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AEROCAMP RETURNS TO EAA CHAPTER 44

by Tom Bowdler

On Friday May 17, 2013 the next chapter of a successful Chapter 44 youth program kicked off as Boy Scouts and their leaders from troops in Warsaw and Brockport set up their camp on our Sport Aviation Center lawn. Begun in the late 1990's, Aerocamp provides the opportunity for scouts to have a weekend camping experience and earn their Aviation Merit Badge. Following the conclusion of Aerocamp the scouts have an opportunity to take a Young Eagles airplane ride to help cement all they've learned during the weekend. With the construction of our new facility well along and the outdoor area shaping up Aerocamp will again become a way to interest groups of young people in aviation.



Once the tents were pitched and equipment organized the scouts and their leaders assembled in our meeting room for welcoming remarks from the camp director and introduction to the program for the weekend.

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LAUNCHING OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN... AGAIN

by Rob Williams

Our chapter has come a long way over many years of personal contributions, hard work and phenomenal volunteerism. The completion of the first phases of our Sport Aviation Center of Western New York (SAC) was due the monumental effort of our members. Our Board of Directors has approved the next phase of our efforts to complete the dream of a fully functional SAC. This includes the hangar needed for an enlarged work area and final aircraft assembly facility, as well as providing additional space to support our youth programs and community education activities.

The completion of the SAC will hinge on the success of a well planned capital campaign process over the course of several years. I am grateful that Larry Greeno has stepped up to the plate, as he has many times before, to guide us with his expertise in this area. With his help we have outlined a process to follow to reach our goal.

The first step in this process was to review and update our chapter mission statement. This will provide the basis for reaching out to develop support for this next phase. I presented our mission statement at our last general meeting for reflection and input: *"EAA Chapter 44 is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization of aircraft builders and aviation enthusiasts in the Western New York Region dedicated to promoting aviation and encouraging participation in aviation-related activities. These include designing, building and restoring aircraft, education, advocacy and youth outreach Programs. We promote flying with high standards of safety in an environment that supports freedom, safety, family and personal*

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As has become tradition, the viewing of Top Gun followed with refreshments provided by Dave Goodwin.

Saturday morning the scouts were up early. Our ample restroom facilities were a tremendous asset for the comfort of the group compared to those at our former Colby Street building. Gathering in the meeting room the scouts were introduced to Chapter 44 members Dave Hurd and Mike Clayton, their instructors for the ground school portion of the merit badge requirements. Dave, who has been with the Aerocamp program from its inception, and Mike, experienced through our program at the Spencerport Middle School, taught the scouts the information they needed to understand the theory of flight, types of aircraft propulsion, types of aircraft, operation of the control surfaces, instruments used for monitoring the powerplant and flight parameters, maps and gauges necessary for navigation and radios used for communication.



Following a lunch and relaxation break the scouts spent the afternoon doing preflight inspections on my Cessna 150 and touring Ledgeale Airpark with Mike Clayton. He showed the scouts the airplanes on the ramp and in the big hangar, the fuel farm and other airport facilities.

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fulfillment.” I think this is a powerful statement and captures the essence of who we are.

I know that many of us are campaign and construction weary, but it is important that we keep the momentum up to be successful. Some have viewed our efforts with the SAC as a distraction to the primary mission of building aircraft. They are correct in this, but I see this as a necessary distraction to get to the point where we have a facility that will offer our members so much more opportunity in education, support and building of aircraft.

You will continue to hear more about this process. We are now starting to build the necessary components for a successful campaign. We will be forming a Capital Campaign Committee to monitor the process and will help strategize around fund raising activities. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please let me know. So far the SAC has been built on the backs of our generous membership and donors and this next phase will expand to include support outside of our chapter. It is exciting to think about where we can go with this and I ask that we join together with new enthusiasm to keep moving forward. CAVU!

ROCHESTER AVIATION HISTORY & CESSNA #1

Did you know that Clyde Cessna's first aircraft, the Silverwing, flew with an engine built by the Elbridge Engine Co. of Rochester?



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Two of the high points of the tour were the Cessna Caravan owned by ITT including a discussion of it's equipment and mission and Dwight Myers showing the scouts his Navion.

Awaiting the group on its return to the SAC was Dave Hurd's infamous Sectional Chart Challenge. Dave devised this exercise to test participants ability to use the information about sectional charts they learned earlier in the day. The questions on the chart challenge range from fairly easy to "the Beast" which requires even experienced pilots to do some head-scratching. One group from Aerocamp successfully completed the Challenge and another was almost finished when time ran out.



The scouts and their leaders enjoyed their supper before the evening session commenced. The scouts were introduced to the FPG-9 foam plate glider. Using templates provided they each cut out an aircraft and its control surfaces, taped a penny to the nose, and proceeded to get first hand experience as to how movement of the ailerons and rudder influence flight direction and they had fun in the process.

The evening program continued with Mike Clayton telling about some of the interesting experiences he had while working on top secret government projects at Eastman

Kodak. Mike also showed pictures of and talked about the rich history of aviation that took place in western New York. Following these presentations the scouts and leaders devoured the remaining refreshments before retiring to their tents for the night.

Sunday morning the troops packed up their gear and checked the area so it would be left in better condition than when they arrived. Our first Aerocamp in several years came to an end and some of the scouts and leaders departed. Those that could remain were able to be part of a special Young Eagle experience. Mike Clayton supervised the ground crew and pilots Steve North, Dwight Myers and Tom Bowdler took a number of young people for introductory airplane rides.

Besides the Chapter 44 members mentioned above there were others who contributed their time as general helpers, photographers and Young Eagle ground crew members. Norm Isler provided the audiovisual equipment used throughout the weekend. Thank you to all!

YOUNG EAGLES RESCHEDULED

by Elise Isler

Unfortunately, due to poor weather conditions, our rally was cancelled. We had 24 pre-registered Eagles and many volunteers signed up including 4 pilots. **Thank you all for blocking your calendars for the event. Special thanks to Phil for staying up late and posting the cancellation on the website.** I am asking again for volunteers and pilots so we can reschedule. Would you please check your summer schedules to see if you would be willing to fly/work: August 17th or August 24th 8:30am – 12:30pm. I will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting or you can email me at <signholly@aol.com>. I will confirm the date at the July meeting. Thank you.

OLD GOAT DROPPINGS

by Art Thieme

Sorry, but I am in a blue funk mood. I had written a nice piece about Richard Bach and his crash in his seaplane. He was seriously injured and in a coma for a week. I love Bach's books but I have also written that I thought that he flew too often too high without oxygen. He became famous by writing Jonathan Livingston Seagull. I never could get into that story, along with The Little Prince by Count what's his name (*Antoine de Saint-Exupery, Ed.*) But his books like Stranger to the Ground, Biplane, and Nothing by Chance are excellent reading. At any rate, my great writing has disappeared, and no I didn't keep a back-up on the computer.

More Bach: Plane & Pilot June 2013, reports that Bach has written a book about his flying with Puff, the plane he crashed in. It is Travels with Puff: A Gentle Game of Life & Death. It recounts Bach's journey from Florida to Washington State in his seaplane. It does not state if he wrote this book before or after his crash. I will read it.

More seaplane: AOPA Pilot, June 2013, reports that Burt Rutan is developing a new seaplane. Burt lost his medical in 1998 so the plane will be an ultralight. The plane is going to be a piston engine motorglider. It will have two engines, folding wings, large flaps, and some kind of skis for water landing. It is designed to be an amphibian with rollerblade wheels that extend three tenths of an inch below the skis. The tail dragger is a trimaran. He has named it "Skigull." The design may be sold as a kit, if it works, Rutan said.

If you are a WWII airplane buff you will know about the Avenger. If it is a TBF it was made by Grumman. If it's a TBM it was made by General Motors.

Some days you're the dog, some days you're the hydrant. Old Goat, out!

EAA 44 HOSTS SAFETY SEMINAR FOR AVIATION COMMUNITY

EAA Chapter 44 welcomed the Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association Air Safety Institute seminar on "Chart Challenge." Presenter Pat Brown spoke for two hours on VFR and IFR charts and some of the tricks and gotcha's that can be found there.



Almost 90 guests came and participated in a lively Q&A session and discussion, followed by a "Jepp-ardy" game. Several of the questions stumped the pilots. In fact, Pat told us that some of the home office staff even got the answers wrong as he traveled around the country and realized that local pilot knowledge is critical to understanding charts and their nuances.



The Fall AOPA ASI Safety Seminar will be on Oct 24 at 7 PM. The topic will be weather. Mark your calendars and be sure to join us.

SAC HOLDS FIRST OPEN HOUSE

The Sport Aviation Center of Western New York held its first Open House this month. Eight visitors stopped in, received a tour of the building, met members and joined us to eat.

Jeff Peters was the Event Coordinator and Chief Grill Cook. He provided delicious hots and hamburgers for everyone (below).



We actually had more members than guests as many came for the cancelled Young Eagles event. The weather was OVC most of the day and no one was flying unfortunately. **Please put the next two Open Houses in your calendar (July 13 & Aug. 10) and come out and welcome our guests and future members.**



Thank you to Jeff and everyone who came by to hang out with us.

BEFORE AND AFTER

Remember when we didn't have a porch? Two years ago we were still grilling outside and Jeff Peters was still wearing the same hat.



The bones of our building in 2009 and the way it looks today, 4 years later.



**EAA Chapter 44
Board of Directors' Meeting
14 May 2013**

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

Other Members Present: Greeno, Bowdler

Reports:

- President (Rob Williams):
 - The Chapter has received a check from the Lightspeed Foundation.
 - Mike and Julie Kuyt have kindly donated some Howard Miller clocks to the SAC.
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
 - Hugh Jones biography has been completed and submitted, looking for a good accompanying picture.
 - AOPA Air Safety Foundation next Thursday, 23 May.
 - Next Young Eagles event is Saturday, 8 June.
 - Geriatric Pilot's Association visit on Saturday, 15 June.
 - Need to set up a regular yard maintenance plan along with a general clean up Saturday.
 - If funding is available Norm suggested that we should consider installing a SAC identification sign.
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd):
 - Report read and approved. Norm moved to accept Treasurer's report, Darryl seconded, passed unanimously.
 - Discussion about Chapter computer needs. Dave noted that Jeff Punton would be an excellent advisor as to the best choice for hardware and back up. May also consider a secure area on our website or in an online storage location.

Business:

- Building Committee (Darryl Byers / Mike Clayton)
 - Shelves in new storage shed.
 - Dave Amsler has donated a set of closers for the shop doors.

- Looking to create secure storage within SAC. Best candidate is the closet in the great room.
- Capital Campaign (Larry Greeno)
 - The Board reviewed a proposed Mission Statement as a focal point for fundraising. Dave / Clayton all but North approved.
 - Larry shared an outline of the capital campaign process noting the importance of establishing a solid fundraising foundation based on organizational purpose and goals worthy of support. Williams moved, Clayton seconded, passed unanimously.
- Old Business:
 - Bob Nelligan-Barrett reported on options for an audio loop system. Need additional information about installation and coverage.

General meeting minutes will no longer be published because they are often a repeat of the Board minutes and the newsletter. If you would like to see them again, please let Secretary Steve North or Editor Bob Nelligan-Barrett know.

SAC GETS AN ADDITION!

It had become obvious to the Board that even though we were not yet finished with the SAC, we had run out of room for those large, use-once-a-year items like Xmas decorations and the PlaneTrain. So we bought a shed, and the SAC looks much less cluttered because of it.



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REGIONAL CALENDAR

See Upstate NY's Aviation Calendar for a list of Fly-in breakfasts & other activities: <<http://www.upstatelist.org>>

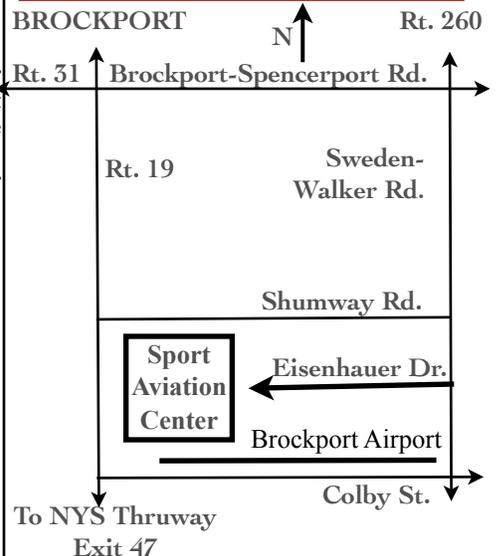
BIPLANE FLY-IN @ TIGER PAW
June 22 CANCELLED/SEQUESTERED
Not really, but for a variety of reasons Rob Williams has put this off until next year.

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY TO CUB HAVEN: 6/19-22, Piper Memorial Airfield (LHV), featured plane: PA-18 SuperCub, www.sentimentaljourneyfly-in.com.

SYRACUSE BALLOONFEST
6/28-30 Jamesville Beach Park, Jamesville NY (south of Syracuse) <www.syracuseballoonfest.com>

GENESEO AIRSHOW- 7/12-14, Geneseo Airfield (D52), featuring the only flying DeHavilland Mosquito, <www.1941hag.org/geneseo-airshow>

NOTE: The Museum has retained the rights to its old name, the National Warplane Museum, and will be using that instead of the 1941 Historic Aircraft Group from this point forward.



EAA 44 Calendar



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

June is our annual "Fly-In Meeting." Members with planes are asked to fly in and offer rides. These will start at 5:30.

No speakers, just good food, great friends, and hangar flying. Please bring a dish to pass or dessert to go with hots and hamburgers.

Jun. 15 Geriatric Pilots visit
Come to welcome our guests

Jun. 18 Fly-in General Mtg.

Jun. 22 SAC Work Day

Jul. 9 Board Mtg.

Jul. 13 SAC Open House
(hots & hamburgers)

Jul. 16 General Mtg.

Jul. 29 SAC Work Day

Jul. 29- Aug. 4 AirVenture

Aug. 10 SAC Open House
(hots & hamburgers)

Aug. 13 Board Mtg.

Aug. 20 General Mtg.

Aug. 24 SAC Work Day

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

Sport Aviation Center

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Ledgesdale Airpark (7G0)

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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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