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“IT’S LIKE IT’S DEJA VU ALL OVER AGAIN.”

by Norm Isler

Or maybe it’s more like a bad penny turning up. Again. Either way, Norm Isler will be back “at the front of the room”. AGAIN.

I have to start by thanking Mike Clayton for serving as our Chapter Leader for the past three years. After serving for a full two years, Mike agreed to stay on for an additional year as we had no takers for the position. Having served as your president twice in the past, I can tell you that serving a third year is little short of exhausting. Thank you Mike for all you have done!

So what do I see ahead? Fortunately, we do not need to “Make EAA 44 Great Again”. It already is great! This past year alone we sponsored several events including regular monthly meetings with many excellent programs, fly outs, Young Eagle rallies, our summer aviation day camp, the Ford Tri-Motor and more! We own (debt free!) one of the neatest EAA buildings anywhere in the country. And we are financially in “a good place”.

For the coming year, the Board has started to put together a calendar so everyone will know well in advance what is planned for 2017. The Board members can’t be expected to do it all, so I will be asking all of you to give a little help here and there.

For example, we have a speaker and a “main chef” lined up for the January meeting. After that, the calendar is wide open. We could use a volunteer or two to help coordinate programs for our meetings and meals for our hungry members.

I expect we will carry over most if not all of the programs that have been so successful in the past. (Maybe not the Tri-Motor this year, but most of the rest!) I look forward to reaching out to our friends at EAA 46 in Buffalo and the Ruff Group (Ultralight Chapter 95 in Spencerport) and some other nearby EAA’ers for some programs and events that we may not be able to support alone. Most importantly I look forward to good programs, good friends and good times together. Stay tuned to this page for more information each month.

Speaking of information, be sure to be at the January meeting! I have some exciting personal information to share with you all! (No, Elise and I are not having a baby, but the information is still exciting!)

See you at the SAC!

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.

OLD GOAT'S RAMBLINGS

by Art Thieme

New Years Mantras; Everything in life need not be perfect to be perfect; It is what it is; Keep smiling; and Happy New Year!!!

AAA listed the top must-visit national parks in the west. They are: Arches, Canyonlands, Colorado National Monument, Black Canyon of the Gunnison, Grand Canyon, Mesa Verde, Death Valley, Bryce, Yosemite, and Zion. I saw most of them before they became too crowded.

Ethanol and gasoline just don't mix, especially in aircraft. Ben Visser in General Aviation News, Oct. 20, 2016 lays it all out. Ethanol is an aggressive solvent and will attack rubber type fuel systems such as fuel lines, bladders, composite floats and rubber tipped needle valves, etc. Ethanol is a polar solvent that attracts water. This increases corrosion in fuel systems and shorten the storage life of fuel.

You can test for ethanol in fuel by marking a test tube or bottle that is 6 or 7 inches long. Make a permanent line 2 inches from the bottom. Fill with water to this line, then fill the tube to the top with fuel. Cover, agitate and let stand. If the water level appears to have increased, the fuel contains ethanol. There are a few gas stations that sell fuel with ethanol.

Over the years I have purchased many stud finders. Can never find one when I need it. So I drill lots of small holes and probe.

Every year I buy chestnuts and find them not to my liking. This year I pan roasted them and they were delicious.

We live life forward, but remember it backwards. Out Goat Out. Have a happy.

HANGAR FUND CHALLENGE ALTIMETER

For every dollar donated to our Hangar Fund, an additional dollar will be matched by an Anonymous Donor now through December 31, 2017.

Total gifts received as of August 16th toward the \$10,000 challenge is \$3,250.



Now that our Altimeter has broken the \$3,000 threshold, our Anonymous Donor is in the process of adding his/her third \$1,000 match to the Hangar Fund. At every \$1,000 milestone our Donor will add their matching \$1,000.

Make your tax-deductible donation payable to "EAA Chapter 44" and put "Hangar Challenge" in the memo line. Mail or give your donation to Treasurer Gail Isaac, 6 Clearview Dr., Spencerport, NY 14559.

Thank you to our Anonymous Donor and thank you to YOU for your support of the Sport Aviation Center Hangar Fund.

**ASK NOT WHAT YOUR
NEWSLETTER CAN DO FOR YOU.
ASK WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR
YOUR NEWSLETTER!**

As you may have noticed over the past few months, your newsletter has been of varying lengths, sometimes 8 pages, sometimes 6 or 4...or 5. Now it may just be this is a slow period for aviating and writing about it. Or maybe we all really DO hibernate during winter.

Be that as it may I'm putting out a call for all of you to consider submitting an article, with photos if possible, of anything you want to write about related to aviation. Have you taken an unusual flight we'd like to hear about. tell us about it. Did you go to a unique museum. Show us some photos. Are you involved with Mike Clayton's Project Start Kitfox build? What are you learning? Have you earned a new rating without telling us? Write a movie review of a film now in the cinemas, like "Hidden Figures" about the three African-American women involved with the early years of NASA's space program.

Does anyone want to organize a chapter movie night to see it? Do it!

Maybe your skills lean towards photography. We need pictures too. See how boring this newsletter is with any. :-(

Beginning next month I will send out to ALL members my "Newsletter Deadline Reminder" email that I send to the Board one week before the deadline of the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Please consider contributing to your chapter by submitting articles. Who knows, it may lead to becoming a General Meeting Guest Speaker!

**EAA Chapter 44
Board of Directors' Meetings
13 December 2016**

Board Members Present: Clayton, Isler, Nelligan-Barrett, Hazen, Horne, Arganbright and Peters

Other Members Present: Englund (new board member – 1/1/17)

Reports:

- President (Mike Clayton)
 - Mike updated the Board re the status and progress of the recently started Chapter building project in which a number of members are participating in the restoration of Mike's Kit Fox. Mike also briefly recapped his experience as President for the past 3 years.
 - Mike announced that due to personal reasons, Larry Greeno requested to be removed as the Capital Campaign Coordinator. Mike expressed the Board's and the Chapter's appreciation for Larry's outstanding service on the Capital Campaign Committee, and his professional expertise regarding the ongoing Hangar Fund Project.
 - Mike announced that Carol Swanger, a chapter member, has requested the use of the SAC on Saturday, January 7th, 2017 for a private non-chapter related event. In accordance with our past practice, Norm Isler proposed that the Board approve the requested use of the SAC. The motion was seconded by Phil Hazen and passed unanimously. A formal policy regarding the use of the SAC by chapter members for non chapter related events will be adopted in 2017.

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- Vice President (Norm Isler – Incoming 2017 Chapter President)
 - On behalf of the Board, Norm expressed our appreciation for Mike Clayton's excellent leadership as President of EAA Chapter 44 for the past three years. Mike served an extra year in 2016 at request of the Board.
 - As the incoming Chapter President, Norm outlined the anticipated chapter activities and events for 2017 including the chapter calendar, the youth aviation day camp, a potential chapter aviation museum bus trip with chapter 46, fly-outs, Young Eagle events, SAC projects, general meeting speakers, a by-laws review, chapter open houses, and other activities. Norm requested the board members come prepared to discuss their ideas for the chapter at the January meeting. The chapter membership will also be invited to share their ideas at the January general meeting.
 - Norm will ask for a volunteer(s) to be the speaker seeker and general meeting meal coordinator at the January General meeting. Both of these functions were previously performed by Mike Kuyt.

- Treasurer (Gail Isaac)
 - No formal report. Gail Isaac, who was not at the meeting due to an out of town vacation, summarized the income and expenses for November via an e-mail that the board reviewed. The November and December reports will be approved at the January meeting. Norm Isler indicated that the monthly revenue/expense review will be included as part of future treasurer reports. Both the 2016 and 2017 Chapter Budgets will be discussed at the January board meeting.
- Secretary (Jeff Peters)
 - November Meeting Minutes read and approved as amended per motion of Norm Isler, seconded by Kevin Arganbright, passed unanimously.

Business:

- Capital Campaign (Rob Williams)
 - No report
- Building Committee (Kevin Arganbright)
 - Norm Isler proposed the expenditure to inspect our two furnaces. The motion was seconded by Bob Nelligan-Barrett and passed unanimously. Kevin Arganbright will contact furnace contractors to contract for and arrange the inspections.
- Chapter Web Site (Phil Hazen)
 - No report



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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 Gail Isaac for details.

FOR SALE: Belite UltraCUB ultralight kit (never started)

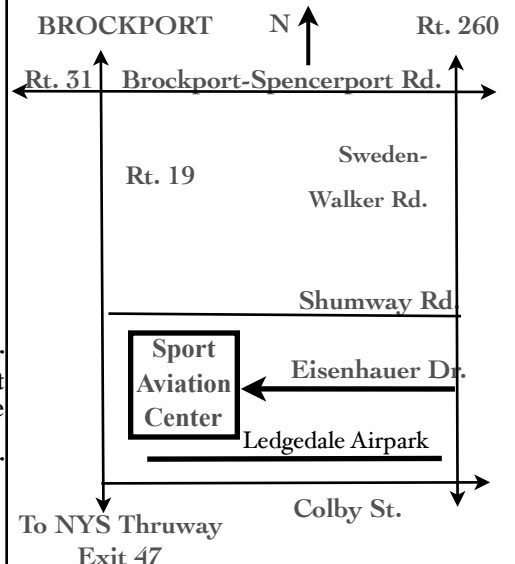


KitFox Lite derivative by James Weibe of Belite Aircraft, Full-span flaperons, folding wings, 4-stroke 1/2 VW engine.



I paid \$7400, including \$400 option for lightweight lift struts. Asking \$5500 or reasonable offer

If interested and would like more information, please email Darryl Byers at rdarrylb@gmail.com



EAA 44 Calendar



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Jan 17 Dinner 6:30 Mtg 7:30

Bob Nelligan-Barrett will be our speaker talking about his recent trip to the Royal Air Force Museum London and Stellenbosch Airfield in South Africa.

Frances Englund will be providing a chicken divan on rice entre. Please let us start the year with our usual delicious home made side dishes and desserts to complement Frances' meal.

Jan 14 SAC Work Day
Jan 17 General Meeting

Feb 11 SAC Work Day
Feb 14 Board Meeting
Feb 21 General Meeting
**Feb 25 1958 First meeting of
EAA Chapter 44 (We're 58.)**

Mar 11 SAC Work Day
Mar 14 Board Meeting
Mar 21 General Meeting

**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/

Ledgesdale 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 Saturday, 10 AM

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