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Paulism of the Month by EAA Founder Paul Poberezny

EAA Is not about airplanes, it's about people.



FORD TRI-MOTOR COMING TO THE SAC!

by Bob Nelligan-Barrett, Tour Stop Chairman

EAA Air Tour Manager Kristy Busse has chosen Chapter 44 to host a tour stop of EAA's 1929 Ford Tri-Motor (above) on June 23-26. The Tri-Motor will be hopping rides and be the centerpiece of our 5th Anniversary celebration of the opening of the Sport Aviation Center of Western New York.

Why are we doing this? BECAUSE WE CAN! And because it is VERY cool to host (AND TO RIDE ON) an aircraft of this historical significance. Tri-Motor rides satisfy our Mission of promoting aviation, EAA 44 and the Sport Aviation Center.

Additional activities that we plan for the event will encourage the general public and flying community to "Explore Aviation..." Local media will be given complimentary rides to promote the tour stop, aviation and EAA Chapter 44. The chapter also receives a commission on seats, merchandise, and ground tour sales.

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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.

Ford Tri-Motor con't

While EAA will be responsible for providing and maintaining the aircraft, handling reservations, marketing and promotions, they depend on local knowledge and volunteers to make the tour stop successful. Chapter 44 will be responsible for recruiting sponsorship support, doing local promotion and marketing, and providing volunteers and equipment support for the aircraft and crew while they are here.

Two key volunteer positions are identified in the Chapter Manual for this event. They are: **Marketing & Media Chair** who will work directly with EAA Marketing in Oshkosh and local media. This person would also be responsible for recruiting sponsorship support; and a **Volunteers & Equipment Chair** who would be responsible for recruiting, scheduling and briefing volunteers, as well as handling equipment needs during the stop. We will probably have a need for more committees and LOTS of volunteers. And they don't need to be only from Chapter 44. We will find a role for anyone who wants to participate.

If you are interested in being a Chair or a volunteer, please see Bob Nelligan-Barrett, who has volunteered to be the Tour Stop Chair. **This event equals the importance of our Grand Opening/Dedication and Grassroots Tour stop 5 years ago.** But now we have a finished building with walls! ;-)

If you have had the opportunity to "Fly the Ford" at Oshkosh, you know what an amazing, visceral experience it is. In an age of jets and turbine powered props, we forget what it's like to look out your window (EVERY seat on a Tri-Motor is a window seat) and see a big, throbbing, 9-cylinder, 450 HP, Pratt & Whitney Wasp radial engine spinning its propeller mere inches from your face.

Be sure to reserve your seat at <FlyTheFord.org>. Adults \$70, Children (17 & under) \$50, Walk-up \$75 Adults/ \$50 for kids. Ford Tri-Motor photo Copyright EAA.

HANGAR FUND CHALLENGE ALTIMETER

For every dollar donated to our Hangar Fund, an additional dollar will be matched by an Anonymous Donor now through 12/31/2017. Our current total is... well, you're aviators, you can figure it out. ;-) The Altimeter will be updated monthly.



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, 8 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 DROPPINGS

by Art Thieme

This may be the shortest “Droppings” yet! I was looking for material about an airplane that was in a magazine and I couldn’t find it. So I looked for Janes All The World Aircraft. Not there. That volume is so large it can’t just disappear. But it did. While searching I found material, stuff, that was long gone. At any rate I was going to share with you info about a plane that anyone who has attended the EAA museum couldn’t miss. The plane hangs in the entrance way and is a beauty. As I remember it, the plane was built as a racer in pre-war France. During the war it was stored and hidden from the Germans. how it got to the EAA I don’t know. At any rate the plane has been copied and built. It recently flew. As soon as I send this material to Editor Bob I will find the plane.



It's a Bugatti 100P (above). Ed.

Aviation Week ran a short article on Burt Rutan’s new plane. It said that it flew about an hour. They had a picture of it the size of a postage stamp. I was going to send it to Editor Bob thinking that he could enlarge it. No need. The EAA latest magazine has a great story and a large picture of Rutan’s SkiGull. Burt is apparently retired from the professional side of aircraft design but sill needs to design and build planes. He is now a homebuilder. I’m sure if the plane is successful, pilots will want plans/kits. Hopefully it will be at Oshkosh this year.

It is what it is. Happy New Year!
Old Goat, out.

EAA Chapter 44 Board of Directors' Meetings 8 December 2015

Board Members Present: Clayton, Nelligan-Barrett, Byers, Isler, Williams, Hazen, Arganbright, Horne, Ritson and Peters

Other Members Present: Isaac, Greeno

Reports:

- ▲ President (Mike Clayton)
 - ▲ Mike and the Board members welcomed our newly elected BOD members Kevin Arganbright, Samantha Horne and Craig Ritson. Mike also thanked outgoing members Darryl Byers and Rob Williams for their support of the Chapter and their service on the Board. Mike briefly outlined the typical board meeting process and requested that he be contacted in advance re new agenda items.
- ▲ Vice President (Norm Isler)
 - ▲ To facilitate the orientation of the new board members, Norm & Phil Hazen summarized the history of EAA Chapter 44, and provided background information about a variety of issues and challenges that have impacted the board and chapter over the years.
- ▲ Treasurer (Gail Isaac)
 - ▲ The report was read and approved.

Mike, Norm and Gail outlined the methodology that will be used to formulate the 2016 Chapter Budget. A draft balance sheet and budget were reviewed and Norm and Gail will develop the appropriate input data for the budget.

Secretary (Jeff Peters)

- ▲ November Meeting minutes read and approved per motion of Norm Isler, seconded by Bob Nelligan-Barrett, 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, the Hanger Fund and the \$10,000 Hangar Match Challenge. A draft copy of the case statement for the hangar was distributed for board review. Rob and the board also thanked Jerry Isaac for creating the Hangar Match Challenge "Altimeter" progress chart that will be displayed at the SAC.

▲ 2015 Program (Mike Kuyt – Speaker Seeker)

- ▲ No Report.

▲ Building Committee (Kevin Arganbright)

- ▲ Kevin updated the board re required building inspections.

▲ Young Eagle Adventure Camp (YEAC) (Jeff Peters)

- ▲ Jeff Peters outlined the YEAC parameters to facilitate the camp marketing activities that will start in January. The 2016 Camp will be held on Monday, Aug. 8th – Friday, Aug. 12th.

▲ New Business – Ford Tri-Motor Visit

- ▲ In addition to the EAA's Ford Tri-Motor being displayed and providing rides at AirVenture in Oskosh each year, the plane visits various EAA chapters in a specific region of the country. The BOD is very pleased that the EAA has approved our request to host a Tri-Motor visit in 2016. This unique and rare aircraft will be hosted at the SAC on June 23-26. Bob Nelligan-Barrett has volunteered to lead the project. Details of this historic event to follow.

▲ New Business – Flying Club Research

- ▲ Jeff Peters updated the board re the investigation of a potential flying club involving EAA44 members. To date 5 or 6 members have voiced an interest in pursuing the concept and have been participating in an e-mail exchange. Both the EAA and AOPA flying club guideline manuals have been reviewed and existing clubs will be contacted re their experiences. A potential club could focus on acquiring a flying aircraft, building one, and or both. Anyone interested in participating in the project should contact Jeff Peters.



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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

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

**Ford Tri-Motor
at the SAC!**

June 23-26

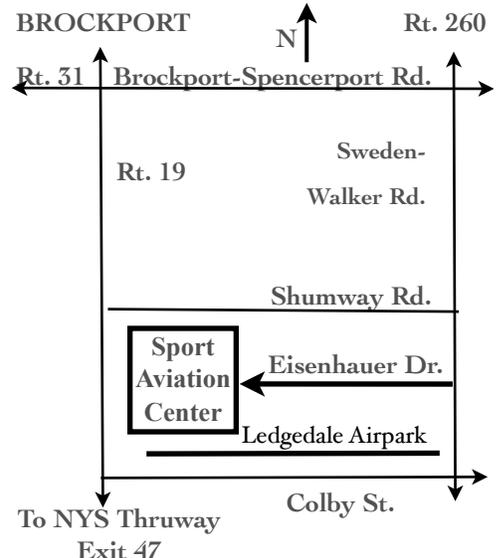
Adults \$70,

Children (17 & under) \$50

Walk-up \$75/\$50

Book your seats at

<FlyTheFord.org>.



EAA 44 Calendar



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Jan. 19 Dinner 6:30, Mtg 7:30

Jim Weinkauff is providing our dinner. Frances Englund will be speaking on the history of The 99's and her involvement, and also talk about how she acquired her Skyhawk.

As always, please bring a dessert or dish to pass for all. Thank you. Stay warm.

Feb. 9 Board Meeting
Feb. 16 General Meeting
Feb. 25 First Meeting of EAA Chapter 44 1958 (58 years young)

March 8 Board Meeting
March 15 General Meeting

April 12 Board Meeting
April 19 General Meeting

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)

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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 & 4th Saturdays, 10 AM

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