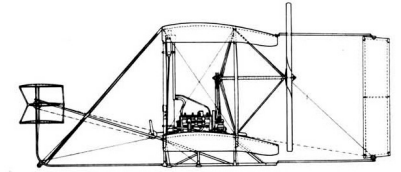




# The Flyer



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## by Pat Coates

We have lost another EAA44 member. Jim Coates passed away on Friday, March 22, 2024, from complications of a collapsed lung.

Jim loved flying. He started with flying lessons in Schenectady, NY, in 1986, getting his pilot's license for motorized planes in 1987. Jim then got interested in glider planes when I gave him a gift of a glider ride, which led him to be a member of the Finger Lakes Soaring Club out of Dansville, NY for many years. He always said he just needed to go back up and see what he had left up there!

That was not enough to fulfill his quest to be up among the clouds. Jim then decided he wanted his own light sports plane and bought an RV-12, which he hangared at Ledgesdale Airport. That is how he discovered EAA Chapter 44. Through EAA 44, we have had many good times and met many good people over the years in the field of aviation.

Jim is now flying freely and watching down on all his aviation buddies. He will be missed.

If anyone is interested in owning their own plane, Sweet Pea (his Van's RV-12, below) is up for sale.



Board Meeting minutes are at: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea44/newsletters/meeting-minutes> ??? Investigating...

**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.

# **SPORT AVIATION CENTER OPEN HOUSE FLY-IN Saturday June 8 10 AM - 4 PM**



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## **Baby Ace Restoration Near Completion!**

**Free and open to the Aviation Community & General Public**

**Aircraft & activities will show the fun of building, restoring,  
& flying airplanes for their recreational and educational value.**

**Homebuilt, Restored, & Production Aircraft  
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44 Eisenhower Dr., Brockport NY 14420  
Brockport Airport/Ledgedale Airpark (7G0)  
15 minutes west of Rochester**



**Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 44**

## Rusty Pilots Seminar

Saturday, June 8, 2024 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM EDT Batavia, NY Hosted by Oncore Aviation, LLC.

Instructed by AOPA Foundation Rusty Pilots Presenter Norm Isler.

Life may have gotten in the way, but the dream of flight can be yours again. Returning to the skies is not as difficult as most rusty pilots think. We are inviting you back in the cockpit and will help you get there. Come and participate in this Rusty Pilots program with fellow lapsed pilots. We will help you understand what's changed in aviation since you last took the controls and brush up on your aviation knowledge.

AOPA developed the Rusty Pilots program in partnership with local flight training providers in order to create the best environment for getting you back in the air and a part of the general aviation community. - It is easier than most people think – no FAA check ride or test. - You might not even need a medical. - Plus, you'll get two to three hours of ground instruction toward your flight review! This is also good review/update for current or student pilots.

NOTE: Complimentary light snacks will be provided while supplies last. Pre-registration is encouraged since seats fill up fast!

\*AOPA is proud to offer WINGS credit for attendees at this event! In order to receive credit, be sure to update the WINGS email address associated with your FAASafety.gov account during the registration process.

<https://webforms.aopa.org/rustypilotsGVQ060824>

### Editor's Empennage

Hello fellow EAA Chapter 44 members! I come to you asking for submissions for this newsletter.

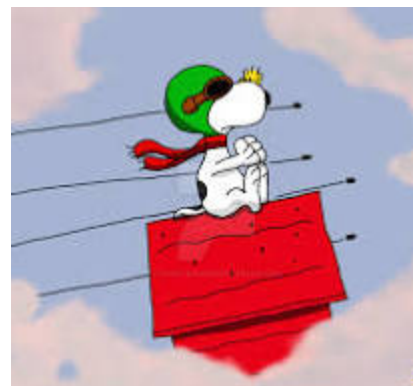
I would love to hear updates of any aircraft that you are working on, homebuilt or factory, as well as pictures of your progress!

Have you been to an aviation museum lately? Please send me some pictures and a little write up of your time there and whether you think it of interest and value to your fellow members!

Is there some local aviation history in your backyard, or near you? Western New York has a rich aviation history, and if there is something near you, maybe you could bring it to our attention! It could be a physical location, or perhaps a famous aviator or war hero is from your area. Let us know!



Speaking of aviation history, this month marks the 106th anniversary of the death of the Red Baron, Manfred von Richthofen (at left) on April 21st. If you don't know of him, he was Germany's Ace of Aces in the First World War, credited with 80 kills. Contrary to popular belief, he did not ever have dogfights with Snoopy (at right), with Snoopy being a comic strip character and the dogfights being in his vivid imagination.



(Hey, I needed something to fill this space!)

## EAA Chapter 44 Calendar

### Next General Gathering

#### April 16, 2024

Dinner @ 6:30 pm \$5 donation

Gail & Jerry Isaac will be providing subs. Please bring a dish to pass.

Gathering is @ 7:30 pm.

Allen Kidder will be presenting Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory's Flight Test Aircraft (60 Different Make & Model Flight Test Aircraft in 25 Years)

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

### **Air Shows 2024**

**July 6-7**, Greater Binghamton 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 / 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, everyone welcome!

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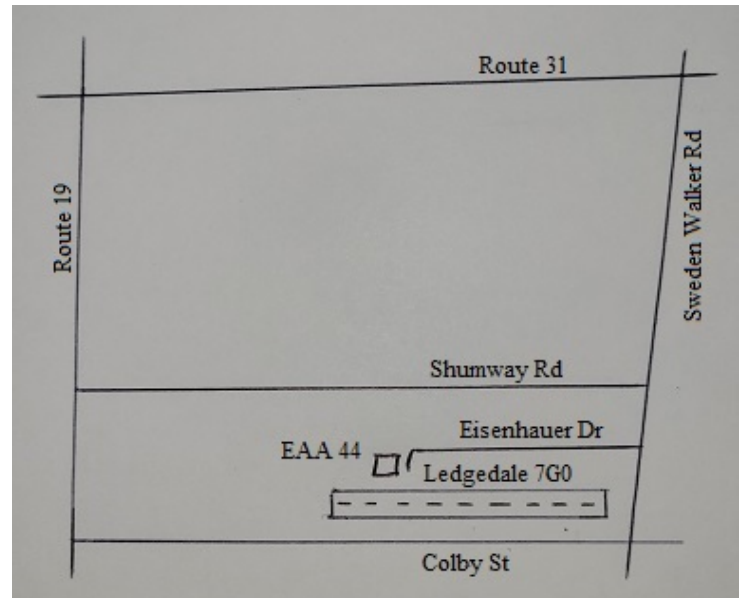
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