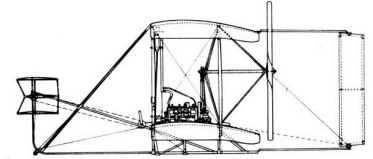




The Flyer



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International Vintage Sailplane Meet 2024

On July 6, 2024, Bob Nelligan-Barrett and some of the BART team members went to the opening day of the International Vintage Sailplane Meet at Harris Hill in Elmira. (The event ran from July 6 through 13)

Here is a picture of them all:



From left to right: Nina Diaz, the Owner of the John Robinson “Robin” (an experimental “homebuilt”, second oldest plane on the field, 1938), Alana Craig, Vet Thomas, Mathew Barry, Harshvardhan Gupta (Harsh), Sri Charitha Velamuri (Cherry), and Bob Nelligan-Barrett. Eileen & Tom Henion, and Dave Amsler arrived after this photo was taken. A fun day for the group! Alana, Harsh, and Bob took 15-20 minute sailplane rides!

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.

My First Glider Ride

Alana Craig, one of the BART team members who went to the International Vintage Sailplane Meet, had her first ride in a sailplane (an ASK-21) while she was there. Her previous aviation experience has been a ride in Vet Thomas's CUBy.

In her own words:

Joined by the Bart group from Chapter 44, I ventured to the Vintage Glider Show in Elmira, New York, eagerly anticipating my first glider flight. Excitement surged as I prepared for the unique experience ahead. Before boarding, I delved into understanding these engineless marvels—how they harness air currents and rely on skilled piloting for flight. Strapped in, my heart raced with a mix of nerves and exhilaration as we ascended into the sky. The takeoff, particularly the breathtaking drop off the cliff edge, offered a stunning view of the landscape below—a mosaic of rolling hills and shimmering lakes.

As we soared, the beauty of the scenery unfolded in all its glory. The peaceful silence of the glider allowed me to appreciate the natural splendor surrounding us, enhancing the serenity of the flight. Moments later, the pilot initiated exhilarating spins that left me momentarily dizzy yet thoroughly exhilarated. The unexpected thrill added a delightful twist to the experience, each spin becoming more enjoyable than the last.

Taking control of the glider under the pilot's guidance was a highlight I'll cherish forever. Feeling the subtle responses of the aircraft to my commands was empowering and exhilarating. Time seemed to stretch as I savored every moment of flight, though the landing brought a mix of relief and the desire for more.

Reflecting on the experience, it was more than a checkmark on my bucket list—it was transformative. The serene yet exhilarating journey highlighted the beauty of silent flight and the boundless possibilities of aviation. Hours after landing, the grin on my face persisted, a testament to the realness and joy of this unforgettable glider adventure amidst the stunning landscapes of Elmira.

(Editor: I think she liked it :))

(I am posting some pictures from the event. I don't have particulars on the aircraft.)





Earl Luce's Tribute Brick at Oshkosh

It was sunny at 10:00 Wednesday morning during AirVenture 2024. Earl would have liked it. About 15 – 20 of his friends and family gathered on the plaza in front of the Brown Arch at Oshkosh to see the memorial brick placed there in Earl's memory.

Led by Jeff LaChause, a group of Earl's friends pulled together funding to provide the brick as a permanent reminder of the guidance and inspiration Earl provided for so many pilots and builders. Fund raising was successful enough that after purchasing the stone there was enough money left over to provide Earl's wife and daughter, Laura and Shannon, with transportation and a day at AirVenture. Although Laura had traveled to Oshkosh with Earl many times it was Shannon's first trip to see where her father spent so many summer days.



If you are ever in Oshkosh, stop by the Brown Arch (at left), AirVenture's ceremonial entrance to the homebuilt flight line, and check out the stone in position A-10, selected for Earl's love of the plane by the same name.



Steaks at Ledgedale!

Cody Johnson and crew are holding Steak & Baked Potato Fly Ins this season (see poster below). Gail Isaac said that she & Jerry, along with Tom & Eileen Henion, went to the May event. In Gail's words, "The steaks were tender and cooked perfect. Baked potatoes had all the toppings and rolls were fluffy."

Come and have dinner and support our airport and its new owners!



LEDGEDALE AIRPARK

Steak & Baked Potato Fly In

May 22 • June 26 • July 24 • Aug 28 • Sept 25

Rain Date: Next Day
6:00pm - 9:00pm

**Meal: Steak, Baked Potato,
Salad, Soft Drinks**

Everyone: \$25.00

RSVP recommended, but not necessary
ledgedaleairpark7GO@gmail.com

Under wing camping available

21 Eisenhower Dr Brockport, NY
Fly In: Paved: 4200'
Unicom: 122.7 | Fuel: 100LL & Jet A

July's Presentation

Our July presentation was supposed to be by Dan Vinton, about the Miracle on the Hudson from a passenger's point of view. Unfortunately, Dan tested positive for COVID a few days before our gathering. Norm Isler was kind enough to fill in with a talk about his ferry flight of his and Elise's 1958 Cessna 175 winter home in Florida back to its summer home in New York State.

Norm also included a talk and pictures of his latest aviation infatuation, gyrocopters!

Here are some pictures, provided courtesy of Bob Nelligan-Barrett:



Norm and Elise Isler's 1958 Cessna 175 on the tarmac at Ledgeale with the Ford Tri-Motor.



The gyrocopter at left is a SilverLight Aviation American Ranger AR-1. It seats two people in a tandem arrangement. Norm said that this is the machine he has done most of his recent training in.

The gyrocopter at right is a Magni M-24. It also seats two people, but in a side by side arrangement. Norm said he has had a few flights in this gyro, but finds the tandem seating more fun.



I don't recall what was happening here, but I can't resist an opportunity to show a picture of Snoopy as a WW1 ace. Norm and I share an affection for this cartoon character!

EAA Chapter 44 Calendar

Next General Gathering

August 20, 2024

Dinner @ 6:30 pm \$5 donation

Dinner will be pulled pork, provided by Norm & Elise Isler. Please bring a dish to pass.

Gathering is @ 7:30 pm.

The presentation will be by Jim Straub about bomb and ordnance loading of aircraft during the Vietnam War.

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

Air Shows 2024

August 31- September 1,
Wings over Batavia

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 Tuesday 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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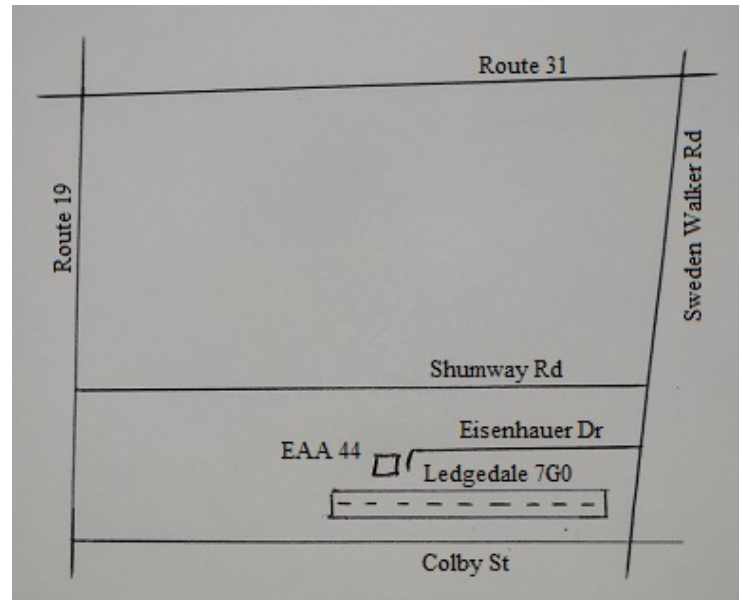
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