North (below 2nd from right), Marty Snow (below right), and Bob Nelligan-Barrett attended. Earl demonstrating below.



## BOTTLE QUEEN REPORT LONG LIVE THE METAL MAIDEN by Gail Isaac

Hi everyone. Due to the fact that it has become too hard to find equipment to get items to Metalico, I am resigning as your Metal Maiden. That does not mean that you yourself cannot take metals to them. It is real easy to do and if you have any questions about it, you may certainly call me for information. You don't need an account, just photo ID and the money is yours to do with what you wish.

On the other hand, the Bottle Queen is still in full swing and I have a coupon for a new place in Spencerport that is giving \$.06 per item as a grand opening promotion. I will use them until that is done but have made a nice relationship with Nickelsback on Ridge Road and will go back there after that.

I have made up a new list for meeting dinners for 2013 and it will be posted on the freezer where the last one was. Please feel free to pick a month and cook for us. This has proven to be fun and enjoyable to try favorite recipes. So far, we have not gone hungry!

And....if anyone has any ideas for the meeting entertainment, please contact me. We are hoping to have more demos on phases of aircraft building etc but don't worry Girls, I will keep us in mind too.

## HOLIDAY DINNER

Our Christmas Party is coming together very nicely. We are having the dinner catered by Salmon Creek County Club including desserts. It is our way of thanking all for cooking for us all year. This way, we all get a treat and no one has to bring anything. Well, you can bring your own "cheer" in a bottle to share but please take home any left over "cheer." We will have a table set up for the bar. If you need mixers, please bring them too.

If you would like to add your names to my list, please contact me at: [gisaac@rochester.rr.com](mailto:gisaac@rochester.rr.com). We have a couple of surprises that we are working on so don't miss the fun.



Jim Martin serenading us at last years Holiday Dinner. Don't miss this opportunity to socialize and share the holiday spirit with each other.

## OLD GOAT IS HONORED

by Art Thieme

I never had a butler, man servant, bat man (look it up), cook, or chauffeur. But I did on October 20. I was fortunate to get on the last HONOR FLIGHT to leave this year. It was without a doubt, the most moving experience I've had in my life. We were treated royally, weren't allowed to do a thing, constantly in the hands of a chosen care giver, in this case my daughter Lisa. When we departed the aircraft in Baltimore we were greeted by a line of clapping, cheering plebes in uniform from Annapolis. I think that most of us were overcome by emotion. But this was only the first of many welcomes, greetings, thanks, handshakes, and hugs.

Our first stop was at Arlington to watch the changing of the guard. From there we stopped at the Marine Iwo Jima memorial. Next came the Air Force Memorial with the three stainless spires reaching 270 feet above the ground. There was a computer screen with information, so I typed in my name and I was listed first of three Thiemes that had donated money to build the memorial. So I feel that I own part of that memorial. Next stop was the WW II memorial. Again we were welcomed by volunteers and a girl scout troupe. The location of the memorial at the end of the reflecting basin with the Lincoln Memorial at the other end is fitting. From there we visited the Korea and Vietnam memorials. I find that the Vietnam Memorial with all the names of the dead, the most gripping. It really brings home the price of war. We spent the night at the airport Hilton where we were again treated royally. We were even given two free drinks. The bar was packed with other old goats. (I had two delicious martinis.)

But that was not the end. Arriving home we were greeted by hundreds of friends, veterans, and volunteers. It was very moving. It was an experience I will never forget. A homecoming celebration 66 year later, but certainly more memorable. If there was a downside it was because we had to be at the airport at 4 AM. A small price to pay for a full day of activity. And the old goats did very well. Our oldest veteran was 97!

Happy Holidays.

Old Goat, out.

### EAA Chapter 44 Board of Directors' Meeting 9 Oct 2012

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

**Other Members Present:** None

#### Reports:

- President (Rob Williams):
  - No items
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
  - Lightspeed grant competition – Ends 4 Nov, keep pushing.
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd):
  - Report read and approved.
  - Noted that our bank is now levying a service charge for the Airlift account, will negotiate to reduce or eliminate.
- Secretary (Stephen North):
  - Report read and approved.

#### Business:

- Capital Campaign (Mike Stoddard - absent)
  - Still looking for a replacement Capital Campaign chair.
- Building Committee (Darryl Byers)
  - Review of SAC Usage Guidelines
    - Discussion re: Lease agreement
    - Discussion re: Renting out SAC for Member events (looking to limit)
  - A lot of landscaping work done, raked and seeded.
  - Norm noted that we might want to work on getting a sign for the south side of the building. A cost estimate was discussed. Motion to allocate funds for a sign. (Need to review sign permit first). Phil moved, Daryl seconded. Passed unanimously.
  - Mike Clayton will install electronic lock along with door closer.
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- Old Business:
  - Holiday party – 18 Dec (Tue), may be catered by Salmon Creek Country Club. Bob N-B to work with Gail on the particulars.
  - Collected funds towards Hugh Jones memorial plaque on Rememberance Wall at Oshosh. Will continue collection at next General Membership meeting.
- New Business:
  - Elections coming up in November, nominations at October meeting.
  - AOPA set up after next week's meeting. AOPA seminar on 18 Oct.
  - Offer to host Eagle Scout ceremony at SAC.

**EAA Chapter 44  
General Membership Meeting  
16 Oct 2012**

**Reports:**

- President (Rob Williams):
  - Thanks to Darryl Byers and his wife for dinner.
  - Push to keep place less cluttered, clean out some of the junk.
  - AOPA event this coming Thursday (18 Oct).
  - Builder's reports
    - Clayton Kitfox – Fitting cowling to fuselage.
    - Hurd Glasair – Wing going in for painting.
    - Ritson Sonex – Larger tail wheel installed
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
  - Lightspeed – Norm distributed more promotional business cards. Urged everyone to get in touch with anyone they know with an e-mail address. Voting has been extended to Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd):
  - Report read and approved
  - Raised funds for Hugh Jones fund.
- Secretary (Stephen North):
  - Minutes read and approved.

**Business:**

- Capital Campaign (Mike Stoddard)
    - No report.
  - Building Committee (Darryl Byers / Mike Clayton)
    - Some sound panels installed
  - Old Business
    - Bottle Queen reported receipts to the table/chair fund
  - New Business
    - Christmas Party – 18 Dec, \$20 / head. Will be catered by Salmon Creek (and Santa's coming!).
    - Steak Night for November meeting.
    - Movie Night – Thursday, 25 Oct starting at 7:00
    - Four BOD seats are open – nominations so far:
      - Jeff Peters
      - Steve North
      - Mike Clayton
      - Dave Hurd
- Nominations remain open until the election.



The Library is taking shape. We are considering a more secure location later as construction allows.

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## REGIONAL CALENDAR

It's that time of the year when even the UpstateList Aviation Calendar listings are bare <upstatelist.org>. In fact, EAA 44 is two of the 4 listings for Oct. and Nov.

So find a friend and go flying. Split the gas, make it affordable for both of you.

Take a newbie and introduce him or her to low and slow over the countryside.

Teach a kid how to cleco.

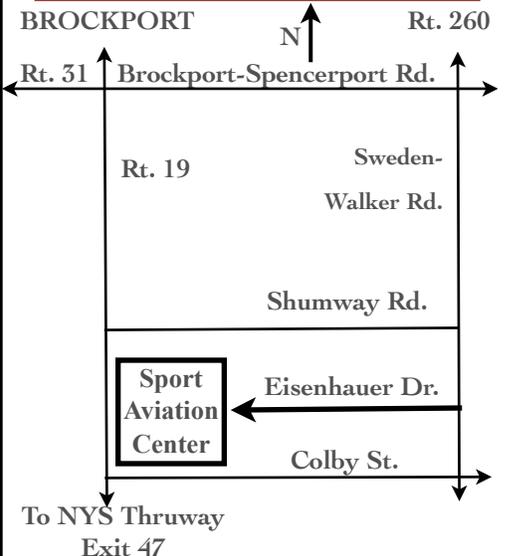
Be a guest speaker at one of our meetings.

ANYBODY?

SOMEBODY?

EVERYBODY?

YOU?



## EAA 44 Calendar



### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

Nov. 20 Dinner 6:30,  
Meeting 7:30

**Elections, Steak  
Night, and Guest Speaker  
Chip McQuire** talking about  
and showing a video of his  
flight in Stallion 51's P-51  
"Crazy Horse."

Please bring a dish to  
pass to complement our  
steak dinner.

Nov. 10 SAC Work Day  
Nov. 13 Board Meeting

### **NOV. 20 ANNUAL MEETING: ELECTIONS, STEAK NIGHT, & A GUEST SPEAKER, OH MY!**

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**

44 Eisenhower Dr. 14420  
Brockport NY Airport/  
Ledgedale 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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