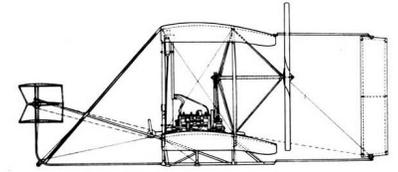




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Editor's Empegnage

Well, here we are, a New Year! I hope you are all keeping your resolutions, if you made them. Speaking of resolution, please let me know if you are having any trouble reading the newsletter. I can always increase the font size, though that may throw some formatting off. Or do what I do, zoom in to make it easier to read. Mind you, that only works with the electronic version. I haven't mailed out any hard copies, but I will, as soon as our new membership list is compiled and I see who does not use email. So like I said, new year, and basically a new newsletter. Now, my job is the editor, which is editing articles submitted to me for the newsletter. Yes, I do some writing too, but what I would like to emphasize is that this is *your newsletter for your chapter*. And that means I need your input, in the way of ideas and articles/pictures. What would you like to see in it? I am open to suggestions, and will try to accommodate all that I can (that's where that editor magic happens). Here are some ideas that I have, and please add to them: Homebuilders Hangar, where members share whatever progress they are making on whatever they are building. This is what EAA was formed around, and I would love to see what members are building; Tech Tips, if you have some important or handy information to share on aircraft building and maintenance; Members Aircraft, maybe you didn't build an airplane, but have a production model. So what? Share with us a picture of your baby and maybe a little story about how you acquired it and where you have flown in it. There is one in this month's newsletter!

Last month, I shared a link to an article in the Williamson Flying Club's newsletter about "Cool Place to Fly" by Chris Houston. Our own Dave Hurd wrote me and said they also had a downloadable spreadsheet about restaurants on or near airports. He downloaded the spreadsheet and then massaged it so that it shows distance (NM) and magnetic heading for straight line flight from Ledge Dale (7G0). Unfortunately, it is too big to include in the newsletter, so maybe Dave will send it to you if you ask him nicely. I also saved a copy of it, so I could send it to you as well. If only we had a website to save it at....

Now for a beseeching plea: We have a Chapter page through EAA National. I logged into it to see what is involved in trying to post the newsletter there, along with other items. WELL! Let me just say that webpage work is definitely not a strength that I possess, nor wish to learn. I have a big project that is using up a

lot of my RAM and I don't think I could handle learning that. SO, is there any one of our members with a bit of web savvy who would be willing to take a look at our page, and see if you can figure out how to post our newsletter there? There haven't been any posted since 2021. We could also post about upcoming events, such as a possible Open House, or the Young Eagles. Please consider helping the Chapter out with this task. Note: You probably have to be a National member to log in to do any editing.

That's about all my pitching for now. On a personal note, does one of our members have a sheet metal brake capable of bending .050" 5052 aluminum, about 24" to 30" wide?

Kudos to Jake Daly (pictured below), our 2nd Ray Aviation Scholar, who passed his Private Pilot check ride on 12/21/2022 at Humboldt, TN (M53). Congratulations, Jake!



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.

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting, 12 December, 2022

President Thomas Henion called the regular EAA Chapter 44 Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:10 pm on Monday 12 December, 2022, in the EAA Chapter 44's Sport Aviation Center (SAC).

Board Member Attendance

President	Thomas Henion	Present
Vice Pres.	Randy Spurr	Present
Director	Peter Bonneau	Present
Director	Frances Englund	Present
Director	Darrin Kenney	Present
Director	Joe Scanlon	Present
Director	Stephen North	Present
Director	Richard Tandy	Present
Director	Richard Tandy II	Absent

Others in Attendance

Gail Isaac	Receiving Treasurer - Reporting
Trina Kenney	Treasurer
R. Darryl Byers	Newsletter Editor

Housekeeping

- Next General Meeting: Tuesday, 17 January 2023 at 6:30 pm
- Meal: Frances Englund is making Chicken Divan
- Program/Speaker: Walter Gordon, local aviation author and C-130 driver will talk about Project Gemini .

Officer Reports

President - Tom Henion

- Tom thanked Joe Scanlon for volunteering to be on the Board and he also thanked Randy Spurr for running both the November BOD and General Membership meetings.
- Tom noted that the Chapter is ready to submit a Young Eagles reimbursement application to EAA National. This is for the iPad (and accessories) for Young Eagles, as well as Young Eagle workshop kits.
- The required event insurance application was also submitted to EAA National.
- The Christmas donation request is being sent out electronically with a handful by regular mail to non-connected members.

Vice President - Randy Spurr

- No report

Secretary - Stephen North (absent, meeting notes by Randy Spurr)

- Rick Tandy moved to accept the November BOD meeting minutes (as amended) ; Frances Englund seconded. Approved with 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

Treasurer - Trina Kenney (Gail Isaac, Receiving Treasurer)

- Trina Kenney presented the November 2022 Treasurer's Report for review and approval. Randy Spurr moved to accept, seconded by Rick Tandy. Approved with 8 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

Committee Reports

Building and grounds - (TBD)

- Rick asked about increasing Rick Tandy (II)'s compensation for plowing. Darrin moved to raise the plow event rate from \$50 to \$90; Frances seconded. Passed with 8 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

Baby Ace Restoration Team (BART) - Bob Nelligan-Barrett

- No report

Young Eagles (YE) - Richard Tandy

- Rick received an iPad from Tom to manage YE events.
- Rick is required to participate in an EAA Webinar for Young Eagle coordinators.

Ray Aviation Scholar - Frances Englund

- Looking for our next potential Ray Aviation Scholar. Do we have any candidates? Joe Scanlon moved that we apply for a Ray Scholarship in anticipation of finding a suitable candidate. Rick Tandy seconded. Passed with 8 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

General

Hangar Fund

- Rick Tandy reviewed options to transfer the Hangar Fund money to a better paying CD. Rick moved to transfer a portion of the hangar fund into a higher paying ESL CD; Randy seconded. Passed with 8 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

Newsletter

- Darryl polled the BOD to see who was comfortable with including member contact information. All agreed.

Adjournment

- At 8:35 pm, Rick moved to adjourn the meeting; Frances seconded. Approved with 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

BART Update - by Bob Nelligan-Barrett

October 2020 was the last time I reported here on the progress we've been making on Baby Ace N75H Fury. Here's what we've been up to. While I have been making progress reports at our General Meetings, updates in the newsletter are my "official" progress reports, so please excuse the repetition.

Good news first. As you may read elsewhere in this issue, BART member and Ray Scholar Jake Daly has earned his Private Pilot License. Both he and Tyler Mullen were home from their respective colleges over the holidays and joined us at the first BART session of 2023. It was nice to have them back. As you read last month, BART member and Ray Scholar Sharon Reithel has passed her Written Test and earned her new Lightspeed headset.

Both wings are now completed and covered and getting ready for paint. Same with the tail feathers.

We bought a complete engine and propeller and are getting ready to test mount it and build the cowlings around it.

Tech Counselor Earl Luce has done an engine upgrade on his Buttercup and donated the original nose bowl to the BART. Fury was a "bitsa" plane when Squeek built it, bits from a J-3 and a Porterfield. Earl was Squeek's welding protege, so it is fitting that Earl has made this contribution to the cause. Thank you Earl.

The teen BARTS have been building the turtle deck, and as I said in November, they are doing a WONDERFUL job. Too bad it will be covered up by fabric.

We are also building the instrument panel with new gauges donated by Lauren Rosenthal. He also donated NOS 5.00x5 wheels and master cylinders that we have decided to use.

Pete Bonneau is building the cockpit floor. It has been quite the challenge for him as the original floor was one piece, and because of parts welded in, he's had to make it out of four pieces of wood and shape each one around the structure to make it fit.

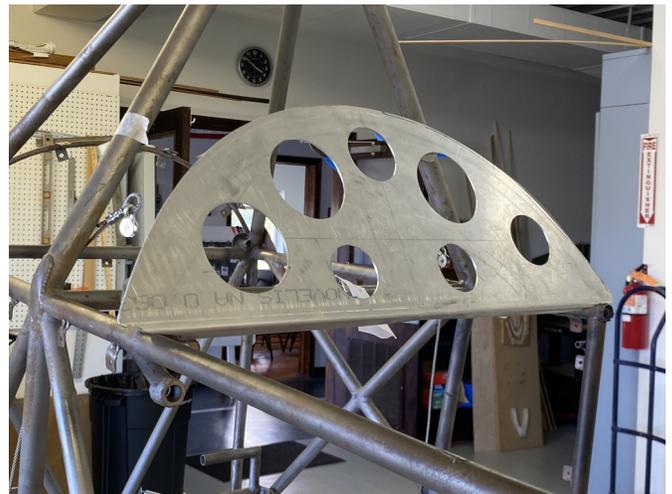
If you know of any young people or adults who may be interested in joining us, encourage them and let me know. School commitments take their toll on our attendance and instead of this being a learning project for all, Earl and Vet are having to do much of the work themselves, not what they signed up for. They want to TEACH, not DO. Remember, everyone is invited to drop in any Wednesday night between 6-9 to see what we are doing. I might (WILL) probably put you to work. Join us.

(Pictures courtesy of Bob Nelligan-Barrett)

Top: The turtle deck.

Middle: The instrument panel.

Bottom: Pete Bonneau working on the cockpit floor.



Engine Upgrade for Earl's Buttercup

Earl Luce, well known for recreating Steve Wittman's Buttercup, has given his Buttercup an engine upgrade. In Earl's email to me he said, "Total rebuilt 0-290/ 140 hp from a 0-200/ 100 hp.....what a difference." Yeah, I guess a 40% boost in power changes things a bit!



Photos courtesy of Earl Luce

Mark Scheda's New to Him Colt

Member Mark Scheda recently acquired a new to him Piper Colt. Here's what he has to say about it:

"The plane is a 1961 Piper Colt, converted to taildragger in 2007 with a Univair STC. 1844 hours TTAF. Engine is a Lycoming O-235-C1B, 108 HP. 124 hrs SMOH, 3 hrs STO. H."

One of the most unusual parts of my ownership experience so far was the trip home from TN. It was during the big November snowstorm that shut down I-90 all along the southeast shore of Lake Erie, so we took a (significantly longer) route through west-central PA to get home. We avoided most of the snow except for about a 10-mile stretch of whiteout near Perry-Warsaw along Rte 19. The very first thing I did the next day was take the whole rig to the Classy Chassis carwash in Brockport to give the airplane a well-earned bath!"

Nice looking airplane, Mark!

On the ramp at Shelbyville, TN, prior to purchase and disassembly.



Ready to roll, still in TN.



First photo in the Colt's new home at Gaines.



After disassembly, loading on my trailer.



After the first flight from Gaines.



Photos courtesy of Mark Scheda

EAA Chapter 44 Calendar

Next General Meeting

Next meeting is January 17, 2023

Dinner @ 6:30 pm, \$5

Frances Englund is making Chicken Divan. Please bring a dish to pass.

Meeting is @ 7:30 pm.

Our scheduled presenter is Walter Gordon, talking about Project Gemini.

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

Air Shows 2023

June 3 & 4 - Geneseo, National Warplane Museum Airshow

August 12 & 13 - Rochester Airshow at Rochester Int'l Airport (ROC) USAF Thunderbirds are supposed to be there!

Sept 1, 2, & 3 - Rumored airshow at Genesee County Airport in Batavia, with possible A-10C Thunderbolt II (Warthog) Team.

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

BART - Every Wednesday 6pm to 9pm, everyone welcome!

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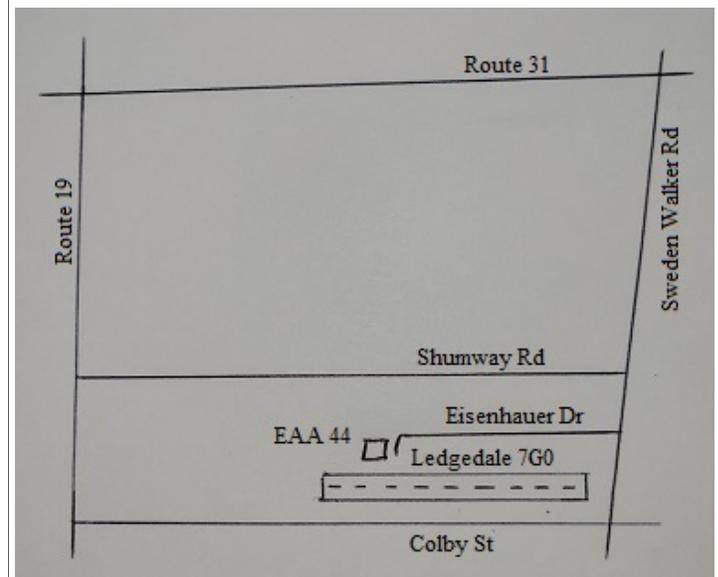
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