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IMPORTANT

"Glad to meet you!"

If you are reading this you obviously have an interest in aviation. But where was the spark first lit? It could be films, models, friends or relatives or possibly aircraft flying overhead. A visit to an airport may have been in the picture. But there were some "off the beaten path" ways some of us first met the metal or fabric.





Photos by Mercedes Streeter of ERCO Ercoupe

The Engineering and Research Company employed some novel ways to market their product. The "Ercoupe" employed flight controls that eliminated Rudder Pedals. It was also characteristically incapable of entering a spin. "If you can drive then you can fly!" was the message. Many were sold with Flight Instruction included to enable that goal. In the post war economy a very effective way to contact new prospects was in department stores. Salesmen at stores like Macy's made the switch from refrigerator sales to aircraft. My first encounter with the twin tail aircraft was in a store in the Broadway - Fillmore area. Hengerers? It left me with impression that was the way it was!



Republic F-84B Thunderjet from Planes of Fame Museum

There was some type of event like a home show taking place at the Masten Street Armory located in the near East Side. There on display was a Republic F-84 Thunderjet. All of us kids eagerly lined up for a chance to actually sit in the cockpit! I've often pondered the effect of life choices that one display had? Circa 1958 Burgard High School received one of the type and it was placed on jacks. It often replaced chairs for lessons. Hundreds of people "met" this aircraft.



Vought F7U-3 from Greater St. Louis Air and Space Museum

While riding in the family car I happened to spot a very unusual sight. It was a Navy aircraft. The tailless Vought F7U-3 Cutlass was just sitting there unattended. What was really odd was that it was in the empty Humboldt Park (now called the Martin Luther King Park) wading pool! I have no clue what it was doing there!



The picture is not quite what it seems. The Sattlers Department Store had the most famous address in Buffalo at that time; 998 Broadway. The actual picture was taken at the opening of the Boulevard Mall where Sattlers had a branch. In the picture is Tony Riccio, Buffalo Air Park owner, which was a Cessna Dealership. N79S went on to fly in the area for many years after Sattlers passed from the scene.



The Hughes (later acquired by Schweizer) 269-369 helicopters have been present on the WNY Aviation Scene for about 60 years. Jack Stevens; a Buick Dealer located on Delaware Ave near Hertel Ave was mentioned in the February 1954 issue of "Flying Magazine" as a Dealer for the type.

Hughes 300 picture

Mid-1960's the "Fling-Wing" guys were also in the picture. In the North Buffalo area a Buick Dealer, Jack Stevens, actually had a couple in his Showroom!

Ron

NOTAM

09/018 Genesee County (KGVQ) is planning some work on the runway lighting system starting 9/24/25 – 10/17/25. Runway 10-28 will be closed 7A-7P EST, Monday-Friday.

EVENT CALENDAR

October 2025

1st. - **EAA Chapter 44** continues the **Baby Ace Restoration** sessions on every Wednesday at 6PM. You are welcome to observe and pitch in!

4th. - **EAA Chapter 46** - **Hangar Talk** at Lancaster Airport (KBQR) **every Saturday morning**, 8AM - 12 Noon held in far east-end hangar, second row facing south.

9th. - **EAA Ch44 IMC/VMC** club meeting, 7PM - 8:30PM in the SAC.

7th. - **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

14th. - **Airframe & Powerplant Course #5** - Tour of Rainbow Air Inc., 56 Acheson Drive, Niagara Falls, NY hosted by Mark Chamberlain, Pilot - this tour is for A&P Class Members.

14th. - **EAA Chapter 44** gathering from 6:30 PM - 9PM, bring a dish-to-pass for dinner, our guest speaker is Jeff Brooks regarding his Fokker D.VII flight test program in the Sport Aviation Center (aka "the SAC", 44 Eisenhower Drive, Brockport 14420) at Ledgedale Airpark (5G0).

16th. - **Aero Club of Buffalo** meets at Risottos Italian Eatery and Sweetery, 930 Maple Road, Amherst NY 14221 for dinner and a presentation by Bonnie Dunbar, who will speak about her exciting career as an astronaut. See attachment below for details.

16th. - **EAA Chapter 674** meets on the third Thursday of every month at 7 PM. Join us in the clubhouse of Gaines Valley Airport, 2501 Gaines Waterport Road, Albion, NY. See below for details. Jean Depatie, jdepatie@rochester.rr.com

21st. - **Airframe & Powerplant Course #6** - 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

28th. - **Airframe & Powerplant Course #7** - 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

The October 2025 Issue of the **Akron Flyer** by **Allen Kidder** is now available and includes exciting news of the new T-Hangar to be built at 9G3 from NYS Capital Grant. As usual there were many interesting people and airplanes that landed this month at Akron Jesson Field. Mike Westphal's photos are of the visiting NY Jets Airbus A310, Lockheed C-130J and De Havilland D.H.86 Rapide.

The October 2025 issue of **Vectors for Safety** by **Gene Benson** is now available with Old Pilot Tips and continues presenting several of his Accident Analyses with graphic photos:

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

You may not be aware that Gene has 90 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>.

Here are some of EAA's Webinars scheduled for October:

<https://eaa.org/ea/news-and-publications/ea-webinars>

ATTACHMENTS / LINKS

Airframe & Powerplant Course

Eleven week semester, class #4 is on October 7th. 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. The topic for this Fall Semester is **Airframe**.

New Students: Please contact Ron Ciura at 716-560-7205 (text / call) or magman366@gmail.com

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.



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Dr. Bonnie Dunbar NASA Astronaut

Thursday, 16 Oct. 2025
Rizotto Eatery and Sweetery
930 Maple Rd, Williamsville
6:00 p.m. Cash Bar
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
\$35.00

Please join us this month for what promises to be a very special evening with our guest Dr. Bonnie Dunbar, Retired NASA Astronaut and Professor of Aerospace Engineering, Texas A&M University. A veteran of five space shuttle missions, her distinguished career included serving as a mission specialist on three missions and as the payload commander on two, flying on the shuttles Challenger, Columbia, Atlantis, and Endeavour. Dr. Dunbar's missions, in which she logged over 50 days in space, involved over 150 scientific experiments, satellite deployment and retrieval, and docking with the Russian space station Mir. In preparation as a backup crew member for a three-month mission on Mir, she underwent a rigorous 13-month training program in Star City, Russia, earning her certification as a cosmonaut. Dr. Dunbar earned bachelor's and a master's of science in ceramic engineering from the University of Washington, followed by a doctorate in mechanical and biomedical engineering from the University of Houston. Among her many awards and honors are induction into the prestigious National Academy of Engineering and U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame.

Mary Mattocks

90th President
Aero Club of Buffalo

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Aero Club of Buffalo

Thursday 16 October 2025

Rizotto Eatery and Sweetery

930 Maple Road, Williamsville, NY 14221

Chicken Piccata _____	Members - \$35.00
Parmesan Crusted Haddock _____	Guest(s) - \$35.00
Pasta with Broccoli _____	TOTAL _____

Please print your name and email address

Reservations must be received by **Monday, 13 October 2025.**

To register for this dinner email: aeroclubofbuffalo@gmail.com, call (716) 901-6126, or mail this form to: Aero Club of Buffalo, Box 676 Williamsville, NY 14231. Please make your check payable to the *Aero Club of Buffalo*.



The Aero Club of Buffalo



Upcoming Events

Thursday October 16, 2025: October's meeting brings us Bonnie Dunbar, who will speak about her career as an astronaut. A veteran of five space shuttle missions, she stands as one of the most experienced female astronauts in NASA's history. Over a career spanning more than two decades with the agency, she logged over 50 days in space,

contributing significantly to scientific research and the assembly of the International Space Station.

Thursday November 20, 2025: Julie Wang will enlighten us of her solo flight around the world as she is the first Asian woman ever to achieve this. She did it in a single engine Cirrus and has some very interesting stories to tell about this adventure. She flew at 8000 feet and did it by flying westbound. From Portugal she made it to Lajes (in the Azores) in 14 hours and then from there to the nearest point in the US. She had the plane modified with additional fuel tanks and wasn't even able to carry her own replacement oil because of weight! This should be a truly inspiring presentation for everyone.

Thursday December 11, 2025: our holiday event with a basket raffle to add to the fun. Our speaker is yet to be determined but could be someone special! Note: this date is the exception being the 2nd. Thursday of the month.

Our monthly meetings are held at **Rizotto Italian Eatery & Sweetery**, 930 Maple Road, Williamsville, NY 14221 usually on the 3rd. Thursday of the month. All members and guests are welcome and you will be sent an e-Mail to remind you of these events and on our website <https://aeroclubofbuffalo.org> for details including registration form, membership application and making donations. 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

If you need any more information, you may e-Mail me at MaryMattocks9@gmail.com.

Regards,
Willy Mattocks



EAA Chapter 674 Upcoming Events

Our EAA meetings are usually at the GVA (Gains Valley Airport) club house. At times, it is at a member's home or hanger to show their project's progress.

We also try to do technical demos like welding, riveting and such for our younger members.

President:	John Tower	585 283-1762
Treasurer:	Jean (John) Depatie	585 589-0358

<https://www.facebook.com/p/Gaines-Valley-Aviation-100069383616047/>



<https://niagaraaerospacemuseum.org/visit-the-museum/>

Open Saturday and Sunday 11-4PM and by appointment.

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

Please note that e-Mail submissions of any type for the next issue of WNY AeroMail must have "#106 " in the subject line. You do not need the quotation marks but you do need to have a space after the number 105. Send submissions by October 28th. to **Both** christopher.koch@gmail.com & magman366@gmail.com

Also: Clicking "reply" to this monthly copy of WNY AeroMail sends your response to a non-monitored e-Mail address. Please use our e-Mail addresses above.

Secondly, "for sale" ads will run for three issues maximum unless the ads are revised and updated.

Thanks, Chris



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585-738-8264 Darrell Panike
darrellpanike@gmail.com

Modernization of Special Airworthiness Certification (MOSAIC)

Key Changes in the MOSAIC Rule:

- **Aircraft Capabilities:**
- **Increased Speed:** MOSAIC allows for higher maximum speeds for light-sport aircraft, potentially up to 250 knots.
- **More Complex Systems:** The rule permits more advanced systems, including retractable landing gear, constant-speed propellers, and various propulsion systems like electric and hybrid options.
- **Increased Size:** MOSAIC allows for aircraft with up to four seats, though sport pilots will still be limited to carrying one passenger, [according to the FAA](#).
- **Stall Speed:** The rule is based on a clean stall speed, with a likely cap between 54 and 63 knots.
- **Weight:** By permitting higher stall speeds, the proposal would bring aircraft weighing as much as 3,000 pounds within the LSA regulatory framework, says the FAA.
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- **Pilot Privileges:**
- **Potential for Simplified Medicals:** The MOSAIC rule may maintain sport pilot privileges, potentially allowing pilots to operate expanded LSA capabilities without a medical certificate, though this remains under review.
- **Endorsements:** Pilots may need specific endorsements for certain aircraft features or operations, like night flying or operating aircraft with more complex systems.

See: https://www.faa.gov/newsroom/MOSAIC_Final_Rule_Issuance.pdf

Helpful Basic Med Links

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

https://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/airmen_certification/basic_med/

Here is the form for your Doctor to complete:

https://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Form/FAA_Form_8700-2_.pdf

December 2024 changes made through the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024:

- Pilots can carry up to six passengers, increasing the total number of occupants in the aircraft to seven
- Takeoff weight increased from 6,000 lbs. to 12,500 lbs.
- Pilot examiners can conduct flight checks in aircraft covered by BasicMed
- The duration of the comprehensive medical examination is determined using calendar months

Transport category rotorcraft certified to airworthiness standards under part 29 are **not** covered by BasicMed

ITEMS FOR LEASE, SALE OR WANTED

For Sale

Brent Patterson
Airpatterson@yahoo.com

Concorde RG-35A. Solid performing battery that I have used monthly the past 2 years. It's a 5 year old battery comes with a battery minder. I had a light weight battery installed in its place. \$160 located at KBQR - Call or text 814-335-0150

Have you always wanted to own an Airport?

Hamburg Airport and adjacent land will be listed For Sale soon, interested parties contact Rob Gannon at gannon@hamburgairport.us for details. This would be a great opportunity for a group of airplane owners!

For Sale

2 **Luscombes**, 1- **7AC Champ** (rusted fuselage)
and 1 - **J-3** partially completed.

LOTS of Cub parts. Too many to list.

Darrell Panike, Canandaigua 585 738 8264 or
darrellpanike@gmail.com

For Sale: my **1946 Globe Swift GC-1B**

145 hp. Low time airframe and mid time engine. Ken Moses cell: 585 353 4666



Also: **Perry Warsaw Airport (01G)** has three hangar spaces available at attractive rates. We have several spots up to and including a light twin.

Ken Moses, Airport Manager, call 585 353 4666 for details.



VREF Valuation Service

As you may know, VREF airplane valuations are no longer available to AOPA members. Little Bird Airways, LLC has recently purchased a VREF subscription. If you are in the market to buy or sell an aircraft and need guidance on its value, we can prepare a VREF report for you for a small fee. Please call Claudia at 716-796-1823.

Aircraft Items and Tools For Sale

1. Pilot PA-400T 4 Place Intercom - \$125.00
 2. David Clark H-10-66 Helicopter Dual Military/Civilian Headset - \$275.00
 3. David Clark H-10-56 Helicopter Headset - \$275.00
 4. David Clark H-10-40 Airplane Headset - \$275.00
 5. Hydraulic Mule 0-1500 PSI - \$1000.00 - Used on T-6, P-51, B-25
 6. Aircraft 4130 Steel Tubing and Channel, enough to build a J-3 - \$1000.00
 7. Mooney Gear Rigging Tools - each tool cost \$1300.00, \$500.00 each tool.
 8. Aircraft Gas Powered Tug - Up to 15,000 lbs. Single Engine to Light Jet - new tires, tubes, carburetor installed. \$2000.00
 9. Engine Overhaul Stand with assorted adapters. \$350.00
 10. Aircraft Jumper Cables - \$100.00
 11. Tail Wheel Aircraft Tow - \$200.00
 12. Sensenich Propeller Test Club - \$750.00
- MAN CAVE or HANGAR DISPLAY ITEMS:*
13. Flight Data Recorder: Make Offer
 14. Omega Navigation System: Make Offer
 15. Hartzell Propeller HC-12X20C-3

Contact: Paul D. Faltyn
716-807-2692 or PDFpilot@aol.com

Aries in Flight Ground School Services - My name is Elisabeth Tate. I am an Advanced Ground Instructor. I offer affordable lessons online via Zoom or in-person at Akron-Jesson FBO. Please visit my website for more information and contact information. <https://elisabethtate.wixsite.com/ariesinflight>

Cherokees, 172s and other aircraft for sale **wanted**. Send details to Ron at Magman366@gmail.com who will relay to buyers.

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

We Highly Recommend:

Visit Niagara Aerospace Museum's website: <https://niagaraaerospacemuseum.org/>

Do you periodically read "**Vectors for Safety**"? Join Gene Benson's mailing list: <https://www.genebenson.com/#join-my-mailing-list> Also check out his websites at <https://www.vectorsforsafety.com/> and <https://www.genebenson.com/>

If you don't receive the monthly **Akron Flyer** newsletter, contact Allen Kidder AllenKidder@Gmail.com and request to be placed on the subscription list or simply signup on the website: <https://www.akronairportny.com/newsletter-signup>

Akron Airport's website: <https://www.akronairportny.com/> and <https://www.airnav.com/airport/9G3>

Check out the National Warplane Museum in Geneseo, NY - <https://nationalwarplanemuseum.com/>

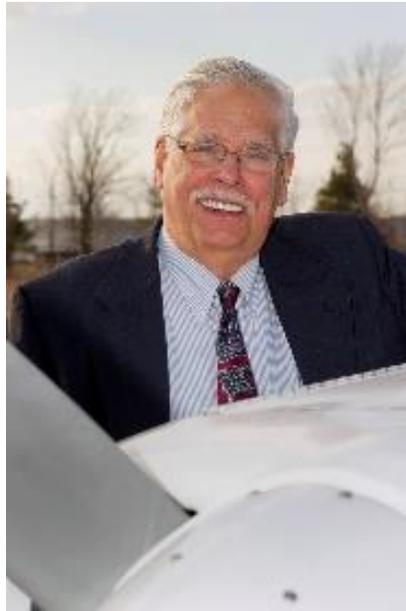
Wings Flights of Hope: <https://www.wingsflight.org>

Further info on abandoned Airfields: www.airfields-freeman.com

Jeff Brook's "My Fokker DVII Project" -
<http://www.theaerodrome.com/forum/showthread.php?t=24887>

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

Notes from Ron Ciura (the Reporter):



We are looking for local aviation history and articles! Send them to Ron Ciura at Magman366@Gmail.com.

We all know that WNY has many unique Aircraft, Pilots & Stories. If you know of anything unique, please send it to Magman366@gmail.com

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- If you have a message you wish to have added to AeroMail then send it to me - the earlier the better.
- Advertisements will be posted for three issues unless you request an extension.

- If you wish to respond to any content, contact the content provider, not Ron Ciura!
- If you no longer wish to receive the "Aviation-Only Mail" please let me know why & I will subsequently remove you from the List.

Thanks,
Ron

"Flying is a hobby I participate in to prevent becoming wealthy!"

"A mile of highway gets you nowhere - A mile of runway gets you everywhere"



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