



# The Flyer



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## LAST MONTH'S GUEST SPEAKER OUT OF THIS WORLD

EAA Chapter 44 was happy to welcome Space Travel Agent for Galactic Enterprises Craig Curran from the DePrez Travel Group. Craig is an authorized representative for Virgin Galactic's flights in SpaceShip II. **Thank you Craig for joining us.**



Craig started his presentation by talking about "Launcher One," a commercial use of the WhiteKnight II mothership as a dedicated launch platform for various payloads up to 500 pounds. Clients could be commercial, military, or private. These flights can help develop the technology for future passenger flights.

So what does your \$250K price of admission afford you? You will get to meet interesting people, and have bragging rights that can't be beat. You will be a pioneer at the birth of the space tourism industry. And you will be weightless for several minutes.

EAA 44 has invited Craig and his clients with reservations to speak to us after their spaceflights.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Rob Williams

This will be my last message to you as President of EAA Chapter 44. It has been my sincere pleasure to serve in this capacity. Other pressing issues are calling me, like the Capital Campaign to finish the hangar, but I will leave that topic for another time and another article and get on with the important business at hand. At the last meeting when Norm recognized me for my role serving as President, and you members rose applauding generously, I couldn't help but think that there are so many people in our chapter deserving of at least as much and who made my job easy. I am continuously impressed with our membership and the level of commitment shown on a daily, or at least weekly basis.

Let's start with Norm. In all honesty, with all the things he does and takes hold of, you could say he really serves as President. His significant efforts have made the job easy and our chapter is lucky to have people like Norm to consistently contribute as much as they do. He does a lot for our chapter. Thanks Norm.

The other officers have been awesome as well. Dave, aka Mr. Money Bags and Captain Crosswind, has done a fantastic job keeping the books for us, something I personally have an aversion to. We can always count on Steve to accurately track our Board activity and keep us honest with an occasional "nay" or abstention voting on chapter business.

All the rest of the Board members have been very active in keeping us a vibrant and successful chapter. Look at Bob with the newsletter. This is a very time consuming job month after month and vital for communication within our chapter as well as a broader audience. The efforts of Mike looking after the building activity along with Daryl, the Building Committee and all the members who consistently volunteer for work days, meals and special community activities. I am very proud of all our members. You have all contributed in some way to make EAA 44 truly a premier chapter within EAA.

So as you enjoy our Holiday celebration, please take the time to thank those you know have given so much to our success. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Chapter 44! As Old Goat would say, "I'm out". CAVU!

## JACK FRENZ WINS ENERGIZER BUNNY AWARD

At a recent General Meeting Jack Frenz was recognized for his contributions to the SAC Saturday work teams. While several members still attend the Saturday sessions, Jack stands out as our most regular, hardest-working, “senior” member. No matter what the task, Jack is on it. He puts us younger guys to shame.

**So Jack, Thank You. We appreciate all your hard work and friendly attitude.**



Jack receives his Bunny from VP Norm Isler.  
What should we name Jack's Bunny? Hmm...



## 2013 YOUNG EAGLE WRAP-UP

By Elise Isler

**I would once again like to thank all our generous pilots and ground crew volunteers for their help with our Young Eagles Program. We definitely could not promote this program without the many hands that make it happen.**

At one of the last general meetings I was approached by one of our beloved members (AKA “The Old Goat”) and asked why we are not adding to the plaque honoring the dedicated pilots who spend a great deal of money as well as time sharing their love of aviation with our youth. The plaque was recently “unpacked” after years of storage. The last entry was submitted in 1999!

It was discussed and approved at the Board meeting that we continue to add the pilot names to the plaque. We are looking into having the plaque polished and made more presentable. We are also continuing to research for past records and hopefully will recover all if not most. With all that in mind I would like to report this year's stats.

Chapter member pilots tallies: Craig Ritson – 2, Dwight Meyers – 2, Frank Grossman – 2, Whit Beckett – 2, Norm Isler – 3, Jeff Paris – 3, Mike Kuyt 5, Larry Greeno – 6, , Tom Bowdler 14, Steve North 15

We also thank our guest pilots Art Beyer, Paul Quenzler, Rick Tandy, Todd Cameron, Rollie Zavada.

We had a total of 4 rallies. One was affiliated with the Spencerport School program, one following the Aero Camp and two general rallies open to the public. All total we flew 76 Young Eagles each sitting right seat! Thank you and Congratulations!

## THANK YOU'S & RECOGNITION

EAA Chapter 44 would like to recognize several members and organizations for their recent contributions to the SAC.

In the photo below you will see two of the three clocks donated by Mike and Julie Kuyt from their Curiosity Shop. **Be sure to thank them when you see them.**



The three plaques on our new "Wall of Honor" recognize Triumph Aerospace Industries and the Boy Scouts who contributed to the landscaping, Board Room/Pilots Lounge, and the bathrooms for their Community Service and Eagle Scout projects. **Thank you to Triumph Industries and the Boy Scouts.**

Last but certainly not least is the plaque to the left of the Pilots Lounge door recognizing the KenLou Foundation for their on-going support of the SAC construction from the very beginning. **Thank you to the KenLou Foundation.**

## DAVE GOODWIN & CREW COMPLETE OUR SIDEWALKS

Just before the snow started flying Dave Goodwin and some of the Saturday Work Crew completed the sidewalks around the Sport Aviation Center. Dave was the project leader for laying out & building the frames, pouring the concrete, and finishing it on Phil's Porch, the entrance ramp, and the east side. In the Spring he will complete a short segment from Phil's Porch to our storage shed.

**Thank you Dave and your crew for all the work on this important project.**



**SOMETIMES IT'S NOT REALLY LUCK  
A GREAT WW II STORY  
FOR HANUKKAH  
by Elmer Bendiner**

This story is told in Elmer Bendiner 's book, [The Fall of Fortresses](#).

Elmer Bendiner was a navigator in a B-17 during WW II. He tells this story of a World War II bombing run over Kassel Germany, and the unexpected result of a direct hit on their gas tanks.

“Our B-17, the Tondelayo, was barraged by flak from Nazi anti-aircraft guns. That was typical, but on this particular occasion our gas tanks were hit. Later, as I reflected on the miracle of a 20 millimeter shell piercing the fuel tank without touching off an explosion, our pilot, Bohn Fawkes, told me it was more complicated.

On the morning following the raid, Bohn asked our crew chief for that shell as a souvenir of unbelievable luck. The crew chief told Bohn that, in addition to that shell, another 11 were found in the gas tanks. Eleven unexploded shells where only one was sufficient to blast us out of the sky. It was as if the sea had parted for us. A near-miracle, I thought. Even after 35 years, this awesome event leaves me shaken, especially after I heard the rest of the story from Bohn.

He was told that the shells were sent to the armorers to be defused. The armorers told him that Intelligence had picked them up. They couldn't say why at the time, but Bohn eventually sought out the answer.

Apparently when the armorers opened each of those shells, they found no explosive charge. They were clean as a whistle and just as harmless. Empty? Not all of them! One contained a carefully rolled piece of paper with a scrawled message in Czech. The Intelligence people scoured our base for a man who could read Czech. Eventually they found one to decipher the note. It was amazing!

Translated, the note read:

“This is all we can do for you now. Using Jewish slave labor is never a good idea.”

**USPS TO REPRINT  
INVERTED JENNY STAMP  
by USPS Store website**

This souvenir sheet features a new version of perhaps the most famous error in the history of U.S. stamps: the Inverted Jenny, a 1918 misprint that highlights the ways a single stamp can turn history upside down.



The sheet includes six Inverted Jenny stamps, reprinted with an updated denomination and surrounded by an illustration that includes the National Postal Museum in Washington, D.C.; the route of the first regularly scheduled airmail service between Washington, Philadelphia, and New York; and aviation pioneer Reuben H. Fleet, who was in charge of the first group of airmail pilots. The intaglio printing plates for the new stamps were created using proofs made in 2013 from the original Inverted Jenny dies.

Issued to commemorate the start of the first regular airmail service in the United States, the original Jenny stamp was designed to show a Curtiss JN-4H, or "Jenny," the biplane used to deliver the mail. However, on May 14, 1918, the day an official notice said the stamp would debut, collector William T. Robey of Washington, D.C., purchased one sheet of 100 stamps that mistakenly showed the biplane upside down—and one of the greatest philatelic treasures in U.S history was released into the world.

The new Inverted Jenny stamp is being reprinted with a \$2 denomination to make it easily distinguishable from the 24-cent 1918 original.

*(Several sets of stamps will also be "misprinted" with a right-side-up Jenny. Ed.)*

Go to: [store.usps.gov](http://store.usps.gov) to order yours.

### PHOTO MONTAGE OF EAA 44/ SAC 2013

If it's true that a picture equals 1000 words, I just saved you a lot of reading.

As we moved thru this year, and construction on the SAC continued, activities prevailed. First and foremost, several members completed their airplanes and took their first flights (Bob Northrup's RV-8A pictured below.)



We are very fortunate to have a prolific "speakers bureau" of members, local community people, and national safety speakers from AOPA ASI to inform, educate, and entertain us monthly. Carl Bouwens (below) showed us how to build canopies, while AOPA/ASI gave us chart and weather challenges (below right).



Boy Scouts participated in Eagle Scout and Community Service projects that improved our landscaping, and completed the Board Room/Pilot's Lounge and bathrooms (below).



After many years absence, Aerocamp for Scouts returned (below). Several troops participated in this weekend activity to earn their merit badge.



**EAA Chapter 44  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
12 Nov 2013**

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

**Other Members Present:** Myers, E. Isler

**Reports:**

- President (Rob Williams):
  - No specific items.
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
  - No specific items.
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd):
  - Report read and approved.

**Business:**

- Building Committee (Darryl Byers, et. al.)
  - No specific items.
- Capital Campaign (Larry Greeno - absent)
  - Rob Williams reviewed an updated fundraising plan highlighting a revised vision statement. Dave Hurd moved to accept the vision statement as presented, Darryl Byers seconded. Motion passed unanimously
  - Rob also outlined details of a proposed planned and estate giving program known as the "Wings 44 Society". Bob Nelligan-Barrett moved to include this program as part of the Chapter's fundraising effort. Jeff Peters seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Old Business:
  - Bob Nelligan-Barrett updated the Board on his investigation into Assisted Listening Systems (ALS). Bob contacted Don Bataille, who is familiar with the design and installation of such equipment, and extended an invitation for Don to inspect the SAC and make a recommendation. Bob will coordinate and report.

- Norm reviewed options for a fixed installation sound system to replace the portable unit currently in service. Norm moved to spend limited funds on sound system components, Jeff Peters seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Jeff Peters shared his proposal for presentation of an EAA Chapter 44 Lifetime Membership Award. Discussion centered on some of the quantitative requirements and nomination procedures. Jeff will incorporate the feedback and update for final review and approval.
- Revision to previously passed motion approving purchase of lanyards using the Chapter's Young Eagle (YE) credits: Norm requested that the funds be used for YE signage instead of lanyards. Board approved by general affirmation.
- New Business:
  - Bob Nelligan-Barrett will circulate a sign up sheet for the Christmas Party at the November meeting.
  - Recognition plaques have been installed noting the Chapter's appreciation for the support of Triumph Aviation and the associated Eagle Scout projects. Norm noted that he would like to extend recognition to other individuals and organizations that have provided significant support in creation of the SAC. Action passed to building committee to resolve groupings and specific acknowledgements.
  - Norm Isler reported on the AOPA Air Safety Foundation seminar. A total of 120 attended which was great except for the fact that the Chapter only had 100 chairs available. As a result, Norm moved to purchase 25 more chairs using funds from the "White Table Fund". Steve North seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
  - Elise Isler suggested that the Chapter resurrect the commemorative plaque acknowledging Young Eagle flights for each year.

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# REGIONAL CALENDAR

See the Upstate NY Aviation Calendar for fly-in breakfasts and other aviation events at: <upstatelist.org>

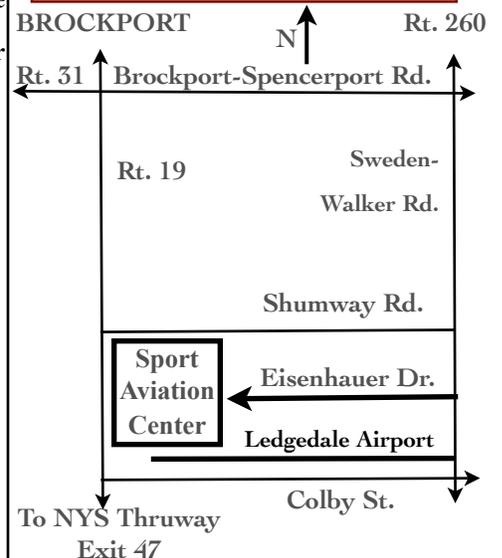
**ALIEN WORLDS & ANDROIDS**

Rochester Museum & Science Center, Rochester NY, <rmsc.org> Showing now thru Dec.22

**HISTORY OF SPACE PHOTOGRAPHY & ASTRO VISIONS**

George Eastman House, Rochester NY, <eastmanhouse.org> Showing now thru Jan 12, 2014 One show on the history of space photography, and the other on how artists have included space in their art.

**JUST ANNOUNCED!**  
**2014 GRIA AIRSHOW**  
**Aug 16/17, 2014 featuring the USAF Thunderbirds.**  
More details to come.



## EAA 44 Calendar



### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

Not a meeting but the annual Holiday Party on Tuesday December 17 at 6:30 PM. Dinner and dessert will be catered. BYOB.

Dress festive and be ready to have fun. Your elyes have a wonderful evening planned. HO HO HO

Dec. 14 SAC Work Day

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**&**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

**2014**

Jan. 11 SAC Work Day

Jan 14 Board Meeting

Jan 21 General Meeting

Jan 25 SAC Work Day

Feb 11 Board Meeting

Feb 15 SAC Work Day

Feb 18 General Meeting

Feb 25 EAA 44 56th Birthday

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

**Sport Aviation Center**

44 Eisenhower Dr. 14420

Brockport Airport/

Ledgesdale Airpark (7G0)

43° 10' 56" N 77° 55' 1" W

**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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