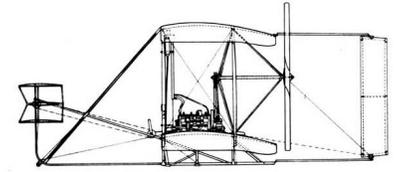




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Editor's Empennage

What's new? We have a Webmaster! That's what's new! Tom Henshaw has taken the reins of our web assets and has made progress. So far, he has brought our chapter webpage, <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea44>, up to date.

Events are listed, the new newsletters are getting posted and the link for newsletter submissions is actually working! Please use it and send me articles and pictures for the newsletter. I would really like to see pictures and stories of our members aircraft, whether home or factory built. So, a Great Big THANK YOU to Tom!

Now, I would like to put to you, the membership, an issue that I really would like input on. You can email me, call me, or talk to me at the General Meeting. Here it is: I am currently publishing the Board of Director Minutes from the previous month. That means that I have to wait until this month's BOD meeting for them to approve the previous month's minutes. That means that I don't get the newsletter out until the middle of the month, or a bit later. The feedback I would like is if you are okay with this, or, would you prefer getting the newsletter earlier in the month (instead of a couple days before the General Meeting). If you would like it earlier, and frankly, that would be my preference, it would likely mean that I would have to wait a month to get the approved minutes. Example: This is the February issue with January minutes. If I publish earlier, I would have to go with December's minutes. Obviously, I have already published those. What would happen would be that the March issue would have no BOD minutes, and then the April issue would have February's BOD minutes. I hope this makes sense.

If folks like it the way it is, great! Please submit articles by the 7th of the month. If we go the other route, please submit article by the 3rd, and I will try to have the newsletter out around the 10th. Thank you! Darryl

From Frances Englund, Ray Scholarship Coordinator:

Since 2020, EAA Chapter 44 has applied to EAA national to be approved to offer a Ray Foundation Aviation Scholarship. For three years in a row, we have been awarded the honor of mentoring and guiding a youth who has been active in our chapter toward earning their PPL. The BOD has once again submitted the chapter's application to be able to have one of our youth apply for 2023. We should know if Chapter 44 was chosen by the end of February.

For the past 3 years, the maximum a Scholar could receive through the Ray Aviation Scholarship was \$10,000. Through the generosity of the Ray Foundation, each candidate will be eligible for a maximum of \$11,000 in 2023.

Since the beginning of the Ray Scholarship being offered, Lightspeed has offered to give each scholar a Zulu 3 headset once the Scholar solos. Lightspeed has once again committed to this offer.

Our Ray Scholar for 2022 is Sharon Reithel, As we all know, the weather over the past two months has not been exactly VFR. As you will read separately, Sharon is very frustrated in not getting to fly. When you see her, please give her some encouraging words.

Editor's note: I have included a note from Sharon, forwarded by Frances, at the bottom of the right hand column on Page 3.

"Keep at it, Sharon! You're pursuing a dream that I never did." Darryl

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.

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting, December, 2022 **12**

President Thomas Henion called the regular EAA Chapter 44 Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:06 pm on Monday 9 January, 2023, in the EAA Chapter 44’s Sport Aviation Center (SAC).

Board Member Attendance

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| President | Thomas Henion | Present |
| Vice Pres. | Randy Spurr | Present |
| Director | Peter Bonneau | Absent |
| Director | Frances Englund | Present |
| Director | Darrin Kenney | Present |
| Director | Joe Scanlon | Absent |
| Director | Stephen North | Absent |
| Director | Richard Tandy | Partial |
| Director | Richard Tandy II | Present |

Others in Attendance

Gail Isaac Receiving Treasurer - Reporting

Trina Kenney Treasurer

Bob Nelligan-Barrett BART

R. Darryl Byers Newsletter Editor

Housekeeping

- Next General Meeting: Tuesday, 17 January 2023 at 6:30 pm
- Meal: Frances Englund is making Chicken Divan.
- Program/Speaker: Walter Gordon, local aviation author and C-130 driver will talk about Project Gemini .
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Officer Reports

President - Tom Henion

- Insurance - We have riders for meetings and events.
- EAA Chapter renewal.
- The Chapter has applied for Young Eagle credits for FY 2022. No response to date.

Vice President - Randy Spurr

- The Drag Race Association reached out regarding wanting EAA 44’s schedule of events so that they could plan their season of airport use.

Secretary - Stephen North (absent)

- Darrin moved to accept the December BOD meeting minutes (as amended) ; Randy seconded. Approved with 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Treasurer - Trina Kenney (Gail Isaac, Receiving Treasurer)

- Trina presented the December 2022 Treasurer’s Report for review and approval. Randy moved to accept, seconded by Frances. Approved with 5 in favor, 0 against.

Committee Reports

Building and grounds - (TBD)

Tom commented that we need a good cleaning and some annual upkeep items:

- Backflow preventer check and alarms have been done.
- Taxes have been paid.
- AED has been checked and okay per Tom.
- Inspect furnace every two years.

Baby Ace Restoration Team (BART) - Bob Nelligan-Barrett

- Some pieces are being primed and painted.
- There are many surplus parts that can be sold.
- Possible display the Baby Ace at the Geneseo and Rochester Airshows.
- The number of participants is dwindling. Vet and Earl have to do too large of a portion of the work. Bob will be reaching out to RIT, Brockport & Spencerport High Schools, and Monroe 2- Orleans BOCES.
- It was inquired if the Board could get a financial status report on funds spent to date and what is anticipated to completion, as was done at the beginning of the project. Also, since the Board approved the donations, it should pre-approve the disposition of surplus items.

Young Eagles (YE) - Richard Tandy (absent)

- Busy calendar with air shows.
- Previous YE Coordinator cancelled the YE email address, so a new one is needed.
- Potential Dates - Rick will prepare some dates.
Tentative: Late May
 June 17
 July 8 or 15
 August 26
 September 8

Ray Aviation Scholar - Frances Englund

- Frances brought up that the final payment to RAC left a balance due to Jake. Because his family has been paying, a check for the balance will be mailed to Kelly or Jake Daly. Jake has completed his PPL Certification.
- Sharon has not flown much due to weather and instructor schedules.
- Chapter Application - Email sent to BOD regarding the application. Frances working on it and integrating many of the accomplishments bullets from our Annual National Renewal. Tom asked us to think about the application process and what the Board wants done (do we want candidates to come in for an interview or zoom, for example). To be revisited at February Board Meeting.

General

VFR/IFR Club

- Best day of the week? Randy inquired with a CFI of combining our club with his “hangar flying group” of approximately 20 people. Rick II motioned for Randy to continue to investigate combining forces, seconded by Frances. Approved 5 in favor, 0 against.

Grant Writer Invoice

- Gail paid the grant writer directly. Discussion ensued regarding whether the grant writer was contracted by the Chapter or not. What work did the grant writer do? Per Gail, she called the Ray Scholarship and Gail spent 1.5 hours with the grant writer. No invoice has been presented to the Board, no action is taken (there is no documentation for the Board to take an action on payment or accepting a donation).

2023 Calendar

Open House - Discussion about the purpose of the Open House.

- Does it bring in many from the community?
- Do we have people willing to work it?
- Potential date is June 10th. Other events and air shows:

 Geneseo June 3-4
 Oshkosh July 24-30
 Rochester August 12-13
 Batavia September 1-3

Budget Oversight Committee

The Board consensus was it is not needed.

By-Laws

We need to address them. A previous BOD member did them but some thought they were very detailed / complicated. We potentially have not addressed some items that NYS law requires to be in by-laws. EAA National has a template.

Newsletter

- Darryl will do a column on what do people want to see in the newsletter. He “is the editor, not the writer”. Working on sorting out the website and emails. Looking for a more user friendly publishing program.

Adjournment

- Randy moved to adjourn the meeting; Frances seconded. Motion carried with 5 in favor, 0 opposed. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm.

Frances Englund forwarded me this note from Sharon Reithel:

“Hi everyone! Hope you all are finding good health and prosperity in the new year. I am back on the flight schedule and I am (sort of) flying. I’ve had lots of flights canceled due to high winds, icing, low freezing level, low cloud ceiling, etc. It’s pretty frustrating! I am hoping for better weather conditions soon, and that spring will have excellent weather. That’s about all I’ve got; more updates and flight stories to come (when my flights stop getting canceled)!”
- Sharon R.

Indiana County / Jimmy Stewart Airport, IDI
Frances Englund forwarded me a copy of the Williamson Flying Club's February 2023 newsletter. In it is an article, which I believe is a regular column, called "Cool Places to Fly", by Chris Houston. This month's article is about the Indiana County / Jimmy Stewart Airport, which is in Indiana, Pennsylvania! (confused yet?) It is roughly 40 nm ENE of Pittsburgh, PA. It is called Jimmy Stewart Airport because, from Chris's article, "Indiana, PA is the hometown of beloved actor Jimmy Stewart. While familiar with his film roles, I did not know that Stewart was a pilot, nor that he earned a Distinguished Flying Cross while at the controls of a B-24 Liberator bomber over Europe. He was the first Hollywood leading man to enlist in the Army during World War II and rose quickly through the ranks from private to colonel in four brief years, ultimately retiring from the United States Air Force as a Brigadier General. He was clearly an interesting man and it is probably not surprising that the Jimmy Stewart Museum (<https://jimmy.org>) a few miles away comes highly recommended to visitors."

To borrow more of Chris's article: "The airport that proudly carries Stewart's name is a beautiful, well equipped facility with an immaculate 5,500 foot runway, reasonably priced avgas (\$6.00 / gal, reasonable for the area), and a modern terminal building featuring the Riziki Café and a cozy pilot lounge."

The fuel farm appears to be recently installed. I was initially befuddled by the apparent lack of fuel hose, but then realized it was housed in a clamshell enclosure next to the credit card kiosk."

It appears as though the café is quite nice and is breakfast and lunch oriented, with hours of M-F 7:00 am to 2:00pm (also 2nd Saturday of the month). Also from the article: "Naturally, there is a display about the life and accomplishments of Indiana, Pennsylvania's favorite son that appears intended to whet visitor's appetites for the Jimmy Stewart Museum in town. A crew car is reputedly available for pilots to visit the museum in town."

Another interesting feature of the airport is a Cessna 310 serving as both gate guardian and highly unusual weathervane. The 310 was originally owned by Stewart and painstakingly restored by the EAA for its new role.

Indiana County Airport is one of those places that is a pleasure to discover and visit. It really is a wonderful life!

Thanks to Frances, Chris Houston, and the Williamson Flying Club!

Impact of Digitalization and automation... Lollll



Picture from Facebook

**From our Historian/Librarian
Bob Nelligan-Barrett:**

From the February 1958 Meeting Minutes...

“The 1st meeting of the “Rochester Area E.A.A.” was held on February 25, 1958 at Hylan Field (*now Marketplace Mall.*) The purpose and aims of EAA were explained to the group. A count of EAA members at the meeting was insufficient to make application for a charter but many expressed interest in doing so. Brochures and membership forms were handed out. A progress report on current building projects was given. Pictures of the '57 Fly-in were shown and “Hylan passed the apples.”

Happy 65th Anniversary Chapter 44!

From those humble beginnings, we now have, and are, an aviation education center for Western New York and the Finger Lakes Region. From just a bunch of enthusiasts who wanted to build airplanes, to an established Chapter offering Young Eagle Rides, Flight Training Scholarships, an Aviation Summer Camp, a restoration project, and so much more. Pat yourselves on the back. We should be proud of our Chapter and what it has accomplished. Squeek would be proud.

Selfie of the Year! (Tom Henion - Is this an approved procedure???) (Picture from Facebook)



Young Eagles

Young Eagle dates for 2023

May 20th

June 24th

August 26th

September 23rd

October 21st

Times TBA

Contact Rick Tandy for further info
and volunteering!

Open House & Fly-In

June 10, 2023

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

(1000 to 1600 for you with military backgrounds!)

Free and Open to the Aviation Community
& General Public

**Baby Ace Restoration, Homebuilt,
Restored, & Production Aircraft
on display.**

**Classic Car Cruise-In Parking,
Grill Food (\$), Family Friendly**

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

Editors Note:

I have had Director Joe Scanlon's email incorrect.

It is jscanlon48@aol.com

Please make changes to your email contacts. I have corrected it in the newsletter and my email contacts.

Sorry.

EAA Chapter 44 Calendar

Next General Meeting

Next meeting: February 21, 2023
Dinner @ 6:30 pm, \$5

Tom & Eileen Henion are bringing lasagna. Please bring a dish to pass.

Meeting is @ 7:30 pm.

Our scheduled presenter is Jane Grant, donator of the Aeronca Chief model. She will be talking about her father & model aircraft.

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

Air Shows 2023

June 3 & 4 - Geneseo, National Warplane Museum Air show

July 24-30 Oshkosh

August 12 & 13 - Rochester Air show at Rochester Int'l Airport (ROC) USAF Thunderbirds are supposed to be there!

Sept 1, 2, & 3 - Genesee County Airport in Batavia, with possible A-10C Thunderbolt II (Warhog) Team. Also, Matt Younkin and his Twin Beech Air show!

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 Monday of the month

General Meetings
3rd Tuesday of the month
\$5 Dinner 6:30 pm, Meeting 7:30 pm

BART - Every Wednesday 6pm to 9pm,

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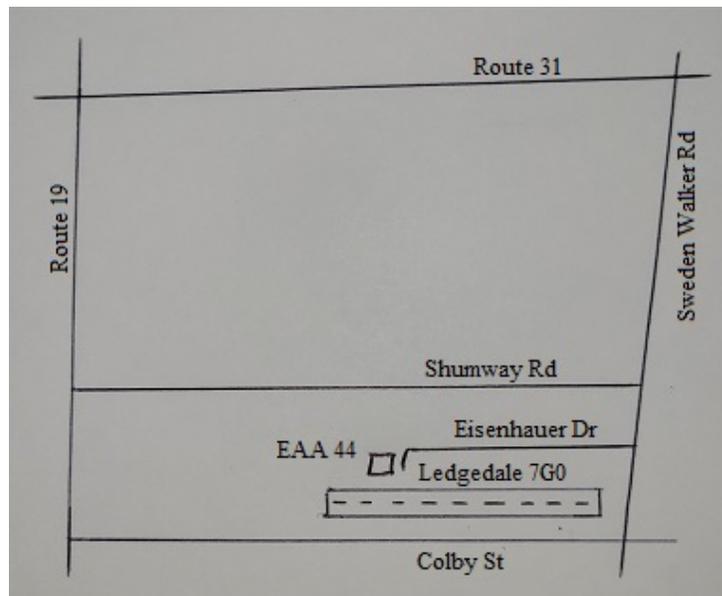
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