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ELECTIONS ARE COMING!

Okay, not trying to scare anyone! Yes, it is only September, but November isn't that far away, and November means elections. Certainly, it is a Presidential election year, which is important, but closer to home, it is also the time for elections here at EAA Chapter 44!

There are two positions on the Board of Directors whose terms expire this year. Currently holding those positions are Steve North and Frances Englund. Steve North has opted to throw his hat in the ring once again. I understand that Frances will not be standing for election, though she will continue to coordinate the Ray Aviation Scholarship. A big "Thank You" to Frances for that, and for her service on the Board of Directors!

So, that leaves one open, and currently uncontested position. Many of our members have served terms, or several terms, on the Board of Directors and I thank them for their service. Even yours truly did two terms! It is nice to have more experienced Chapter members guiding us on the Board of Directors, but it also helps to have a fresh viewpoint. Even if you are fairly new member of EAA Chapter 44, please consider standing for election to fill the empty position. Or several of you, older or newer members! More people standing for elections gives the membership a bigger slate to choose from. The requirement to stand for election to a position on the Board of Directors is to be a member in good standing (have paid your dues!).

Please Consider Standing For Election! Thank You!

The Editor

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.

A BART Member Update - by Editor

Shortly after I finished last month's newsletter and sent it out, my wife, Ginny, found an article on one of the BART members in the Summer 2024 edition of The Chronicle, which is the newsletter for the Kendall Central School (northwest of Brockport, just into Orleans County). They were honoring the Top 11 Seniors for the Class of 2024, and BART member Lucas Jones was one of them! I scanned his write up, which is below:



Lucas Jones

Receives a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation with Honors with Mastery in Math and Science

Lucas was enrolled in GCC and AP classes, and was on high honor roll throughout high school. He served as treasurer of National Honor Society, Student Council and AFS, and was president of Leo Club and Band. He was also the drum major for Marching Band, a member of Chorus, Vocal Effect, Jazz Band, All County Band and Chorus, and Sources of

Strength. Lucas won first place in the Mr. Kendall Pageant, had leading roles in musicals as "the Beast" and "Prince Adam" in Beauty and the Beast and as "Rooster" in Annie. He was on the varsity soccer and tennis teams for two years. Outside of school, he is a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association and Baby Ace Restoration Team. His hobbies also include drawing and dirt biking. After graduation, Lucas plans to attend Florida Tech for aviation to become a professional pilot.

I had thought that it would have been nice to have had this in the August newsletter, but sometimes the universe knows better, as I received a forwarded message from Lucas to Frances Englund just today, as I am working on this newsletter! From Lucas, "Had my first flight today! Practiced demonstrating the effects of Primary and Secondary Controls. It was very warm out." Here is a picture of him in the cockpit:

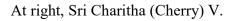


More BARTs and First Flights - pictures courtesy of Bob Nelligan-Barrett

Bob Nelligan-Barrett sent me pictures of 3 Bart members (who I think are also Chapter members...) getting their first small airplane ride in member Vet Thomas's Cub (Cuby? A Piper Cub clone). Thank you Bob, and congrats to the youngsters!



At left, Vet Thomas, with Oliver F. in the front cockpit.





At left, Vet Thomas and Hunter S.

EXPERIMENT AL

4rd ANNUAL "FLY INTO FALL" PICNIC

FLY-IN OR DRIVE-IN.....



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024 1 PM—TILL

COOKING AT 1:30/ EATING AT APPROXIMATELY 2 PM

BRING A DISH TO PASS OR DESSERT

BRING A LAWN CHAIR

POP, MEAT, BUNS PROVIDED

"FLY INTO FALL" PICNIC HOSTED BY JEFF AND LEANNE LACHAUSSE
AND GAINES VALLEY AVIATION

RSVP (SO WE KNOW HOW MUCH MEAT TO BUY) —CALL JEFF AT 585 764-4198 OR EMAIL gilligansae@hotmail.com

OVERNIGHT CAMPING IS WELCOME

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

Steaks at Ledgedale! (Note: Last one of the year is this month!)

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!



EAA Chapter 44 Calendar

Next General Gathering

September 17, 2024

Dinner @ 6:30 pm \$5 donation

Dinner will be Meatball Subs, provided by Mark & Liz Scheda. Please bring a dish to pass.

Gathering is @ 7:30 pm.

The presentation will be Bob Nelligan-Barrett about the Baby Ace, and its new propeller. Some of Squeek Hepler's (original builder) relatives will be in attendance.

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

President Tom Henion met with local representatives in regards to starting an Aviation Explorers group at Chapter 44. We had one in the past and we were contacted about the possibility of starting another one. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Tom.

All activities take place at the Sport Aviation Center of Western New York, and are <u>free and open to the public</u>, unless otherwise noted.

Sport Aviation Center, EAA Chapter 44 44 Eisenhauer Drive, Brockport, NY 14420 Brockport Airport / Ledgedale 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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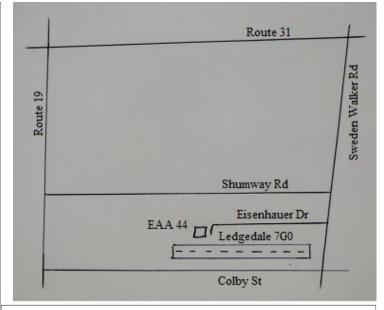
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