



# The Flyer

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## Gaines Valley Aviation Honors Earl Luce

On October 26, 2023, Gaines Valley Aviation (GVA), held a ceremony to honor the late Earl J Luce, Jr., by dedicating and naming the air field, NY06, after him. GVA President Raymond Johnson conducted the ceremony, wherein a few anecdotes about Earl were shared, relating to his love of aviation, and hunting. There were about 40 people in attendance, including several members of EAA 44.

GVA President Raymond Johnson answered a question as to whether the name of the airport would be changed on sectional charts with the response that the paperwork with the FAA was a huge hassle, and that it will remain as Gaines Valley on them, but local air traffic will likely refer to it as Luce Field.

Below is a picture of the sign that was unveiled on the clubhouse during the ceremony. (Thanks, Mark Scheda)



Board Meeting minutes are at: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea44/newsletters/meeting-minutes>

**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.

This is the sign out by the road (Gaines Waterport Road, NY Route 279) in front of the airport.

Earl Luce, gone, but definitely not forgotten.

Picture courtesy of Mark Scheda



Has anyone seen our sign? Or heard of what may have happened to it? It went missing about 3 weeks ago. Everything is gone, including the posts, leaving nothing but two holes in the ground. President Tom Henion checked with Cody (airport manager), the Town of Sweden Highway Department, and the Monroe County DOT and none had removed it or knew anything about its removal. Gail, Jerry and Tom checked the road sides to see if it was there. Tom filed a report with the Sheriffs. Tom has also sent a possible article to the Westside News. Did someone need some metal for a project or a rival chapter take it? Who knows?

If you hear of anything through the grapevine, please contact a board member.

## Annual Elections !

The November gathering is when we have our yearly elections, as required by our bylaws. The bylaws require us to have a Board of nine members, or we shall not operate as a club. There are at least a couple openings, so **PLEASE** consider standing for a Board position.

The Board meets once a month, on the second Monday, usually at the Sport Aviation Center (SAC). There may be some extra-curricular duties, depending on what events are upcoming and decided on by the Board.

Many long time members have served terms, and multiple terms, on the Board, for which we thank them! We have had many newer members in the past couple of years, so it would be nice to see one or two them to step up and bring a new face and new perspective to the Board. I believe you have to have been a member of EAA 44 for at least one year, but President Tom Henion can correct me if I am wrong.

Speaking of President Tom, he and Vice-President Randy Spurr are standing down from their positions at this election (if my information is correct). Let us thank them for their time and energies in guiding this organization!

Veteran's Day November 11th - Lest We Forget (serious, with a touch of levity)





Dear Chapter Members and Friends of EAA Chapter 44:

If your friends and loved ones need a suggestion of what to get you for the holidays, please ask them to consider making a donation to EAA Chapter 44 in your honor.

Donations can be earmarked for the General Fund to support the Sport Aviation Center and our educational programs, the Building Expansion Capital Campaign, the Baby Ace Restoration Team (BART), or the Chapter Scholarship Fund.

No donation is too small!

Donations are 100 percent tax deductible if the donor itemizes deductions.

Please show the following letter to friends and family members wishing to give you a gift. A special holiday card will be sent to the honoree, and a receipt will be sent to the donor.





Dear Friends and Family,

If you wish to give me a special gift this holiday season, please consider making a donation in my name to:

**The Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 44**

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When a donation is received:

- A gift card can be sent either to the donor to be gifted personally or directly to the person whom your donation honors.
- A receipt will be sent to the **donor** indicating the date and amount donated.

This holiday card will let the person you are honoring know that you have made a donation in their name to help realize the EAA dream. You may have us include a personal note if you so choose. Please include it in the space below or attach a separate sheet.

Donations can be earmarked for the General Fund to support the Sport Aviation Center and our educational programs, the Building Expansion Capital Campaign, the Baby Ace Restoration Team (BART), or the Chapter Scholarship Fund. Please check the box below to indicate how you want the money used.

For more information about our chapter, please visit our website <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea44>

Please print out and use this handy form to mail your donations directly to:

EAA Chapter 44  
c/o Trina Kenney  
27 Keystone Ct, Brockport, NY 14420

**Enclosed is my check made payable to EAA Chapter 44 as a tax-deductible gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please choose one:**  General Fund     Building Fund     The BART     Chapter Scholarship

**Name of Honoree:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, Zip, State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Donor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*\*\* Mail the holiday card to:  Donor     Honoree \*\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*\*Note any special message you would like written in the card:**

EAA Chapter 44 is a 501 (c)(3) educational organization registered with the United States Internal Revenue Service and New York State. We are dedicated to the promotion of aviation activities, and the preservation of our aviation heritage.

**Next General Gathering**

Next Gathering: November 21, 2023

Dinner @ 6:30 pm, Steak Night!

You needed to sign up for this via the sheet at the club or email to President Tom Henion. Emails were sent out. The deadline is past.

Gathering is @ 7:30 pm.

Annual Elections !!! Please consider standing for the Board!

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



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, everyone welcome!

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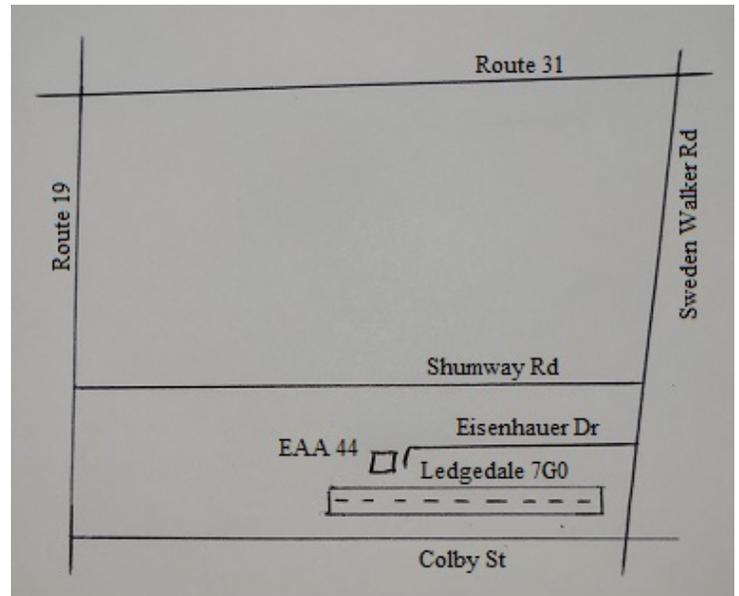
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