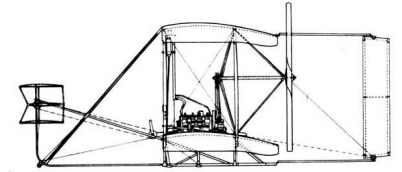




The Flyer



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From Chapter President Mark Scheda

EAA 44 members,

Unfortunately I have to start this note with some sad news about one of our own, Larry Greeno, who passed away this week. I never met Larry but I feel like I know him because of all the truly wonderful things our members are saying about him. A member since 1984, Larry was a pillar of the chapter. He was a prior officer, and had a strong hand in many of the things which define our chapter today. More information, including a beautiful obituary (Editor: Included on next page.) is at [Walker Brothers Funeral Home](#) .

On a much more upbeat note, we received news this week that EAA Chapter 44 **has been selected by EAA National to sponsor a Ray Scholar in 2025**. The scholarship is for an individual youth to pursue flight training leading to a Pilot certificate, and carries a value of \$12,000. Our Ray Scholar coordinator Frances Englund submitted a beautifully-crafted application, enabled by all of YOUR tremendous contributions to our youth programs. Our being selected is also a credit in no small part to the success of our prior Ray Scholars Tyler, Jake, and Sharon, whose diligence and continued contributions to GA and to Chapter 44 strengthened our application considerably. Our next job is to form a 3-member selection committee and solicit applications from eligible youths. If you have a desire to serve on the selection committee, please let me know prior to the March 11 Board of Directors meeting.

Below: Larry and Joan Greeno - picture from Elise Isler

Finally, regarding our **March 18 members' gathering**: Our speaker will be Austin Hancock who will tell us the story of Lyle Pennington, a Rochester-native Tuskegee Airman. Austin is a local CFI and historian, and he is leading a project to construct a replica of Mr. Pennington's P-51. I'm sure it will be an engaging evening. As for dinner that night, **we are trying something different, a pot luck supper. Please bring a dish of your choosing to share.** We will not have a single main course, but I for one am anxious to sample all the delicious things we'll bring!



Until then, stay warm and go flying!

Mark

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.

Larry Greeno's Obituary from Walker Brothers Funeral Home, Inc. website:

It is with deep love and a respect for a life well lived that we share of the passing of Lawrence John Greeno, a cherished husband, father, grandfather, brother, family member, and friend, who entered eternal life on Wednesday, February 26th, 2025. Born in 1942 in Hamburg, New York, Larry and his twin brother, Gary, were the last of five children born to British immigrants Leonard and Lilian Greeno. As a teen, Larry earned his private pilot's license, launching a lifelong passion for flying. He served in the Air Force, during which time he met his beloved wife, Joan Ball. They married and moved to the Rochester area, where he graduated from Roberts Wesleyan University and then attended seminary shortly after in Oklahoma at Southern Nazarene.

Larry's legacy is one of faith, family, service, and passion. His journey was guided by his personal relationship with Jesus Christ, which was the foundation of all that he did. Larry's life was a reflection of his commitment to living out the teachings of Christ, and he inspired those around him with his unwavering faith and humility. He was known for his thoughtful counsel, compassionate spirit, and the gentle way in which he lived out his beliefs.

Professionally, Larry made a lasting impact on the lives of many. His work in ministry was a true calling, where he dedicated himself to serving others. After serving for a time at Heritage Village in Gerry, NY, he spent many years in pastoral roles in both Ann Arbor, MI and Williamsport, PA where he offered guidance, comfort, and leadership to those in his care. Later, Larry's talents and heart for service led him to work for the Free Methodist Foundation and then Roberts Wesleyan University, where he served as Vice President for Planned Giving. In this role, Larry was instrumental in building relationships and helping to advance the mission of the university, always with a sense of purpose and devotion to the institution and its community. His professional accomplishments were not simply marked by titles, but by the genuine care he showed for others, making a difference that has continued to endure in the lives of students, faculty, and colleagues.

Beyond his work, Larry found great joy in his family. He was a devoted husband to his beautiful wife, Joan, with whom he shared over sixty years of love, marriage, and companionship. Their four children, Nathan, Julia, Peter, and Kristin, and their spouses and families, including thirteen grandchildren and ten great grandchildren, are a window into his world and brought him so much life. Family time looked different over the years but included special times like camping, bicycle rides, visiting airports, walks and games on the beach, handyman projects and tinkering at his work bench, Monopoly and card games, listening to Larry play the piano, and so much more. His legacy of love, wisdom, and devotion will live on in his family.

A passionate member of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), Larry spent countless hours immersed in the world of aviation. Whether building model airplanes, attending airshows, building his RV-6A aircraft, or simply enjoying the freedom of the skies, Larry found a deep sense of peace and fulfillment in flight. His enthusiasm for aviation was contagious, and he was always eager to share his knowledge and excitement with others. Larry's love for flying was not just a hobby, but a lifelong passion that brought him joy and purpose.

Larry's family, friends, and all who knew him will forever remember his unwavering faith, his commitment to service, his love for his family, and his passion for aviation. He leaves a legacy of kindness and integrity, and his memory will continue to inspire all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Rest in peace, Pops. You are now flying in the arms of the One you love. Your legacy will live on forever in our hearts.

Larry is survived by his wife, Joan Greeno; children, Nathan (Deb) Greeno, Julia (Scott) Sittig, Peter (Andrea) Greeno, and Kristin (Aaron) Mercer; grandchildren, Caitlin (Aaron) Hoebeke, Hayden (Mercedes) Hoebeke, Josiah (Skylar) Greeno, Jacob (Lauren) Greeno, Kaela Sittig, Jared (Naomi) Sittig, Keeton (Megan) Sittig,

Landon Sittig, Gavin Sittig, Adara Mercer, Nolan Mercer, Lincoln Mercer, and Aidan Greeno; ten great grandchildren; sister, Carol (Gene) Krause; sister-in-laws, Joan (wife of Gary) Greeno, Faith Schermerhorn, Caroline Fuller, Pearl (Chris) Taylor, and Nancy Kindred; brother-in-law, Douglas (Julie) Ball, and twenty-two nieces and nephews. Larry was preceded in death by his parents Leonard and Lilian Greeno; siblings, George (Shirley) Greeno, Nora ("Bud") Green, and Gary Greeno; in-laws, Stanley and Reva Ball; brother-in-laws, James Bruce, Bernie Schermerhorn, Gilford Fuller, Joe McNeil, and John Kindred.

A celebration of Larry's life will be held on March 15, 2025, at 1:00 PM at Pearce Memorial Church in North Chili, NY 14514. Private interment. Family and friends are invited to come together to honor his remarkable journey and share cherished memories.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to one of the following organizations, in Larry's memory, as a fitting tribute to a man whose heart soared with the planes he loved.

Experimental Aircraft Association: Chapter 44
<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea44>

Mission Aviation Fellowship
<https://maf.org>

From member Dave Hurd: Just got the sad news about Larry Greeno. He was a great guy and will be missed.

He built an RV-6A and kept it at LeRoy where I had the chance to go for a ride during the time I was still building the Glasair. I was impressed with the airplane and the quality of the workmanship he had put into it. It had a pretty neat paint job as well. I remember something about a checkered paint job on the rudder, and he had his name under the pilot's side window, and his lovely wife's name, Joan, on the starboard side. Larry had hosted a meeting at his home during the build process where we got to see the aspects of doing aluminum riveting. Larry had splurged for a pneumatic rivet squeezer, and after squeezing a number of rivets on the Glasair by hand, I realized the profound wisdom of his investment.

Larry served on the Board for several years, and selflessly stepped in as interim Treasurer following the tragic death of a beloved member, Mark Donovan, who we lost to a heart attack. At the time, we had just become a 501 (C)(3), and the CPA, who was donating his time and skill to help us take care of the annual IRS forms, wanted us to switch from Quicken, which is a pretty simple checkbook organizer, over to Quickbooks, which is a sophisticated business accounting system. I had agreed to serve as regular Treasure for the ensuing term, but Larry wanted no part in dealing with the learning curve necessary to become familiar with the new system for the few months until the new term started. Can't say that I blame him. I was familiar with the accounting principles involved and so ramped up really quickly and became "Old Money Bags" for the next 7-plus years. Every once in a while, I'd gently bust Larry's chops about "sticking me" with the job.

Larry was a real gentleman.

From member Rob Williams:

Sorry to hear about Larry. I came to the chapter a number of years before Larry did. I enjoyed his company over the years and we had a fun bond over Piper Colts. Larry had one for many years and really loved it. Of course I still had mine and we enjoyed our Colt stories together. We kind of had our own little private Colt Club. He was a great guy and an asset to the chapter. I have not spoken to him in several years and sorry I missed any chances to see him again. I wish his family well. My best to all the chapter members as well.

From member Elise Isler: I was looking for a picture of me in Larry's airplane. He took me for a ride after a Young Eagle Rally. Larry flew 30 Young Eagles before his health prevented him from flying. After that he became a ground crew volunteer for many years. He was a strong supporter of the program and promoting GA. (Editor's note: Larry took my wife, Ginny, for a ride in his airplane at a members summer gathering a few years ago. I believe it was her first time in a small GA airplane, and enjoyed it. I would have, too!)



Lycoming Engine Factory Tour - Preliminary Information

- 1) Tour date is now set for April 16th, 2025, at 2:00 pm.
- 2) Sign up is now closed, due to the 6 to 8 weeks required for security background checks.
- 3) For those who did sign up, there will be more information coming in the near future with more details, and to see about transportation (carpooling, etc.)

Jerry Isaac - 585 737 1204

More from Chapter President Mark Scheda: (from email dated 2/20/2025)

EAA44 members,

Those who braved the weather this past Tuesday were treated to a (perhaps) once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet and be uplifted by TSgt Casey Bukowski, a WWII veteran and B-17 waist gunner who told the stories of the missions he flew in Europe, and ultimately his downing, capture, interrogation, imprisonment, liberation and repatriation to the U.S.. At over 100 years of age, Casey stood proudly for more than an hour and gave a remarkably human and humorous account of his experiences. He spoke repeatedly of his gratitude for the opportunity to be with us. One couldn't help but come away feeling grateful for the beauty and blessings of our own lives, thanks in large part to the service granted us by Casey and so many others. (Your editor regrets he missed this wonderful presentation due to a lake effect belt parked over our house - wah)

Prior to Casey's talk, I spoke a little about goings-on in the chapter. Probably the most urgent of those is that it's membership renewal season. At last count we have 33 renewals, and 76 who have not yet renewed their membership in Chapter 44. If you have not already, please send your renewal information and payment in cash or check to me or to Trina Kenney our treasurer. Dues are \$30 for individuals, \$45 for a family, and \$15 for students. I've also attached a blank renewal form to this email – please use it to communicate any changed information to Trina is at:

Trina Kenney

27 Keystone Court

Brockport, NY 14420

Tom Henshaw has been working on keeping our website updated. If you have not visited there recently, check it out at: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea44> I find the "Events" page useful because it has all of our 2025 dates. I also would love to see us have more photos on the "Member Aircraft" page – if you have a photo of your aircraft and don't mind it being posted there, please email it to Tom at tom@flywithsass.com. If you don't have a photo, let me know and I'll be happy to meet at your hangar and capture a shot of you proudly displaying your bird. I think these photos reflect favorably on the accomplishments and enthusiasm of our chapter, and it'd be great if we have a bunch more of them. Project aircraft too!

On a separate subject, I received a call from one Pete Donovan of Middleport. Pete is an aspiring aviator and owner of a powered parachute; he's also interested in powered parasails. Pete is trying to connect with local resources – people who are knowledgeable in this type of flying. I don't know anyone with such experience, but perhaps one of you does. Pete would very much appreciate a call (716) 628-4801 if you know of someone who could be a resource or even just a friend with a common interest.

When you can,

Go Flying!

Mark

*****Please don't forget to renew your EAA Chapter 44 membership*****



Experimental Aircraft Association

<https://chapters.eaa.org/EAA44>

Sport Aviation Center of Western New York

Largedale Airpark 7G0

44 Eisenhower Drive, Brockport, NY 14420

Membership Application

// New Member // Renewal

Name: _____
(Please Print) Last First MI

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

National EAA#: _____ National Renewal Date: _____

Occupation: _____

My interests in joining EAA 44 are: _____

List general aviation aircraft you currently own (year, make, model):

List homebuilt/restoration projects (make, model, % complete):

Pilot Certificate Type: _____

Pilot Ratings: _____

Estimated total flight time (hours): _____

Significant Other's Name: _____

Additional family members: _____

Please list any useful skills that might benefit EAA 44: _____

Please mail the completed form and check or money order

In the amount of \$30 (additional family members or students \$15 each) to:

EAA CHAPTER 44 c/o Mark Scheda 6180 Redman Rd. Brockport, NY 14420
Questions? Call Mark at 585-451-8743 or mscheda@rochester.rr.com

Upcoming Events for the 2024 Calendar Year

The 2025 Open House will be June 21st. Details and flyer coming soon!

The 2025 Sport Aviation Camp is on!

August 2-3, full information to be posted soon.

See below link for general information on this unique opportunity for youth.

<https://www.eaa.org/eaayouth/eaaviationandflightsummercamps>

Chapter 44 2025 Young Eagles Schedule

Founded in 1992, the Young Eagles program is dedicated to giving youth ages 8–17, an opportunity to go flying in a general aviation airplane. These flights are offered free of charge and are made possible through the generosity of EAA member volunteers. The Young Eagles program has flown over 2.2 million kids

May 27, 2025 : 4 PM

June 14, 2025 : 5 PM

August 23, 2025 : 10 AM

September 20, 2025 : 10 AM

Please pre-register to reserve your child's aviation adventure! For registration and questions, please contact Rick Tandy at rltandy23@gmail.com

For more information from EAA headquarters about the Young Eagles program, visit www.young eagles.org

Editor: This month's silliness



I received the information on the next four pages from Allen Kidder, Editor of the Akron Flyer Newsletter. I believe most of us know Willy and her indomitable spirit! Also, a scholarship opportunity for a female pilot or student pilot from the Ninety-Nines! Thank you, Allen, for this information !

The Aero Club of Buffalo

www.aeroclubofbuffalo.org



The Air Race Classic. Not quite the Bendix Air Races or in the Red Bull League, the Air Race Classic is the epicenter of women's air racing. Pilots range in age from 17 to 90+ years old. The Air Race Classic, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to: Encouraging and Educating current and future women pilots, increasing public awareness of general aviation, demonstrating women's roles in aviation and preserving and promoting the tradition of pioneering women in aviation. The women come from a wide variety of backgrounds including teachers, doctors, nurses, airline pilots, business owners, air traffic controllers and professional pilots. Race Teams, consisting of at least two women pilots, must fly under Visual Flight Rules during daylight hours only and are given four days to make flybys at each en-route timing point and then land at the terminus. The race route changes each year, approximately 2,400 statute miles in length with 8 or 9 timing points. Mary Mattocks (Willy) our illustrious President will regale us with her experiences and adventures having flown 4 air races in her beloved Piper Cherokee and now contemplating her 5th. (Upon reading this her husband has turned quite pale and taken to his bed as this is quite an expensive endeavor!)



Team 42: The Magpies



Route Map

Mary Mattocks (Willy)

90th President Aero Club of Buffalo

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Aero Club of Buffalo

Thursday March 20, 2025 – 6PM Bar is Open, 7PM Dinner

Rizotto Italian Eatery & Sweetery

930 Maple Road, Williamsville NY 14221

Salmon _____

Pork Chop _____

Cheese & Spinach Ravioli _____

Members - \$35.00

Guests - \$35.00

Total _____

Please print your name and e-Mail address

Reservations must be received by Tuesday March 18, 2025 - you may register by e-Mail at aeroclubofbuffalo@gmail.com and pay at the door or mail this form with check to Aero Club of Buffalo, Box 676, Williamsville, NY 14231. In either case please make your check payable to the **Aero Club of Buffalo**.



2025 SCHOLARSHIP OFFERING
Finger Lakes Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc.
International Organization of Women Pilots
Scholarship Application Deadline is March 21, 2025

Purpose

The 2025 Finger Lakes Chapter Scholarship will be awarded to an active female pilot or female student pilot residing in the Finger Lakes Region or Western New York consisting of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Niagara, Schuyler, Seneca, Stuben, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates Counties. The Scholarship can be used for primary or advanced training to advance her flight ambitions. Membership in the Ninety-Nines is not required at the time of application. However, membership in either the Finger Lakes or Western New York Chapter of the Ninety-Nines is required when the scholarship is awarded. Membership must be maintained at a minimum through May 2026.

Selection Process

Any female pilot or female student pilot living in the New York counties listed above is eligible to apply for the 2025 Scholarship. To apply, submit the completed scholarship application form, including all required documentation, a personal essay and two recommendation letters to the Scholarship Chair of the Finger Lakes Chapter no later than **March 31, 2025**.

The Scholarship committee, comprised of both Ninety-Nines and active members of the aviation community with no connection to the Ninety-Nines, will review the applications and determine the recipient. Applicant goals, expectations, and anticipated future impact on the aviation community will be the criteria used to determine the recipient. The Scholarship recipient will be notified by **April 30, 2025**.

Application Content

Applicant must make a statement of financial need for completion of her goal and demonstrate that she is committed to achieving it by having a plan in place to reach her goal. Applicant must discuss her goal, the steps left to achieve it (take the written, x hours solo, x hours cross-country etc.), the cost of training per hour where she flies, hours remaining to meet the goal, her current limiting financial obligations, her funding options, and her timeline to achieve it without a scholarship. This should be an essential part of the essay. Be clear and concise, especially about funding and budget plans.

Award

The 2025 Finger Lakes Chapter Scholarship is \$2,000 to be awarded to one applicant. Receipts for covered flight expenses must be dated between May 1, 2025, and April 30, 2026. Receipts of flight expenses paid or incurred must be submitted to the Finger Lakes Chapter Scholarship Chair, Wendy Zimmerman at wostrow@hotmail.com for payment approval. Allowed expenses include aircraft rental, flight instruction, flight instruction fuel expense, check ride expense for the DPE, and fee for a written exam. Submitted receipts must be accompanied by a copy of the logbook showing instruction given and signed off by the instructor, if applicable. Receipts must be signed by the student.



Personal Essay Requirements

Please attach an essay (not exceeding one page, one side only) and include the following elements:

- Tell us about yourself, your activities in aviation and participation, if any, in The Ninety-Nines.
- Tell us how you have financed your training and education so far. Make a statement of financial need for completion of this training. This should make up the bulk of your essay.
- Opportunities desired with rating sought and your future goals.
- Any other information that would be helpful to the Scholarship committee in making their decision.

Application Requirements

Please submit application packet as one file. Include:

- The signed and dated application form.
- Your personal essay signed and dated.
- Pilot Certificate and Medical Certificate if required for rating sought. Copy of the front and back of the certificates on one (1) page. **(You must have at least a Student Pilot Certificate to apply.)**
- Two signed and dated Letters of Recommendation: one from someone familiar with your flying experience, and the other a character reference (non-aviation). These letters may not be written by a family member and may not exceed one page, one side only.
- A copy of the results of your FAA Written Exam, if applicable.
- A copy of your last logbook page. Please note, one logbook page is both left and right pages (all columns) in the logbook.



**Finger Lakes Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc.
International Organization of Women Pilots**

To apply, no later than **March 31, 2025**, submit the completed application form and all required documents to **Wendy Zimmerman, Finger Lakes Chapter Scholarship Chair, at Email: wostrow@hotmail.com**. The application will be disqualified if it is received after March 31, 2025

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Email _____ Phone number _____

Airman Certificate # _____ Date issued _____

Pilot certificate sought _____ Category _____

Flight school and instructor name _____

Have you ever had an aviation related accident, incident or violation? Please circle Yes No
If yes, please provide an attachment to explain.

Passed FAA knowledge test? Yes No Have you flown your first solo flight? Yes No

Total flight hours _____ Hours flown in the last 12 months _____

Medical Class _____ Date of medical _____

Neither the Finger Lakes Chapter of The Ninety Nines, Inc., the NY-NJ Section of The Ninety Nines, Inc., nor their members, agents or representatives are responsible for the quality of any training received with this scholarship, nor for any accident, incident, or any other event which may occur while the recipient of this scholarship is performing flight training or activities relating thereto, and recipient agrees to sign a hold-harmless agreement in favor of The Ninety Nines, Inc. International Organization of Women Pilots, its Sections and Chapters, upon receipt of the scholarship and before any flight is made. I declare under penalty of perjury that the information I have given is true and correct, and that I meet the requirements for this scholarship.

Signature _____ Date _____

Next General Gathering

March 18, 2025

Dinner @ 6:30 pm

Dinner will a Pot Luck Supper! Please bring a dish of your choosing to share. Instead of one main course, we can have many to sample! Thank you!

Gathering is @ 7:30 pm.

Our speaker will be Austin Hancock, who will tell us the story of Lyle Pennington, a Rochester native and Tuskegee Airman. Austin is a local CFI and historian, and he is leading a project to construct a replica of Mr. Pennington's P-51.

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

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 (Baby Ace Restoration Team) - Every Wednesday 6pm to 9pm, everyone welcome!

VMC/IMC Club (Visual/Instrument Meteorological Conditions) - 2nd Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm

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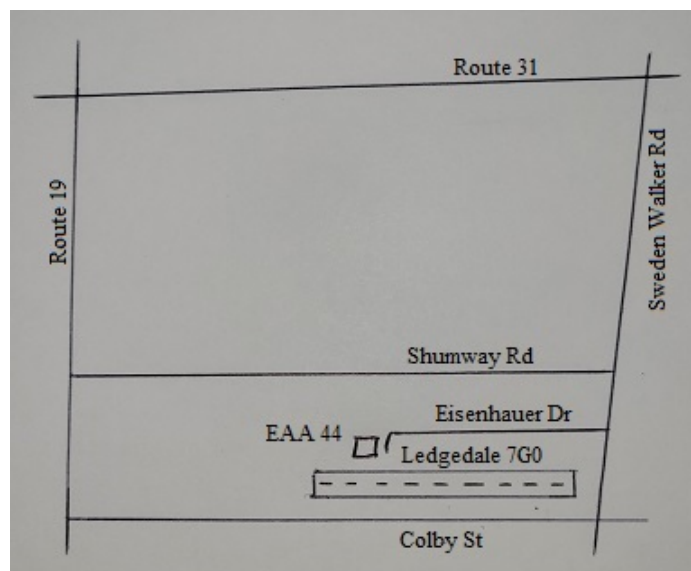
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