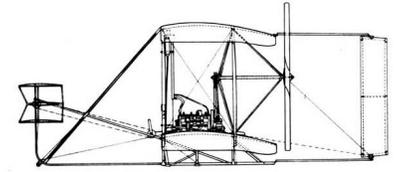




# The Flyer



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## EAA Announces Inaugural Learn to Fly Week – May 15 to 20

Aspiring aviators will have the opportunity to discover multiple pathways to becoming a pilot as EAA presents its inaugural Learn to Fly Week on May 15-20.

Beginning May 15th, expert flight instructors and representatives from various aviation organizations will present free, interactive webinars. These webinars will cover topics from starting flight training, saving time and money in flight training, preparing for the FAA written exam, to passing the checkride, and so much more. While the live showing of these presentations will be open to the public, the recordings will be archived for EAA members to view at their convenience.

Learn to Fly Week will conclude on Saturday, May 20, with Flying Start events hosted at chapters across the country. EAA's Flying Start program allows EAA chapters to welcome, encourage, and educate new aviation enthusiasts about the fun, freedom, and accessibility of personal aviation in their local area. Following a short presentation about learning to fly, attendees will be offered a free introductory Eagle Flight to experience the spirit of aviation firsthand.

“Becoming a pilot is a dream for many, but few know where to start their journey. Learn to Fly Week was created to help encourage aspiring pilots to take action and begin the pilot training process,” said David Leiting, EAA Eagles Program Manager. “Our goal is to show attendees how accessible achieving their dream actually is.” Leiting also added that inspiration from this event stemmed from packed forums at the Learn to Fly Center at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh

2022, as well as the success of other EAA virtual events like Homebuilders Week and Virtual Ultralight Days.

Combining the educational forums from the Learn to Fly Center and the connections and inspiration found at Flying Start events, EAA Learn to Fly Week is the latest effort in the ongoing effort to help aspiring pilots achieve their dream of flight.

Sporty's Pilot Shop is the presenting sponsor of Learn to Fly Week. Sporty's will be participating in multiple webinars and offering product discounts during the week.

Full webinar schedule and more details on Learn to Fly Week can be found at [EAA.org/LTFWeek](https://www.eaa.org/LTFWeek).

## Rusty Pilots Program

For those who have already learned to fly, but may be a bit rusty at it, there is an upcoming Rusty Pilots Seminar on June 17, 2023 from 9:00am to 12:30pm at the Frederick Douglass / Greater Rochester International Airport (KROC). The presenter is our very own Norm Isler!

The Rusty Pilot Seminar is a great motivator for those that have been out of the airplane for a while and want to get back. It is also a great bit of recurrent training for current pilots, student pilots and anyone that just wants to freshen up a bit of their skills.

This session qualifies for WINGS credit. More information and registration link is:

<https://pic.aopa.org/events/item/52/3879>

Preregistration is strongly suggested. Seats fill up fast.

**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.

**OPEN HOUSE FLY-IN UPDATE**  
**by Bob Nelligan-Barrett**

Thank you to all who signed up to volunteer for some activity at the Open House. There will be two more opportunities for the rest of you to sign up at the April and May Monthly Gatherings. **The theme for the Fly-In will be “Pathways Into Aviation”** where we showcase the programs and events we offer to help people get into aviation for the recreational and educational value it brings us.

As I announced at the last Chapter meeting, we will be trying some new things this year. **One is to have our PA system in the Great Room moved outside to use it to listen to radio traffic on a scanner and a Top 100 List of Aviation Songs.** If you have a personal Top 10 favorite songs about flying, send me the titles and performer. Let’s see if we can develop our EAA 44 Top 100 List. Any genre is welcome, but the song must be about flying.

I would like to take some of the mystery out of flying for our visitors by having **five Homebuilts and five Production planes on static display and to do a two-lap fly-by demonstrating a proper traffic pattern with appropriate radio calls.** Myself or other volunteers will be acting as an Announcer with our PA explaining the activity. Throughout the day from 10 AM to 3 PM, one Homebuilt and one Production plane will be on static display in front of the SAC, with the owner/pilot to talk about his or her pride and joy. Then on the hour, they will demonstrate a pre-flight inspection, and one will take off demonstrating a proper lap of the traffic pattern with radio calls, into a fly-by of the crowd, into the second lap and a landing. During this second lap, the second airplane will take off and do the same thing. When they are done and parked back in their space, our visitors can ask questions. Then the next two planes on deck will move up to the SAC ramp and repeat the process. **So I’m looking for 5 Homebuilts and 5 Production planes and their Pilots, for a two-hour time block, for this activity. Let me know if you’d be available.** I know, its all weather dependent. Let’s show the variety of GA planes we fly.

Someone asked at the last meeting if we will be offering rides. No, we won’t. EAA policy prohibits the co-mingling of Young Eagle Flights, Eagle Flights for adults (even if we offered them), and any other OFFICIAL activity at an event. Now, if an individual pilot wants to take someone for a ride to show them the joy of flying, that is up to them.

My contact info is: <[trailbossbob@icloud.com](mailto:trailbossbob@icloud.com)> or 585-754-7263 if you

**Editor’s Empennage**

Well, Happy Spring to one and all!

Earl Luce has been doing some work on a Super Cub and an article on that should be in next month’s newsletter. He also gave me some info on getting your Basic Medical locally (see next page).

Dave Amsler said he decided to replace the original cast aluminum pistons (that have reported failures) in his engine with more durable forged aluminum ones. This required sending his cylinder barrels to the UK to be specially honed and fitted with the new pistons. The guy who now owns CAMit Aero has health problems and has been out of contact for weeks at a time, but seems like he may be recovering and honing has been done and he has received the new pistons, so hoping all will ship soon and can be put back together with no problems. Hope all gets to you and put back together in time to enjoy the warm weather flying!

**Air Shows 2023**

**June 3 & 4** - Geneseo, National Warplane Museum Air show

**July 24-30** Oshkosh

**August 12 & 13** - Rochester Air show at Rochester Int’l Airport (ROC) USAF  
Thunderbirds are supposed to be there!

**Sept 2 & 3** - Genesee County Airport in Batavia, with day and night events! Check out: [wingsoverbatavia.com](http://wingsoverbatavia.com)

## **BART UPDATE**

**by Bob Nelligan-Barrett**

Since your last update in January, much progress has been made, though you may not see it. The tail feathers and ailerons have been primed with a UV protective silver layer, and wet-sanded baby-butt smooth in preparation for painting. The instrument panel has been finessed for mounting in the cockpit, the turtledeck has been varnished, as have been the three pieces of the cockpit floor.

The fuel tank below has been expanded with a three-inch addition welded to the front of it. Baffle holes were drilled into the previous front of the tank. Inlets and outlets have been welded in place, and the tank was pressure tested with a rubber glove and a hose to find any leaks. We found three, so we'll send it back to Earl for a touch up.



Tyler Mullen visited us during his Spring Break from Purdue. He dove right in and tied down the aluminum base on the turtledeck for the headrest fairing. We started a several week process of hand-priming the rear fuselage to prevent any more surface rusting. Longerons for the sides of the fuselage are being measured for new aluminum ones to replace the original wooden ones.

My goal is to have 75H Fury looking like a real airplane by the June 10 Open House Fly-in. Wings on in primer, tail feathers white, engine and prop mounted for display, instruments in the panel. We'll see.

### **Basic Medical**

Earl Luce is passing along information about a place to get your Basic Medical. In Earl's own words:

Dr Nissiem at the ASAP Walk In Medical Care building across from Wegmans in Brockport is the place to go for your basic Med physical. He is very accommodating and easy on you. I've had some snags getting through the front desk because they are not used to pilots. Hopefully the more we go there the easier it will be. No appointments necessary, just walk in. Avoid Mondays. You will be pleased with his service.

The address is 6565 4th Section Road (Route 31) #100, Brockport NY 14420 Phone (585) 391-3988

Just Google Brockport ASAP for hours open

## EAA Chapter 44 Calendar

### Next General Gathering

Next Gathering: April 18, 2023

Dinner @ 6:30 pm, \$5

Jerry and Gail Isaac will be bring subs. Please bring a dish to pass.

Gathering is @ 7:30 pm.

Our presentation is To Be Announced (TBA) at this point. I assume President Tom Henion will send out an email when it becomes known.

SAC Work Day - Saturday before General Gathering, 10 am.

**EAA 44 Open House is  
June 10, 2023**

**Young Eagle Workshop  
Daycamp is  
August 19 & 20, 2023**

**Young Eagles Events are  
scheduled for:  
May 20, 2023  
June 24, 2023  
August 26, 2023  
September 23, 2023  
October 21, 2023**

**All activities take place at the Sport Aviation Center of Western New York, and are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted.**

**Sport Aviation Center, EAA Chapter 44**  
44 Eisenhower Drive, Brockport, NY 14420  
Brockport Airport / Ledgesdale Airpark  
(7G0) 43° 10' 56" N, 77° 55' 1" W

**Board Meetings**  
2nd Monday of the month

**General Gatherings**  
3rd Tuesday of the month  
\$5 Dinner 6:30 pm, Meeting 7:30 pm

**BART - Every Wednesday 6pm to 9pm,**

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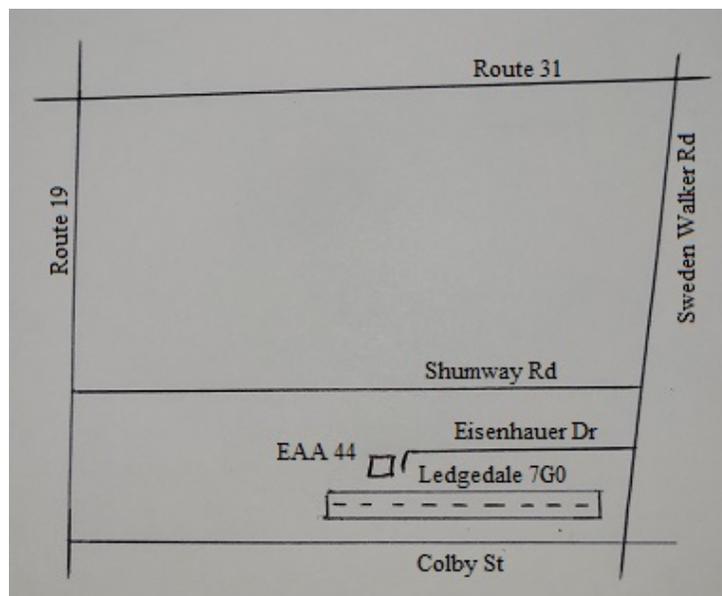
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