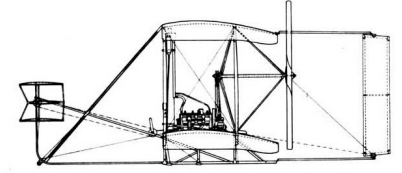




# The Flyer



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## Walt Eisenhauer



Walter Eisenhauer, longtime owner of Ledgesdale Airpark, recently passed away. EAA Chapter 44 offers deepest condolences to his family. His obituary is below:

It is with profound sadness that we share the passing of our beloved father, husband, and grandfather. Born on December 26, 1939, Wally passed away peacefully at home on May 30, 2024, with his wife of 62 years by his side.

Walt is survived by the love of his life, his wife Helen, as well as his children: Michele (Russell) Johnson, Evelyn (Patrick) Lloyd, Gretchen, and Jacob. He is also remembered by his brother William, sister Susan, brother-in-law John (Pat) Stauber, and his grandchildren: Nathaniel (Anj), Wyatt, Cody, Caitlyn, Macyn, Brynn, and Logan. He is predeceased by his parents, Walter and Maria, and his brother Arthur.

Walt grew up in Irondequoit, NY, where he developed a passion for building cars and airplanes. He proudly served as an Army veteran and later became a Local 13 pipefitter and plumber. His entrepreneurial spirit led him to become a mechanical contractor and eventually acquire the Brockport Airport (Ledgesdale Airpark), where he pursued his love of aviation into retirement.

Walt's life was enriched by his love for camping, fishing, aviation, boats, cars, and hockey. He cherished time spent with his friends and grandchildren, always eager to embark on new adventures. A brilliant problem solver and hard worker, Walt was a dedicated father and grandfather, always ready to support and guide his family.

Walt was devoted to his friends, often organizing trips and activities that brought joy and excitement to their lives. He valued every moment shared with them, leaving behind a legacy of cherished memories and deep friendships.

Walt's legacy will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. His unwavering dedication to his family, his passion for life, and his generous spirit will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the staff of the VA- Home Base Primary Care, especially Mike Lindner and the caregivers for their support, compassion, and kindness.

A Celebration of Life will be (was) held Wednesday June 12, 2024, at the Ledgesdale Airpark 21 Eisenhauer Drive Brockport, NY 14420 from 3pm- 7pm in the big hangar on the South side of Eisenhauer Drive.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Veteran Affairs (VA) Home Base Primary Care- 400 Fort Hill Avenue, Canandaigua, NY 14424-1159

**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.

## SAC Work Day

On the Saturdays before the monthly gathering, several members (and you could be one, too!) clean the SAC. In May, a spring cleaning was done. Kevin Arganbright cleaned the lights and changed bulbs, Jim Weinkauf added an extension to our shelf, Rick Tandy mopped the floor, Jerry Isaac washed the windows outside, and Tom Henion & Gail Isaac wiped down the tables and helped where needed.

Please consider helping and joining in the fun!





## Steaks at Ledgeale!

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**

The Young Eagles Workshop is coming up in a couple of months. President Tom Henion is looking for volunteers (not a four letter word, according to Tom!). A coordinator/leader is needed, and of course, several members to help run and teach it. Tom said that several parents have contacted him about it, and he doesn't want to keep them waiting too long. People's schedules fill up fast. Please help the future of aviation!



# Workshops

## EAA Chapter 44

Join us for hands-on, aviation-related activities that provide creative, social, and educational growth to kids interested in a potential recreational or career path in the world of flight!

### Located at

EAA Chapter 44 Sport Air Center  
Ledgedale Airpark (7G0)  
44 Eisenhower Drive  
Brockport, NY 14420

### When

August 10th & 11th, 2024  
9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

### Contact

Norm & Elise Isler      Ages 11-17  
585-764-9811              Cost \$99  
SingHolley@aol.com  
[chapters.eaa.org/ea44](http://chapters.eaa.org/ea44)



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## Tom Henshaw

At the May gathering, Member and Webmaster Tom Henshaw did a presentation on Ultralights, Light Sport, and the FAA's new Mosaic regulations. Your editor missed this presentation due to family obligations out of state. I am a bit sad, as I have an interest in Ultralights. Bob Nelligan-Barrett sent me some pictures of the presentation. I like this one the best. BTW, Tom, Nice Shirt!



Everyone knows two wrongs don't make a right, but what do two Wrights make?

An airplane.

What do you get when you cross an airplane with a magician?

A flying sorcerer.

A man parachuted out of an airplane, and his chute did not open. As he headed for almost certain death, he saw a man coming up toward him through the air from the ground. As the man zoomed by, the man headed down asked, "Do you know anything about parachutes?" The man replied in passing, "No, you know anything about gas stoves?"

What do you call an airplane that flies backward?

A receding airline.

## International Vintage Sailplane Meet 2024 - by "Busy" Bob Nelligan-Barret

Hello Everyone,

Here I go again. I just finish one event and I'm already on to the next one. I just can't stop. ;-)

We have a unique opportunity next month to visit the National Soaring Museum AND watch the opening day of the International Vintage Sailplane Meet 2024 at Harris Hill in Elmira.

This event is the 29th Anniversary of the IVSM and the 50th Anniversary of the Vintage Sailplane Association, so you KNOW this meet is a big deal for them and many pilots will be participating with their aircraft. The last time it was here was in 2021. I attended that event and it was a fascinating look into the sailplane world.

The event runs from July 6-13, but I propose a drive-out activity on Saturday July 6 (event opens at 10 AM.) It's about a 2-hour drive down I-390 South. Admission to the Meet is free though there is a charge for the Museum. Individual and family rates are available. Go to <[soaringmuseum.org](http://soaringmuseum.org)> for more information. As several of us did when visiting the Niagara Aerospace Museum in Buffalo, everyone drives yourself and we'll meet there. Carpool if you want to share gas expenses and karaoke together.

Sailplane rides will be available from the Harris Hill Soaring Corporation. Cost is \$140 for a 2,000' tow and a 15-20 minute flight. Well worth the money, speaking from my own experience. I plan to take another one. More info also at <[soaringmuseum.org](http://soaringmuseum.org)>.

Interesting point. The VSA defines "Vintage" as anything built before 1958. This is the same time era as Fury. It will be fun to see how they compare...or don't. Still, this is an aspect of aviation we don't see often, and it is coming to the Finger Lakes.

For our younger members (hint, hint), you can solo a glider (FAA's word for sailplanes) at 14 and earn your Private Pilot-Glider Certificate at 16. BART member now living in Texas, Druvha Singh Rana VI, took that route and is now working on his Commercial in anticipation of earning his CFI-Glider Certificate. If you are a Young Eagle, you might get free Museum admission as a YE benefit. Bring your Young Eagle card and your logbook. Log your flight if you take one.

If you think you'd tentatively be interested in going, put it on your calendar. There is no "registration" but as we get closer, I'd like to know who will be going.

See you at Harris Hill!

Bob

Why did the airplane get sent to his room?

Bad altitude.

What's the difference between an optimist and a pessimist?

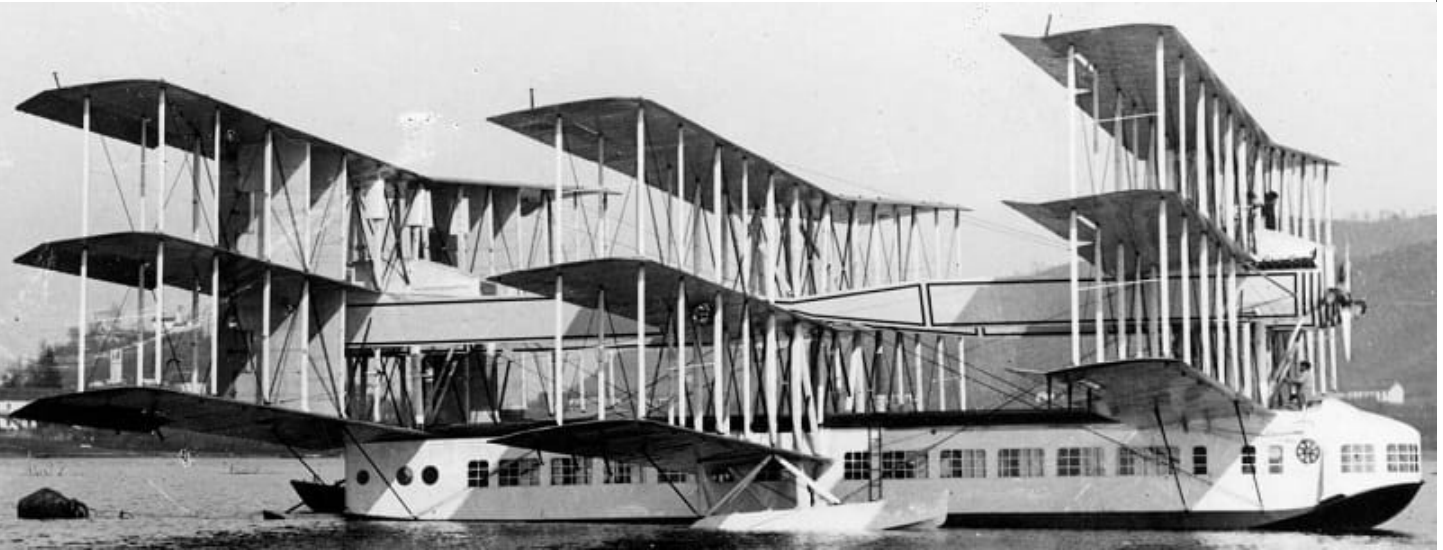
An optimist created the airplane; a pessimist created the seatbelts.

"I asked a flight attendant to change my seat because of a crying baby next to me. It turns out you can't do that if the baby is yours."

## Editor's Empennage

While surfing along the Internet, or among the various groups that I belong to on Facebook, I will come across an unique aircraft and say to myself, "Hmmm, I think that I need to save that for the newsletter." It is usually something odd, historical, and most likely both! Here is what I have for this month:

This is the Caproni Ca. 60 Transaereo. It was a nine-wing flying boat designed as a transatlantic airliner in the 1920's. It was sometimes referred to as the Noviplano (nine-wing). The airplane was powered by 8 Liberty engines, which were American built V-12's of 400 Horsepower each. So, an American connection! The aircraft was tested on Lake Maggiore (Italy) in 1921. On its second flight, it crashed on the water surface shortly after takeoff and broke up upon impact. It was further damaged being towed to shore and the cost of the repairs would have been excessive, so the project was scrapped



Interestingly enough (well, at least to me!), the three wing sections were cannabilized from First World War bombers. Caproni made a triplane heavy bomber called the Ca. 4 (wartime designation). I think that I saw one of at the United States Air Force Museum during our Chapter trip in 2010. I checked my pictures, but whatever camera I was using at the time didn't capture it very well. I guess that we will have to go back!

I did come across this picture of myself in front of a Sopwith Camel. At least I was wearing an appropriate shirt!





## EAA Chapter 44 Calendar

### Next General Gathering

**June 18, 2024**

Dinner @ 6:30 pm \$5 donation

Jim & Cathy Carpenter will be providing subs for dinner. Please bring a dish to pass.

Gathering is @ 7:30 pm.

There will be a presentation by Cy Kastner of the Finger Lakes Soaring Club.

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

### **Air Shows 2024**

**July 6-7**, Greater Binghampton Air Show, Johnson City, NY

**July 13-14**, National Warplane Museum Airshow, Geneseo, NY

**July 22-28**, EAA Airventure, Oshkosh, WI

**August 3-4**, Rochester International Airshow,

**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 / Ledgeale 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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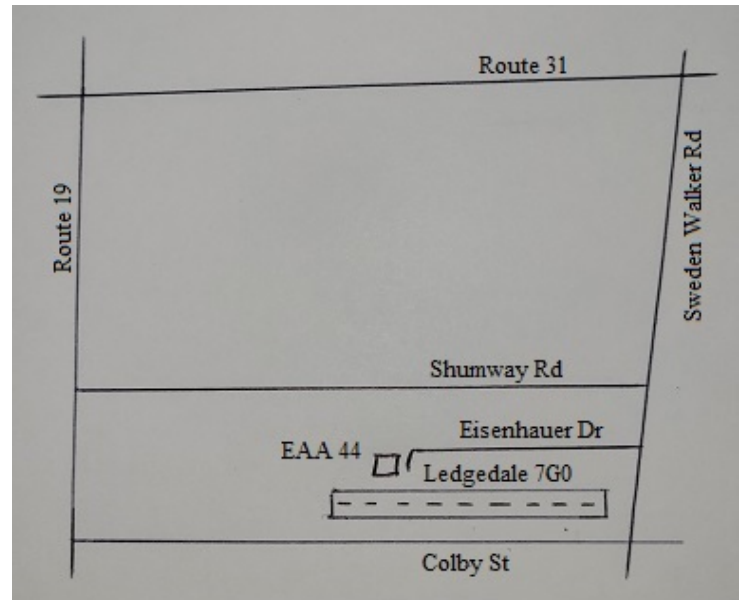
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