



# The Flyer



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

by Norm Isler & Bob Nelligan-Barrett

EAA Chapter 44 is hosting several events over the next 3 months where we invite and encourage your participation.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us On **Sunday, October 13** at 4:00 PM at the SAC for a very special event. Matt Rice, son of Ray and Sandie Almekinder will be officially awarded his Eagle Scout status at a **Boy Scout Court of Honor** to be held at the Sport Aviation Center.

Matt planned, organized and supervised the work crews that provided much of the finish work in our two main rest rooms. Drywall was installed, mudded and sanded. Walls were patched, primed, painted and trimmed. Suspended ceilings, along with bright, high efficiency lights were installed. And doors were refinished for a “like new” appearance. All told, a lot of kids and adults put a lot of time, effort and money into helping to create the neatest Sport Aviation Center east of Oshkosh. (It would also be the neatest west of Oshkosh too, but modesty requires I place limits on my bragging!)

Matt and his team did a lot to help us out. Please come and help him celebrate this major achievement in his life.

### Oct. 19 Young Eagle Rally 9-Noon

YE Coordinator Elise Isler is planning our last Young Eagle event for the summer. Pilots and ground crew are needed. Please report at 8:30 AM, flights start at 9 AM. Morning refreshments will be provided and maybe lunch too.

## A REFLECTION ON RENO

by Rob Williams

The Reno National Air Races may not be everyone’s cup of tea, but to me they represent a significant symbol of the freedom of aviation we all still enjoy today. It is the last event of its kind in the world. It is a piece of our aviation culture that brings us back to a tradition that at one time was second in popularity in the US only to baseball. The races provide us with a venue to push the limits of flying, both competitively and personally, and satisfy our passion for making these machines we love work at optimum levels. The vibe is incredible. Where else can you do this with an aircraft?

I was recently viewing a short video on YouTube where a guy was talking about the unique nature of this event, describing it as so different than just going to an air show and watching demonstration flights, one at a time. Not to say that that isn’t fun and exciting, just not the same. I think all of us who have been involved in air racing whether it be as spectator, racer or crew, all recognize how privileged we are to be able to enjoy this at a time of ever increasing regulation, litigation, economic pressure and the general encroachment on our freedoms we experience on a daily basis.

We survived a disaster two years ago, luckily. The races continue to be strong, but we all recognize the tenuous nature of their continuance. The excited atmosphere, camaraderie, and enjoyment of aviation all thrive in Reno, along with the satisfaction and hope that we will all see each other again next year. As aviators and aviation enthusiasts, we hold the future of this event and all other activities related to our passion for flight in our hands as stewards and supporters. Our hope is that we can continue to experience all of it for generations to come. CAVU!

## Upcoming Events con't

**Oct. 20 Fall Foliage River Cruise 2-4PM**

Carl Bouwens is organizing a river cruise for all aviation enthusiasts and their families on the Harbor Town Belle on Sunday Oct. 20, 2-4 PM. Call Carl to confirm your reservations at 585-768-8215 by Oct. 14.

**Oct. 24 AOPA ASI Seminar 7-9PM**

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association Air Safety Institute will present "Weather Challenge" to bolster your real-world weather wisdom. Topics to be discussed are weather resources, risk-management and decision making, weather-related accidents that didn't need to happen, and the promise and pitfalls of cockpit weather.

We will need to "reset" the Great Hall from our normal set up to Theatre style seating. We'll be asking everyone at the October meeting to help us at the end of the evening re-prove the old saying the "Many hands make light work" as opposed to "Having to do it by himself makes Norm a real grumpy guy!"

**November 19 Steak Night, Elections, & SpaceShip II Travel Agent**

If you haven't run for an office on the Chapter Board of Directors before, now is the time to do it. We always appreciate new blood and fresh ideas. Let the Board know ASAP if you are interested in running for any position.

Phil Hazen is taking reservations for our annual Steak Night (we have to entice you to come out and run SOMEHOW!). \$10/steak. See him to make your reservation and pay in advance for dinner.

Have you ever wanted to fly on SpaceShip II to the edge of space? Our November 19 speaker is a space travel agent for Galactic Enterprises. Bring your checkbook to reserve your spot on one of these flights (but only if your account has an extra \$200K for the

experience.) Then YOU can be our next guest speaker!

**December 17 Holiday Party**

Gail Isaac & Bob N-B are once again putting together our Annual Holiday party and we would love you to come. Set aside December 17th for a night of fun and friendship. Tickets are \$25/person to pay for our professional entertainment. Come and you will see what other surprises we have in store for you.

We would appreciate reservations and payment in advance to plan the food. Email your Bottle Queen at [gisaac@rochester.rr.com](mailto:gisaac@rochester.rr.com) or send checks payable to her at 6 Clearview Dr., Spencerport, 14559. Also, you can pay her at the next 2 meetings. Come one, come all and we will have a ball!

And besides all that we have our monthly Board meetings and SAC Work Saturdays to which EVERYONE is welcomed to help finish Phase 1 of our building.

**SAC UPDATE**

by Norm Isler

It has been several months since my last update, and Bob asked me if I could put together a few paragraphs on what has been happening at the SAC to keep everyone up to date. I'll see what I can remember from all that has been going on.

It has been a very busy summer at the SAC, both inside and out. As you drive up to the property, a lot of changes stand out. We had two very successful Saturday work crews that hauled stone and dirt for several hours each week, removing debris from the trenches and back filling the areas that had settled to allow for a nice, trim appearance, and the ability to grow and cut grass without risk of disappearing into a

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### SAC Update Con't

ravine! In addition to the lawn area between us and "The Big Hangar" teams also addressed the land surrounding our building, and areas used for parking when we have large groups attend. Parking and walking will now be much easier, not to mention safer, thanks to smoother soil and the overhead light we put on the side of the building some time ago.

Another big accomplishment is the placement and organization of the storage building on the west side of our building. Now, the "odds and ends" that had a way of getting in the way can be safely stored away when they will continue to be handy and available when needed, while being protected and out of the way when stored. Hopefully before winter sets in we will be able to complete the concrete work extending "Phil's Porch" west to the barn, enabling us to easily store and access the grills, etc.

A lot has been done in the rest rooms, and shortly all the efforts and off site work will come together. **Special thanks to Dave Amsler for heading up both the design and fabrication of the partitions needed to complete these VERY IMPORTANT facilities.** There is a lot more than you might think that goes into the design to assure optimal function, and the parts necessary to build these partitions. Now that they are almost complete, we are going to need to see a few volunteers step forward to help maintain them in pristine condition!

Our Pilot Lounge/Board Room area has seen a lot of use recently. More of our small meetings take place in this area, along with extensive use during Young Eagle events. We are about to take "The Next Step" putting up some of the chapter memorabilia and décor, and this will be one of the two areas where you will start to see our "homey" charm appear.

The Great Hall is looking better every week! As we complete projects throughout the

building, materials that were stored and/or assembled in the Great Hall are moving out, providing more room and a neater appearance. The building committee recently researched various floor options, and has pretty well settled on an epoxy treatment to keep the floors looking neat and clean, and easy to clean. Look for this project late spring, 2014 due to the need for ventilation and warm concrete. We are also researching a more permanent solution to our audio/video needs including the ceiling installation of a projector donated some time back, and a built in sound system.

As the building gets used more and for more varied purposes, we are again thankful for the new (light weight) tables and chairs provided through our recycling fund raiser. **(Thanks again BQ!)** Being new and neat, they look great and being light weight, they are MUCH easier to rearrange!

Lastly, the shop area has not escaped attention. Again, material stored or fabricated in this area are getting used and installed, making for more useable area. Major efforts are underway to determine what is needed and find a proper home for it, and to clean out what is not. Additional work surfaces are in the works, and will provide the workspace we want for demos, workshops, etc.

We have a great team, and we can always use some more help. Come on out the second or fourth Saturday of the month and have some good times (and some good food) helping complete the project.

### A Final Thought

We have been very fortunate over the past few years that some of our members have seen to our needs for snow plowing on a fairly regular basis. We need to look ahead and see what weeks our building will be in use (Board Meetings, regular meetings, work crews, etc.)

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## OLD GOAT RAMBLINGS

by Art Thieme

The death of Paul Poberezny marks the end of an era. In June 1989 I wrote Paul asking him how he got the nickname of "Poopdeck." He wrote that the name began when he was in grade school and kids could't pronounce "Poberezny." And with the popular cartoon Popeye, the name Poopdeck was often used. As a result he carried the nickname with him through high school and his 29 1/2 years in the military service. He could identify his friends from the early days when they called him Poopdeck. He went on to say that his mother called him Howard. In the early editions of The Experimenter he used the Poopdeck name as a middle name. We will miss him but his spirit lives on.

It is nice to see the recognition that Mark Schaible is receiving as General Manager of Sonex. Mark was a member of the Chapter. I believe that he went to Oshkosh as a photographer for EAA. I met him at the Sonex display and he recognized me by name. I admit that I did not recognize him at first. Mark and his family visited the chapter a few months ago.

He says: I only need the garage for a short time. What he MEANS is: The car will never, EVER, see the inside of the garage!

I think the Marines have the best dress uniforms.

Trivia: What late night band has a tuba player?

It is sad when reading the Sunday obits takes longer than reading the paper itself.

Did you know that John Travolta has eleven jet ratings? This includes the 747. He now flies the Challenger for Bombardier. He owns his own 707. Dancing paid off.

The F-16 costs \$24,899/hour to fly. This must include the beer for the pilot.

Old Goat, out!

## SAC Update Con't

and see if we can schedule volunteers to be sure our driveway and parking area are clear. If you have the equipment and the time to volunteer, please let a board member know what week's you can handle, and equally important, what week you may not be available. It would be great if we could again cover our plowing needs with volunteers. If not, we need to plan ahead to hire appropriate crews to insure we have access to the building when we need it.

See you at the SAC!



Larry MacDonald (above) preparing the Link Trainer for display and exhibition. He's working on getting it running too!

Jack Frenz (below) is cleaning the grime off our windows so we can watch airplanes.



## WHY BUILD AN AIRPLANE?

by  
Mike Clayton

Why build an airplane? Why build anything?

People are unique on earth. They seem to, for the most part, be driven to build things. Now these "things" are not necessarily bridges, buildings, cars, airplanes or any other stuff, although a lot of us do these things. We also build relationships, families, stories, legends, and other less tangible things. We want to create something new. Sometimes, the things we build are good and sometimes they are not. Close friendships and families are good things, building financial or political empires at any cost are usually not. Good things are built using the best parts of us, and are usually admired and emulated by other people. They serve as examples for the rest of us to follow, if we so choose.

Building an airplane is a good metaphor for understanding why we do these good things, because in the end, the reasons are the same.

We take pleasure in using our hearts, minds, hands and really, our souls to create something that transcends our everyday existence. Creating something that allows us to fly like the birds is such a thing. More than that, we usually do something like that in concert with others. Thus, we not only are creating something amazing and marvelous, but we are building relationships and friendships that will enrich our lives. So we end up with a thing which is almost a miracle, that lets us fly. We also have built some other things that are intangible, but in a way are also like a miracle - the human friendships.

We may build an airplane with other adults, and this is rewarding. Even more rewarding is sharing the experience with children who see the result as something that

they could only dream about. Such things are often life-changing experiences for all concerned.

Flying like a bird, "touching the face of God", meeting new people, sharing these experiences, and using our hearts, hands and minds to achieve these things represent some of the finest things that humans can accomplish.

This is why to build an airplane....

## ORDER CHAPTER CLOTHING FOR XMAS GIFTS

by Norm Isler

Clothes make the man. And the woman. (Just usually not the same clothes!) Don't miss this chance to make a great fashion statement. (Or buy your favorite grandchild a great Christmas present!)

Several chapter members have approached me recently about placing an order for EAA Chapter 44 wearables. I plan to place an order for shirts, jackets, etc. shortly after the October general meeting so we receive the order in plenty of time for the holidays. (Not to mention those chilly winter nights!)

Sound interesting? Here's the easy way to do it. Go to [www.queensboro.com](http://www.queensboro.com) and browse through the website for the fashions you want. Note the style number, size, color, etc that you want. Write it down, or email me ([NormIsler@aol.com](mailto:NormIsler@aol.com)) with the information.

Once I have information what everyone wants, I will pull the order together and negotiate the lowest price I can get on each item. I can't always get the very lowest sale price they have ever had on an item, but they have always been very fair. I will confirm pricing with everyone if desired before I place the order. Feel free to call me at (585) 683-0034 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Dress sharp and wear your EAA 44 clothing with pride!

**EAA Chapter 44  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
10 Sept 2013**

**Board Members Present:** Hurd, Byers, Nelligan-Barrett, North, Isler, Peters and Hazen

**Other Members Present:** None

**Reports:**

- President (Rob Williams):
  - Absent
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
  - Filling in for Rob Williams
  - An Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Matt Rice is scheduled for 13 Oct 2013 (Sun).
  - The SAC is hosting an AOPA Air Safety Foundation presentation on 24 Oct 2013 (Thur).
  - Mike and Julie Kuyt donated a set of three clocks for the SAC. One will be installed in the workshop area, one in the pilot's lounge and one in the main meeting room. **Thanks to Mike and Julie!**
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd):
  - Report read and approved

**Business:**

- Building Committee (Darryl Byers, et. al.)
  - The Board discussed options for creating a handicapped bathroom. The originally allocated space that had temporarily been designated as a library will now return to a bathroom designed for handicapped use. The hallway to the furnace room will be divided

to create a library with the remainder used for portable power tool storage. Phil Hazen moved to make this change official, Jeff Peters seconded. Passed unanimously.

- Capital Campaign (Larry Greeno)
  - Absent
- Old Business:
  - Discussed options for improving the Oshkosh Airlift trip.
  - Bob Nelligan-Barrett is looking into options for a sound loop / general sound system.
  - Waiting for news on the Chapter's application for an AOPA grant, should hear something soon.
- New Business:
  - The Board signed a condolence card for the family of Paul Poberenzy in memory of his passing.
  - Norm opened a discussion of the possibilities for a Paul Poberenzy memorial as part of the SAC. Bob Nelligan-Barrett agreed to explore options.
  - Norm noted that he's received several requests about a Chapter sponsored river cruise. Probably a little late to get something started this year.

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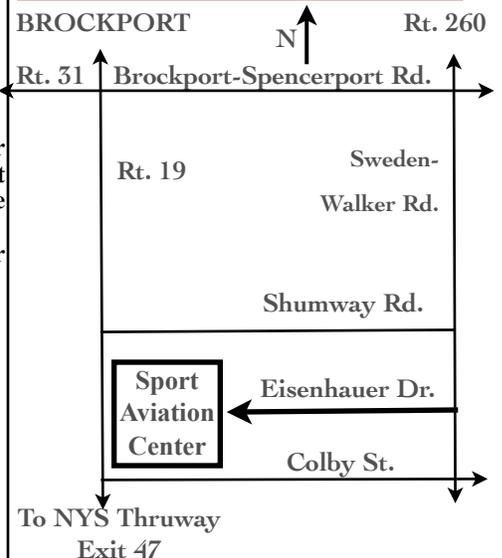


**Sport Aviation Center**

## REGIONAL CALENDAR

See the Upstate NY Aviation Calendar for fly-in breakfasts and other events.

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## EAA 44 Calendar



### NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday Oct. 15

Our guest speaker is **13WHAM Meteorologist Glenn Johnson** to discuss weather forecasting.

Please bring a dish or side dish to pass to complement Darryl Byers Italian sausage soup entree.

**Oct. 13 Matt Rice Eagle Scout Honor Court**

Oct. 15 General Meeting

**Oct. 19 Young Eagle Rally**

**Oct. 20 River Cruise**

**Oct. 24 AOPA ASI Seminar**

Oct. 26 SAC Sat. Work Day

Nov 9 SAC Sat. Work Day

Nov. 12 Board Meeting

**Nov. 19 ANNUAL**

**ELECTION MEETING,**

**Steak Night, with speaker**

**Craig Curren, Space Travel Agent, Galactic Enterprises**

Nov. 23 SAC Sat. Work Day

**Dec. 17 HOLIDAY PARTY**

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

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Ledgesdale Airpark (7G0)

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**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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