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YEAR-END SAC UPDATE

by Norm Isler

It has been over half a year since I wrote my last SAC Update. (For some of you, that may not be long enough!) Over the three years I wrote that monthly column, so much happened. Looking back over the past eight months much has continued to happen, and a few members asked me to write a bit of a summary, so here it is.

Through the efforts of many of our members, and even a few non- members that see value in what we are doing, progress has been swift (though never swift enough!) and significant.

The Great Hall and Grand Promenade (meeting room and front hall) have received final drywall touches, primer and at least two coats of final color paint. Both are looking great! With the exception of our furnace room, all of the interior doors have been hung and trim installed. That furnace room door will be up soon. The first coats of base color have been applied in the Grand Promenade floor for the second active runway at Ledgesdale, another 10 – 28 that will allow take offs and landings from our Great Hall. Thanks Greg Hoas for the great efforts!

In the Great Hall, acoustics are greatly improved thanks to the sound absorbing panels mounted around the perimeter of the room and suspended from the ceiling. Rooms that are acoustically “hard” tend to fill with echoes that make hearing difficult for those with the best of ears. (Just ask my cat!) For those of us that may have suffered a bit of hearing loss due to our musical preferences during the sixties, and seventies, that can make it extremely difficult to understand a speaker, let alone casual conversation. As installed, the panels help to “soften” the room and absorb echoes making it easier to hear individual sounds and conversations. A special “Thank you!” goes out to Dave Amsler for both underwriting a great deal of the cost of this project and for heading up the panel design, construction and installation.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

by Rob Williams

Hey, its the Holidays! As if you didn’t know. Like you I am really looking forward to our chapter Christmas party. This is probably the most social I have seen the chapter in the thirty-five plus years I have been a member. It is nice to see the participation.

I have also appreciated the dedication of all the members who have really contributed to the growth and stability of the chapter over the past year. Everything from the board, the Saturday SAC work group, the people in the specialty roles, etc. It’s a great bunch of folk who work very hard all the time: Norm, Gail, Mike, Bob, Dave, Phil and so many others.

I would like to specifically thank Norm for his role as VP. When I took the job as president last year, I said I would be absent at times and unavailable, needing the help of the board. Everyone has been great and particularly Norm in taking on the lion’s share of the presidency for me.

I look forward to great things to come for our chapter moving forward. With the help of everyone like we have seen, how can we go wrong. Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year. CAVU!

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DUES ARE DUE! Please send a check for \$30 to Treasurer Dave Hurd to continue receiving the benefits of EAA 44 membership. His address is 1681 Oak Opening Rd., Avon NY 14414.

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With a special “tip of the hat” to Dave Goodwin, the concrete work on “Phil’s Porch” and the sidewalks in front of the SAC is now complete. Dave built forms, smoothed concrete and guided the volunteers that came to help make this possible. We can now enjoy lazy afternoons on the porch watching the airplanes come and go. Special thanks to Marsha and Phil Hazen for their generosity underwriting most of the cost of that concrete. Check out the great job Mike Clayton did installing the recognition plaque on the wall.

As resident plumber, I can report that we have successfully completed installation of hot and cold running water on the north and south sides of the building outside to aid in meals and other projects. We also have cold water on the east and west sides, “just in case” we need it.

Our two Eagle Scout Candidates, Ben Hare and Nick Gennerino have been hard at work! Thanks to Ben and his team, our roof now drains into an underground pipe system that carries run off away from the ramp and over to the drainage ditch. Top soil has been delivered and graded and grass planted. We have a nice homey feel with decorative plants lining our front walk. Nick’s team is about to wrap up basic completion of the Pilot Lounge/Board Room areas with drywall work, primer and two-tone paint, chair rail, laminate floor and moldings. It looks great! A special “shout out” to Bob Northrup for creating the vision for this area, and coordinating with both the scouts and your BoD to help make that vision a reality. Special thanks to member Marty Snow and his employer, Triumph Engineering for underwriting the cost of these projects and for their help in completing them.

Outside, Jim Weinkopf and his versatile tractor have been a huge help in grading and smoothing the remaining outside areas and over-seeding so we will have an attractive lawn to replace the original mudscape we started with. Thanks also to Russ Swanger and Carl Ayers for their help on grounds crew.

Mike Clayton, Larry “Sparky” MacDonald and I brought the Link Trainer back to Brockport recently, and “Sparky” has eagerly jumped in to clean up and begin restoration of the Link. We’ll be flying it around the room in no time!

The closets on the north side of the Great Hall are getting organized and filled. Now that we own 100 matching new chairs, we have specified, designed and installed shelving to store and protect the extra chairs when not in use. Adjustable shelving has been installed

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HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING

by Elise Isler

It’s that time of year again ...
Makin’ a list and checkin’ it twice!!!!
Don’t know what to ask for?
Don’t really want anything special?



Ask your loved ones to consider making a donation in your name to the EAA Chapter 44 Sport Aviation Center of Western New York.

All donations will be used towards completing construction of this wonderful learning center and helping to fund our chapter’s many outreach programs.

No donation is too small!
Donations are 100 percent tax deductible.

Please show the enclosed letter to friends and family members wishing to give you a gift. A special holiday card will be sent to the recipient and a receipt will be sent to the donor.

Thank you, and enjoy the holidays!

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in the rest of the closets to provide organized storage as we bring home more of our property from the various places it has been stored and find safe and proper places to keep it all.

I am happy to report that it appears our heat is in good condition, and up to the task of keeping us warm this winter. Along those lines, we are also moving forward installing electric heat in the restrooms, just in case the temperature in the building approaches 32, the rooms with water will be kept above freezing. We are also moving forward on construction and installation of dividers and vanities in both restrooms to improve comfort and appearances.

You may notice at night our parking lot is much easier to navigate. With a new high intensity light high up on the building, you can now see all of the parking lot and driveway, making it safer to walk to our cars after dark. An additional motion detector light has also been installed over the parking lot door to illuminate the key pad lock that is now ready to install. (Installation has been held up until we can locate an appropriate door restraint / closer to keep the door with new lock attached from slamming against the building in high wind conditions.)

The Board has come to the realization that space in our building has reached a critical stage, and as the original plan included a hanger and for the time being there is none (had you noticed?) we plan to make some changes and / or additions as we move forward.

- 1) As members that have been storing chapter property for the past few years seek to return materials to the SAC, (and clear out our own homes!) we will be temporarily using the third bathroom area as our interim library. This will provide for organized and secure storage for our more valuable, not easily replaced collection of books, videos, plans and other historic materials in addition to an "open circulation" library to be located at the back of the Great Hall.
- 2) We are also actively researching a couple of options to provide secured storage outside of the building, either a free standing shed or an attached shed addition to allow storage of things like our lawn tractor, garden tools, plane train, cooking grills and other items best stored outside of the actual building.
- 3) The chapter already owns many wall plaques, awards, recognitions and other

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LINK TRAINER GETS AN ANNUAL

Below are pics of Larry MacDonald refurbishing the Link. Dave Amser and Mike Clayton look on. The panel is a typical 6-pack.



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decorative wall hangings. To avoid a hodge – podge nailing of things to the wall, the Building Committee is working on a coordinated plan to decorate the building with appropriate materials and recognize those that made this project possible. Please do not decide to nail, screw, cable or stick up with bubble gum anything to the walls until this project is complete and ready to coordinate the decoration of our building.

This column wouldn't be complete without a special "Thank you!" to Mike Clayton who is there at almost every session, spends hours between work parties planning projects and securing materials. Without Mike's dedication and guidance, we would not be anywhere near where we are today.

It has been a busy eight months. Many not mentioned by name have helped, and to you all, I say a hearty "Thank you!" We have seen a lot accomplished and of course will continue to see more happen to give us bragging rights to the best Sport Aviation Center in the nation.

See you at the SAC!

BOTTLE QUEEN REPORT

by Gail Isaac

I just want to thank all of you for supporting our effort with all your bottles and cans. We have had a very successful year and I have found several coupons which gave us \$.06 per unit...that equals \$1 for every 100. That said, I can't wait to tell all of you that my last bunch of returns counted out at the highest the recycle center had ever received! I got \$.06 with a coupon and you can do the math. That was so much fun and we are on the wall at the new place as the highest total. Keep up the good work and so will I. Your Faithful Bottle Queen wishes you a Happy Holiday Season and much thirst. ;-D

OLD GOAT GREETINGS

by Art Thieme

I never flew a P-51. Never even sat in one. But after the November meeting, I just knew that I could fly one. The presentation had a 33-hour student pilot take a one-hour flight with an instructor. The airplane had cameras on the fin, stabilizer and in the cockpit. We were talked through aileron rolls, barrel rolls, Immelmans, Cuban 8's, and even a landing. The video was so realistic that I'm sure every pilot in the room followed the instructions and felt like they were actually in the plane. It was terrific! the instructor kept reminding the pilot to use less rudder in the turns. With that long nose and powerful engine it seemed natural to lead turns with rudder. Apparently not so in this plane.

Peter Garrison in the December 2012 issue of *FLYING* talks about pilots that are retiring after flying airline and corporate jets craving an antidotal airplane, something leaky, smelly, slow climbing, that whistles when you pick up speed, something that shakes, something in which you HAVE to keep the ball centered, something that never gets so far from earth that you forget what it is and who you are. Something that reminds you what a privilege it is to fly... Amen.

Something to think about: The Association of Unmanned Vehicle Systems International predicts that as many as 30,000 drones will be flying in US airspace by 2020. This years FAA funding bill includes a mandate to "fully integrate" drones in US airspace by the end of September 2015.

Work is progressing on electrical taxiing systems for large jets. The power for the electrical motors will come from the aircrafts auxiliary power unit (APU). It is estimated that system will save 3-4% of fuel over taxiing under engine power.

I will close with a note of deep appreciation to all the chapter members who worked and are working on the chapter house. The pilot lounge is the latest effort and it is beautiful. the sound panels look great and make a big difference.

Seasons Greetings. Old goat, out.

**EAA Chapter 44
Board of Directors' Meeting
13 Nov 2012**

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

Other Members Present: Myers, Bowdler

Reports:

- President (Rob Williams):
 - Elections next week, nominations remain open until election evening.
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
 - Unfortunately we did not win one of the Lightspeed grants. We are still in the running for a Customer's Choice award.
 - Still looking for a replacement Capital Campaign Chairman
 - Norm has offered to donate his used refrigerator. This will replace the old, seldom used, freezer.
 - Holiday gift giving flyer is included with this month's newsletter.
 - The Chapter has received a donation of a collection of plastic model aircraft kits. Norm suggested holding a silent auction at the next Chapter meeting.
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd):
 - Report read and approved.
- Secretary (Stephen North):
 - Report read and approved.

Business:

- Capital Campaign (Open)
 - Still looking for a replacement Capital Campaign chair.
- Building Committee (Darryl Byers / Mike Clayton)
 - Majority of sound panels installed, reduction in room reverberation noticeable
 - Eagle Scout projects nearing completion (landscaping / pilot's lounge)
 - Painting completed in pilot's lounge, need chair rail, flooring, other decoration.

• Old Business:

- The Holiday Party will be Tuesday, 18 Dec. Salmon Creek Country Club is providing the food. Cost is \$20 per person. Bob N-B to work with Gail on the particulars. Signed up 37 so far.
- We've collected enough for the purchase of a Hugh Jones memorial plaque.
- 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 has been completed.
- Norm noted that we might want to work on getting a sign for the south side of the building. Norm provided an estimate for a 2 section (4' x 8') sign, and the Board approved funds for the project. (Need to review sign permit first). Phil Hazen moved, Daryl Byers seconded. Passed unanimously.
- Mike Clayton will install electronic lock along with door closer.
- Offer to host Eagle Scout ceremony at SAC.

• New Business:

- Tom Bowdler proposed that the Chapter should host two Aerocamps for Boy Scouts in 2013, specific dates TBD. Tom reviewed the typical schedule from previous Aerocamps. He will serve as coordinator for dealing with Boy Scout Aerocamp requests. The Board was very supportive of this idea and agreed to move forward.
- Gail noted that Jim Weinkopf has generously recycled a significant amount of scrap metal and donated the proceeds to the Chapter.



Bob Northrup, Nick Gennarino, Rob Williams, and Norm Isler celebrate the completion of the Pilot's Lounge/Board Room

**EAA Chapter 44
General Membership Meeting
20 Nov 2012**

Reports:

- President (Rob Williams):
 - Thanks to Gail for coordinating a delicious steak dinner.
 - Board of Director’s Elections tonight, nominations will remain open until just before voting starts.
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
 - Unfortunately we did not win one of the Lightspeed grants. We are still in the running for a Customer’s Choice award.
 - The Chapter has received a donation of plastic model aircraft kits. Norm has arranged for a silent auction during the meeting.
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd):
 - Report read and approved.
- Secretary (Stephen North):
 - Report read and approved.

Builder’s Reports:

- Clayton Kitfox – Mike brought his new prop for show and tell, a thing of beauty from Prince Aircraft
- Rob Williams has finally received his overhauled engine after a 15-month hurricane induced delay.

Business:

- Capital Campaign (Open)
 - Still looking for a replacement Capital Campaign Chair.
- Building Committee (Darryl Byers / Mike Clayton)
 - A significant number of sound panels have been installed dramatically improving the acoustics within the Main Meeting Room. Thanks to Dave Amsler for funding this work.
 - The Pilot’s Lounge is looking really good with the walls painted, chair rails installed, and flooring in place.
 - The Link Trainer has been relocated from temporary storage to the SAC. Some additional work is needed to make it safe and usable.

- Old Business:
 - The Holiday Party will be Tuesday, 18 Dec. Salmon Creek Country Club is providing the food. Cost is \$20 per person. Bob N-B to work with Gail on the particulars.
 - A lot of landscaping work has been completed.
- New Business:
 - Gail noted that Jim Weinkopf has generously recycled a significant amount of scrap metal and donated the proceeds to the Chapter. Additionally, Jim has provided a great deal of assistance with landscaping.
 - Gail will retain her status as “Bottle Queen” but has decided to resign as the Metal Recycling Maven. Thanks again to Gail for all of her fundraising in support of the Chapter.
- Elections:
 - Nominations received as of meeting date:
 - Jeff Peters
 - Steve North
 - Mike Clayton
 - Dave Hurd
 - Rob Williams opened the floor for additional nominations, none received.
 - Nominated slate accepted as BOD members by acclamation.



Dave Goodwin prepping our new sidewalks. They are finished now connecting the main entrance to Phil’s Porch.

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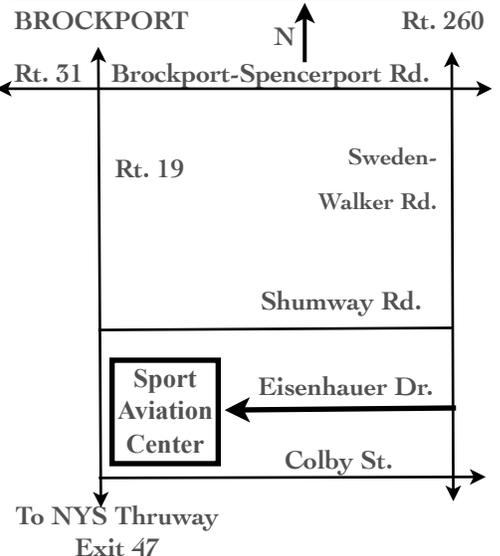
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of Western New York**

Can you identify THIS gyrocopter, also spotted recently at the Naval Air Station Wildwood, NJ. Answer next month.



EAA 44 Calendar



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

HOLIDAY DINNER

Happy Hour 6:30

Dinner 7:30

A delicious CATERED dinner, dessert, and entertainment will be provided for all who have RSVP'd to Gail. BYOB.

Join us to celebrate our accomplishments this year.

Jan. 8 Board Meeting
Jan. 12 SAC Work Day
Jan. 15 General Meeting
Jan. 26 SAC Work Day

Feb. 9 SAC Work Day
Feb. 12 Board Meeting
Feb. 19 General Meeting
Feb. 23 SAC Work Day

Mar. 9 SAC Work Day
Mar. 12 Board Meeting
Mar. 19 General Meeting
Mar. 23 SAC Work Day

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

Sport Aviation Center

44 Eisenhower Dr. 14420

Brockport NY 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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