



# The Flyer



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## FOOD TO TASTE BETTER AT SAC 2015

by Norm Isler

To paraphrase an old saying, “The way to a pilot’s heart is through his or her stomach.” At EAA 44, we have proved this theory for many years, relying on the culinary efforts of our members and guests to provide monthly feasts, and all seem to enjoy the results.



Food Serving Area BEFORE,  
as you last saw it at the end of the year.

Over the course of the holidays, I was able to make special arrangements with authorities at the North Pole, and the Cabinet Elves have been busy creating an all new look for our Food Warming and Serving Area, (also known as the SAC Snack Stimulator).

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## SAC UPDATE

by Kevin Arganbright

Even though we only had one official work session in December there has been a lot going on at the chapter house. As soon as we finished painting the walls in the food prep area Glen and Norm started installing the "new" cabinets. They have been very busy and it is already shaping up to be world class.

We also finished mudding and painting a good portion of the shop and will be putting up cabinets there also. It won't be long before we have everything put away and the shop ready for projects.



Kevin Arganbright & Jack Frenz  
prepare the shop for final painting.

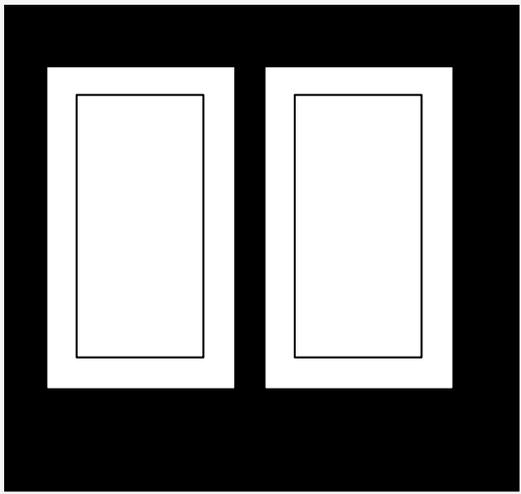
I would greatly appreciate anyone coming out to help us with the final push to completion of our chapter house. Work sessions are on the second and fourth Saturday of the month.

**Mission:** EAA Chapter 44 is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization of aircraft builders and aviation enthusiasts in the Western New York region dedicated to promoting aviation and encouraging participation in aviation-related activities. These include designing, building and restoring aircraft, education, advocacy and youth outreach programs. We promote flying with high standards of safety in an environment that supports freedom, family and personal fulfillment.

**(SAC Snack Stimulator con't)**

While it will probably not be completely finished by the January meeting, I think you will all be pleased with the progress, and the direction we are headed. All cabinets will be in place with a temporary counter so as to make the area functional. Final plans are still being worked out as to exactly what will be used for the counter top, so I don't expect we will be able to take delivery and install our final counter by January 20<sup>th</sup>.

As you can tell from the photo below, I experienced some technical difficulty with my camera, so you will just have to come to the SAC for our meeting to see what things look like. In a future article, (coming soon to a newsletter near you!) I will spell out some more of the details of how, what, when, and especially, whom to thank as we enjoy this new area.



Our NEW Food Warming and Serving Area AFTER!  
What, you can't see the image? You'll just have to come to the SAC to see it. See you Tuesday.

**DECEMBER UNMEETING**

**(Sure Felt Like a Meeting)**

Home cooked entrees and desserts covered the tables. Libations flowed. Old friends returned from afar. We had a guest speaker and President Mike Clayton said a few words. But there was no agenda, no business, no builder reports. An UnMeeting ...meeting.

Good cheer and warm spirits flowed as members and their spouses and guests mingled at the SAC in December. While it may have been cold outside, our "Perpetual Fireplace" from the internet kept everyone virtually warm.



Santa Curlicue get a kiss from Mrs. Curlicue (above.) Twin sons of different mothers reunited at the SAC (below).



**OLD GOAT  
HAPPY NEW YEAR & CAVU TO YOU  
by Art Thieme**

Christmas and New Years week were like a vacation for me (Like EVERY week isn't a vacation.) No doctors appointments, no meetings, projects done, only family gatherings. Coming back to work (this column) is difficult. As a teacher getting the students up to speed after a holiday was a task. And when I returned to the computer I found 160 emails. Deleted most of them. How much memory for emails does the computer have? I treat it like bulk mail.

This is a new year. We have a beautiful building. I am continually impressed with the quality of work. I worked on the old building where the tolerance was a little greater. Which brings me to my point.

The building is great but it is sterile. Visitors would not know that we build and fly airplanes We need to exhibit members, past and present, and the work that they did and do. Time to hang stuff. It doesn't have to be museum quality. In the old building material was displayed where there was room It was people, who we are, and what we do. I don't know how much of the historical material still exists.

On another note, I was listening and watching a PBS program featuring Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga. Tony Bennett can still sing. What amazed me was Lady Gag singing ballads that you could understand. She has a beautiful voice and presented a talent not like that of her stage shows. I amy become a fan if she changed her music. Also heard Barbra Streisand and Elvis Presley on PBS. Again Elvis sang ballads that you could understand and again I was impressed with his voice. I guess it is all with the material and the age of the listener. The above has nothing to do with the chapter or aviation. I told you it was hard coming back from vacation.  
Old Goat, Out.

**More photos from the UnMeeting**



The food line was generously supplied with Christmas cookies and other treats.



Our Elf-in-Residence Jeff Peters treated us to a reading of "The Aviators Night Before Christmas."



Friends enjoy each others company during the holidays.

## PAULISMS

by Norm Isler

In 1953, Paul Poberezny and about a dozen local aviation enthusiasts met to form a new organization intended to help those interested in building their own aircraft share knowledge and work through the bureaucracy to license and fly their creations. I doubt that anyone at that meeting, and certainly not Paul, knew what would grow out of that evening. By 1984, the first year I traveled to Oshkosh, EAA had already grown into a major, international organization. But some things never changed, especially Paul's dedication to the organization he created, and the people that were the organization.



Over the years, I had the opportunity and the privilege of corresponding, talking and meeting with Paul many times. When I called EAA in Oshkosh, he might not be able to take my call right away, but I always got a prompt return call. (By the way, this trait also passed on to his son Tom.) He was never too busy to stop and talk with any member, or visitor, that wanted to talk. I doubt that he really remembered too many details about who I was, but he remembered EAA 44, and so we were old buddies.

Back in the late 1980s I had a gent by name of Dick Warboys travel to Oshkosh in my group. Dick flew a P47 over the beach at Normandy on D-Day. I made it a point to find Paul in his famous "Red One" VW bug so I could introduce Dick to him. Turns out they went through the same Army Air Forces Flight school, one rotation apart. For the next half hour, I just stood back and listened as the stories flowed.

In many ways, Paul was ahead of his time. A modest man, he simply knew how to deal with people to make them want to do more with him. Over the years, Paul made many observations and comments. Often short and to the point, they said a lot about the man, and the objectives he had for the organization he created. Built largely on a memorial display assembled in his honor at AirVenture 2014, this space will carry a short quote each month for as long as our members keep reading them. (Or until I run out of quotes, whichever comes first.)

Paul H. Poberezny founded the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1953 and spent a significant part of his life promoting aviation and fighting for the freedom to fly. Paul was an aviator and an aircraft designer. But, more than that, he was a leader. I affectionately provide this collection of "Paulisms," actual quotations from Paul that embody his beliefs, his legacy, and his impact on EAA.

**January Paulism: Passion – I fell in love with aviation, as well as with people.**



^ Old Business  
 ^ The Board finalized its discussion about Chapter 44's finances, budgets and expenses, fund raisers, ways of reducing and/or streamlining expenses, and potential impacts on future dues and projects. Mike will discuss options at the General Meeting

^ New Business  
 ^ 2015 Program. The Chapter needs to develop a program/ calendar of speakers/meals and events for 2015 ASAP that includes a more structured and scheduled approach. Mike Kuyt volunteered to coordinate the Speaker Seeker effort and to develop a Chapter calendar for 2015. Suggestions are welcomed.

^ Fund Raising. The Board will discuss potential fund raisers at the January BOD Meeting. Preliminary ideas include the Air Lift, special dinner or chili cook-off and an opening deer hunting day breakfast at the SAC. Other ways to increase revenue will be explored such as increasing our exposure to the local community (Brockport) and to "rent out" the SAC to local organizations. The SAC could become the meeting place of choice if we increased the word of mouth exposure.

^ Youth Outreach. The chapter needs to develop an more enhanced Youth Outreach program and needs more volunteers to become involved in this effort. Ideas include a program with the Brockport School System, a STEM project with a City of Rochester School (like School 34) and a week-long aviation day camp capped with a Young Eagles flight.

^ Visitor/Member Welcoming & Enrollment Process. Our process of welcoming and processing visitors & members needs to be streamlined and documented. Jeff Peters will coordinate this effort with Phil Hazen.

**CORRECTIONS**

*Your Editor made several mistakes in last months newsletter about our elections. Here is the correct information thanks to Phil Hazen.*

“Elections: At the 18 Nov General Membership meeting the following members were nominated to fill the four open Board of Directors positions: **Dave Hurd, Jeff Peters, Rob Williams and Mike Kuyt;** **Dave H, Jeff P. and Rob W. were re-elected; & Mike Kuyt was elected to replace Steve North.**

There were no other nominees. Art Thieme moved to approve the candidates by approbation. Larry MacDonald seconded. The motion passed unanimously." *Ed. regrets the error.*

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# REGIONAL CALENDAR

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

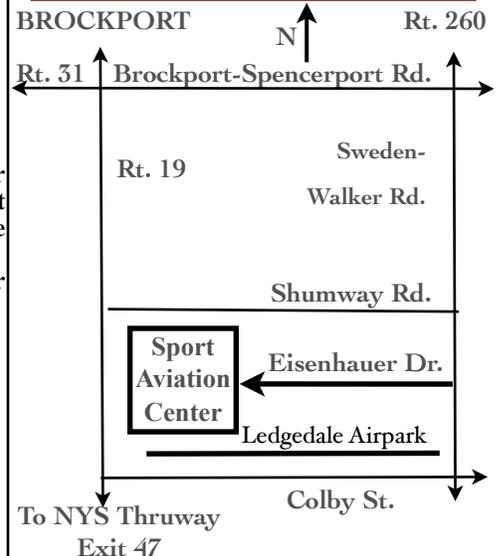
**(Sing along with Martha & the Vandellas...)**

**Summer's here and the time is right for AOPA and the Blues...**

**First events of the season have been announced. We will have more details and website info in the next newsletter. Save the dates.**

**AOPA AIR SAFETY INSTITUTE SAFETY SEMINAR @ the SAC**  
Spring 2015

**ROCHESTER INT'L AIRSHOW feat. THE BLUE ANGELS**  
May 23/24 Memorial Day Weekend  
Greater Rochester Int'l Airport (ROC)



## EAA 44 Calendar



### NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Tues. Jan 20 6:30/7:30

**Speaker: Samantha Horne**  
**Young Eagle, EAA Air**  
**Academy Graduate,**  
**Private Pilot, & College**  
**Student**

Dinner is a surprise. Please  
bring a surprise dish to pass  
or dessert to complement. ;-)

Jan. 24 SAC Work Day

Feb. 10 Board Meeting

Feb. 14 SAC Work Day

Feb. 17 General Meeting

**Speaker: Don Miller**

**C-130 Loadmaster**

**Feb 25 First meeting of**

**EAA Chapter 44, 1958**

**(We're 57 for those counting!)**

Feb. 28 SAC Work Day

Mar 10 Board Meeting

Mar 14 SAC Work Day

Mar 17 General Meeting

Mar. 28 SAC Work Day

**All activities take place at the**  
**Sport Aviation Center, and are**  
**free and open to the public**  
**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-**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7 PM

**General Meetings-**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month

\$5 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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