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WNY AeroMail #96

## IMPORTANT

*"HAPPY ANNIV—" - Well almost!*

As you read this you should know that the 100th Anniversary of Buffalo Airport (which has had other names subsequently) is less than 12 months away. 2026 will be here sooner than we think. The 50th Anniversary was marked by various festivities and publishing of a book.



Pitcairn Autogiro now in the Niagara Aerospace Museum

One of the items involved was the Pitcairn Autogiro 1/3 scale replica pictured above. Our local WNY connection was that Pitcairn received his early aircraft training as an apprentice at Curtiss Aeroplane. None other than Amelia Earhart was also involved in the Autogiro as a pilot. The late A&P Teacher Stan Fliss was instrumental in the construction of the original model when he was a Burgard student. The NFTA commissioned restoration of this Burgard replica for their 50<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary celebrations so I instructed a group of Burgard students who tirelessly worked many long days to achieve this goal. During this job the replica had to be torn down several times and then reassembled at various sites as they became available, one of which was the Hotel Statler.

The successful outcome of any project is largely dependent on good planning. Funding and compiling of historical are a couple points. Note pictures of the two Buffalo Airport publications and the commemorative coin. The hardcover book is 104 pages and the pamphlet was 18. Will they be reprinted, revised or a Volume Two created? There are many tales to tell of the Airport over the past 100 years. A small example for the non-Instrument Rated folks is when looking for an "Approach Plate" you would look under "G". Why? Because it was the GREATER Buffalo International Airport.



Book compiled and edited by A.D. Palmer and commissioned by Chester Hardt, Chairman, NFTA



Pamphlet



Until an agency takes the lead on the celebration activities, I would like to suggest that anyone that can provide input prepare to forward it to BUF. If we hear of anyone taking the reins on this it will be published in WNY AeroMail.

***Ron Ciura***

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buffalo\\_Niagara\\_International\\_Airport](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buffalo_Niagara_International_Airport)

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The Niagara Aerospace Museum, located to the left of the terminal at the Niagara Falls Airport, recently celebrated its 25th year documenting the incredible aviation

and space history of Western New York, ranging from the rocket engine that lifted all twelve Apollo astronauts off the moon to the Bell X-1 that Chuck Yeager flew to break the sound barrier

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## EVENT CALENDAR

### January 2025

**7<sup>th</sup>.** - **Airframe & Powerplant Course #1** - Classes are held every Tuesday @ 6:30 PM in the Terminal building at the Buffalo-Lancaster Airport (BQR), 4343 Walden Ave in the Town of Lancaster, NY.

**8<sup>th</sup>.** - **EAA Chapter 46** will be given a 7 PM tour of the ARFF facilities and a description of how they function. See attachment below for details.

**8<sup>th</sup>.** - **EAA Chapter 44** continues the **Baby Ace Restoration** sessions on every Wednesday at 6PM. You are welcome to observe and pitch in!

**9<sup>th</sup>.** - **EAA44's IMC/VMC club**, which meets at 7PM in the SAC. It's open to anyone (not just EAA44 members), and is a great low-effort way of learning from one another and having some hangar-flying fun. EAA national provides two professional-quality videos every month, each of which gives a flying scenario and poses the question "what would you do in that scenario?".

**14<sup>th</sup>.** - **Airframe & Powerplant Course #2** - Classes are held every Tuesday @ 6:30 PM in the Terminal building at the Buffalo-Lancaster Airport (BQR), 4343 Walden Ave in the Town of Lancaster, NY.

**14<sup>th</sup>.** - **Aero Club of Buffalo** doesn't have a scheduled January dinner but instead has a joint 7 PM Zoom meeting with AIAA by **Sandeep Krishnan** of the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory on **Europa Clipper**. Registration in advance is required at the following link: [https://aiaa.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_4Nw3sfX-R8y1\\_jCIjt3rxw](https://aiaa.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4Nw3sfX-R8y1_jCIjt3rxw) **NASA's Europa Clipper** is a spacecraft that will study Jupiter's moon Europa to determine if there are conditions on the moon that could support life. It launched on October 14th, 2024 and will arrive at Europa in 2030.

**16<sup>th</sup>.** - **EAA Chapter 674** meets at GVA third Thursday of every month, 7 PM at the clubhouse, 2501 Gaines Waterport Road, Albion, NY. Anyone interested in aviation, discussing airplanes, local aviation events, helping out, etc. - call EAA Chapter 674 at 585-750-3795.

**21<sup>st</sup>. - Airframe & Powerplant Course #3** - Classes are held every Tuesday @ 6:30 PM in the Terminal building at the Buffalo-Lancaster Airport (BQR), 4343 Walden Ave in the Town of Lancaster, NY.

**21<sup>st</sup>. - EAA Chapter 44** dinner meeting starts at 6:30 PM with presentation to follow at 7:30 PM by Paul Berg on his Silver Lindy Award (Reserve Grand Champion) winning RotorWay 162F helicopter build. Join us at 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

**28<sup>th</sup>. - Airframe & Powerplant Course #4** - Classes are held every Tuesday @ 6:30 PM in the Terminal building at the Buffalo-Lancaster Airport (BQR), 4343 Walden Ave in the Town of Lancaster, NY.

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The January 2025 Issue of the **Akron Flyer** by **Allen Kidder** is now available and includes Discovery Flights and the many interesting airplanes that landed at Akron Jesson Field. There are more of Mike Westphal's photos including the British Concorde at BUF and 1970's skydiving at Akron in a Cessna 180.

The January 2025 issue of **Vectors for Safety** by **Gene Benson** is now available and has an Old Pilot Tips video on go-arounds and continues presenting several of his Accident Analyses with graphic photos:

<https://www.vectorsforsafety.com/blog/vectors-for-safety-january-2025>

You may not be aware that Gene has 76 videos on his website for your viewing!  
See: <https://www.youtube.com/@GeneBensonAviation/featured>

EAA Chapter 44 news: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea44/newsletters>.

EAA Chapter 46 news: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea46/newsletters>.

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Here are some of EAA's Webinars scheduled for January:  
<https://eaa.org/ea/news-and-publications/ea-webinars>

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<b>ATTACHMENTS / LINKS</b>
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**Airframe & Powerplant Course**

Thirteen week semester, class #1 is on January 7<sup>th</sup>. 2025. Classes are held every Tuesday evening in the Terminal building at the Buffalo-Lancaster Airport (BQR), 4343 Walden Ave in the Town of Lancaster, NY. Start time is 6:30 PM and the class is three hours, ending at 9:30 PM. This Spring Semester continues the topic of Aircraft Powerplants.

While intended to assist in obtaining the A&P Certificate, these courses are helpful to anyone operating or maintaining light aircraft. You are invited to stop in for a night and see if it meets your expectations before registering.

Questions?  
Ron Ciura [magman366@gmail.com](mailto:magman366@gmail.com)

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Wednesday, Jan 8, 2025

The Buffalo Niagara International Airport **Fire Department** is the **Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF)** team. They provide fire rescue services to the airport, its employees, passengers and the surrounding communities responding to a variety of incidents including aircraft and structural fires, medical emergencies, fuel spills and more. These firefighters attend the New York State Fire Academy and are trained to FAA basic fire fighter standards and receive both New York State Municipal Firefighters Certification and National Certifications.

At 7:00 PM on January 8, 2025, **EAA Chapter 46** will be given a tour of the ARFF facilities and a description of how they function. This tour is free, takes about an hour to an hour and a half and is open to all pilots and members of Chapter 46, including their family and friends.

The address of the ARFF is: 120 Amherst Villa Rd, Buffalo NY. Ring the doorbell at the door next to the flagpole (visitors must be escorted). It's not hard to locate, but your GPS map makes it much easier if you've never been there before.

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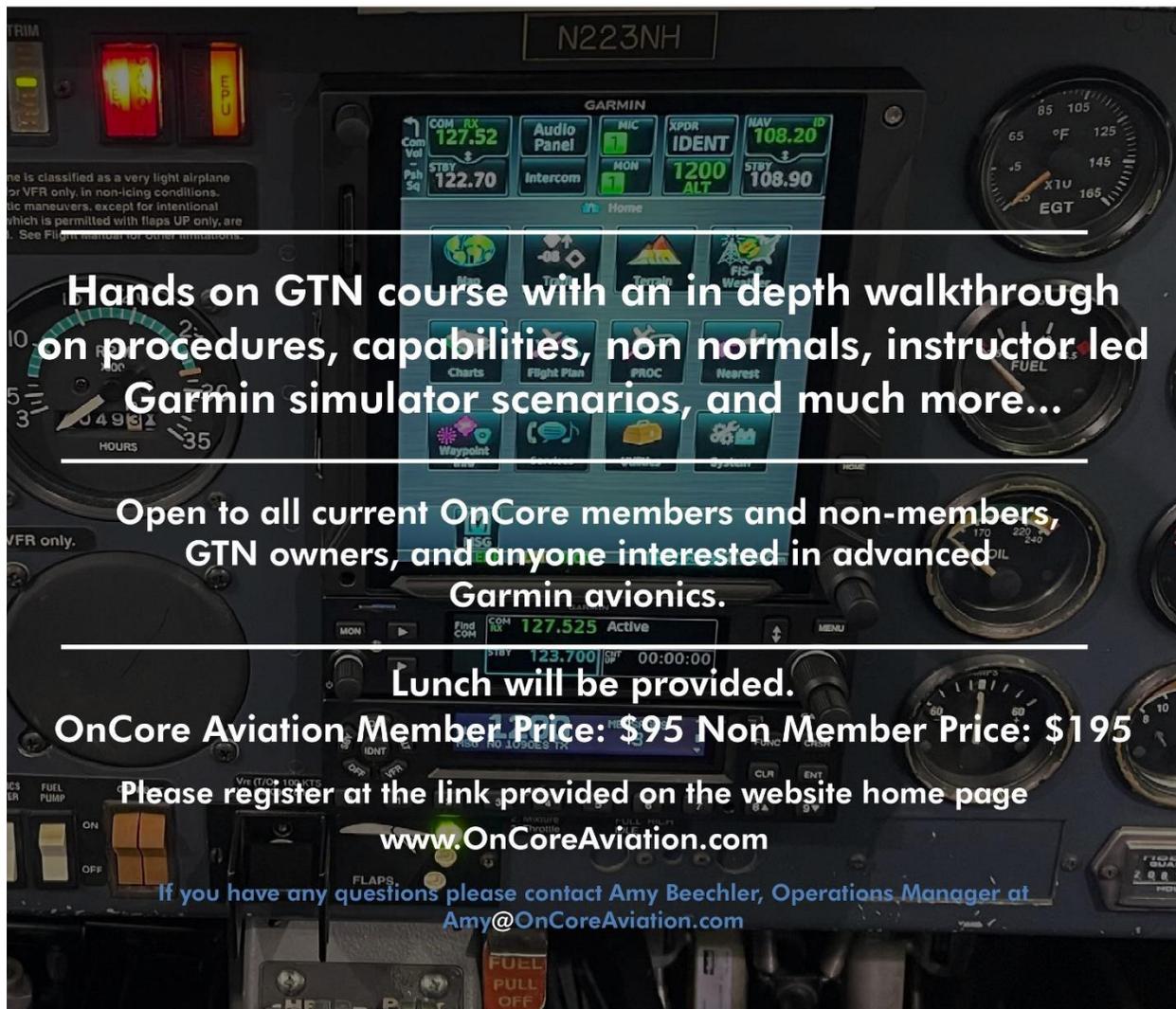
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## WNY AeroMail issue #97

Please note that e-Mail submissions of any type for the next issue of WNY AeroMail must have "#97" in the subject line. You do not need the quotation marks but you do need to have a space after the number 97. Send submissions by January 28<sup>th</sup>. to **Both** [christopher.koch@gmail.com](mailto:christopher.koch@gmail.com) & [magman366@gmail.com](mailto:magman366@gmail.com)

Thanks, Chris

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I have been teaching and tutoring math for almost 30 years. In 2021, after 29 years in the classroom, I decided to retire from St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute to concentrate on private tutoring.



I also started flight training in 2020, and while working toward my Private Pilot certificate, decided I wanted to combine my passion for aviation with my experience and love of teaching. I earned my FAA Ground School Instructor certificate in 2023.

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### Helpful Basic Med Links

<https://www.aopa.org/advocacy/pilots/medical/basicmed>

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I would also like to compile a directory of Doctors that will perform the Basic Med Exam for people that are not their patients. This would be made available to interested pilots.

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**ITEMS FOR LEASE, SALE OR WANTED**

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**Batavia Flying Club - Seeking a Skyhawk!** Are you an aircraft owner (or do you know someone) that would be interested in a leaseback opportunity to a local flying club starting May 2025? Please contact Jenn Prutsman-Pfeiffer at 716.474.3483 if you would like to find out more about this opportunity.

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### **For Sale**

2 Luscombes, 1- 7AC Champ (rusted fuselage) and 1 J-3 partial completed.  
LOTS of Cub parts. Too many to list. **Darrell Panike**, Canandaigua 585 738 8264

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Also: Perry Warsaw Airport (01G) has hangar space available. We have several spots up to and including a light twin. **Ken Moses**, Airport Manager call 585 353 4666 for details.

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*Wanted: Lycoming O-235C, contact Ron Ciura: magman366@gmail.com*

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Mike Busch’s Savvy Aviation: <https://www.savvyaviation.com/about-us/>

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## The Aero Club of Buffalo



Please make note of the following: Our phone number is (716) 901-6126 and our mailing address is PO Box 676, Williamsville, NY 14231. The club's e-Mail address is **[aeroclubofbuffalo@gmail.com](mailto:aeroclubofbuffalo@gmail.com)**.

Regards,  
*Willy Mattocks*

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**Notes from Ron Ciura (the Reporter):**



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We are looking for local aviation history and articles! Send them to Ron Ciura at [Magman366@Gmail.com](mailto:Magman366@Gmail.com).

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Thanks,  
*Ron*

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