



# The Flyer



Volume 46, Issue 1

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 44

January 2014

## HOLIDAY DONATIONS 2013

by Elise Isler

I would like to recognize our honored friends and loved ones, recipients and also the donors for our 2013 holiday campaign. It may be a small token but I know the cards for the recipients are appreciated as well as the monetary donations to our chapter.

Donors:

Jack Frenz in honor of Thomas Frenz;  
Bill & Murial Shaw in honor of  
Everett "Squeek" Helper;  
Dave Hurd in honor of  
John Burton Isley;  
Elise Isler in memory of  
Werner Isler for Norm Isler;  
Carey, Kristen, Ryan and Jason Toney  
in honor of Phil Hazen;  
Mary D. Styn in honor of Norm Isler  
for the Hangar Fund;  
Christine & Keith Waltz in honor of  
Norm Isler for the Hangar Fund;  
Mark and Lisa in honor of Art Thieme  
for the Hangar Fund;  
The Ertels in honor of Art Thieme;  
Cindy in honor of Art Thieme;  
Amy in honor of Art Thieme;  
Laurie Schlauger in honor of Art Thieme;  
Norm and Elise Isler in honor of  
Keith Waltz for the beautiful artwork on  
this year's note card!

\*Remember – Donations are accepted anytime and cards can be made up as well as receipts for donations.

Thank you and Happy New Year!

## VIBRANT & EXCITING YEAR AHEAD

by Mike Clayton

I would like to start off the New Year by saying how pleased I am to serve the membership of the Chapter for the next two years. I have some large shoes to fill, following Rob Williams! Fortunately, we have a great Board of Directors, and our officers, including Norm Isler as Vice-President, Steve North as Secretary, Elise Isler as Treasurer, and most of all, you the members, to help out! All of us want to continue our present course, improve on it, and make it more enjoyable for everyone!

We now have a Mission and a Vision to guide the leadership of your chapter in planning and executing our future activities for. We will begin following this guidance during the new year. There are going to be some potentially exciting things coming up...

First of all, we will be planning our calendar of regular activities and trying to get that nailed down in the next month or so. This will give all an idea of what is coming. I would encourage anyone with an idea for programs and speakers to approach any board member with their suggestions.

We will also continue the fund raising effort for the Hangar, led by Rob Williams and Larry Greeno, who have already made tremendous progress. As the year progresses, expect to hear more about the plans in this area.

We will be working to find ways to develop and expand programs for homebuilders, providing support and education for the 25% of our members who have projects. This is a large part of our membership, and we have not done

Continued on next page.

## OLD GOAT WANDERINGS

by Art Thieme

After taking December off, it is difficult to get back into the swing of things. Finally checked my e-mail. Had 135 messages. Didn't know I had that many friends. Only opened a few. Mostly from Phil.

I have to give Gail and Bob Kudos (whatever they are) for the excellent Christmas party they provided. The food, entertainment, decorations, were all first class. And the best part is that I think they said they were already planning for next year.

Remember when you used to put tinsel on the Christmas tree? One strand at a time carefully placed. The kids soon got tired of that and just threw a clump on the branch. Taking the tree down required that you removed every bit of tinsel and saved it for next year. And now you know why we were The Greatest Generation.

If we can put a man on the moon, why can't we develop security cameras for banks that would take a decent picture of the robber?

Ladies, I read where the pixie cut is the new hair fashion. The Old Goat likes it. 'Nuff said. *(I think it's rather flattering Art! Ed.)*



(Jennifer Lawrence image from the internet)



(Art's new style from J.Law.)

Jay Leno said that he can't write any jokes on the computer. He has to do it long hand. I had a secretary that could take short hand. Most of the time I wrote my messages on a legal pad where I could easily revise the content. Old Goat indeed.

Audiences's applaud everything on the late shows. Not all that stuff is funny. Is there an APPLAUSE sign that goes on all the time?

The seed catalogs are coming. Spring can't be far behind.

Let me be the last to wish you a Happy New Year and may all your flights be CAVU!!!

Old Goat, out.

**(Vibrant & Exciting con't)**

enough as yet to give them the support they need and deserve. This will also give those of you who are just interested in learning about homebuilding a chance to participate and find out more.

We will consider a Chapter-sponsored trip to the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. This will be similar to the trip we had a few years ago to the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio. Stay tuned as we work on plans for something like this event.

We will continue to develop our youth outreach programs, such as Young Eagles and Scout Aerocamp, sharing our love of aviation, and encouraging young people to become active and interested. Part of this will be to explore ways that the chapter can provide continuing support to these future flyers, aeronautical engineers, and even astronauts, to help them along the way. Families need to be involved in these efforts.

The list of things we could do is much longer, but these will keep us all very busy. As always, our goal will be to enjoy aviation in all its aspects, and to share that enjoyment with as many people as we can. We may look at activities such as an open house at the SAC, inviting the local community to come and learn more about aviation, along with building strong relationships with other Western NY EAA chapters and aviation organizations.

Again, I would like to encourage anyone with input to contact me or any Board member and talk to us. This dialogue is critical to our being able to have a vibrant and fun Chapter together!

### CIVIL WAR BALLOON REPLICA AT GENESEE COUNTRY MUSEUM



Trivia question: What Rochester company made this "Park Drag" carriage at the Museum, and what is the connection to local aviation history?  
Answer on page 6.

Bob Nelligan-Barrett went to the Genesee Country Village & Museum in Mumford NY recently and had an opportunity to view their Thaddeus Lowe replica balloon, which was flown during the Civil War for troop surveillance. Thaddeus is below.

Don't these pictures make you feel warm and yearn for summer?



The Museum has built a Civil War encampment typical of the era.



This is a NON-FUNCTIONING hydrogen-producing wagon used to inflate balloons in the 1860's. The Museum's one attempt to fly the balloon came with a helium donation from Macy's. It only flew the first 4th of July they had it.



To get a sense of scale, an "obnoxious museum visitor (aka B. N-B)" is holding down the balloon.

### YEAR IN REVIEW IN 5 PICTURES

It's been a very eventful year for us in 2013. Although these pictures don't tell the whole story of our year, it will give you a taste of Bob's presentation at Tuesdays General Meeting.



Monthly guest speakers told us of their builds and first flights, weather forecasting, WW II history, while a Space Travel Agent (above) invited us to the stars.



Members finished and flew their aircraft for the first time. Bob Northrup's RV-8A is pictured. We're waiting for pictures of Dave Hurd's Glasair...and rides in both.

Youth programs for the year included Young Eagle flights and a middle school Young Eagle Adventure. After a hiatus of several years while we built the SAC, Aerocamp for Boy Scouts returned, involving a day of workshops on GA topics, and then Young Eagle flights.



We had the honor to host several WW II Veterans from the Geriatric Pilots Assoc. Here's Elmer Pankratz going for his first Stearman ride since basic flight training 70 years ago.



It's not sexy but our new shed had provided much needed storage space for our excess "stuff."



## CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY PROVIDES CLOSURE FOR THE YEAR

This years party was warmly attended by close to 50 members and their guests, all dressed in their best Christmas sweaters and funniest hats. How do you like our fireplace? There's an app for that!



Gail Isaac and Bob Nelligan-Barrett thank all of you for attending. We are already making plans to shake things up and do something DIFFERENT next year. Your suggestions for a new format, caterer, any improvements would be VERY welcomed. See Gail or Bob.



No party could happen without the efforts of the Saturday morning SAC Work Crew who provided the decorations and ambiance for the festivities. Carl Ayers & Kevin Arganbright hang little airplanes on one of our trees. **Thank you to all who helped set up, clean up the night of, and tear down on the first SAC Work Crew day in January.**



Mark Weeg (above left) and John Culligan, the 10th Ward Boys, provided us with Christmas, traditional, folk, and sing-a-long songs for the evenings' meal. **Thank you gentlemen for an entertaining evening.**



Good friends, good food, live entertainment, and a wall-mounted fireplace, an American flag and a Link Trainer. What more could you want for Christmas? A new airplane under the tree?



Last but not least, VP Norm Isler (with the funny hat) thanks and congratulates outgoing President Rob Williams (with the stealth hat) for his service and contributions to the Chapter.

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

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

**Other Members Present:** Greeno, Isler (Elise).

**Reports:**

- President (Rob Williams):
  - No specific items.
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
  - No specific items.
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd - Absent):
  - No report.

**Business:**

- Building Committee (Darryl Byers, et. al.):
  - Finished concrete on the east side of the building and in front of the shop garage door.
  - Norm Isler reported on a possible new Eagle Scout project related to making the workshop a more usable space.
- Capital Campaign (Larry Greeno):
  - Larry Greeno reviewed progress to date on fundraising plans. The next steps including conducting a feasibility study and developing a campaign strategy.
- Old Business:
  - Mike Clayton shared a revised procedure from Jeff Peters for awarding an EAA Chapter 44 lifetime membership. The Board reviewed the content making

minor changes. Norm Isler moved to accept the procedure as revised, Mike Clayton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- New Business:
  - Norm Isler noted that the annual rental payment to the airport owner should be made as soon as possible.
  - Review of Oshkosh Airlift plans, hoping to improve marketing.
  - Officer's elections:
    - ⇒ President - Mike Clayton
    - ⇒ Vice President - Norm Isler
    - ⇒ Secretary - Steve North
    - ⇒ Treasurer - Elise Isler

**ANSWER TO THE TRIVIA QUESTION:**

The James **Cunningham**, Son & Company built custom luxury horse carriages back in the day. The company eventually moved into custom luxury motorcars, and then merged with Randolph **Hall** and employees of the Thomas-Morse Aircraft Corporation to form the **Cunningham-Hall Aircraft Company** in 1928. They produced the 1929 PT-6, the 1935 GA-36 below, and a still-flying 1937 PT-6F. The GA-36 was built for the Guggenheim Safe Airplane Competition and is on display at the Niagara Aerospace Museum in Niagara Falls.

(Sources: Wikipedia and Aerofiles on the internet)



# CONTACT EAA 44



The Flyer is published monthly. For an electronic copy, go to <eaa44.org> and enter your email address where requested. For a mailed hard copy (\$10), contact Treasurer Elise Isler. For membership info, contact Treasurer Elise Isler.

Stories and photos by the editor unless otherwise noted. Article deadline is 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month. Send submissions to Editor Bob Nelligan-Barrett.

**OFFICERS**

President: Mike Clayton '12:  
585-352-1763  
[mclayton@rochester.rr.com](mailto:mclayton@rochester.rr.com)

Vice-President: Norm Isler '13  
585-638-8098  
[normisler@aol.com](mailto:normisler@aol.com)

Secretary: Steve North '12  
585-723- 5794  
[snorth59@rochester.rr.com](mailto:snorth59@rochester.rr.com)

Treasurer: Elise Isler '14  
3631 County Line Rd.  
Brockport, NY 14420  
585-764-9811  
[singholley@aol.com](mailto:singholley@aol.com)

**DIRECTORS**

Darryl Byers '13  
[dbyers9@rochester.rr.com](mailto:dbyers9@rochester.rr.com)

Phil Hazen '13:  
585-227-9811  
[phil1948@frontiernet.net](mailto:phil1948@frontiernet.net)

Dave Hurd '13  
585-226-2402 [dbhurd@att.net](mailto:dbhurd@att.net)

Bob Nelligan-Barrett '13:  
585-754-726  
[trailbossbob@mac.com](mailto:trailbossbob@mac.com)

Jeff Peters '14  
585-233-6880  
[jpeters2@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jpeters2@rochester.rr.com)

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

Larry Greeno  
585-730-4934  
[greenol@roberts.edu](mailto:greenol@roberts.edu)

**FLIGHT ADVISOR**

Jim Martin: 585-368-9333  
[jettester@frontiernet.net](mailto:jettester@frontiernet.net)

**LIBRARIAN**

Bob Nelligan-Barrett: 585-754-7263  
[trailbossbob@mac.com](mailto:trailbossbob@mac.com)

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

Bob Nelligan-Barrett:  
146 Worthington Rd.  
Rochester, NY 14622

**OSHKOSH AIRLIFT**

Steve North: 585-723-5794  
[snorth59@rochester.rr.com](mailto:snorth59@rochester.rr.com)

**SPORT AVIATION CENTER  
CONSTRUCTION MANAGER**

Mike Clayton: 585-352-1763  
[mclayton@rochester.rr.com](mailto:mclayton@rochester.rr.com)

**TECHNICAL COUNSELORS**

Earl Luce: 585-637-5768  
[earl@luceair.com](mailto:earl@luceair.com)

Jim Martin: 585-368-9333,  
[jettester@frontiernet.net](mailto:jettester@frontiernet.net)

Bob Northrup: 585-507-1000  
[n714b@rochester.rr.com](mailto:n714b@rochester.rr.com)

Jeff Paris: 585-750-5333  
[jeffrey-j-paris@excite.com](mailto:jeffrey-j-paris@excite.com)

**WEBMASTER**

Phil Hazen: 585-227-9811  
[phil1948@frontiernet.net](mailto:phil1948@frontiernet.net)

**YOUNG EAGLE COORDINATOR**

Elise Isler 585-764-9811  
[singholley@aol.com](mailto:singholley@aol.com)

**EDITORS EMERITUS**

Paul Pakusch: 585-746-4514  
Art Thieme: 585-663-1875

**EAA 44 is a 501(c)3 organization.**

Gifts of cash, securities or other property to the Chapter for the benefit of the Sport Aviation Center are welcome and fully tax deductible.

Contact Treasurer Elise Isler for details.

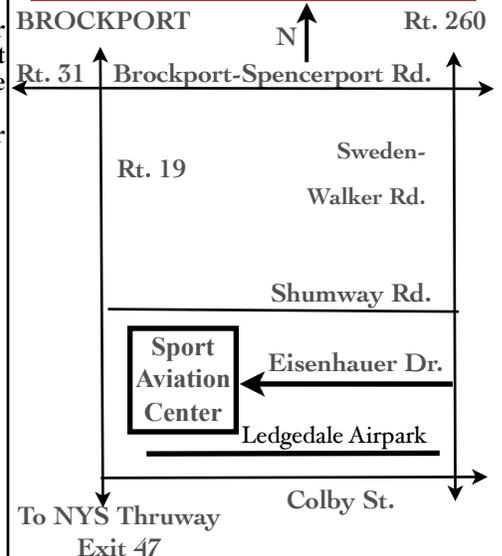


**Sport Aviation Center  
of Western New York**

**REGIONAL CALENDAR**

Look to Upstate NY's Aviation List at <upstatelist.org> for regional fly-in breakfasts and other events.

**2014 GRIA AIRSHOW**  
Aug 16/17 featuring  
the USAF Thunderbirds.



## EAA 44 Calendar



### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

Tuesday January 21

Bob Nelligan-Barrett will present a photo review of our past years activities.

Please bring a dish or dessert to pass with Pizza and wings. Thank you.  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Jan. 21 General Meeting  
Jan. 25 SAC Work Day

Feb. 8 SAC Work Day  
Feb. 11 BOD Meeting  
Feb. 18 General Meeting  
Feb. 22 SAC Work Day  
(Feb. 25, '58 1st EAA 44 Mtg.)

Mar. 8 SAC Work Day  
Mar. 11 BOD Mtg.  
Mar. 18 General Mtg.  
Mar. 22 SAC Work Day

**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

Bob Nelligan-Barrett  
EAA 44 Newsletter Editor  
146 Worthington Rd.  
Rochester, NY 14622