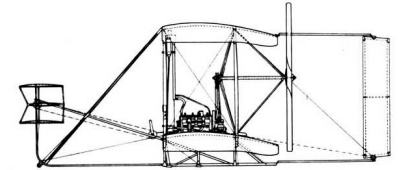




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From President Mark Scheda

In keeping with the “new year” theme of this issue, I’d like to remind everyone that it’s time for all of us to renew our membership with EAA44. I truly appreciate all the fellowship and good deeds that come from our Chapter, and I am very happy to submit my annual dues to support the great work that you all do. Please without delay, submit your dues (checks payable to EAA Chapter44) to our treasurer at:

Trina Kenney, EAA44 Treasurer
27 Keystone Court
Brockport, NY 14420

Dues are \$30 for individuals and \$45 for a family. Students as always are free (students we do need confirmation that you are still with us please). Trina will also be present at the January and February gatherings to receive your dues in person, either by check or in cash.

Speaking of memberships, the following is a pitch for membership in EAA national. Surprisingly, about 30% of EAA44’s members are not members of EAA national. For that 30%, I think you’re missing out on a tremendous array of benefits. For starters, EAA produces an excellent full-color monthly magazine full of truly interesting, informative, and entertaining content – a perfect diversion for these grey, windy winter days. National provides the resources for us to run our successful Young Eagles events. National hosts seminars, provides training, publishes online content, provides an awesome online educational program for K-12 students called AeroEducate, and a hundred other benefits. You really should consider joining if you have not yet.

As if that’s not enough, this month EAA is hosting “Builder’s week”, an entire week of interactive online presentations with a variety of subjects of interest to builders and flyers alike. Builder’s Week is available to everyone (participation is not limited to EAA national members), and it’s a great way to learn some new things while passing time during our not-so-hospitable winter. The full schedule is pictured on page 3 – I hope you get to see one or a bunch of these presentations!

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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.

Finishing up on a completely different subject: based on a tip from an experienced A&P / IA, my family treated me this Christmas to a new tool! I am the happy new owner of a Vampliers. It's a specially-designed pliers (you might've guessed that), purpose-built for removing stubborn/stuck/stripped-head screws. After a lifetime of dealing with lousy old fasteners (ALL of which were corrupted prior to me touching them of course...), I can scarcely believe this is the first time I've learned of this tool. Call me weird, but I can hardly wait to encounter my next hard-to-remove screw. The Vampliers website has some pretty cool videos of how it's supposed to work. We'll see, but I'm excited to try it!



Finally, please do come to our January gathering. We will have our own Paul Berg telling us the story of his Lindy-winning Rotorway helicopter. It's so cool that such an accomplished guy is among us, and that he is happy to tell the story of his award-winning build. Until then, put on your skis and...

Go Flying!

Mark

Happy New Year to one and all! You may have noticed that the past couple newsletters have been a bit short. I know that the holidays keep us all busy, including myself, but now that we are in full swing of winter, perhaps a few of you might have pictures of projects or trips, or an article that you can send me. Thanks! **Editor**



Homebuilders Week Schedule

January 27 - 31, 2025

Homebuilders Week Schedule of Events

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To sign up: EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek

Time CST	Monday 1/27/25	Tuesday 1/28/25	Wednesday 1/29/25	Thursday 1/30/25	Friday 1/31/25
11:30-12:45	Building an Aircraft: What You Need to Know - Charlie Becker	Wiring Basics - Dick Koehler	Flight Testing 101 - Paul Dye	EAA Advocacy Update: Top Homebuilding Issues and the Impact of MOSAIC - Sean Elliott, Rob Hackman, & Jack J. Pelton	Staying Alive: Analysis of Homebuilt Fatal Accidents - Dave Nelson
1:00-2:15	Sheet Metal Basics - Mike Dooley	TIG Welding - Charlie Becker & Shaun Walker	Composite Construction - Mark Forss	Amateur-Built Aircraft Certification Process - Joe Norris	Liability of Selling Your Homebuilt - Kathy Yodice
2:30-3:45	Fabric-Covering Basics - Nate Hammond	Getting Your Project Finished and Flying - Vic Syracuse	Buying a Used Homebuilt - Vic Syracuse	Sonex Highwing Update - Mark Schaible	Zenith Aircraft Kits & Plans - Sebastian Heintz & Roger Dubbert
4:00-5:15	The Need for Speed: Kitbuilt Options - Dave Forster	Hardware for Homebuilts - John Cox	Advanced Flight Systems - Rob Hickman	Garmin Experimental Avionics Solutions - Brad Breising	Weight and Balance - Joe Norris
5:30-6:45	Panel Planning and Wiring - Marc Ausman	Dynon Avionics - Michael Schofield	Engine Selection Basics - Dick Koehler	Gas Welding - Budd Davison	Working With Wood 101 - John Egan
7:00-8:15	Rotax 9 Series Installation & Operation - Phil Lockwood	Designing the Perfect Paint Scheme and Its Impact on Budget - Craig Barnett	Data-Driven Diagnosis of Engine Issues - Mike Busch	Van's RV Aircraft Kits - Greg Hughes	Common Builder & Maintenance Errors - Vic Syracuse

Lycoming Engine Factory Tour - Preliminary Information

- 1) Tours are only available Monday through Friday (for groups).
- 2) Target dates are between 4/1/2025 and 5/9/2025.
- 3) 6 to 8 weeks advance notice to Lycoming is required for group tour selected date.
- 4) For security and safety concerns, some information and safety requirements are required for all group members (more details to come).
- 5) Sign up list will be available at January gathering.
- 6) Lycoming factory is in Williamsport, PA, approx. 3 hours south on Rte 390 (& Rte 15? - Editor)

Jerry Isaac - 585 737 1204

Next General Gathering

January 21, 2025

Dinner @ 6:30 pm

Dinner will be provided by Mark & Liz Scheda.
Entrée will be Italian Sausage with peppers & onions.
Please bring a dish to pass.

Gathering is @ 7:30 pm.

The presentation will be by Paul Berg on his Silver Lindy Award (Reserve Grand Champion) winning RotorWay 162F helicopter build.

SAC Work Day - Saturday before General 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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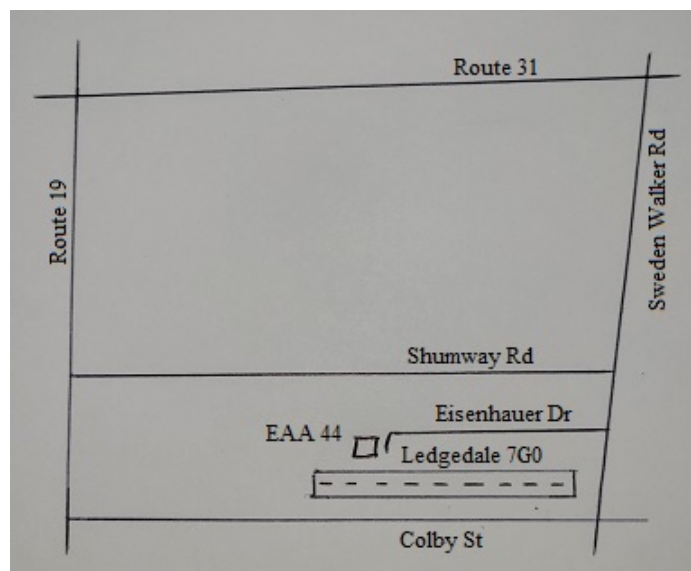
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