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SPORT AVIATION CENTER UPDATE

by Norm Isler

Real Progress! As I mentioned at the September general meeting, we hit a minor snag in the paperwork related to the installation of the electric service at our new Sport Aviation Center. I am happy to report that issue has been resolved, and we are now on the schedule for National Grid to install our service! Assuming that the weather cooperates, we are scheduled to have the cable installed the first week of November, with "Lights On" shortly thereafter!



Former Rochester Public Library shelves donated by Norm Isler have become the first part of "Gail's Galley."

Between now and then, we still have lots to do. Mike Clayton is in the process of lining up the excavator and other equipment necessary for our last "Big Dig." Carl and Dave are both doing wrist exercises to warm up and strengthen their wrists for running the excavator. Kurt Bradford, and Larry MacDonald, along with the rest of the Electric Team are finalizing the details necessary to pass the second (of three expected) wiring inspections. This second inspection covers the underground service feed we install from the transformer to the breaker box, and the set up of the breaker box itself. The third and final inspection will look at all the lights, switches and outlets, and that will be some time into 2011. When we have the trench dug, National grid will come in to lay the cable. That is when we will need to issue a call for "person power" to help fill in the ditch, (No, not by hand! We will have the appropriate equipment!) spread top soil and grade off the surface before the snow flies.

As we come close to realizing our goal of electrification, we are already starting on the next project, getting water connected. We continue to work diligently to control costs and ensure that we don't exceed our current resources. If we can keep a close reign on our costs, I believe

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 44 will hold it's Annual Meeting on Tuesday November 16, 2010 at 7:30 PM at the Sport Aviation Center, 44 Eisenhower Rd., Brockport NY. The meeting is being called at the direction of the President in accordance with Chapter By-laws.

Five positions on the Board of Directors are open for nominations and election that night. Please consider running for a position in YOUR organization. It will be well worth it. COME VOTE!

KEEPER OF THE FLAME

by Mary Hayes

(The following was shared with us and printed with permission of the author. Have your Kleenex ready. Ed)

Dear Mr. Rod Hightower and Mr. Tom Poberezny,

On your webpage, I read EAA members are referred to as the "keepers of the flame." I want to share a story about how one of your members shared his passion of flying and how it touched the life of my father and myself.

Recently my Dad, Leo Naber of Ocala FL, was visiting me in Lyndonville NY for his 80th birthday. We had the usual out to lunch and boat ride, but what I had really wanted to do was give my Dad the gift of flight. He has always talked of flying again. He goes to Oshkosh every year he can for the air show, and he also attends Sun 'n' Fun in Florida. He's a member of EAA himself.

My Dad got his pilot's license about 45 years ago in a Piper Cub. Shortly after, his wife passed away, his dreams of flying took a back seat to raising three children alone.

Sitting on the deck on his birthday, we noticed a bi-plane flying the coastline, and conversation turned to his dream of someday getting back into the air. I said, "You know Dad, I've seen that plane many times before. I think it flies out of a hanger not too far from here. We could drive down and perhaps you could sneak a peek up close. Who knows, maybe the owner knows where I could get you a ride."

As we pulled up to the hanger, you could see his face light up as he started to retell his stories of learning to fly, right there was the very plane he learned on so many years ago. Right next to the Piper Cub was this magnificent bi-plane. There was no one around so I wrote a note and looked for a good place to leave it so it would be noticed. Just as we headed back to the car, a truck pulled up the driveway.

As he rolled down the window I asked if he was the owner and he replied, "Yes." I told him we were about to leave a note asking if he gave rides, he replied, "no." I'm not really clear on the next few minutes. I vaguely remember telling Mr. Williams that I dearly wanted to find a way to get my Dad an airplane ride for his 80th birthday. He asked me when my Dad's birthday was, I replied, "today."

I believe the next words out of his mouth were, "how about now? I only have about a half hour or so." I know tears just started flowing as I must have said something silly like, "are you serious? Right now?" Then it was introductions all around and before I knew it, Mr. Williams was collecting the needed gear and telling us all about the beautiful fully restored 1943 Navy trainer bi-plane, going over the basics and getting my Dad into the cockpit with such an ease of confidence, showing him how to converse with him on the headset and strapping him in.



He checked the oil, and did a pre-flight check. Before I knew it, they were taxiing down the grass airstrip ready for take off. The engine revved and then quieted for a moment. My heart was in my throat, fearing something was wrong. Then I heard the powerful roar of the engine again.....then movement, and what seemed too short of a taxi, they were off.....climbing higher and higher.....and the tears started flowing again.

To stand on that grass runway, wrapped in my boyfriend's arms, I'm watching my father's dream of flying once again come true. It wasn't till after they landed that I found out Mr. Williams had insisted that my Dad take the stick and try a 30 degree bank, then a 180 degree turn, then let him fly the next 15 minutes.



My Dad got the birthday wish that only a stranger's kindness could fulfill. It wasn't until the post-flight chatter did Mr. Williams learn that my Dad was a fellow member of the EAA in Ocala FL and his countless trips to Oshkosh.

Life circumstances took away my father's dreams of flying, but 45 years later, they also gave him this awesome opportunity. I truly don't know how to thank Mr. Rob Williams. He touched 3 lives that evening in August 2010 and restored my faith in human kindness. Mr. Williams was the keeper of the flame that day; my Dad's dream to fly again. He exemplifies that mission.

SAC Update con't

we should still accomplish the water hook up with current funds already on hand and pledged to the "You Light Up My Life" campaign. It will be close, but it looks encouraging. Once we achieve that goal, we will be ready to move forward on bathrooms, heat, interior walls and so much more. But that will be the subject of another column.

Remember, work parties continue the first and third Saturdays of each month. Last week we tended to a large list of small projects, getting the building ready for electric and winter. More remains to be done, so please come on out to help.

See you at the SAC !

OLD GOAT'S BLOB BY ART THIEME

As promised, I have perused the aviation magazines and newsletters to see what I missed at AirVenture 2010. So far the only plane I missed was the Dragon Rapide. I scooted around the AeroShell display area every day and did not see this aircraft. Norm Isler told me that it was parked on the flight line. I like this aircraft. I almost got a ride in one at Duxford, England, home of the American Air Museum. Unfortunately, they had sold out of the ride tickets. *(It was at the Geneseo Air Show this summer. Ed.).*

I did listen to Burt Rutan, hoping to learn about his space mission. He started off his speech by stating that he could not reveal anything about his space program. He spent the next 45 minutes pointing out that the only way to get progress is by having competition. He said, "The Concorde never flew any faster on the last flight than on the first. The reason: no competition." He is a firm supporter of private enterprise and does not support government to do anything in the space program that doesn't cost twice as much and take longer. He also said that we won't see private person going into space orbit for a long time. "Too dangerous." He is an excellent speaker and well prepared.



Flying magazine, Oct. 2010, covered AirVenture by stating: "For all the new technologies and aircraft models that make their debut at AirVenture each year, the heart and soul of the show remain the antique, classic, experimental, and warbird areas, where enthusiasts gather with other kindred spirits." Amen. You could spend all the show time attending the forums and workshops. Just

the organizing and scheduling these events is mind boggling. And yes, I'm already getting ready for next year.

I said that the term "the whole nine yards" came from the fact that the ammunition belt of the planes were 27 feet long and the crew shouted to the gunners: "Give'em the whole 9 yards!" Now I find there is another explanation. The term comes from a masonry term which referred to the nice cubic yards of cement which was the capacity of some cement-mixer trucks (Trivia Book II, Red Letter Press, Saddle River, NJ 1993). I like the ammunition story better.

Don't call'em UAV's anymore. The Air Force is now using the term "RPA" which stands for "Remotely Piloted Aircraft."

After Marcia Gitelman gave her excellent presentation I went to her and questioned if she was a relative of Judge Gitelman? She said no but that he was her husbands father. She called him over and I told him that I sort of knew the Judge as he served on the Rochester School Board. We had a nice chat.

One last thought: With enough thrust, pigs fly just fine.
Old Goat, out.

OSH FROM AN OLD GOATS POV



NEW FLASH- STEVE ZIGELSTEIN BY NORM ISLER

As many of you know, Steve Zigelstein, our chapter Vice President has been searching for a new position since early this year. The good news - Steve has just advised me that he has accepted a position as Clinical Engineering Manager at St. Francis Hospital in Grand Island. The bad news - unfortunately, the Grand Island where Steve is going is not in western New York, but in eastern Nebraska.

Steve will be stepping down as Vice President the end of his term in November, and also has resigned his position on the Board of Directors effective the same date. This means that in addition to the four board positions up for election this year for the normal 2 year terms, we will need to elect a member to fill the one year remaining in Steve's term. Once again, this is an opportunity to become part of the chapter leadership, and I encourage all of you to consider taking this opportunity to "step up" and help our chapter continue to grow.

I know Steve has lots of friends and family in the Rochester area, so I am sure we will see him returning for visits from time to time. Steve, may I suggest you schedule some of those visits to include the

third Tuesday of the month so you can come back and visit your pals at the SAC!

On behalf of all our members, I thank Steve for his years of service, and wish him the best of luck in Nebraska.



LAST MONTHS MEETING- MARCIA GITELMAN ON BLANCH STUART SCOTT

EAA 44 welcomed Marcia Gitelman, local pilot, aviation historian, and member of the 99's. She



spoke to us about Rochester native Blanche Stuart Scott. Blanche is most well-known for being a student of Glenn Curtiss and the first woman to solo an airplane. She was also the first woman to drive cross-country in 1910. She stopped flying in 1916/17 and became a script writer for movies.

In 1948 she went to the Cleveland Air Races and got a ride with Chuck Yeager in an F-80 Shooting Star, making her the first woman to fly in a fighter jet.

She moved back to Rochester in the 1930's and lived quietly until her death in 1970. She is buried in Riverside Cemetery and a mysterious donor has placed a stone on her gravesite, ironically with the incorrect birth year.

Thank you Marcia for a fascinating presentation.

CORRECTION to bio on Carl Bouwens in last months member profile: Carl got caught up in the psychology of the 50's and thought he saw a couple of flying saucers early October 1956. This sparked an interest in science and he immediately started thinking about building space ships, a year before Sputnik. He's still designing, with emphasis on exotic chemical combinations and lifting bodies.

EAA44/46 YOUNG EAGLE DAY

EAA Chapters 44 (Rochester) and 46 (Buffalo) held a joint Young Eagle Day at Genesee County Airport on September 18, 2010. More than 50 new Young Eagles flew with members from both chapters. There were a variety of homebuilts (RV-6A, Buttercup, & GP-4), Cessna/Piper/Beeches, and a 2 Navions.

A great time was had by all on this beautiful sunny day.

More pictures can be found at:

<<http://gallery.me.com/trailbossbob#gallery>>



A proud mother takes a picture of Steve North.



Two Young Eagles check out Mercy Flight's helicopter.

RV-12 E-LSA VISITS EAA 44

Mitch Locke, East Coast Representative for Van's Aircraft, brought his personal E-LSA RV-12 to Ledgesdale for demo flights and a presentation to the chapter on this airplane.

After hearing the benefits of ease of construction, and maintenance, great performance, and relatively low-cost, several members were seen asking around for possible partners in a project!

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Mike Clayton & Mitch Locke after a demo flight.



Mitch demonstrating how easy it is for two people to remove the wings for trailering. Many members were impressed with the smart engineering that has gone into this aircraft.

**EAA Chapter 44
Board of Directors' Meeting
14 Sep 2010**

Board Members Present: Hurd, Williams, Nelligan-Barrett, Isler, Clayton, Zigelstein

Reports:

- President (Norm Isler):
 - Norm reported that the Chapter has received a donation from the Hilton Rotary in appreciation of our assistance at the Hendershot Fly-In. Norm also noted that this was the last Hendershot Fly-In breakfast; the Chapter may work with the Hilton Rotary to find a new location.
 - A combined Chapter 44 / Chapter 46 Young Eagles Rally is planned for Saturday, 18 Sept in Batavia.
- Vice-President (Steve Zigelstein)
 - No report
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd):
 - Report read and approved
- Secretary (Stephen North):
 - Report read and approved

Business:

- Sport Aviation Center (SAC)
 - The final approvals should be in place soon for installation of electric service.
 - The Board discussed options for improving the parking area. After reviewing the immediate needs versus available funding the Board decided to allocate funds for materials to improve the parking area (Move: Steve Z., Second: Rob W., Passed unanimously).
- Capital Campaign (Mike Stoddard):
 - Receipts continue steady as before. Mike may send out a gentle reminder to encourage those who may have pledged but not yet paid.
- General
 - The RV-12 demo is still scheduled for October 8th (Fri afternoon) and 9th (Sat morning) The Chapter will sponsor a barbecue dinner on Friday evening. Contact Bob Northrup for details.
 - The General Membership meeting program for October will be a presentation by noted aviation safety authority Gene Benson,

Board Member elections are coming in November; nominations will be collected at the October General Membership meeting. Board Member positions to fill: North, Hurd Battaglia, Clayton.

**EAA Chapter 44
General Membership Meeting
21 September 2010**

Reports:

- President (Norm Isler):
 - Thanks to Elise Isler for preparing dinner and to Gail Isaac for dessert.
 - The Chapter has received a donation from the Hilton Rotary in appreciation of our assistance at the Hendershot fly-in breakfast.
 - Earl Luce's webinar on building the Buttercup is available on the EAA National website.
 - Chapter logo clothing is still available for purchase
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd): Report read and approved.
- Secretary (Stephen North): Minutes read and approved.

Business:

- Sport Aviation Center (Mike Clayton)
 - Approval of the electric easement is expected shortly.
 - Need to start trenching soon.
- Capital Campaign (Mike Stoddard):
 - Mike presented a review of the past year's fundraising efforts noting that we had reached our goal for
- General
 - RV12 Demo – Fri and Sat (8-9 October). Cookout Friday night.

Gail Isaac (The Bottle Queen) noted that she has collected a sizeable amount from bottle deposits. For those playing along at home that translates into 12,500 bottles.

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**EAA 44
SPORT AVIATION CENTER
LEDGEDALE AIRPORT (7Go)**

HOLIDAY GIVING SUGGESTIONS FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY

Don't need another tie? Don't want another sweater? Already have enough cecos and Polyfibre?

Last year, through the generosity of several members, their friends and families we received a significant boost to our building fund through holiday gifts. Once again this year, allow me to suggest that we offer friends and family the opportunity to give a gift towards our new Sport Aviation Center in your honor. All gifts are fully tax deductible, and the donation will help us continue to move forward in realizing our dream of a completed Sport Aviation Center at Brockport.

After sending a donation to our treasurer, Dave Hurd, the donor will receive a receipt for their donation, and a special recognition card will be prepared for the honoree. The donor may ask for the card to be mailed to them for presentation later, or the card can be mailed directly to the honoree with a standard message, or a special message from the donor.

We'll have more details at the October and November meetings, and necessary information printed up to make it easy for your friend or family member to participate!

OTHER THAN AVIATION...

Mary Kay Battaglia and her horse Kissy (below) recently entered a Trail Trial to support the Happiness House for Children. They placed 12th out of 55 entrants in their first competition. Kissy is an 8 year-old Arabian with a high, happy tail.

Congratulations Mary Kay!



EAA 44 Calendar

Next Meeting



Tuesday Oct 19
Dinner 6:30 Speaker 7:30
Brockport 1st Presbyterian Church
35 State St. behind Strand Theater.

National aviation safety expert and Hilton resident Gene Bensen will speak on "Twelve Treacherous Tribulations," the top causal factors of

accidents for builders, maintainers, and pilots. Practical means of mitigating these common human factors will be discussed during this upbeat and entertaining presentation. Attendees will qualify for one FAA Wings credit. See his website at <genebenson.com>.

November

November 6- SAC Work Crew
November 9 - Board Meeting
**November 16 - General Meeting –
Board of Director Elections &
Steak Roast**
November 20 - SAC Work Crew

December

December 4- SAC Work Crew
December 14 - Board Meeting
December 18- SAC Work Crew
December 21 - Annual "Un" meeting

Board Meetings-

2nd Tuesday of the month
Norm and Elises' Home 7 PM
3631 Orleans-Monroe County
Line Rd., 14420

General Meetings-

3rd Tuesday of the month
Location TBA at <eaa44.org>

SAC Saturday Work Crews-

1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month
10 AM-3 PM

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