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SAC UPDATE by NORM ISLER

“The party’s over...”

Having been fully decorated, and hosting the “First Annual EAA 44 Holiday Un-meeting At The SAC”, it is now time to get back to the reality of wrapping up the tasks at hand, and concentrating on getting our final (and permanent) Certificate of Occupancy. It’s hard to believe that just a year ago we had no heat or water in the building, and were still “getting going” on the task of hanging drywall. How time flies when you are having fun!

While we wrap up a few details in the plumbing department, finish drywall work will be completed in the Promenade area, and then a final coat of paint. Soon we’ll see a closet rod added to our front closet so you can leave your coat as you walk in, and doors on the Great Hall closets so we can start “getting organized” and putting our “stuff” away. Also, the pilot lounge area will be cleared out for finish drywall work and decoration.

The building committee is meeting regularly with priorities in order. High on our list is securing a locking system that will allow all our members access to their building once our final paperwork is in order. Times have changed, and we are looking for a somewhat more capable system than the old mechanical lock we had on the front door at our old building.

You may have noticed that over the past few months, many truckloads of fill dirt have arrived on our property. Member Dave Goodwin has been able to secure a supply of clean fill, and there is more to come in the spring. This will enable us to grade our land appropriately to insure

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE by ROB WILLIAMS

I guess winter has finally arrived. The good weather was great while it lasted. I managed to get some long cross country trips in without having to worry too much about low minimums and icing. Well those days seem to be over for now. It’s a good time to start studying for that next rating or continue pecking away at that project. Speaking of projects, I have to say how impressed I have been with those members who have come forward over the last half dozen years or more to contribute to the construction of the SAC. It is many of you. Some have contributed enormously while others have chipped in here and there when able. Those who have not been able to help out, I hope you will find ways in the coming year to support the chapter. It is what makes us great. Thank you all. You should be proud.

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NEW 2012-2013 BOARD ELECTED

A new Board of Directors for EAA Chapter 44 has been elected. Rob Williams has been invited by the Board to serve as our new President and he has graciously accepted. See his first column above.

Several members have agreed to continue on in their positions: VP Norm Isler, Treasurer Dave Hurd, Secretary Steve North, and Directors Mike Clayton, Phil Hazen, Bob Nelligan-Barrett, and Mike Stoddard.

Finally, Daryl Byers has been elected to fill Gail Isaac’s spot. Gail has stepped down from the Board yet will be very active as our Bottle Queen and Speaker Seeker. Please thank Gail for her past service and congratulate the new Board.

SAC Update con't

good drainage, allowing us to add more parking on our property. Also included in our "short" priority list is additional fill and grading to finally re-grade and seed the areas where our water, sewage and electric lines cross airport property.

On the subject of parking, we need to ask ALL of our member and guests to remember that the ramp is for airplanes, not cars and trucks unless they are actively working. Please be sure to park either in our parking lot, along our driveway or on Eisenhower Drive. None of our members should be parking on the ramp on the east side of the building.

Our regular twice a month work crew schedule will be starting up again on Saturday, January 14. Crews will work the Second and Fourth Saturday each month. We start at about 10:00, and continue until we decide it is time to head home. Join us for a rewarding day, watching us get ever closer to finished.

See you at the SAC!



Jim Martin played "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" at our first Holiday Party in the SAC, and he CAME!

President's Message con't

The SAC is nearing the completion of its first major phase. The work effort continues on the final punch list for C of O, so your ongoing support is still needed. As we wrap up this last push, it is my hope that we can take a short breather before the next phase and focus more on the things that we enjoy as chapter members. Perhaps this year we can look forward to more flying activities and project encounters. Not that we have not been doing them all along, but we have certainly considered minimizing some while the herculean efforts were underway. The Board of Directors will spend some time in the coming months planning the year. Your input is valuable, so if you have some ideas, let us hear them.

I appreciate your support in electing me again to the board and the board for its confidence in making me president. Due to my commitments to a variety of aviation groups and organizations as well as normal life, I have asked the board for a lot of support in fulfilling the role for the next year. They have graciously agreed and I ask for your patience as well. I look forward to serving the chapter. Happy New Year to you all.



Rob's OTHER yellow plane at our June grass-strip fly-in meeting.

**TO OUR FELLOW EAA44
CHAPTER MEMBERS
BY NORM & ELISE ISLER**

We would like to extend our deepest thanks and appreciation for the award that we were presented with at the Holiday Party, Dec. 20, 2011. As you know, being active members in Chapter 44 is a very important part of both our lives. We are pleased to promote the many aspects of aviation our chapter supports, the education we provide and most importantly the friendships we have acquired through our involvement.

We both have had some serious challenges over the past few years. Partly because of that, many positive things evolved for the chapter. Norm and I had some "extra" time to develop projects for the group, GA education for the public, some grant writing and construction of the building. It is not often; however, that the time and energy spent promoting and supporting any organization (even behind the scenes,) is openly noted.

We proudly display our plaque and will continue working to provide active support and development for the growth of Chapter 44 – its mission and goals. Thank you again to all and a Happy and Healthy New Year!!



Norm & Elise receive a surprise gift from Santa. The plaque recognizes and thanks them for their contributions to the SAC and EAA 44. Mike & Anne Marie Clayton also received a plaque.

**BOTTLE QUEEN REPORT
BY GAIL ISSAC**

You know, we say it every year but it is the truth...can you believe it is 2012 already? I would expect there are many more cans than usual with all the year end celebrating so bring them to me and we will start off with more nickels.

I want to extend a special thanks to all who attended our 1st Annual Christmas Party at the SAC. We had 48 people there and I would dare say we all had a great time. Santa was the highlight of the night. He was just great. Thank you Bob for writing that letter to the North Pole. He was a lot of fun and a great hugger.



At the last moment I got a call from Jim Martin to see if he could attend. He had a "gig" cancelled. I thought it was from flying but found out he plays in a band. He was kind enough to give in to me and play for us. It was nice to have real music also. Thank you Jim! You think all we do is fly...nope, we have other hidden talents also

See you on the 17th with all your cans in hand. Bottle Queen out!

FIRST HOLIDAY PARTY IN THE SAC- DECEMBER 20, 2011

OLD GOAT NEW YEAR DROPPINGS

by ART THIEME

Sorry Troops. Last year my children gave me money to the chapter instead of giving us gifts. This year they did not obey my directives and instead gave us new TV's. I shall reprimand them and thank them profusely.

The December issue of Sport Aviation has a nice piece about the Grumman Duck. I love this airplane. I saw my first one at an air show in Titusville, FL. I always wondered how it could land on that narrow landing gear. In a side bar it reported that the Duck served on the USS Franklin. The Franklin was a new carrier and served in an attack on the Kyushu Islands of Japan. On March 19, 1945 two 500 pound bombs were delivered by a Kamikaze on the flight deck. Over 700 men were killed. Several hours later the Franklin lay dead in the water, smoldering and listing badly. She was taken in tow by the USS Pittsburgh, and the Guam (my ship) and the Alaska were detached to protect and escort her out of the battle zone. By noon the following day the Franklin was able to make 14 knots under her own power. My mid-afternoon a Japanese Judy streaked across the formation intent on finishing off the carrier. It dropped one bomb which missed. Once out of range of land based planes the Franklin made her way back to Pearl. Several wounded were transferred to the Guam via destroyers. I doubt if the Duck was ever on board during combat. It doesn't make sense. They needed room for fighters and bombers, not a 1930's aircraft. I suspect the Duck was placed on board at Pearl and taken back to the States.

The Navy had 99 carriers at the end of the war. Many of these were the small escort jeep type. President Bush flew off one in a torpedo bomber in which he was shot down.

ExxonMobil's publication the Lamp, Winter 2011, states that 50,000 oil wells have been drilled in the Gulf of Mexico! The company found oil in ultra-deepwater subsalt play- an area extending west to east some 250 miles and located about 270 miles off Texas and Louisiana in water 5000-10000 feet deep. And you wonder why gas costs so much.

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MORE FROM THE FIRST ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY



**EAA Chapter 44
Board of Directors' Meeting
13 Dec 2011**

Board Members Present: Clayton, North, Hazen, Isaac, Hurd, Nelligan-Barrett, Stoddard, Williams, Byers, Isler.

Non Board Member Officers / Members Present: Bowdler

Reports:

- President (Tom Bowdler):
 - Tom received an e-mail from the National Office in Oshkosh back in mid-November advising that they would be sending out the annual Chapter Renewal Package, not yet received. Tom will follow up.
 - Tom noted that he did receive the Chapter Service Award materials, save for next year.
- Vice President (Norm Isler):
 - Going to Chapter 46 holiday party on Wednesday night, 14 Dec. Will advise Chapter that they are welcome to use the SAC
- Treasurer (Dave Hurd):
 - Report read and approved.
 - New member: Frank Grossmann
 - Received a gift donation in honor of the Board Members of Chapter 44 from the Curiosity Shop (Mike and Julie Kuyt)
- Secretary (Stephen North):
 - Minutes read and approved.

Business:

- Capital Campaign (Mike Stoddard)
 - Received a very generous donation from the Ken-Lou Foundation along with significant member contributions. Total donations for the year matched expectations.
- Building Committee (Darryl Byers)
 - Focus on getting permanent C of O, hopefully by the end of the year.
 - Keypad entry system, reviewing requirements, looking for available options. Perhaps will work with a local locksmith.
 - Storage shed on porch is needed for the gas grill

- Improved parking lot lighting, shopping for light fixture that can be pole mounted.
- Tenet for airplane project in workshop area: Steve North. Trial basis.
- General
 - Sound Control (Mike Stoddard) - Need to develop a bill of materials for sound absorbing panels, may try to fabricate a sample
 - Eagle Scout Project – On hold for the winter, will restart in the spring.
 - Bottle Queen / Program Host (Gail Isaac)
 - Reported on funds received from container returns
 - Signed up for Christmas Party: 41
 - Programs
 - January – Electrical system (Hurd)
 - February – Spy satellites (Mike Clayton)
 - April – Gene Benson (spelling?)
 - Bob N-B proposed working up calendar of events and activities for 2012
 - Work box projects may be resurrected for 2012
 - Oshkosh Airlift – need a tour guide!
 - Looking to fill position of President – Rob Williams agreed to serve.
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Old Goat's Droppings con't

Aviation Week, Jan. 3, 2011

points out that the development cycles for new passenger jets is now 9-10 years. And you thought 1200 hours on your homebuilt was long!

United Continental Holdings, Inc. operated 548 narrow body, 159 wide-body, 547 regional aircraft for 371 destinations and serves 59 countries. (Aviation Week, Jan. 3, 2011) How would you like to schedule those flights?

Happy New Year to all. Good building and flying!

Old Goat, Out!

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REGIONAL CALENDAR

AOPA ASI SEMINAR @ SAC

Topic TBA
May 10

EAA LEARN TO FLY DAY

May 19
EAA 44 Activities TBA
<www.learntofly.org/default.aspx>

EAA YOUNG EAGLE DAY

June 9
EAA 44 Activities TBA
<www.youngeagles.org>

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY TO CUB HAVEN

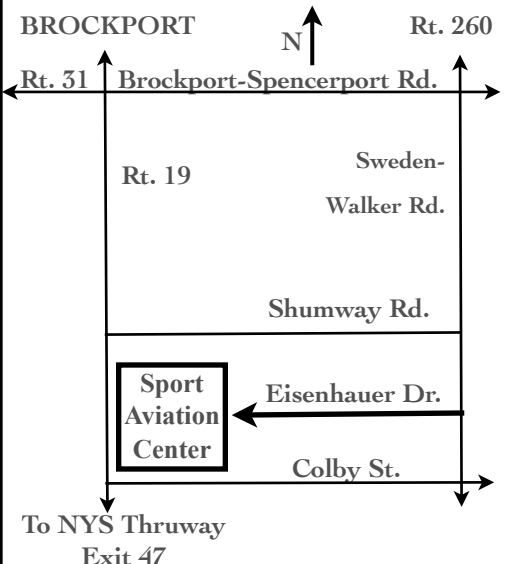
June 20-23
Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Piper Cub. Piper Memorial Airport (KLHV) Lock Haven, PA
<www.sentimentaljourneyfly-in.com>

GENESEO WWII AIRSHOW

July 13-15
Geneseo Airfield (D52), NY
<www.1941hag.org>

AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH 2012

Oshkosh WI
July 23-29 Go to: <www.eaa.org>
EAA 44 Oshkosh Airlift TBA



EAA 44 Calendar



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

January 17, Tuesday

Our own "Cap't Crosswind," **Dave Hurd** will be speaking to us on aircraft electrical systems and how NOT to electrocute ourselves. Don't miss this interesting lecture!

Tom Bowdler is bring his homemade chili. Please plan your dish to pass accordingly.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2012!

Jan. 28 SAC Work Crew

Feb. 11 SAC Work Crew

Feb. 14 Valentines Day Bd. Mtg.

Feb. 21 General Meeting

Mike Clayton Kodak Spy Satellites

Feb. 25 SAC Work Crew

Mar. 10 SAC Work Crew

Mar. 13 Board Mtg.

Mar. 20 General Mtg.

Mar. 24 SAC Work Crew

Apr. 10 Board Mtg.

Apr. 14 SAC Work Crew

Apr. 17 General Mtg.

Speaker Gene Benson

Apr. 28 SAC Work Crew

May 10 AOPA ASI SEMINAR

@ SAC

May 19 LEARN TO FLY DAY

All activities take place at the SAC unless otherwise noted.

Sport Aviation Center

Eisenhower Drive

Brockport Airport/

Ledgesdale Airpark (7G0)

Board Meetings-

2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 PM

General Meetings-

3rd Tuesday of the month

Dinner 6:30, Meeting 7:30

SAC Saturday Work Crews-

2nd & 4th Saturdays, 10 AM -?

Bob Nelligan-Barrett

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