



The Flyer



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Paulism of the Month by EAA Founder Paul Poberezny

Through EAA, I've learned much more about people than I ever have about airplanes.

LEADERSHIP BOOT CAMP COMING TO THE SAC

by Norm Isler

EAA Chapter 44, in cooperation with EAA HQ, will be hosting a Chapter Leadership Boot Camp here at the SAC on August 20!

The Boot Camp is a one day cram course on how to be a better chapter leader/member and focus on topics important to you and your chapter. While aimed at "Chapter Leaders", I encourage any member of Chapter 44 interested in running our chapter to sign up and attend. The goal is to provide as much training as possible in one day! You'll walk away feeling like you were "drinking from a fire hose".

TRI-MOTOR UPDATE

by Bob Nelligan-Barrett, Tour Stop Chair

We are at less than T-90 Days and your Committee is working hard to make this a successful event. Mike Clayton and Mike Kuyt are Co-Chairing the Sponsor Committee and getting some important supporters on board (names TBA a little later.)

BUT WE NEED YOU! 4 Volunteers are needed per 5-hour shift to be Tri-Motor Escorts. These are important roles working directly with the Tri-Motor helping passengers on and off the aircraft. Take advantage of this unique opportunity to work with/for/around/on a Ford-Tri-Motor. When will you have the opportunity again? See Samantha Horne or the Sign up Board on the doors to the Great Room.

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DUES WERE DUE!

Our Treasurer and Editor jointly forgot to remind you all that Dues for 2016 were due in January. Please see Gail Isaac to renew your membership. Thank you and we apologize for the inconvenience.

Mission: EAA Chapter 44 is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization of aircraft builders and aviation enthusiasts in Western New York 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.

Boot Camp con't

The course is taught by EAA Chapter Office staff. We expect LOTS of chapter leaders from many of the chapters within New York and Pennsylvania to attend.

These one day, interactive sessions are focused on topics important to all chapters including;

- Recruiting and retaining members
- Marketing
- Tax exempt status
- Fundraising
- Media & public relations
- Young Eagles
- Insurance and risk management
- EAA chapter resources

The boot camp also provides an excellent opportunity to network with other chapter leaders and interact with EAA chapter office staff. As the host chapter, we will have the opportunity to spend some casual time with EAA national “celebrities” both before and after the event. EAA staff will be on site on Friday and Saturday evening. Stick around and join us for dinner!

We will also be looking for some volunteers to help serve lunch and generally help run the event. More information will be made available soon. Don't miss this opportunity to show off the neatest EAA Chapter Building this side of the Mississippi!

For more information and registration go to <eaa.org> and search for “chapter leadership boot camp” and follow the links there.

See you at Boot Camp! ten-HUT!

HANGAR FUND CHALLENGE ALTIMETER

For every dollar donated to our Hangar Fund, an additional dollar will be matched by an Anonymous Donor now through 12/31/2017. **Our current total is \$1,245.** The Altimeter will be updated monthly.



Now that our Altimeter has broken a \$1,000 threshold, our Anonymous Donor has added his/her match to the Hangar Fund. At every \$1,000 milestone our Donor will add their matching \$1,000.

Make your tax-deductible donation payable to “EAA Chapter 44” and put “Hangar Challenge” in the memo line. Mail or give your donation to Treasurer Gail Isaac, 6 Clearview Dr., Spencerport, NY 14559.

Thank you to our Anonymous Donor and thank you to YOU for your support of the Sport Aviation Center Hangar Fund.

BYE BYE BEEHCRAFT

Story and photos by Norm Isler

By now, many of you have already heard the following story. For those that have not, this is NOT an April Fool's Day tale.

On Wednesday, March 9th I received a call from Ray Detor, the airport owner at Leroy Airport (5G0). He was calling to let me know there had been an accident at the airport, and that my airplane "may" have been damaged. He was en-route to the airport, and would call me when he got there.

About the time he called to let me know he had arrived, I left work and headed to the airport. In his second call, he confirmed that there had been a taxiing accident involving a Cessna 172. The aircraft started, "went to full throttle and the owner lost control of the aircraft". No one was injured, but the aircraft had impacted the back of my "T" hangar. It appeared (looking through the new opening at the back of my hangar) that the rudder and elevator may be damaged.

When I arrived at the airport, after meeting the other aircraft owner, (who was exceptionally polite and apologetic) Ray and I entered my hangar. The sight that greeted us was not welcoming. Still turning at high rpm, the 172's prop had chewed through our hangar wall, and impacted my Beechcraft Sport. Debris from the back hangar wall was strewn throughout the hangar. The force of the impact pushed the plane forward, with the spinner impacting the front door of the hangar. Not only was the rudder and elevator damaged, but once we were able to get to the aft section of the plane on the pilot's side, we were able to see a portion of the tailcone just forward of the elevator pivot was crushed. We just went from "a bolt off / bolt on" damage to major airframe repair.

Thursday, both Elise and I took off from work. (I think she wanted to make sure I didn't do anything TOO stupid.) We visited the Beech and began to mourn our loss.

On Friday March 11, I met with an adjuster from AIG, the insurance company for my airplane and the other aircraft. Confirming what we already suspected, it will "not be economically feasible" to repair the plane.

The adjuster and I spoke for over an hour one evening, and with "gentlemanly give and take" we reached a settlement agreement. Elise and I are by no means happy. The only way to achieve that would be to turn back the hands on the clock to before the engine started on the other aircraft. We would like our airplane back, undamaged. But that won't happen. We did reach an agreement that both of us believe is fair and equitable.

About a week and a half ago I sent off the papers transferring our Beechcraft to the insurance company. We are no longer airplane owners.

We have declared a 90 day moratorium on the possibility of purchasing a replacement aircraft. Too many questions about what mission a "new" airplane would fill, IF the decision is to buy another airplane in the near future. Time will tell. And who knows what we may spot "For Sale" at Oshkosh this summer.

One good friend within EAA 44 has offered to make his plane available for me to fly to remain current and even fly Young Eagles. Another chapter friend offered to pull together "an army" to help rebuild the Beech. Our heartfelt thanks go to both gentleman and all the others that have offered or provided support throughout this episode.

I certainly don't recommend this as an "educational experience" for anyone, but I will say I have learned a lot over the past few weeks. At one of our upcoming meetings, we will share

much of the aftershock, and what we went through to begin to settle the matter, not only with the insurance company, but also within our minds. Much of what we learned applies to many other aspects of our lives.

Nick and I both earned our private pilot's license in this aircraft, and I have been flying her for over 9 years. Elise has been my co-pilot/navigator/extra eyes and favorite right seat companion on so many flights.



I have flown this plane over the Tappan Zee and George Washington Bridges. I have flown past the Statue of Liberty, and BELOW the New York City skyline. We have seen much of upstate New York and some of the sights of Pennsylvania from the front seats of Beech '964. I have flown over 100 Young Eagles (and a few grey eagles!) in this airplane. My last flight in N23964 was about a month ago, introducing a friend to the comforts of flight in a Beech.



We will miss flying that plane.

AOPA ASI MAY SAFETY SEMINAR AT THE SAC

“Emergency! Getting It Right When
Things Go Wrong”

Thursday May 5 7-9 PM

Join other pilots for comaradery (sic) and increase your safety knowledge. Registration is not required to attend, but we do encourage it. When you RSVP, you will be able to have the opportunity to add to your online event calendar. Go to: <<https://www.aopa.org/login/EventRegistration>>.

We spend time training for them, but real-world emergencies are rare enough that it's easy to get complacent. They don't always happen to “other pilots,” though, and preparation can make a big difference when things don't go as planned:

What if you lose 500 rpm during takeoff, but the engine is running smoothly?

What if the ammeter drops to zero during a flight in IMC?

What if your left aileron develops a strong vibration in flight?

Our new seminar is full of expert tips on handling those “up here, but wishing you were down there” scenarios. We focus on how to keep abnormal situations from becoming full-blown emergencies, offer advice on keeping critical problems under control, and give our best advice on off-airport landings. (Text from AOPA website <http://www.aopa.org/forms/event-calendar/SAFETY_SEMINAR>.)

JET PACK PIONEER SPEAKS @ THE SAC

Do you remember man who flew a Jet Pack into Super Bowl I? Did you WISH you were “James Bond” escaping the bad guys with your Jet Pack?” The Pilot who flew those flights, and many others starting in 1969, was Bill Suitor, our May Guest Speaker.



Bill subtitled his presentation, “20 Seconds to 20 Minutes: From Rocket Packs to Jet Belts.” And he proceeded to tell us in personal detail the history of this unique flying machine from Day One, because he was The Pilot we all saw growing up.

Bill showed us the propulsion systems and explained the physics behind the development from packs to belts to ...the Lunar Pogo!..., back to the current jet chair. The family tree is there, to the Moon and back.

Bill Suitor lives in Buffalo and is still actively involved jet belt development. Upstate New York again has an interesting and ongoing connection to Aviation History.

Thank you Bill for your fascinating glimpse behind the scenes of the Jet Pack.

YEAC AT CAMP FAIR

Young Eagle Aviation Camp Coordinator Jeff Peters stands by his display (below) at the recent Camp Fair held at East View Mall. This was a one day display of area summer camps. Jeff was assisted by 2015 YEACampers and 2016 Junior Counselors Jesse and Lucy. They were wonderful talking to parents about the camp.



EAA Chapter 44 Board of Directors' Meetings 8 March 2016

Board Members Present: Clayton, Nelligan-Barrett, Kuyt, Horne, and Peters

Other Members Present: Greeno

Reports:

- ▲ President (Mike Clayton)
 - ▲ Jeff Peters proposed that the Board host an EAA Chapter Leadership Boot Camp Program at the SAC on Saturday, August 20th. Norm Isler has arranged the event with representatives from EAA National. The motion was seconded by Mike Kuyt and passed unanimously.

- ✧ The BOD reviewed and approved the 2016 Budget that was distributed and discussed by the Board at the February meeting.

- ✧ Vice President (Norm Isler)
 - ✧ No Report.

- ✧ Treasurer (Gail Isaac)
 - ✧ The report was read (via e-mail) and approved.

- ✧ Secretary (Jeff Peters)
 - ✧ February Meeting Minutes, as revised, read and approved per motion of Samantha Horne, seconded by Mike Kuyt, passed unanimously.

Business:

- Homebuilder's Council (Darryl Byers)

- ✧ No report.

- ✧ Capital Campaign (Rob Williams & Larry Greeno)
 - ✧ Larry updated the Board re: the status of the Capital Campaign and the Hangar Match Challenge. A Committee meeting will be held prior to the next Board meeting.

- ✧ 2015 Program (Mike Kuyt – Speaker Seeker)
 - ✧ The speaker for the April Meeting will be Trevor Ewell from the Radio Control Club

of Rochester who will discuss his flying scale model of a B-17 and other club activities.

- ✧ Building Committee (Kevin Arganbright)
 - ✧ No Report.

- ✧ Young Eagle Aviation Camp (YEAC) (Jeff Peters)
 - ✧ Jeff Peters updated the BOD re: the 2016 YEAC that will be held on Monday, Aug. 8th – Friday, Aug. 12th. The next meeting of the Committee will be held prior to the March General Meeting.

- ✧ Ford Tri-Motor Visit (Bob Nelligan-Barrett)
 - ✧ Bob Nelligan-Barrett, the Tour Chair for the EAA Ford Tri-Motor visit to the SAC on June 23 -26, updated the BOD re the project. The committee is meeting the 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month. Samantha Horne will coordinate the event volunteers. To facilitate marketing the Ford Tri-Motor Visit, Mike Kuyt proposed the expenditure for the printing of event flyers. The motion was seconded by Samantha Horne and passed unanimously.

- ✧ Chapter Web Site (Phil Hazen)
 - ✧ No Report.



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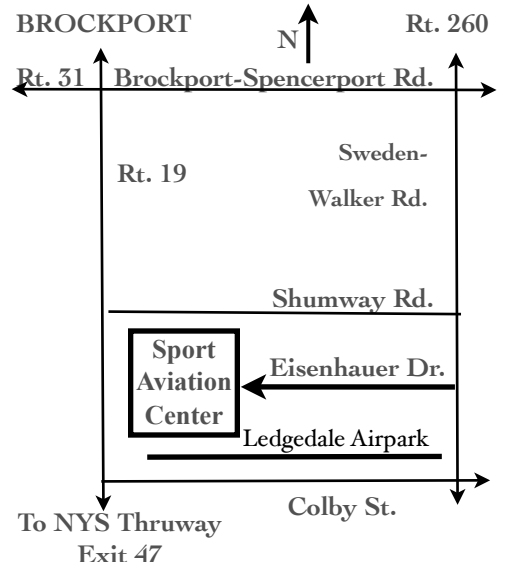
REGIONAL CALENDAR

Look to Upstate NY's Aviation List at <upstatelist.org> for regional fly-in breakfasts and other events.

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When Things Go Wrong"
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Boot Camp @ the SAC
May 20
<eaa.org>**

**Ford Tri-Motor Rides
@ the SAC!
June 23-26
Adult \$70,
Child (17 & under) \$50
Walk-up \$75/\$50
Book your seats at
<FlyTheFord.org>
or call
877-952-5395**



EAA 44 Calendar



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

April 19, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Mtg.

Trevor Ewell, from the Radio Control Club of Rochester, will be showing us his Giant Scale B-17, talk about RCCR activities and his interest in military drones.

Gail and Jerry are providing Sub sandwiches. Please bring a dish or dessert to complement that meal.

April 16 Tri-Motor Comm.

April 19 General Meeting

May 5 AOPA ASI Safety Seminar @ the SAC

May 10 Board Meeting

May 14 SAC Work Day (tent)

May 17 General Meeting

June 11 Young Eagle Rally

June 23-26 Ford Tri-Motor

July 9 Young Eagle Rally

Aug 8-12 YEAC Camp

August 13 Young Eagle Rally

Aug 20 Chapter Leadership Boot Camp

All activities take place at the Sport Aviation Center, & are free & open to the public unless otherwise noted.

Sport Aviation Center

44 Eisenhower Dr. 14420

Brockport Airport/
Ledgesdale Airpark (7G0)

43° 10' 56" N 77° 55' 1" W

Board Meetings

2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 PM

General Meetings-

3rd Tuesday of the month

\$5 Dinner 6:30, Meeting 7:30

SAC Saturday Work Days

2nd Saturday 10 AM (tent.)

Tri-Motor Committee

1st & 3rd Saturdays 10 -12

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