



# The Flyer



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## Paulism of the Month by EAA Founder Paul Poberezny

Every so often a letter or phone call comes into my office and the question is asked, “Are the pictures in Homebuilder’s Corner staged? Did you really build an airplane?” - Sport Aviation April 1986

### AUGUST YOUNG EAGLE RALLY by Elise Isler

August 29, 2015 proved to be a wonderful day for our Young Eagle Rally! There were no weather or otherwise related delays! Our 17 students arrived on time and had a great time flying with four different pilots!

Congratulations to Frances Englund on her first of hopefully many YE flights (3rd from right below in front of her Skyhawk)! Thanks



D. Patt photo also to one of our former Young Eagles Sandro dePaulo for working the event, and special thanks to Mike Kuyt for guiding several Boy Scouts working on their Aviation Merit Badge through a full pre-flight check. Mike was

### MEMBERS FLY-OUT TO EAGLES MERE MUSEUM

Members recently gathered for a fly-out to an air and auto museum in Pennsylvania. The Eagles Mere Museum is actually two separate museums, one for aircraft and the other for automobiles. Each is world class. Together they are a full day of wonderment and wow as visitors step back to an earlier time in our history.



M. Kuyt photo

The plan was for most of the pilots and passengers to convene at the SAC for a pre-flight briefing. Some elected to go direct to the museum because of the location of their planes. And as with most plans, it had to be modified.

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**Mission:** EAA Chapter 44 is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization of aircraft builders and aviation enthusiasts in Western New York 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.

## Young Eagle Rally con't



K. Werner photo

planning to fly out for the day, not part of our event, but was willing to walk the boys through his flight check. The timing was perfect for the kids!!

Jake Werner (above and page 4) came with his parents and grandparents from Springville, NY! His mother had contacted us a few months ago and asked if the program was still available. I told her at the time we did not have an event scheduled – but would let her know of the next one! He (and the family) was thrilled!

These are only a few highlights from the day! It is wonderful to see the smiles and reactions; to hear and answer questions of these students: possible future pilots/mechanics/builders/inventors .... Who knows?

We have also received many compliments on our Aviation Education Center. What a terrific use of the building.

**Thank you to Tim Hortons for providing coffee. Thanks again to ALL who volunteered – and if you never have – please consider joining our team!**

## Eagles Mere Fly-out con't

Three pilots had to cancel which led to a shuffling of passengers and available planes. Then the weather was iffy but doable. Jim Martin and Mike Kuyt had been watching the weather and advised the pilots during the briefing. The decision was made to go, faster planes first, meet at 40PN for lunch.



M. Kuyt photo

It was a relatively easy flight down though the one back challenged the pilots. “We threaded the needle between two thunderstorms on the way back. It was a little scary and a tad rough. Coming out the other side was a beautiful rainbow viewed from above. Sounds a little like life. You have some scary and rough times, but hopefully you come out the other side to your reward and sunny skies.” Mike Kuyt



M. Kuyt photo

The air museum apparently is great, as is the auto museum. Be sure to visit them sometime. **Thanks Mike Kuyt for organizing this Chapter activity.**

## IF YOU DESIGN IT, THEY WILL FLY IN

by Earl Luce

As I rounded the corner of the taxiway at Baraboo Wisconsin Dells Airport (KDLL) to join the Tailwind/Buttercup fly-in, there they were—two beautiful examples of Steve Wittmans' Buttercup built from the plans that I made. What a thrill to see what I have started.



E. Luce photo

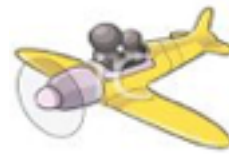
The real plus is that many of my customers whom I had never met are now close friends. The connections are multiplying as more plans are sold. This was the week before Oshkosh 2014 where all the fans of Steve Wittman gather for the fly-out on Sunday morning. As the evening grew closer, I parked my Buttercup next to the other two and sat back to enjoy a sight I had never seen before, dreaming of the day when the field will be full of them, too many to count.

As of last count, there are eight flying Buttercups from my plans and a few that never made my radar. The farthest is in South Africa, close to where our own Craig Ritson is from. The others are scattered from the west coast of Oregon to Arkansas to Mississippi to Baraboo, WI (60 miles from Oshkosh) to Indiana and Tennessee and back home with a few in between.

There are more than 250 sets of plans sold with another set going out today. I get calls and emails everyday to help with construction question or where to get parts, even how to weld. It's been a lot of fun and only getting better. Aircraft Spruce has been a big supporter with

promoting the raw material kits and guidance. I also can't thank the Staff at EAA enough, especially Charlie Becker, who has been there with me from the beginning.

All I can say is that this journey has been an experience that has changed my and Laura's life and we feel truly blessed.



## SEEKING YOUNG EAGLE PILOTS

by Elise Isler

If you are a licensed pilot, current member of EAA National, have an insured airplane, current and are willing and available to fly students ages 8-17 for free ~ WE NEED YOU!!!!

EAA Chapter 44 is holding a Young Eagles Rally September 12 from: 9:00 AM 'til Noon at the Sport Aviation Center at the Ledgesdale Airport (G70). We are still in need of pilots to fly the kids.

You will need to report for briefing at 8:45 AM. Coffee and donuts will be provided!

Please contact Elise Isler: [singholley@aol.com](mailto:singholley@aol.com) or 585-638-8098 to volunteer and/or get more information

**OLD GOAT DROPPINGS**  
by Art Thieme

The headline read, "Record crowd at Sturgis." Now I have seen pictures and videos of the thousands of motorcyclists who go there. Who would be nuts enough to go there I wondered?



Image from the internet

Just a minute, I go to Oshkosh where there are 10,000 airplanes. Who's nuts now?



Oshkosh CVB photo

OK guys, is this you? "While like most men, Sam prided himself on being equipped with a supernatural internal compass that kept him from ever being lost, but he'd also learned to concede those rare times when the compass seemed to be in temporary disrepair." (p 471, Lost Empire, Clive Cussler) Ever had your wife say, "Why don't you pull into the gas station and ask for directions?" Thank you ladies.

When I told you last month to dress for the crash, not the flight, it meant not to fly in flip flops. Shorts may not be good if you have to hike out. Bring water. Think ahead.

Call me a horticulturalist, just be careful how you pronounce it. At any rate I purchased three flats of geraniums. That is 96 plants. They are around my yard and I could use more. See what you do when you don't fly anymore. Sad.

"If I had my life to live over, I'd make the same mistakes - only sooner." Tallulah Bankhead.

Old Goat, out.

**LETTER FROM A  
YOUNG EAGLE MOM**

I wanted to thank you for a great day! There is NOTHING like watching your child pursue his dreams. Today was Jake's first step in pursuing his dreams to become a pilot. We couldn't have done it without you! Every one was so wonderful. Please share our gratitude!

Thank you,  
Kate Werner



K. Werner photo

**EAA Chapter 44  
Board of Directors' Meetings  
11 August 2015**

**Board Members Present:** Clayton, Nelligan-Barrett, Kuyt, Byers, Hazen, Hurd, Isler and Peters

**Other Members Present:** Isaac, E. Isler, Arganbright, Greeno

**Reports:**

President (Mike Clayton)  
No specific report

Vice President (Norm Isler)  
Norm commented about the very positive SAC experience for the Isler private party on August 8<sup>th</sup>. He requested a review of the SAC building usage guidelines to ensure they address the membership use of the SAC for social events, etc.

Norm reviewed the need for a dedicated lap top computer to ensure continuity of our video system in the Main Room. Bob Nelligan-Barrett proposed the expenditure for the purchase of a dedicated lap top to support the video system. The motion was seconded by Dave Hurd and passed unanimously. Norm has volunteered to build a wall cabinet to store the video equipment.

Treasurer (Gail Isaac)  
The report was read and approved.

Secretary (Jeff Peters)

June & July Meeting minutes read and approved per motion of Norm Isler, seconded by Bob Nelligan-Barrett, passed unanimously.

**Business:**

Homebuilder's Council (Darryl Byers)  
No report.

Capital Campaign (Larry Greeno)  
No report

2015 Program (Mike Kuyt – Speaker Seeker)

Mike discussed the Fly-out to the Eagles Mere Air Museum in Pennsylvania on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Tom Henion, an airline pilot, will talk about his aviation career at the August general meeting. Future speakers will include the Norm & Dave show re their Beech trip down the Hudson Corridor in September, a gas welding video via Earl Luce, and Jim Cavanaugh from Chapter 46 who is a professional photographer.

Building Committee (Kevin Arganbright)  
No report

Young Eagle Adventure Camp (YEAC) (Jeff Peters)

Jeff updated the Board about the YEAC that was held at the SAC on July 13 -17, and the camp review session that

10 members who participated in the camp attended on August 4<sup>th</sup>. The overall consensus was that the camp was successful, met our first year objectives and that the Chapter should hold a similar event in 2016. Planning for next year will begin shortly and will incorporate the lessons learned from this year.

### **New Business**

Kathy Magin, a representative from the Spencerport Rotary, attended the meeting to discuss the preparations for the Chapter Open House that will be held in conjunction with the Spencerport Rotary Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Elise Isler, Young Eagle Coordinator, discussed the need for a new Young Eagle Pilot Plaque to recognize Chapter 44 member pilots for their participation in the YE program. The current plaque will be retained and will be appropriately displayed. The new plaque will be designed to accommodate current and

future pilots and can be changed annually to reflect the total number of young eagles flown by each pilot. Jeff Peters proposed the expenditure to purchase a new Young Eagle Pilot Plaque. The motion was seconded by Bob Nelligan-Barrett and passed unanimously.

Dave Hurd notified the Board that due to his absence from Rochester during the Winter/Spring months (read Florida) he will be resigning his Board seat in November and will not complete his board term. The Board will hold an election to replace him. The Board thanked Dave for his long service on the Board and his role as Treasurer.



Don't judge a chef by his apron. Grill Chef Jeff Peters cooks up perfect hot dogs for families awaiting flights at our Young Eagle Rallies.

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**REGIONAL CALENDAR**

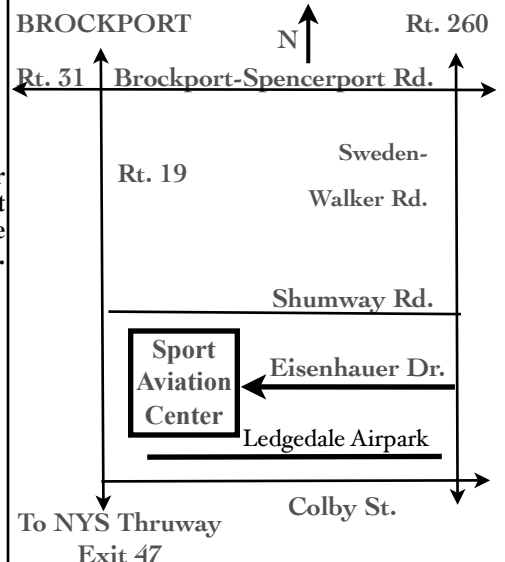
Look to **Upstate NY's Aviation List** at <[upstatelist.org](http://upstatelist.org)> and <[SocialFlight.com](http://SocialFlight.com)> for regional fly-in breakfasts and other events.

**GLENN CURTISS MUSEUM SEAPLANE HOMECOMING**

Keuka Lake NY  
Sept. 19, 9-5  
<[http://glennhcurtissmuseum.org/information/events\\_calendar.html](http://glennhcurtissmuseum.org/information/events_calendar.html)>

**AOPA AIR SAFETY FOUNDATION SEMINAR AT THE SAC**

Thursday November 5, 7-9 PM  
"Cross Country Challenges"  
See description in Jul/Aug newsletter.



## EAA 44 Calendar



### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

**Aug. 15, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Mtg.**

**Dave Hurd & Norm Isler** will tell us of their excellent adventure flying the Hudson River Corridor.

**Gail and Jerry Isaac** will be providing submarine sandwiches for dinner. Please bring a dish or dessert to complement the entree.

**Sept. 12 Young Eagle Rally**  
Sept. 15 General Meeting  
**Speakers Dave Hurd & Norm Isler: "Flying the Hudson River Corridor"**  
Sept. 26 SAC Work Day

Oct. 10 SAC Work Day  
Oct. 13 Board Meeting  
Oct. 20 General Meeting  
**Speaker Earl Luce presenting his gas welding video.**  
Oct. 24 SAC Work Day

**Nov. 5 AOPA Air Safety Foundation Seminar at the SAC**  
**"Cross Country Challenges"**  
**7-9 PM**

**All activities take place at the Sport Aviation Center, & are free & open to the public unless otherwise noted.**

### **Sport Aviation Center**

44 Eisenhower Dr. 14420

Brockport Airport/

Largedale 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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