



# The Flyer



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**Paulism of the Month by EAA Founder Paul Poberezny: "Equality- EAA is open to all. Who do we tell that they are not welcome? Who do we tell that they should just stay home?"**

## LAST MONTH'S GUEST SPEAKER SAMANTHA HORNE FROM YOUNG EAGLE TO PILOT

It is not very often that we are able to watch the aviation trajectory of a former Young Eagle or young person to whom we gave an early flight.

Fortunately for us, Samantha Horne, 18, IS such a person. Around 2011 Samantha attended a Boy Scout Aerocamp with her brother but did not "participate." However, she did pay attention and ask questions, and in the end received an airplane ride from someone there. Later, EAA 44 member Vet Thomas gave her her second ride in his Cuby. The spark was lit.

During the summer of 2012 Samantha attended the EAA Air Academy at Oshkosh during AirVenture. There among other things she learned during the week-long camp was aircraft material construction techniques as seen in the photo (right).

After Air Academy she took a Gathering of Eagles Accelerated Flight Training program on a scholarship, and solo'd in Kissimmee FL on August 15, 2013. From there she hit the books with the Sporty's course for Young Eagles, one of the benefits of the program.

Finally on September 1, 2014 Samantha Horne became a private pilot.



Samantha Horne showing the metal spark plug holder and wooden wing rib she made at the EAA Air Academy. She also had a composite clipboard. Using these materials were some of the many skills she learned during her week in Oshkosh.

## DUES ARE DUE!

**Treasurer Gail Isaac reminds everyone that we are into a new year and annual dues are due. \$30 /member, \$45 w/spouse, and \$15 for students. Please see Gail at the next meeting. Her contact info is on Page 5.**

**Thank you for your continued support of EAA Chapter 44.**

**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.

## EARL'S TALES

by Earl Luce

*Editor's Note: This is a new column by long-time member Earl Luce. Throughout his 30-some year career in and around aviation, he has come across a few stories to tell. Some of them are even true.*

Last Thursday I flew to Oshkosh to do another EAA welding workshop for Sportair. Did I say I hated commercial flying? Ever notice how nobody talks to you anymore? Usually I get an undesirable to sit with, but this time I had some pretty young girls that acted like I wasn't there.

Anyway I've been doing these workshops for 14 years now so it isn't such a big deal. This time my friend Charlie Becker from the EAA staff asked me to stay and redo a "how to weld" video to replace the one they did in the 70's. Three days of the workshop is tiring enough but now another three for the video. I thought if I just did what I do in the class I could blow through it. Well didn't work out that way. There is something about having a camera in your face with no feedback that is a lot unnerving. I struggled the first day with...CUT...CUT...CUT... take # 1 take # 2...etc. The cameraman was great but as days went on, my mind (what was left of it) was shot. He suggested we stop, but that wasn't going to happen. I got it done and when I was finished, I was very relieved.

Only to be asked if I could do one more segment .....it was to announce that I was doing the 400th "Hint for Homebuilders." Charlie asked me because we did the very first one seven years ago. So I reached down deep and came up with a short speech of how proud I was to be part of this program that so many have benefited from. Do you think I could spit it out .....just one more time.....? Not a chance!

After about a dozen or more tries, the cameraman, Jim, said "Let me show you something." He pulled out his new iPhone 6 and showed me a recording he did with Harrison Ford explaining about the Young Eagle program. I didn't feel so bad after watching him screw up about 30 times and dropping some bad language.

I went back and did it and got it done. It was something to see how things are done in the big league with \$150,000 camera and the lighting with the AOPA's J-3 Cub in the background. I could have

used some make-up and a hairpiece, but that is another story. Also his iPhone 6 did some things that his high price stuff didn't. Like he did a slow motion segment of me drawing him with my torch and lighting it with the explosion of smoke and flame.....real cool!



EAA / E. Luce Photo

Now after saying my goodbyes to all the guys at headquarters I was finally ready to go. I decided to drive back to Milwaukee at night so not to fight morning traffic. It is about 90 miles from Oshkosh and that was the last thing I wanted to do after a long week. I had problems with my GPS with some current downloads so I was worried it wasn't going to work. Now I'm sitting in the car trying to punch in Milwaukee and it said "No matches found." I wanted to throw it out the window. I got within 10 miles of Milwaukee and had to call home and have Laura talk me through the traffic by her looking it up on Google maps. I did make it to my hotel and had a nice relaxing meal with a whiskey & 7. That helped a bunch!

The ride home wasn't so bad after I almost missed my flight in Chicago because of an FAA paperwork crap.....Did I mention I hate commercial flying. I got home late Thursday night and made it to work on Friday.....It was a much needed weekend, yet fun.

## OSHKOSH AIRLIFT 2015 TO AIRVENTURE

by Joe DiDonato  
Airlift Coordinator

Things are gearing up for the 2015 AirLift. Along with the phenomenal number of aircraft there will be a world record sky dive attempt at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2015.

An international team of top sky divers is aiming to make history at The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration. The Skydiving Hall of Fame based in Fredericksburg, Virginia, will organize the 108-person jump-team for the record attempts sanctioned by the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale, the official organization that observes, documents and awards the world's aviation-related records.



A. Thieme photo

Where else could you see a Boeing-787, the B-29 Fifi, and a gaggle of Burt Rutan-designed originals and one-offs like the Catbird all in one place?

Only at Oshkosh!

For those thinking of attending we will be holding an informational meeting on March 17. This will be 30 minutes before the regular EAA meeting. We will cover some frequently asked questions, travel arrangements and what to expect for first timers.

For more information stay tuned or email [OshkoshAirLift2015@gmail.com](mailto:OshkoshAirLift2015@gmail.com) or see me at the meetings.

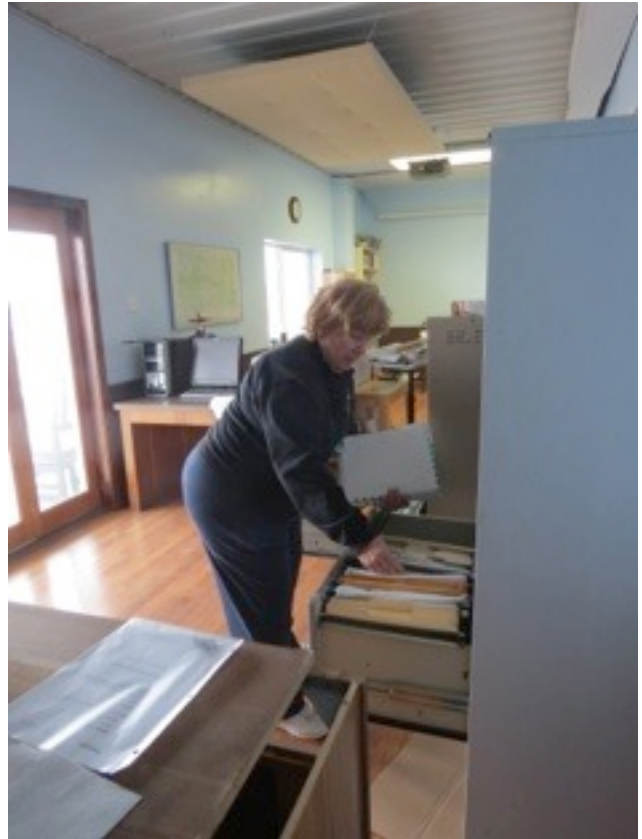
## A REMINDER FROM THE BOTTLE QUEEN

by Gail Isaac

Any aluminum cans that do not get a nickel refund can still be taken to Metalico for money. Juice cans, ice tea cans and anything else is worth a few cents. I got a new can crusher this week and Jerry installed it for me. What a great way to take out stress!

So keep them coming. You are all drinking like fish and that is to EAA 44's advantage. Thank you!

Hugs from your Bottle Queen.



BQ Gail Isaac looks through and organizes files and papers that have been in long term storage. Some are Chapter history, others are aircraft information kits and plans.



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# REGIONAL CALENDAR

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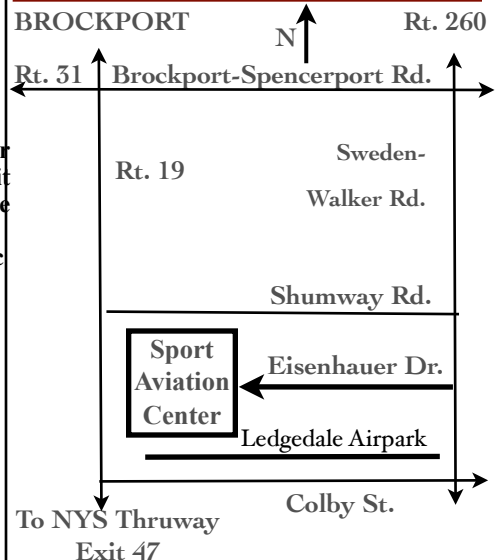
**AOPA AIR SAFETY FOUNDATION SEMINAR @ the SAC**  
Spring 2015

**ROCHESTER INT'L AIRSHOW feat. THE BLUE ANGELS**  
May 23/24 Memorial Day Weekend  
Greater Rochester Int'l Airport (ROC)

**GENESEO AIRSHOW THE GREATEST SHOW ON TURF**  
July 10-12  
<<http://www.1941hag.org/Geneseo-Airshow/index.html>>

**MESMER'S GRAND ISLAND FLY-IN PARTY**  
July 11  
Mesmer Airport (NY49)  
2548 Love Rd. Grand Island NY 14072  
716-855-0575

**GLENN CURTISS MUSEUM SEAPLANE HOMECOMING**  
Keuka Lake NY  
Sept. 19, 9-5  
<[http://glenncurtissmuseum.org/information/events\\_calendar.html](http://glenncurtissmuseum.org/information/events_calendar.html)>



## EAA 44 Calendar



### NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday February 17

Our Guest Speaker is **Don Miller, a C-130 Loadmaster**. Come hear his interesting stories of working on this aircraft.

Carol & Carl Bouwens are providing a chili dinner. Please bring a dish to pass or dessert to compliment their entree. Thank you.

Feb. 14 SAC Work Day  
**Feb 25 First meeting of EAA Chapter 44, 1958 (We're 57 for those counting on your fingers and toes!)**

Feb. 28 SAC Work Day

Mar 10 Board Meeting  
Mar 14 SAC Work Day  
Mar 17 General Meeting  
Mar. 28 SAC Work Day

Apr. 11 SAC Work Day  
Apr. 14 Board Meeting  
Apr. 21 General Meeting  
**Speaker: Ron Ogden, National Soaring Museum**  
Apr. 25 SAC Work Day

**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 of the month, 7 PM

### **General Meetings-**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month

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

### **SAC Saturday Work Days**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays, 10 AM

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