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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual meeting of Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 44 will be held on Tuesday November 18, 2014 at 7:30 PM, at the Sport Aviation Center of Western New York, 44 Eisenhower Dr., Rochester NY 14420.

Elections will be held for several Officer & Board positions.

All members in good standing are encouraged to attend to run and to vote.

EAA 44 YOUNG EAGLE RALLY

Elise Isler, Young Eagle Coordinator

The morning began overcast and although not the best conditions, our pilots determined we met the necessary requirements for flight. I sent a notice to pilots, crew and Young Eagles – that the rally was “a go”! **Special thanks to one of our new members, Carlos Rodriguez for enlisting 25 Young Eagles.** All total we had 40 registered YE’s & 9 pilots for our Sept. 13 Rally.

With everyone having their “assigned” duties, coffee was perking, donuts and bagels were picked up and we all started setting up. I was greatly surprised when Bill Shaw – and I am sorry but forgot who was assisting him – brought in not only 3 dozen donuts but a FULL 50 cup

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YOUNG EAGLE RALLY AT BUFFALO/LANCASTER AIRPORT

Norm Isler

Saturday, September 27 started out as normal as any Young Eagle event day starts out for me, getting up much earlier than I want to, but looking forward to the day as an opportunity to fly, and watch some great grins develop as kids get their (often) first experience in general aviation. The weather was “severe clear” with winds calm, a perfect day to fly. Elise and I drove to Brockport, pulled the covers off ‘niner six four and did a full preflight before taking off and flying out to Buffalo Lancaster. There, we met up with our friends from EAA 46, and relaxed as the first groups of kids showed up for their Young Eagle Rides.

Elise and I have worked with, and flown with EAA 46 several times, and several of their pilots have come to help us fly Young Eagles, both at WINGS at Rochester and at the Sport Aviation Center. They are a veteran group,

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SEPT. YOUNG EAGLE RALLY



Parents registering their Young Eagles.



Julie Kuyt (l) chats with Laura Luce (c) & Linda Howell (r) at the registration table.



It’s not easy being orange. Ground crew holds their briefing.

Young Eagle Rally con't

container of coffee donated by the Brockport Tim Horton's Café and Bake Shop! When I ordered the donuts I has asked if they would be willing to donate anything and they said they would give us coffee. I expected a 10 cup carafe to get us started. It was truly a surprise and ended up greatly appreciated by all to have the 60 cup cambros! **Many thanks again to the manager at "Timmy Ho's"!!!**

Norm already had his plane at the airport and Whit Beckett came in with a smile. We were all set when we realized there were no Young Eagles (except Carlos' daughter Melanie and Mark Berry who was there to help. Lo and behold – weather patterns were changing everywhere. Rob flew in and was surprised we were still planning to fly.

Well - we DID fly 16 kids. One (#17) got in the plane and decided it was not for him. Later, his mother came back to tell us that he asked her "Mom - is this one of those moments you would say I'm going to regret?" ... We have promised to give him a second chance some other time. Because of weather delays we were at the SAC longer than usual - but EVERYONE was great - even our Young Eagles were VERY patient. For safety the number of planes in the air was limited and/or we delayed the flights until the conditions changed.

Joe Forcucci, another new member, jumped right in to volunteer. He cooked hot dogs for us since our usual chef, Jeff Peters was not able to stay the entire time. It was wonderful to have such a fantastic turnout of members - in spite of the weather!!! **All total there were 27 Chapter volunteers. Thank you.**

Members and guests enjoyed Tim Horton's coffee, soda, hot dogs and chips while everyone present was given their chance to fly. Kids enjoyed watching the planes, looked through magazines (even took some Bob!) and listened to pilots tell stories!

I also would like to pay tribute and condolences for our loss of Ron Logory who volunteered at this and many of our Young Eagle rallies. He was an active promoter and supporter in our Young Eagles programs. Thank you for the gifts he shared with our young flyers and EAA 44.

We are planning at this time to run our last Rally of the year, Sunday Oct. 26th. I look forward to seeing you there.

RED & WHITE CESSNAS AT THE FLY-IN BREAKFAST



Cessna 152 Taildragger



Cessna 170B



Chris Wall's C-180 on floats. Chris is our guest speaker this month. Don't miss the fascinating story of his aviation career.

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experienced in flying many Young Eagles in a day, and maintaining a smooth, orderly process doing it.

At about 10:30, I was flying my third Young Eagle of the day when I heard a radio announcement requesting planes on the ground not to take off, and for airborne aircraft to work their way back through the pattern and land. The rally was ending early.

On landing, we finished processing our last passengers, awarding certificates and explaining the Sporty's "Next Step" program. We also dealt with a few parents who were upset their kids were not going to get the free rides they had come to the airport for. How could we shut down before their kids went up? We provided information on the websites for EAA 44 and 46 to get information on the next YE event, and sent them on their way. Only then did I find the EAA 46 coordinators and hear what had happened. A mid-air collision had sent two aircraft off airport to the ground. One, a SeaRey Amphibian homebuilt landed successfully, with pilot and 9 year old Young Eagle walking away with minor injuries, the second aircraft, a Cessna 172 crashed a short distance away. Both the pilot, Tony Mercurio and his Young Eagle, James Metz were lost. At times like this, it seems as though your mind goes into overdrive, with a million questions; how, why, what's next, and when, among many others.

This past Saturday, Elise and I went to the funeral for Tony, met his family and learned more about the man and his life, and had the chance to talk with many of our EAA 46 friends. We haven't come up with all the answers yet, but let me share a few thoughts and comments.

What? As in, "What happened?" At this point, we still don't know. The FAA and NTSB are investigating, and I will leave it to the experts to answer that question WHEN THEY ARE DONE INVESTIGATING. Too many have already offered their "expert opinion", even though they weren't there, and have never flown anything except the passenger seat of a jetliner. One explanation I heard (from the media) was "The sun may have gotten in his eyes". This "explanation" was ventured without some critical consideration of the facts. Both aircraft were westbound at the time of the accident, which was about 10:30 am. The sun was behind them, not likely to be "in their eyes".

What's next? To this question, I believe I have the answer. The Young Eagle Program will continue, and Elise and I very much hope EAA 44 will continue our involvement. I spoke with the aunt of the nine year old girl that was in the SeaRey. She and her mother are planning to take a ride together in a Cherokee in the near future with a pilot from EAA 46. Two of our friends from EAA 46 attended the wake and funeral of James Metz, the Young Eagle flying with Tony. Members of the family, welcomed them, and reiterated the value of this program, the great opportunity for kids to be exposed to aviation through Young Eagles.

When? Soon. The weekend of October 24 – 26 EAA 44, led by Tom Bowdler, (one of our favorite Eagle Scouts), has been planning a Boy Scout AeroCamp, which traditionally closes with Young Eagle flights. We also have some kids that were unable to fly at our last event due to weather. We look forward to seeing a strong member turnout to support this event, taking Young Eagles back into the sky at Brockport.

How? Carefully. EAA 44, and the entire Young Eagles program have an outstanding safety record. Since 1992, over 1.9 million kids have enjoyed the Young Eagle experience in over one million flights. (Some flights carry more than one Young Eagle.) That works out to about 275 kids flying each day, EVERY day, for the past 20 years.

Prior to last week, there had been only one fatal accident in the air at a Young Eagle event, about 9 years ago. While any death is a tragedy, compared to most any activity you can think of, this is an outstanding record of safety.

Chapter 44 has an outstanding record for safety at our Young Eagle Events. To make sure we maintain this record, and in keeping with our "Safety is always first" philosophy, a group of our experienced pilots will meet before the next event, to review, and if possible, enhance our procedures to stay safe.

The Monday after Lancaster's event, EAA National called me and asked if I would do an interview with Rochester's Channel Eight news. The reporter, Natasha Alford, met me at the Brockport airport, and was 100% positive to the Young Eagle program! Two quotes from the reporter's story follow;

"As part of the Brockport Chapter, he (Norm Isler, and all of our members) has helped introduce aviation to students who may never get a chance to see an airplane. It's called the Young Eagle program, and it's free."

"We often tell children to aim high and reach for the sky. And for some of them, that means flying airplanes. The Brockport EAA Chapter has opened the door to aviation for close to 3000 students since they started flying Young Eagles."

It is a great program that has inspired many participants to pursue aviation and aviation related careers such as engineering, air traffic control and many others. The Young Eagle program has shown kids there is an opportunity they didn't know about.

Is there a risk? Yes, but no greater than so many other sports and recreational pursuits. Join us as we continue to help young people experience the joy of flight.

OLD GOAT'S POOP DECK

Art Thieme

*(with apologies to Ron Logory
for the juxtaposition of this article with his.
OTOH, he'd probably see the humor in it. Ed.)*

Most of you have heard of a poop deck, but few of you know what it is. A poop deck is a partial deck above the main deck. If it is at the stern (back) of the ship it is a poop deck. If it is on the bow it is called the forecastle (FOLKSle.) Aircraft have neither deck, except the Boeing 747 which has a forward upper piano deck, but I never heard anyone calling it a forecastle.

Most portable tools are now battery powered. I recently bought a jig saw that has a power cord. I was cutting a pattern out of a piece of plywood when the saw slowed down and sparks flew. Yes, I had just the cord. I do have a cord stripper and could make the necessary repairs. It was not the first time that I cut a cord. Years ago I did the job with a pair of hedge trimmers. Ever happen to you?

Did you think that painting your plane was expensive? Painting an Airbus 340 calls for 440-660 pounds of paint and about 12 weeks of work. The price tag for such a job? As much as \$426,000. Aviation Week, May 23, 2011

Are you an aviation museum nut? Now you can get a guide to over 900 aircraft museums in the US and Canada. The price is \$18 plus \$6 for shipping. Go to: <aircraftmuseums.com>.

WOW! Spencer Suderman performed an 81-turn flat, inverted spin in a Pitts S-2B from 23,000 feet to less than 2,000 feet over the California desert. Suderman said that the trick was getting high enough. Perhaps high enough in two ways. ;-) AOPA Pilot June 2014

There are times that I had studied Latin. Not often.

Old Goat, out. It's not "over and out." The Navy taught me that it is either "over" when you expect an answer or "out" when you are done. Out!

GONE WEST RON LOGORY

1960-2014

The Chapter was saddened to learn recently of the passing of relatively new, but very active member, Ron Logory (photos right). Our condolences to Ron's family and friends and his Sonex Onex co-builder Joe DiDonato.

Many of Ron's contributions are recognized on the following picture page. You will notice in those photos that Ron always had a smile on his face. He was a very happy, jovial, friendly, hard-working guy. He was often at the SAC Work Saturdays pitching in where ever needed. He was Ground Crew at our Young Eagle Rallies, participating in his last one on Sept 13, a few days before his passing.

When opening the SAC one recent Saturday for a work session, we found a bag with a note and three rocks. The rocks were placed in the front garden. The note said, "Ron, On behalf of my children, myself, your coworkers, your co-volunteers, your family, and your friends too numerous to count, we respect you, we miss you and we love you Buddy. You'll always be "My Friend Ron. May the purple wild flowers grow in your honor." See you soon" signed by five members of the Phil & Michele French family. Gail will plant some purple perennials in the Spring.

Darryl Byers said, "I will certainly miss his enthusiasm and energy. "

Norm Isler added, "Ron came to EAA about two years ago, and jumped into chapter activities with an enthusiasm rarely seen. Saturday work details he was there to help, and take on several projects. At one of the Eagle Scout Projects, An Eagle Scout himself, I watched Ron take kids "under his wing" and teach them how to sand and prepare wood for finish, and how to sand drywall mud and paint walls. It seemed he was everywhere, encouraging & correcting, with just the right tone.

RON LOGORY HOMEBUILDER, PILOT, & FRIEND



Ron was an Eagle Scout and active in our Scout Community Service projects and this Honor Court.



Ron built four picnic tables for Phil's Porch. They have been put to good use by members and Young Eagle families.



Ron & Joe DiDonato's Sonex Onex was a "hands-on" project for many members, like the AirVenture "One Week Wonder" without the deadline.

(Photos by Ron Logory & Bob Nelligan-Barrett.)



Ron was a careful, yet gentle teacher to all his students (above and below).



Jack Frenz spent a day working on the Onex. He drilled, cleco'd, riveted, and signed his name on the vertical stabilizer.



Ron had interests other than flying and home-building. Imagine that!
Here he is with one that DIDN'T get away.
Wasn't this our meeting meal last month?

**EAA Chapter 44
Board of Directors' Meeting
9 September 2014**

Board Members Present: Clayton, Isler, Byers, Peters, Nelligan-Barrett, and North.

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

Reports:

- President (Mike Clayton):
 - During the fly-in breakfast Mike spoke with the CAP about having cadets visit during homebuilding sessions and perhaps using the facility for their meetings.
 - The BOD approved Tom Bowdler's proposal for a Chapter hosted Aerocamp at the SAC for the weekend of 24 – 26 October. Member assistance is needed and welcome.
 - To make the treasurer's workload more manageable, the job will be split into separate responsibilities. Jeff Punton will maintain the Chapter ledger, Phil Hazen will take care of the member roster and mailing lists, and Gail Isaac will track the income and expenses.
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
 - No report
- Treasurer (Gail Isaac):
 - Report read and approved.
- Secretary (Steve North):
 - Meeting minutes read and approved per motion of Norm Isler, seconded by Dave Hurd, passed unanimously.

Business:

- Building Committee (Kevin Arganbright, et. al.):
 - Cabinets pending
 - No significant activities, general grounds improvements and landscaping as time permits.
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- Homebuilder's Council (Darryl Byers, et.al.):
 - Ron Logory suggested that the Onex building sessions might be rescheduled to Chapter meeting nights.
 - May want to resurrect the toolbox project.
- Capital Campaign (Larry Greeno):
 - Larry is working on developing criteria for participants in the feasibility study. Additionally he is looking into the creation of promotional material.
- Old Business:
 - Jeff Peters reported on the results of the Spencerport Rotary's fly-in breakfast on 24 September. Over 600 breakfasts were sold with the SAC getting a lot of attention.
 - Elise Isler Young Eagles Rally on Saturday, 13 Sept.
- New Business:
 - Airlift report – seed money needed for next year, looking for replacement coordinator.
 - Chapter to submit comments to FAA regarding hangar use at an airport. Dave Hurd moves that Mike prepare, Norm seconded. Passed unanimously. Also will encourage general members to comment as well.
 - In support of the Capital Campaign promotional program, Jeff Peters presented a proposed set of hangar use guidelines. The BOD reviewed the various options and possibilities.



Carol Sanger enters our Library into a database for your later use. We are being constantly surprised by the treasures we find in our collection.

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REGIONAL CALENDAR

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

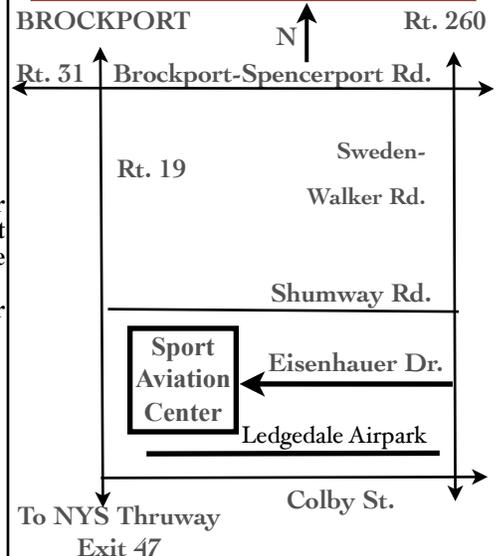
CENSORED ON FINAL APPROACH by Phylis Ravel. The story of the Womens' Air Service Pilots (WASP's). See the D&C article "Before Staging a Play, a Chance to Meet a Pioneer" at: < <http://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/local/columnists/memmott/2014/09/23/staging-play-chance-meet-pioneer/16120757/>>.

Tower Fine Arts Center Mainstage, 180 Holley St., on the campus of The College at Brockport

7:30 PM Oct. 3, 4, 16, 17, and 18, and 2 PM Oct. 5

Admission \$16 General, \$11 Seniors, alumni, faculty, staff, and \$8.50 Students

Information: brockport.edu/finearts or call (585) 395-2787



EAA 44 Calendar



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Our quest speaker on Tues. Oct. 19 will be **Chris Wall** talking about **“Flying A Floatplane.”** He owns the big red & white C-180 on floats at the recent fly-in breakfast.

Darryl Byers will be cooking up Italian Sausage Soup. YUM! Please bring a dish to pass or dessert to compliment our meal.

Oct. 11 SAC Work Day
Oct. 14 Board Meeting
Oct. 24-26 Boy Scout Aerocamp (note new date!)
Oct. 26 Young Eagle Rally
Oct. 21 General Meeting
Oct 25 SAC Work Day
Nov. 8 SAC Work Day
Nov. 11 Board Meeting
Nov. 18 **ANNUAL MEETING STEAK NITE, SPEAKERS FROM HONOR FLIGHT ROCHESTER**

Nov. 22 SAC Work Day
Dec. 9 Board Meeting
Dec. 13 SAC Work Day
Dec 16 UnMeeting- meal TBA, no agenda, social time.

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

Sport Aviation Center

44 Eisenhower Dr. 14420
Brockport Airport/
Ledgedale Airpark (7G0)
43° 10' 56" N 77° 55' 1" W

Board Meetings-

2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 PM

General Meetings-

3rd Tuesday of the month
\$5 Dinner 6:30, Meeting 7:30

SAC Saturday Work Days-

2nd & 4th Saturdays, 10 AM

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