

March 01, 2026

WNY AeroMail #110

IMPORTANT

Pre-turbine Executive Aircraft

Consider the state of the roads and infrastructure during the 1930's. Autos still lacked reliability primarily due to poor tire technology. It should be no surprise that business travelers looked to the sky for a solution. Aircraft had matured to the point where cross country journeys were feasible. Aircraft for executive use often met or even exceeded performance of airline aircraft of the era. The options of choosing departure times and destinations continue to this day. We wish to illustrate some of the aircraft used in this capacity. During the mid 1960's new designs such as the Lockheed Jetstar, North American SabreLiner and the LearJet added a new term to the Aviation Vocabulary, "BizJet". Their advantages slowly pushed some of the aircraft pictured into the dustbin of aviation history.



Fairchild 24

The Fairchild 24W (Warner Super Scarab radial 165 hp. engine) is typical of quite a few competitors from the Period. The List includes the Howard DGA (Darn Good Airplane - see video below), Cessna Airmaster, Waco Standard Cabin, and Stinson Reliant. The 1941 aircraft in the picture was returned to life in Northeastern PA with the first exhaust puff in years. Note Cockpit guy! It was subsequently modified to a 200 hp. Ranger engine. There is still one in the area.

Here are the well-known Beech Staggerwing and Howard DGA in a 2020 video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I7mYjyFuZy8>

Executive Travel demanded increased performance post WW2. Ex- Military models were re-purposed to satisfy the demand.



B-23 Dragon

The B-23 Dragon was derived from the DC-3. Its Military History was rather non-exemplary. In executive use Howard Hughes and General Electric Corporation were pleased with the performance. GE based a small fleet of them at Westchester County Airport. Occasionally they flew to BUF in their GE livery.



Howard 500

The Military Lockheed Lodestar was a starting for conversions such as the LearStar and Howard 500. Most featured increased power and mods. Some folks had large bubbled-out "Picture Windows" installed for a better view.



Beech 18

The Beech 18 (aka C-45 and SNB "Secret Navy Bomber") was a common sight in WNY for many years. Ford Gum had one example with the original tailwheel configuration that was highly polished. Buffalo Aeronautical Corporation had a

small fleet of of this type. New York State Conservation Department and Graham Manufacturing had tricycle gear versions. Chuck Cyroki impressed many people with the glittering example at Genesee County Airport.



On-Mark Marksman

The On-Mark Marksman was derived from the Douglas A-36 Invader by On Mark Engineering from 1954 – the mid-1970s. Larger engines, fuel tanks, fuselage, interior mods and eventually full pressurization were added to create the Marksman in 1961.



Beech Queen Air A65

The Beechcraft Queen Air was a post WW2 development. The injected, geared and supercharged IGSO-480 engines could be problematic. This led to some converting to turbine power when the derivative kerosene burning King Air came on the scene.



Rockwell Aero Commander 500

The Aero Commander 500 Series were popular business class aircraft of the '50's and '60's. Buffalo Aeronautical Corporation operated several of the type.



Businessliner courtesy Sunglass Flyers

The aircraft is a Cessna 182 and it is NOT a Skylane (1958+). As you can see in the first two years (1956-1957) they carried on the moniker of "Businessliner" like the 195 before.

These are just some examples we had in WNY of a unique time in General Aviation.

Ron

***Reminder: April submissions for WNY AeroMail #111
due 03/28/26***

Mark Mekker's Local Aviation Videos

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EVENT CALENDAR

March 2026

3rd. - **Airframe & Powerplant Course #05** - 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 – see attachment below.

4th. - **EAA Chapter 44** continues the **Baby Ace Restoration** sessions on every Wednesday at 6PM. You are welcome to observe and pitch in!

10th. - **Airframe & Powerplant Course #06** - 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.

11th. - **EAA Chapter 46** Wednesday Meeting starts at 5:30 PM at Lancaster Airport (KBQR), 4343 Walden Ave, Lancaster, NY 14086. Gene Benson is the guest speaker discussing primary cognitive pilot skills. This meeting is free and open to anyone with an interest in aviation. Please read the details below.

12th. - **EAA Ch44 IMC/VMC** club meeting, 7PM – 8:30PM in the SAC (Sport Aviation Center of WNY, 44 Eisenhower Drive, Brockport NY 14420).

12th. - **EAA Ch44** and **Austin Hancock** presents “**How to Fly Lucy Gal**”. It is a warbird pilot’s ground school series derived from WWII-era training materials held at 7PM in the SAC (Sport Aviation Center of WNY, 44 Eisenhower Drive, Brockport NY 14420).

19th. – **Aero Club of Buffalo** meets at Risottos Italian Eatery and Sweetery, 930 Maple Road, Amherst NY 14221 for dinner (bar opens at 6 PM) at 7 PM with presentation by Walter Gordon on “Jenny in Uniform, 1915-1927”. See attachment below for details.

19th. - **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

17th. – **Airframe & Powerplant Course #07** - 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.

17th. – **EAA Chapter 44** dinner at 6:30 PM in the SAC with guest speaker to be determined.

24th. – **Airframe & Powerplant Course #08** - 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.

26th. – **Hangar Class Live** monthly webinar series from noon to 1 PM for Cessna & Piper owners. Sign up at www.piperowner.org/webinars for this month’s timely topic: **Electronic Ignition: part 1** presented by **Electroair Ignition Systems**.

31st. – **Airframe & Powerplant Course #09** - 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 March 2026 Issue of the **Akron Flyer** by **Allen Kidder** is now available and includes many interesting people and airplanes that landed this month at Akron

Jesson Field along with Mike Westphal's two photos this month of the AA Boeing 707 (including his Father) visiting BUF. There is an article on the Martin 202 & 404 Airliners accompanied by a song. The Akron Flyer this month has two \$2,500 **Scholarship Applications** from the Aero Club of Buffalo and Akron's Christian Airmen Education Foundation.

The March 2026 issue of **Vectors for Safety** by **Gene Benson** is now available with Old Pilot Tips episode #40 including Cognitive Tunneling, a link to his newest feature "Squawking Human" and continues presenting three of his Accident Analyses with graphic photos:

<https://www.vectorsforsafety.com/blog/vectors-for-safety-March-2026>

You may not be aware that Gene has 97 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 March:
<https://eaa.org/ea/news-and-publications/ea-webinars>

ATTACHMENTS / LINKS

Airframe & Powerplant Course

Eleven week semester, class #01 is on February 03, 2026. 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 Spring Semester is Airframe.

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.

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



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Walter Gordon

March, 19th 2026

6-pm Cash Bar 7-pm Dinner \$35.00

Walter Gordon has worn many hats throughout his distinguished career—engineer, retired Commander of the 328th Airlift Squadron and the 914th Airlift Wing, former President of the Aero Club of Buffalo, and Chairman of the AIAA Niagara Frontier Section, among many other accomplishments. He brings a lifetime of experience and a deep passion for aviation history.

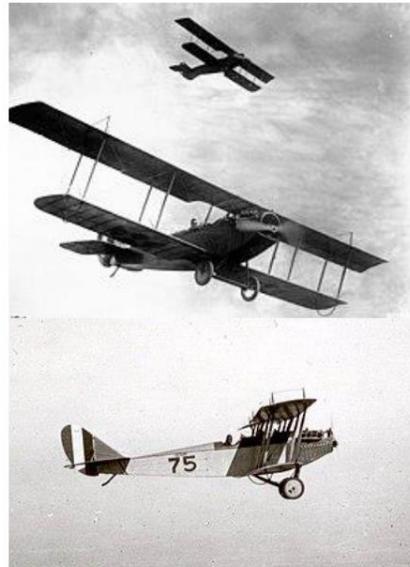
Most recently, Walter had the honor of presenting at the 2026 AIAA SciTech Conference with his presentation:

“Jenny in Uniform: 1915-1927

The Curtiss Jenny was the first mass-produced aircraft in the United States. Designed in Hammondsport and manufactured in Buffalo by the Curtiss Aeroplane Company, the Jenny was critical in training U.S. and Canadian pilots for World War I. Of the 11,000 pilots that graduated primary training by the end of the war, over 95% had time in a Jenny.

All guests are welcome. We invite aviation enthusiasts, historians, and members of the community to join us for this special evening. Discover the rich legacy of the Aero Club of Buffalo, connect with fellow aviation supporters, and learn how you can become part of America’s oldest aero club.

Sincerely,
Dr. Jeremy R. Chapman
91th President Aero Club of Buffalo



Member:	_____
Guest:	_____
Total:	_____

Thursday, March, 19th 2026 at Rizotto Eatery and Sweetsery

930 Maple Road, Williamsville, NY 14221

Seafood (qty) _____

Chicken (qty) _____

Pasta (qty) _____

_____ Please print your name and email address

Reservations must be received by 14 March 2026

You can email: aeroclubofbuffalo@gmail.com, call (716) 901-6126 or mail this form to: Aero Club of Buffalo, PO Box 676 Williamsville, NY 14231

Please make your check payable to the *Aero Club of Buffalo*

EAA Chapter 46 Meeting – March 11, 2026

5:30 PM @ Lancaster Airport BQR

With over 15,000 accident/incident free flying hours in everything from Cubs to jets, Gene Benson is a nationally known author of multiple books, speaker, CFII, FAAS Team Lead Representative and an early proponent of Cockpit Resource Management. He has presented seminars at five consecutive NBAA annual conventions, spoken at the National Safety Forum, the TBMOPA, and at a regional convention of the International 99's, as well as hundreds of local FAASafety Seminars throughout the Eastern U.S. and he will talk to EAA Chapter 46 about cognitive decline in pilots.

Cognitive decline is an issue of increasing importance to the FAA and all pilots would benefit by learning how to mitigate its effects. If you are a pilot with grey hair, or if you hope to live long enough to get some grey hair and keep flying, this meeting is for you.

Gene will discuss the primary cognitive skills needed by pilots, the importance of each skill for safe flying, and ways to mitigate the natural decline of these skills by the use of specific activities.

Attendance at this meeting is free and open to anyone with an interest in aviation, and qualifies for 1 Credit Basic Level, Topic - 3, as well as for the Avemco Safety Rewards Program.

The meeting starts with pizza, wings and pop on March 11, 2026 at 5:30 PM at Lancaster Airport 4343 Walden Ave., Lancaster, New York, 14086, and Gene's presentation begins at 6:30 PM. As always, in case of meeting cancellation due to heavy snow, a cancellation notice will be posted on the EAA Chapter 46 website - <http://eaa46.com> - no later than 4:00 PM on the day of the meeting.



2026 SCHOLARSHIP OFFERING
Finger Lakes Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc.
International Organization of Women Pilots
Scholarship Application Deadline is April 14th, 2026



For more information, please scan the QR code
or visit <https://nynj99s.wixsite.com/finger-lakes-99s/news>

Purpose

The 2026 Finger Lakes Chapter Scholarship will be awarded to an active female pilot or female student pilot residing in the Finger Lakes Region or Western New York consisting of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Niagara, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates Counties. The Scholarship can be used for primary or advanced training to advance her flight ambitions. Membership in the Ninety-Nines is not required at the time of application. However, membership in either the Finger Lakes or Western New York Chapter of the Ninety-Nines is required when the scholarship is awarded. Membership must be maintained at a minimum through May 2027.

Selection Process

Any female pilot or female student pilot living in the New York counties listed above is eligible to apply for the 2026 Scholarship. To apply, submit the completed scholarship application form, including all required documentation, a personal essay and two recommendation letters to the Scholarship Chair of the Finger Lakes Chapter no later than **April 14th, 2026**.

The Scholarship committee, comprised of both Ninety-Nines and active members of the aviation community with no connection to the Ninety-Nines, will review the applications and determine the recipient. Applicant goals, expectations, and anticipated future impact on the aviation community will be the criteria used to determine the recipient. The Scholarship recipient will be notified by **April 30th, 2026**. The 2026 Finger Lakes Chapter Scholarship is \$3,500 to be awarded to one applicant.

Melanie Georger Memorial Scholarship 2026



Investing in women in Aviation

The Melanie Georger Memorial Scholarship honors a young aviator's passion for flight by awarding a minimum of \$5,000 annually to an active Ninety-Nines member in Western New York who demonstrates clear aviation goals and commitment to advancing her flight training.

Application Requirements

- Filled out application form ✓
- 1 pg (single side) essay ✓
- 2 letters of recommendation ✓
- Last ten flight logs ✓
- Copies of Medical Certificate and Knowledge Exams to date ✓

All requirements due by
midnight
April 1, 2026

EMAIL FOR CONTACT FORMS AND QUESTIONS
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2026 SCHOLARSHIP OFFERING

Melanie Georger Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship Application Deadline is April 1, 2026

Purpose

This scholarship is presented by the Western New York Chapter of the Ninety-Nines and is funded by the Georger Family in memory of Melanie Georger, a young woman whose passion for aviation and aeronautical sciences inspired everyone around her. Melanie was just 50 flight hours away from achieving her goal of airline pilot eligibility at the time of her passing, and this scholarship honors her dedication, ambition, and love of flight. The scholarship will be awarded to an active female pilot who is at least 18 years of age and a current member of the Ninety-Nines, with a clear and demonstrated commitment to her aviation goals. This scholarship is for those who live and train in Western New York (WNY), defined for this purpose as the following counties: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Niagara, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates.

Scholarship funds may be used for primary or advanced flight training, including flight hours or check ride preparation. Membership in the Ninety-Nines is required at the time of application and is expected to be maintained after the scholarship is awarded.

Award

The 2026 Melanie Georger Memorial Scholarship committee will award a minimum of one scholarship, with individual awards of at least \$5,000 and up to a maximum total of \$15,000 in scholarship funds per year. Receipts for eligible flight expenses must be dated between June 1, 2026 and May 31, 2027.

Selection Process

Any female pilot or female student pilot who is at least 18 years of age and resides in the New York counties listed above is eligible to apply for this scholarship. To apply, applicants must submit a completed scholarship application form, including all required documentation, a personal essay, and two letters of recommendation to the Scholarship Chair of the Western New York Chapter of the Ninety-Nines no later than **April 1, 2026**.

The Scholarship Committee, comprised of members of the Ninety-Nines as well as active members of the aviation community who have no affiliation with the Ninety-Nines, will review all applications and select the recipients. Applicant goals, expectations, and anticipated future impact on the aviation community will serve as the primary criteria for selection. Scholarship recipients will be notified **by May 15, 2026**. Awarded funds may be used between **June 1, 2026 and May 31, 2027**.

Post Selection Process

Direct payment to flight schools or instructors is preferred, but not required. All receipts for flight expenses paid or incurred must be submitted to the Western New York 99s Scholarship Chair at 99swnyscholarship@gmail.com for payment approval. Eligible expenses include aircraft rental, flight instruction, fuel expenses, designated pilot examiner (DPE) checkride fees, and FAA Knowledge Test fees. All submitted receipts must be accompanied by a copy of the applicant's logbook showing the applicable instruction, signed by the instructor when required. Receipts must also be signed by the student.



Application Content

Applicants are asked to use the application and essay to clearly communicate their aviation goals and their plans for engaging in the aviation community as they work toward those goals. The essay should also include a discussion of the applicant's current flight training journey, existing financial obligations or constraints, other funding sources, and her anticipated timeline for achieving her aviation goals. Applicants are encouraged to be clear and concise, as the essay must not exceed one single-spaced one-sided page.

Application Requirements

Please submit your complete application packet as a single file.

The packet must include:

- A signed and dated application form.
- Your signed and dated personal essay (see requirements below). Please note that additional documentation verifying financial need or obligations may be requested.
- A copy of your Pilot Certificate and Medical Certificate, along with supporting documentation for the rating sought. Copies of the front and back of each certificate must be included on one (1) page. (Applicants must hold at least a Student Pilot Certificate to apply.)
- Two signed and dated letters of recommendation: one from an individual familiar with your flying experience and one character reference (non-aviation references are acceptable). Letters may not be written by family members and must not exceed one page (one side only).
- A copy of your FAA Knowledge Test results, if applicable.
- A copy of your most recent 10 flights in your logbook pages or electronic flight log report. Please note that one logbook page in a traditional paper log book must include both the left and right pages (all columns) of the logbook.

Personal Essay Requirements

Please attach a personal essay not exceeding one page (one side only) that includes the following:

- A brief introduction about yourself, including the aviation rating you are seeking, your future aviation goals, and your anticipated involvement in The Ninety-Nines and the broader aviation community.
- A description of how you have financed your training and education to date, along with a clear statement of financial need related to the completion of your training.
- Any additional information you believe would assist the Scholarship Committee in making its decision.





2026 Melanie Georger Memorial Scholarship

To apply, no later than April 1, 2026, submit the completed application form and all required documents to WNY Chapter Scholarship Chair at: 99swnyscholarship@gmail.com. The application will be disqualified if it is received after April 1, 2026.

Applicant Information

Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Email: _____
Phone Number: _____

Aviation Information

Airman Certificate #: _____
Date Issued: _____
Pilot Certificate Sought: _____
Category of License Sought: _____
Flight School Name: _____
Instructor Name: _____

Statements of Fact (Circle One)

Have you ever been subject to an FAA enforcement action? Yes No
If Yes, please attach a separate sheet to explain.
Passed FAA Knowledge Test? Yes No
First Solo Flight? Yes No

Flight Experience

Total Flight Hours: _____
Hours Flown in Last 12 Months: _____

Medical Information

Medical Class: _____
Date of Medical: _____

Applicant Certification and Release

I understand that neither the Western New York Chapter of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., the NY-NJ Section of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., nor their members, agents, or representatives are responsible for the quality of training received or for any incident that may occur. My signature constitutes a release and hold-harmless agreement. I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct.

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January 2026

AERO CLUB OF BUFFALO MEMBER INFORMATION

TO: WESTERN NEW YORK AVIATION ORGANIZATIONS AND FLIGHT SCHOOLS

The Aero Club of Buffalo is pleased to announce that it is offering **two \$2,500 scholarship** awards to students who are planning a career in the field of aviation.

#1 The Fran Bainbridge Flight Training Scholarship

Funding for this Scholarship is generously supported by the Aero Club of Buffalo Members

\$2500 to a flight student pursuing a pilot or higher certificate

Applicants for this scholarship must be between the ages of 17-25 and be a permanent resident or student living within the WNY region as specified in the application criteria.

#2 The Aero Club of Buffalo Aeronautical-Aviation Scholarship

Funding for this Scholarship is generously supported by the Aero Club of Buffalo Members

This \$2500 scholarship is designed for candidates planning a career in the field of aviation, to include, but not limited to: A & P mechanic, aerospace engineer, airport manager, aviation educator, air traffic controller and commercial or airline pilot. This scholarship is offered to endorse and assist the candidate's efforts in pursuing their education/career in aviation. Funds awarded may be used for the purpose of related books, materials, aircraft rent and instructor time or tuition expenses. * Candidates for this scholarship must be between the ages of 17-25 and be a permanent resident or student living within the WNY region as specified in the application criteria.

Please assist us by forwarding this information to individuals who may be interested in applying for one of these scholarships. For a complete application, selection criteria or additional information please contact the Aero Club of Buffalo at aeroclubofbuffalo@gmail.com. **Full Application information may also be found at aeroclubofbuffalo.org.** Application deadline is April 11, 2026.

Award winners will be officially recognized at the Niagara Aerospace Museum's **Hall of Fame Dinner** to be held May 8, 2026.

To donate to these wonderful scholarships or for membership information please email the Aero Club of Buffalo at aeroclubofbuffalo@gmail.com.

We look forward to this very exciting year of awarding two scholarships!

With best regards,

Jeremy Chapman, 91st President
Pamela Crassidis, Scholarship Chair



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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

WNY AeroMail issue #111

Please note that e-Mail **submissions** of any type for the next issue of WNY AeroMail must have "#111 " in the subject line. You do not need the quotation marks but you do need to have a space after the number 111. Send submissions by March 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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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

<https://www.eaa.org/ea/news-and-publications/ea-news-and-aviation-news/2025-10-30-as-mosaic-rule-kicks-in>

<https://planeandpilotmag.com/mosaic-briefing/>

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

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FOR SALE/RENT/RENT TO OWN

HANGAR AND SHARE AT CLARENCE AERODROME (D51)



A share in Clarence Aerodrome entitles the owner to one twenty-fifth ownership in the airport. In addition, the owner is entitled to buy or build a hangar which he owns separately from the ownership of the share.

This offer is for a combined share and hangar. The hangar is approximately 1,900 square feet, comprised of a 40' X 40' building and a 17' X 17' addition. It has water and electric service and a concrete floor. The door is electrically operated. The hangar is fully insulated and includes a 100,000 BTU oil fired furnace. It also has second floor storage.

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N11721

1972 Bellanca Citabria 7KCAB - \$65,000

TT: 7774.97 SMOH: 2002.37

Complete maintenance logbooks

Last annual 03/04/2025

Compressions: 1) 76 2) 76 3) 78 4) 78

All ADs complied with

Located in KGVQ, Batavia, NY

Engine: Lycoming IO-320-E2A 150HP

Inverted fuel-oil system

Wooden spars and fabric in great shape.

A well-loved airplane always hangared and taken care of by its only 3 owners.

Modifications:

-Schweizer tailhook system

-IFR

-uAvionix skyBeacon ADSB-Out

Reason for sale: lack of use

Ready for sale and ferry anywhere within the CONUS.

Tailwheel endorsement and insurance checkout training available.

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

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



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