



# The Flyer



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## Paulism of the Month by EAA Founder Paul Poberezny

We welcome the dreamer, non-pilot enthusiast who is willing to work very hard to enable the few to become airborne. He serves EAA in positions ranging from menial tasks to leadership.

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## \$10,000 HANGAR MATCH CHALLENGE ANNOUNCED

by Larry Greeno

President Michael Clayton announced at the October general meeting a generous anonymous donation to match up to \$10,000 contributed towards the hangar fund through December 31, 2017. For example, if you make a \$50 contribution designated for the hangar fund, the ‘challenger’ will match it with a \$50 gift also designated for the hangar fund.

When you contribute, make your check payable to EAA Chapter 44 and put ‘Hangar Gift Match’ on the memo line. If cash, include a brief note specifying same.

Mail or hand deliver your donation for matching to Treasurer Gail Isaac, 6 Clearview Dr., Spencerport, NY 14559

*(Editors Note: Thank you very much to our anonymous donor. It is because of your belief in our mission, and a contribution like this, that has allowed the Sport Aviation Center to be built and for EAA 44 to thrive and to grow and to offer the programs it does to the general public and aviation community. Ed.)*

## NEW MEMBERS ELECTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Chapters’ Annual Election Meeting & Steak Night was held in November. At that time several new faces joined the Board. New Directors Kevin Arganbright, Samantha Horne, and Craig Ritson have joined reelected incumbents President Mike Clayton, VP Norm Isler, Secretary Jeff Peters, Directors Phil Hazen and Bob Nelligan-Barrett, and Treasurer Gail Isaac as your Officers and Board of Directors for the coming year.



Thank you to Francis Englund, Carol Swanger, and Jim Weinkauff for throwing their hats in the ring as possible candidates. We appreciate your contributions to the Chapter

The Board also thanks outgoing members Darryl Byers and Rob Williams for their service and look forward to their involvement in other roles with the Chapter.

**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.

## BUILDING AND GROUNDS UPDATE

by Kevin Arganbright

I would like to thank the dependable and committed Saturday work crew for all the goals that were met this past year. A note of thanks for work crew and friends - sincere appreciation is extended to all! The following people are to be commended for coming in regularly to help with ongoing building and ground improvements and necessary scheduled maintenance: Mike Clayton, Larry Greeno, Larry MacDonald, Jim Weinkauf, Jack Frenz, Jeff Peters, Gail Isaac, Jerry Isaac, Dave Amsler, and Bob Nelligan-Barrett.

Much was accomplished in 2015!

**The kitchen upgrade was a big success!** Special thanks extended to Norm Isler and Glen Reed, along with the work crew for their support. Norm designed the Kitchen, Glen built many of the cabinets and doors. Both Norm and Glen were responsible for the installation. **Greg Hoas donated the tile and installed the backsplash.** The Saturday work crew extended a wall, then painted both walls, poly-coated the cabinets, and installed the new electrical box for the range.

**The shop was also finished this year.** We cleared and organized, then dry walled and painted, installed cabinets and trim, and painted the floor.

**Bob Nelligan-Barrett and Carol Swanger worked to organize our extensive library.**

**Gail Isaac planted and maintained our front entrance garden throughout the growing season.**

**Jim Weinkauf plowed the parking lot all winter and with the help of Russ Swanger maintained the lawn all summer.**

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## BOTTLE QUEEN REPORT

by Gail Isaac

Hi all, I thought the following numbers would knock your socks off and for all who were not at the November meeting, here goes.

In July, I turned in a record (for us) of 1,984 cans. I was hoping to hit 1,000 cans in one month but this exceeded all my expectations.

For the year up to the November meeting, you turned in 10,674 cans and bottles.

Since I started doing this crazy idea in 2010, you have turned in 112,451 cans and bottles (you do the math!) to the SAC fund

It has proven to be a financial perk to the club and all you drinkers are the ones to thank so keep drinking and I will keep collecting.

### (Buildings & Grounds cont)

Our projects include installation of a mailbox, a key box, blinds for the windows, a projection screen, and a new access light.

While accomplishing all the above and more, the building was kept clean and maintained to a high standard with everyone's help.

When I review my notes I'm impressed with how much we've done. A big thank you to everyone involved, and my apologies if I've unintentionally failed to mention anyone by name.



Dear Friends and Family,

With the holidays fast approaching, if you are wishing to give me a gift, please consider making a donation in my name to Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 44 (EAA 44) to allow us to continue to offer educational programs for the aviation community and general public.

It has been almost five years since we officially opened the Sport Aviation Center at Brockport Airport. In that time we have offered over 50 guest speakers on a variety of aviation topics, given several hundred kids their first airplane ride, held youth aviation camps and Scout community service projects, and hosted safety seminars for the pilot community, all free and open to the public. And we completed construction of the Sport Aviation Center at the same time. Donations will be used to support our educational programs. EAA 44 is a 501(c)3 organization. All donations are tax deductible if you itemize on your tax return.

When a donation is received, a receipt will promptly be sent to the donor indicating the date and amount donated. A gift card will also be sent either to the donor, or directly to the person your donation honors. This card will let the person you are recognizing know that you have made a donation in their name to help realize the EAA dream.

Please use this handy form to mail your donations to:

Experimental Aircraft Association  
Chapter 44  
c/o Gail Isaac Treasurer  
6 Clearview Dr.  
Spencerport, NY 14559

Enclosed is my check payable to: EAA Chapter 44 as a tax-deductible gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
in honor/memory of :

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Type a special message you would like written in the card:

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## REALLY OLD GOAT MUSINGS

by Art Thieme

To write or not to write, that is the question. In the years past the chapter took a hiatus in December (I love the word 'hiatus'.) So as newsletter editor I didn't have to put out a newsletter. The chapter has changed a lot since then, and for the better. Trailboss Bob puts out a December issues and the Chapter meets informally. so here goes...

Last month I turned 90. Thank you. When I was 89 I felt young. At 90 I told myself that I was really old. Now I have to exercise, cut out salt, reduce red meat intake, drink more fluids, go to bed early, etc. Not gonna happen. Apparently what I was doing was OK. And my mental health is due to my flying. Nothing better than a one hour pleasure flight checking on the landscape. Never did locate the nudist grounds.

This is the earliest time that I had the battle of the lights. How can those Christmas lights get so tangled up after you so carefully coiled them up last year? It is also the first time I put up lights without standing in a foot of snow. And we did already get a Christmas card from a friend. Those retirees need to get a hobby. So now I can wish you all a happy holiday season.

Some of the dumb things we do are from ignorance, not from bad intentions Fly safely!

Old goat, out.

### EAA Chapter 44 Board of Directors' Meetings 10 November 2015

**Board Members Present:** Clayton, Nelligan-Barrett, Byers, Kuyt, N. Isler, Williams and Peters

**Other Members Present:** Isaac, Arganbright, Shaw, DiDonato

#### Reports:

- President (Mike Clayton)
  - Mike led a discussion about the upcoming BOD elections that will be held at the November General Meeting. A total of six board positions are open (5 two year terms and 1 one year term) and nine members have agreed to run for a position on the BOD – Kevin Arganbright, Frances Englund, Phil Hazen, Samantha Horne (interested in the 1 yr term), Norm Isler, Bob Nelligan-Barrett, Craig Ritson, Carol Swanger and Jim Weinkauf. The top 5 vote getters will be elected to the 5 two year terms and the sixth highest vote getter will be elected to the 1 one year term. Jeff Peters reviewed the proposed election ballot and it was approved for use with minor modifications.
- Vice President (Norm Isler)
  - The AOPA Safety Institute Seminar was held the SAC on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. With 56 participants. Tom Curran, the Seminar Presenter, expressed his and AOPA's appreciation to EAA 44 for hosting a successful event at the SAC and for our hospitality. **Thanks to the Saturday work crew for preparing the facility and to Jerry Isaac, Phil Hazen, Bill Shaw, Jim Weinkauf, Tom Bowdler, Jeff Peters and Mike Clayton for helping out at the seminar.**
  - Norm Isler proposed purchasing a new Copier/Scanner/Printer for the Young Eagle Rallies. Monies that we have received from EAA for our participation in the YE Program will

be used to defray the cost of the printer. The motion was seconded by Mike Kuyt and passed unanimously.

- Treasurer (Gail Isaac)
  - The report was read and approved.
- Secretary (Jeff Peters)
  - October Meeting minutes read and approved per motion of Rob Williams, seconded by Mike Kuyt, passed unanimously.

#### Business:

##### Homebuilder's Council (Darryl Byers)

- No report.

- Capital Campaign (Larry Greeno)
  - Rob Williams updated the Board re the status of the Capital Campaign Committee process and the Hanger Fund.
- 2015 Program (Mike Kuyt – Speaker Seeker)
  - There will not be a specific program for the November Meeting as it is the traditional steak roast event and the BOD elections. The December un-meeting be be a social hangar talk gathering.
- Building Committee (Kevin Arganbright)
  - No report.
- Young Eagle Adventure Camp (YEAC) (Jeff Peters)
  - The organizational meeting for the 2016 YEAC was held on October 28<sup>th</sup>.  
Jeff Peters outlined the YEAC parameters to facilitate the camp marketing activities that will start in January.
- Oshkosh Airlift (Joe DiDonato)
  - Despite significant marketing efforts to increase participation in the Oshkosh Airlift, there were only two participants in the total Airlift package and 4 individuals who booked rooms through our program for 2015. As the participation in the Airlift has declined significantly

- Oshkosh Airlift (Joe DiDonato)
  - over the past several years and is now below acceptable cost benefit ratio levels, the Board voted to dis-continue the program for 2016 and beyond. **The Board thanked Joe for all his efforts in coordinating the Airlift.**

As the Chapter needs to provide our members and friends of the chapter with opportunities to explore a variety of aviation related venues, a quick brainstorm of future “trip” options included Sun & Fun, National Air Races in Reno, National Air Museum in Washington, D.C., aviation museums in NYC, aviation themed cruises (Kings), Red Bull Races, Cradle of Aviation Museum on LI and the Dayton Museum.

#### **General Membership Meeting November 17, 2015**

Congratulations to the following six members who were elected to the Board of Directors by the membership via written ballots at the General Membership Meeting:

Kevin Arganbright  
Phil Hazen  
Samantha Horne  
Norm Isler  
Bob Nelligan-Barrett  
Craig Ritson

Thanks also to Frances Englund, Carol Swanger and Jim Weinkauff for agreeing to support the Chapter by participation in the election process.

Mike and Norm thanked both Rob Williams and Darryl Byers, who opted not to run for re-election, for their past board service and contributions to the chapter.

#### **Special Board of Directors Meeting November 17, 2015**

Immediately following the General membership Meeting, The newly elected Board elected the following officers for 2016:

President – Mike Clayton  
Vice President – Norm Isler  
Secretary – Jeff Peters  
Treasurer – Gail Isaac

Samantha Horne opted to fill Dave Hurd's remaining one year term.

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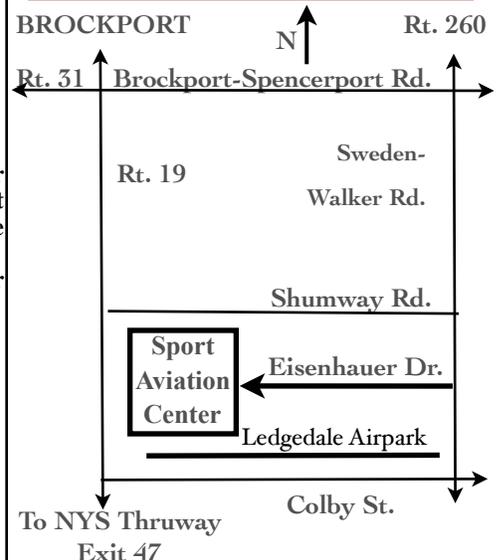
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Gifts of cash, securities or other property to the Chapter for the benefit of the Sport Aviation Center are welcome and fully tax deductible.

Contact Treasurer Gail Isaac for details.

**REGIONAL CALENDAR**

A great resource for regional fly-in breakfasts and other events is the **Upstate NY's Aviation List** at <upstatelist.org>.



## EAA 44 Calendar



### NEXT GENERAL MEETING December 15 6:30 PM

Join us for our annual Holiday Party. Pot luck, bring a dish or dessert to pass, and BYOB. Spouses and/or a guest are welcomed. No meeting agenda, no speakers (the Board's gift to you.) Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from EAA 44.

January 9 SAC Work Day (tent)  
Jan. 12 Board Meeting  
Jan. 19 General Meeting  
Jan. 23 SAC Work Day (tent)

February 9 Board Meeting  
Feb. 13 SAC Work Day (tent)  
Feb. 16 General Meeting  
**Feb. 25 1st General Meeting of EAA 44 1958** (58 years ago)  
Feb. 27 SAC Work Day (tent)

March 8 Board Meeting  
Mar. 12 SAC Work Day (tent)  
Mar. 15 General Meeting  
Mar. 27 SAC Work Day (tent)

**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**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7 PM

### **General Meetings-**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday,

\$5 Dinner 6:30, Meeting 7:30

### **SAC Saturday Work Days**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays, 10 AM  
(as needed if called by Kevin)

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