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YOUNG EAGLE SUCCESS!

by **Elise Isler, Young Eagle Coordinator**

June 3rd turned out to be a PERFECT day for all. At 07:00 I headed to Tim Horton's to start us off with coffee and donuts (**Thanks Timmy Ho for the Jo!**) and set up for our first rally of the season. At first the weather looked questionable but was promising to improve so we went with that. (**Thank you Frances for waiting for the rain to pass and flying in – even before the briefing!**).

The SAC looked GREAT! At first we were wondering how and if we could set everything up for both this rally AND the birthday party –but I think it was terrific! **Thank you to all my pilots and ground crew for their dedication, assistance and participation. We do it because we love it but you all are VERY special.**

The only disappointment was, for the first time ever, I had more pilots than students pre-registered. We did not have to worry though – as always happens for one reason or another – a pilot or two couldn't fly and it was nice to have extras so the kids didn't have to wait. Also,

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7G0 50th BIRTHDAY FLY-IN & OPEN HOUSE

Chapter 44 held the second part of its double-header event on June 3 with a celebration of our airport, Ledgesdale Airpark. Over 300 guests from the Brockport community came out to the airport that no one knows about. Now they do.

Beautiful weather lead to a large turnout of classic and experimental aircraft, classic cars, special guests such as Monroe County Sheriff Patrick O'Flynn, members of the Sweden Town Board, and the first and current owners Jack Mazzarella and Walt Eisenhower respectively. Our friends at the National Warplane Museum flew in with their Beech C-45 and opened it for static tours. **Thank you Austin Wadsworth & crew for joining us.**

DJ "Cap't Crosswind", aka Dave Hurd, provided 1960's period music to give guests perspective as to when the airport was built and what was happening musically in 1967.

Thank you to the Planning Committee and all the volunteers who helped out. For many of us this was our second big community event (after the Tri-Motor) and we are improving on our experience to host these kinds of activities.

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 Eagles con't

we had more walk-in students than pre-registered! All totaled 14 kids were flown before the second event of the day began. I will let Bob share that story – but congratulations to all who organized and worked on the Birthday party. It also was a great success!

And yes Bob, I heard MANY say, “I never knew this airport was here!!” And even better for me I had parents “complain” about the Young Eagle Program: “Why don’t more people come to take advantage of this wonderful experience?” There were also people interested in the Aviation Camp, but again, congratulations Jeff, there is a waiting list!!!

With that being stated, the next rally is scheduled for July 15th. I REALLY appreciate knowing what pilots are available so I know how much I can advertise and how many students I think we can handle. I also would appreciate knowing who is available for ground crew – so please let me know as soon as possible. Let’s go flying!!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Just a note that 15 years ago last month we lost Al Garlick. He loved the EAA 44 and lived everyday for airplanes. I was whistling his tune as I was covering my Tailwind with a smile knowing that he would be right next to me getting his hands sticky. My guess is he was!

Earl Luce

**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 June 11 toward the \$10,000 challenge is \$5,075.



Now that our Altimeter has broken the \$5,000 threshold, our Anonymous Donor has added their fifth \$1,000 match to the Hangar Fund. At every \$1,000 milestone our Donor will add their matching \$1,000.

We have only 7 months left to meet OUR challenge and we are just over 50%. Let’s not lose the opportunity to earn the Donor’s matching support.

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.

OLD GOAT'S DIS & DAT

by Art Thieme

It was just a routine six month checkup with my cardiologist. I felt fine. The nurse came in and told me that I can't drive anymore. WHAT? Your heart beat is too slow. The doctor came in and asked for my keys. You can't drive. You may pass out. You need a pacemaker. I look out the window and saw the ambulance. The crew came in and strapped me on a gurney and I was in the hospital in ten minutes. It was noon and at 7 PM I had a pacemaker installed. Home the next day and could resume all my activities, including driving. But no golf or scuba diving for six weeks. I don't feel any different or have more energy. But I also haven't passed out.

I now have two 2018 calendars already. First one came at the end of May.

The clouds were at 4000 feet and puffy scattered. It was beautiful on top. I had the greatest urge to drop down and fly through the tops. I didn't do it! Have any of you ever had that urge?

It was great to celebrate the airports birthday. I met with Jack Mazzarella after many years and he said "you are the one that had the plane in the end hangar." correct. I think that we got a reduced rent because the hangar had a few problems. In the beginning Jack had kind of a flying club and produced a "ditto" newsletter (he was a teacher.) He also had a flight school and at various times a repair shop. There was also a cafeteria or a lunch counter where the pilots would gather for coffee. He said that he has more years in retirement than he worked. Me too! Eat your hearts out!!

Every house should have a basement and an attic. I have no room in our split level to store all my goodies.

May the grain be with you. The woodwright.

Old Goat, Out.

LAST MONTH'S GUEST SPEAKER

We were fortunate to have professional photographer Jim Cavanaugh (below center) from EAA Chapter 46 join us and explain how to take better aviation photos air-to-ground or air-to-air.



Jim talked about planning for safety and how to use ATC and ADS-B as extra eyes when flying and shooting. Tips he provided to Norm when he flew the Hudson River Corridor affected his flight planning and provided better photos of that experience. **Thank you Jim.**

AOPA ASI PRESENTS SAFETY SEMINAR FOR NON-TOWERED OPERATIONS

AOPA presenter Bruce Belgum led the audience of 86 pilots through six scenarios of operations at an airport like Ledgeale, so it was quite timely.

He talked about the knowledge pilots need to accrue before take-off, to expect the unexpected, the importance of clear and concise communications, and other important points.

Thank you Bruce and AOPA for this important presentation for the safety of all pilots and passengers.

YOUNG EAGLE RALLY



Elise leads a pre-flight briefing for Parents and Young Eagles (above) while Norm leads a Pilots Briefing (below.)



Randy Spurr poses with a new Young Eagle family.



Nick Humphries gets a taste of "Sweet Freedom" with Dave Hurd.



The grill was cooking all day (middle) and we had a beautiful day for flying kids.

7G0 50th BIRTHDAY FLY-IN & OPEN HOUSE



Ribbon-cutting into the next 50 years. From L to R; Sweden Town Board Supervisor Bob Carges, Sweden Town Board Councilwoman Lori Skoog, EAA 44 President Norm Isler, Sweden Town Board Councilwoman Mary Rich, EAA 44 member Nick Humphries, Event Chair Bob Nelligan-Barrett, Airport Manager Gretchen Pennington, current owners Walt and Ellen Eisenhauer, and first owners and “parents” of the airport Chris and Jack Mazzarella.



Members brought their own classic cars. We had about 30 classic cars drive in for the party.



Gail invites Jack Mazzarella (l) and Walt Eisenhauer (r) to some birthday cake

EAA Chapter 44

Minutes for Board of Directors' Meeting May 9, 2017

BOD & Officers Present: Frances Englund, Phil Hazen, Kevin Arganbright, Gail Isaac, Mike Clayton, Bob Nelligan-Barrett (via Telephone to update us on Ledgeale 50th Anniversary party). Also present: Larry Mac Donald

President Norm Isler was out of town on business. VP Phil Hazen conducted the BOD meeting.

Mike Clayton has enrolled EAA Chapter 44 as a member of a Not For Profit organization called TechSoup that makes available to qualifying 501(c)3 organizations refurbished or new items at greatly reduced pricing. Initially we are hoping to purchase a refurbished MAC Pro laptop and a 2017 copy of QuickBooks. The laptop we are currently using for chapter accounting and bookkeeping is old and has issues. The CPA we are using to prepare our annual tax returns recommended that we update the 2006 version of QuickBooks to a newer version. The new version also comes with other features that may benefit Gail and the CPA. Estimated preliminary cost of a refurbished MAC Pro and 2017 QuickBooks software DVD including shipping was determined and shared with the BOD. The BOD will meet immediately after our May 16th meeting when Mike hopes to have confirmed pricing so we can vote to approve the purchase.

Mike is also looking into what TechSoup might have in the way of a couple refurbished desktop PCs that would be used to supplement and eventually replace a couple of the old ones Jeff Peters uses for the SACamp for kids as flight simulators. We think we can come up with the additional accessories (keyboard, mouse, monitor, cables, flight controls, etc.) on our own. Bob Nelligan-Barrett

asked Mike to pay particular attention to how they are equipped, i.e. operating system, video chipset, system speed, multi-core, amount of memory etc so they might possibly support more sophisticated flight sim programs in the future. The computers we currently have were in most cases old and tired when donated. At best we only have two marginal flight sim stations which are not enough for the aviation camp to rely on.

Bob Nelligan-Barrett authorized Frances Englund to utilize remaining funds previously approved for the June 3rd Ledgeale 50th Anniversary party to purchase food supplies that will be sold at the event.

Bob updated us over the phone on the planning status for the 50th Anniversary party celebrating the building of Ledgeale Airport. Another planning meeting is being held at the SAC on May 13th.

Kevin Arganbright along with Gail & Jerry Isaac and Jim Weinkauff prepared the meeting room for the up coming Air Safety Institute seminar to be held on May 11th. Thanks Kevin, Jim, Gail & Jerry.

Jim Cavanaugh from EAA Chapter 46 will be our guest speaker at our general meeting on May 16th.

Mike Kuyt proposed a fly-out to Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome. He hopes to discuss this idea further at our May 16th meeting.

Chapter 44 members sent in 16 letters in support of the need for NYS grant money that Ledgeale Airport has applied for to replace the now non functioning airport lighting. The Town of Sweden also sent one in support of the airport. This was greatly appreciated by Gretchen and Walt.

As of May 10th, the new total in the Hangar Fund Challenge has broken another \$1000 milestone, with our anonymous donor having contributed their equal match. Our Donor has offered to provide matching funds in \$1,000 increments up to a total of \$10,000 for donations made to the Hangar Fund Challenge by the end of this year.

Going forward, our Chapter Treasurer will email Board members copies of our monthly QuickBook balance sheets.

The April Treasurer's report and BOD meeting minutes were officially approved during a phone call with Bob Nelligan Barrett.

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REGIONAL CALENDAR

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

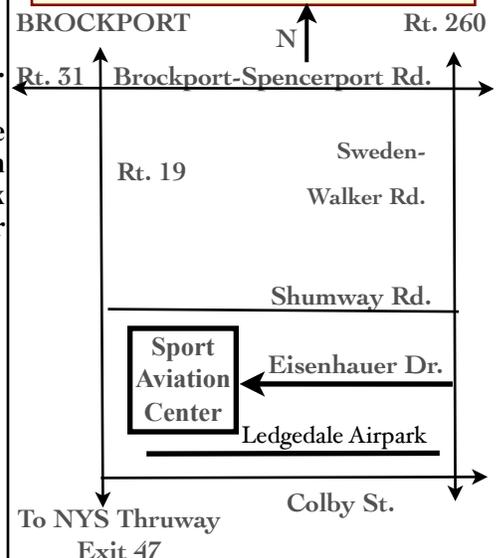
July 15/16 Geneseo Airshow!
"The Greatest Show on Turf"
Geneseo Airport [D52]
Sponsored by the National Warplane Museum.

Gates open at 7:00 am
Fly-in day on 14 Jul (Fri)

Tickets available at all Wegman's and <<https://nwmairshow.com/>>.

Presale tickets \$20.00, at the gate \$25.00, children under 12 free. For more information call (585) 243-2100

AIRVENTURE
July 24-30
Oshkosh WI



EAA 44 Calendar



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

June 20 Dinner 6:30, Mtg. 7:30

June is our traditional "Fly-in" meeting. As such only hangar flying will be discussed. **Tom & Jane Bowdler are providing entree.** Please bring a side dish and dessert to complement dinner.

July 8 SAC Work Day
July 11 Board Meeting
July 15/16 Young Eagle Rally
/Rain Date
July 18 General Meeting
July 24-30 AirVenture Oshkosh

Aug ? SAC Work Day
Aug 7-11 Sport Aviation Camp
Aug. 8 Board Meeting
Aug 12/13 Young Eagle Rally/
Rain Date
Aug 15 General Meeting
Aug. 20 Spencerport Rotary
Fly-in Breakfast

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/
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 Saturday, 10 AM

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