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CHAPTER ELECTIONS HELD

Chapter elections were held at our November Annual Meeting and Steak Night. Secretary Steve North has decided to step down after many years of service to the chapter as Secretary and Airlift Coordinator. **Thank you Steve for doing a "fine job."** Current Board member Jeff Peters has agreed to step into the Secretary position.

Mike Kuyt was elected to the Board replacing Steve North. Joe DiDonato will replace Steve as Oshkosh Airlift Coordinator. Larry Greeno continues to serve as the Coordinator, and Rob Williams continues to serve as the Chairman, of the Capital Campaign.

YEAR-END SAC UPDATE

Kevin Arganbright, Building & Grounds

I looked in my Sport Aviation Center note book and am very impressed with what we accomplished on the building and surrounding grounds this past year. We finished all three bathrooms including some awesome aviation border. The ADA bathroom presented a special challenge. Thank God we had a detail driven engineer on the job.



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LAST MONTH'S GUEST SPEAKERS HONOR FLIGHT ROCHESTER & HONOR FLIGHT VETERAN ART THIEME WELCOMED TO SAC

Last Month's meeting had a very full agenda. First, we welcomed Honor Flight Rochester Guardian Don Miller (left below), EAA 44 member and WWII Veteran Art Thieme (center), and HFR Operations Manager John Burns (right). More on them in a minute. **Thank you gentlemen for your service to our country and for your presentation. WE were honored to have you with us.**



It was also our Annual election meeting (see the results above left) and best of all, STEAK NIGHT! **Thanks to Phil Hazen for coordinating the steaks and to Jeff Peters for cooking them over a hot grill on a cold November night.**

John open their presentation with the history and background of Honor Flight Rochester (HFR). He has been involved since Mission 19 and they are now on Mission 39. He's been on every one between them. HFR started in 2008 and has flown over 1800 WWI and WWII Veterans to Washington for an overnight stay.

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SAC Update con't

The shed ramp and pad were poured and represent the last of the concrete work needed around the outside of the SAC.



Over the summer we were able to extend our parking so that everyone would have a prime spot to park at all of our functions. With the extra dirt from this project we landscaped the rest of the property and eliminated some low lying wet spots.



We retrieved or dispensed with everything in storage at Steve Z's doghouse. As I had never been there before I was amazed at the amount of books, hardware, etc. stored there. Initially it overwhelmed the SAC, but we have already sorted, used or stored most of this largess. We are still discovering many treasures.

Honor Flight Rochester con't

Currently WWII and Korean Veterans are being processed. Applications from Viet Nam Vets are being accepted now. Iraq and Afganistan Vets will be processed after the others before them.

“Volunteer Extrordinaire” Don Miller has completed three Missions with Honor Flight Rochester. In his other life he is a C-130 Loadmaster (and our February Guest speaker!). He talked about the strong connection that develops in a very short but intense time between strangers. It is a very emotional time for all involved.

Guardians help at meals and at the hotel. They push the Veteran in a wheelchair if necessary. They do everything and anything to make this experience memorable.

John closed their portion by emphasizing that Honor Flight is open to ALL Veterans, whether you served in combat or not. Contact the local chapter if you want more information at <honorflightrochester.org>.

Last but not least was U.S. Navy Veteran Art Thieme, aka our “Old Goat.” He spoke emotionally from his heart about his experience. As a Navy man, he was “heart-grippingly touched” by the appearance of US Naval Academy plebes to welcome them to the Baltimore-Washington International (BWI) airport.

He joked that all the Vets got name tags and colored shirts to return “wanderers” back to the group. Not that HE would personally know!

Art's most memorable moments? The bus tour of all the war memorials in Washington and the fire truck water hose salute over their airplane on return to ROC.

The return to Rochester after a whirlwind day was overwhelming to Art. The several hundred folks who greeted him upon the groups return showed him how much his service was appreciated. **Thank you Art.**



Ron Logorys' name appears many times in my notebook. He built the beautiful picnic tables out on our porch. He also came out to many of the work sessions and was a tremendous help. I am going to miss his work ethic and upbeat attitude.

Right now the food prep area is in the middle of a major upgrade. Everyone should be surprised and pleased when you come to the January meeting.

We installed the rest of the drywall in the shop and have a good start mudding these walls. This included some new electrical outlet wiring and a new sub panel. By early next year the shop and pilot lounge/board room should be in shape and ready to use again.



All this was done while still cleaning and maintaining our building and grounds.

Thanks to everyone who came out and helped at our work sessions, scheduled and unscheduled.

CHAPTER OFFERED MANY ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR

The Sport Aviation Center is fulfilling the vision many of us have had for this facility. Even though we are 90% done, there is still 90% to go to finish Phase I. We should be done by the beginning of summer. Then on to Phase II, the Hangar. But I digress...

The SAC is becoming THE premier aviation education center for the Rochester aviation community and general public in Western New York. All of our events are free and open to the public. During the past year:

We hosted over 40 members and guests at each monthly meeting. Members brought home-cooked meals and desserts (**thank you cooks**) and yet only paid \$5 for dinner. We also invited a variety of guest speakers. It's pretty impressive when you think about it that all we "pay" our speakers is a free dinner. Here are the topics they spoke on: EAA 44 & SAC Photo Year in Review; Oshkosh Preview (and after OSH, a REview,) Early Rochester Aviation; Drones (below;)



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Chapter Activities con't

Fantasy of Flight Museum; Glenn Curtiss Museum; Phantom F-4D Restoration; Dr. Broadwell AME; WorldFlight 2000; and Honor Flight Rochester;

We offered a Pinch Hitter Course to five non-pilot members who fly with their spouses or SO's (below).



This course, including an hour of FREE flight training in their personal aircraft, made all of them more comfortable understanding the aircraft and instrument panel;

During the summer the Brockport Rotary hosted a fly-in breakfast at Ledgesdale (below).



We assisted in parking planes and directing visitors over to our Open House. Many guests didn't even know we existed. But they will be back next year;

We offered 50 young people their first Young Eagle flight with two Young Eagle Rallys, and a third cancelled for bad weather;

15 Boy Scouts attended Aerocamp at the SAC to earn their Aviation Merit Badge during a weekend campout;

To prove that there really IS life outside the SAC, several of us had a dinner and date night IN PUBLIC and went to see Disney's new movie "Planes: Fire and Rescue;"

Finally, we hosted an AOPA ASI Safety Seminar "Accident Case Study: Live" for the Rochester pilot community. Over 90 visitors came to the SAC.

Several members brought their airplanes to the SAC for the first time. Bob Northrup's RV-8A (below), Dave Hurd's Glasair, and Rob Williams Casa Jet. Thank you for enriching our ramp with your aircraft;



All in all we had over 600 members and guests come to the Sport Aviation Center for various activities this year. Many of these were "first-timers" but hopefully not "last-timers."



Families make good use of Phil's Porch during Young Eagle events. They have a clear view of the runway and can grill hots and burgers while they wait for their kids to return.



Aircraft Owners & Pilot's Association Air Safety Institute Seminars are well attended by the local pilot community. We often have standing room only.

**EAA Chapter 44
Board of Directors' Meeting
11 November 2014**

Board Members Present: Clayton, Hazen, Hurd, Peters, Nelligan-Barrett, and North.

Other Members Present: Greeno, Isaac (Treasurer).

Reports:

- President (Mike Clayton):
 - Elections: Nominees needed to replace Hurd, Williams, Peters and North. All but North agreed to run again.
 - Mike suggested creating a memorial roster of members who have passed away. Format yet to be determined.
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
 - Absent
- Treasurer (Gail Isaac):
 - Report read and approved.
 - Hurd moved to delay dues payment until February 1, 2015. Seconded by North, passed unanimously.
- Secretary (Steve North):
 - Meeting minutes read and approved.

Business:

- Building Committee (Kevin Arganbright - absent)
 - Concrete work in front of the storage shed is complete.
 - Work on the ladies room continues, should be complete soon.
- Homebuilder's Council (Darryl Byers - absent):
 - No report
- Capital Campaign (Larry Greeno):
 - Ongoing
- Old Business:
 - Bob N-B requested funding approval to purchase a frame for a history of Ledgeale airport poster, and an additional brochure rack for EAA specific information. Gail Isaac offered to pay for the frame. Funding approval for display rack tabled.
- New Business:
 - Elections: At the 18 Nov General Membership meeting the following members were nominated to fill the three

open Board of Directors positions: Dave Hurd, Jeff Peters, and Rob Williams. Dave H and Jeff were reelected and Mike Kuyt was elected to replace Rob W. There were no other nominees. Art Thieme moved to approve the candidates by approbation; Larry MacDonald seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- Steve North is stepping down as Secretary; Jeff Peters has volunteered to fill this role starting in January.



Lauren Rosenthal using something called "35mm film" to shoot the Casa Jet at the Fly-in Breakfast Open House.



Dave Hurd explaining the finer points of his new Glasair to Open House Visitors.

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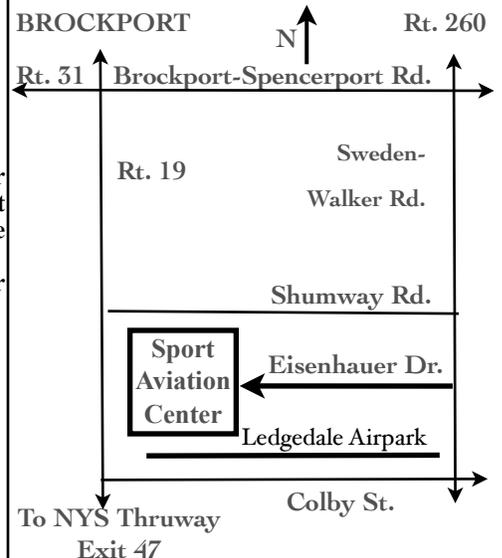


REGIONAL CALENDAR

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

UNTIL THEN, THINGS TO DO THIS WINTER

- Buy a new aviation magazine subscription.**
- Build a balsa wood model airplane.**
- Read a book by Ernie Gann...or Bax.**
- Help a member build on their airplane.**
- Encourage a youth member.**
- Go to a new-to-you NYS aviation museum.**
- Present at a General Meeting on that trip or anything of YOUR aviation interest.**
- Make a Facebook page for EAA Chapter 44 and the SAC.**



EAA 44 Calendar



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

There will be no General Meeting in December. However, there will be an UN-Meeting on the usual meeting night Dec. 16 at 6:30. No agenda, no business, no speakers, and no organized dinner. Anyone wishing to come should bring a pot luck dish and/or dessert to pass.

We will be back to regular meetings in January-with a surprise!

Dec. 13 SAC Work Day (tentative)

Dec. 16 Un-Meeting

MERRY CHRISTMAS &

Dec. 27 NO SAC Work Day

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Jan. 10 SAC Work Day

Jan. 13 Board Meeting

Jan. 20 General Meeting

Speaker: Samantha Horne

Young Eagle, EAA Air

Academy Graduate,

Private Pilot, College Student

Jan. 24 SAC Work Day

Feb. 17 General Meeting

Speaker: Don Miller

C-130 Loadmaster

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

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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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