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WNY AeroMail #115

IMPORTANT

Buffalo Municipal Airport through the years



This reminds me of George Carlin and aviation phraseology. FINAL Approach tweaks your imagination and then TERMINAL completes the impending doom.

We will focus on the Terminal Building that acts as a gateway to the world. The original Terminal Building was unable to keep pace with the advances in air travel.



A new facility was constructed in 1939 that was updated over the years. This consisted of a Tower flanked by wings. Obvious you can see the aircraft of choice. Anyone know what PCA was? Note that aircraft has a door on the right side like many military versions of the "Gooney Bird".



Circa 1955 it was time for another expansion and remodeling. Note the Van Dyke taxi cab.



Here is a view sometime after the 1955 changes. The open windows were in the overlooking restaurant where you could watch the passengers disembark. The pungent smell of 115/145 fuel went well with a burger. Aircraft are a Convair and a DC-6 with a DC-3 in the background.



Nice shot of servicing commencing on a Mohawk Convair. From "SLO-Hawk" to "have time to spare go by air" this airline morphed into Allegheny, USAir and finally merged with American Airlines.



The turbine powered aircraft came on the scene circa 1958. This Vickers Viscount was powered by Rolls Royce "Dart" engine that could scream. Capital ultimately became United Airlines. The building later became known as the "East Terminal" for some years before being razed 30 years to make way for the current facility.

Ron

***Reminder: September submissions for WNY AeroMail #116 due
08/28/26***

EVENT CALENDAR

August 2026

5th - EAA Chapter 44 continues the **Baby Ace Restoration** sessions on **every Wednesday** from 6PM – 9PM at the **Sport Aviation Center** (aka “the SAC”). You are welcome to observe and pitch in! For more information, call Bob Nelligan-Barret (585) 754-7263.

8th. - EAA Ch44 Young Eagle Flights @ 10 AM 44 Eisenhower Drive , Brockport , New York. Please pre-register to reserve your child's aviation adventure! For registration and questions, contact Rick Tandy at youngeagles@eaa44.org

12th. - EAA Ch46 Annual Ice Cream Social, 5:30 PM at Lancaster Airport, 4343 Walden Ave, Lancaster NY. See below for more details.

18th. - EAA Chapter 44 Chapter meeting at the Sport Aviation Center, 44 Eisenhower Drive, Brockport, NY 14420 from 6:30PM – 9PM. This is located on the Ledgesdale Airpark (7G0) in Brockport, NY. The guest speaker is Matt McDermott on Ch44's Social Media initiatives.

20th. - 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

The August 2026 Issue of the **Akron Flyer** by **Allen Kidder** is now available and includes ten interesting airplanes that landed this month at Akron Jesson Field along with Mike Westphal's photos which included the only Boeing 777 that landed in BUF and highlight photos from the Geneseo Airshow (July 11-12).

The August 2026 issue of **Vectors for Safety** by **Gene Benson** is now available with his newest feature, Squawking Human:

<https://www.vectorsforsafety.com/blog/vectors-for-safety-August-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/eaa44/newsletters>.

EAA Chapter 46 news: <https://chapters.eaa.org/eaa46/newsletters>.

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

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

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EAA Chapter 46 Meeting Announcement

On Wednesday, August 12, 2026, EAA Chapter 46 will hold its annual Ice Cream Social at 5:30 PM at Lancaster Airport, 4343 Walden Ave, Lancaster NY.

There will be many flavors of ice cream and over a dozen delicious toppings for you to create your own ice cream sundae - or simply enjoy a delightful cone!

The event is free and open to EAA members, their families and friends, as well as anyone with an interest in aviation. If you'd like, feel free to bring a desert or other dish to pass, but please don't feel obligated - your company is all that's needed!

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EAA Chapter 674 Upcoming Events

Our EAA meetings are usually at the GVA (Gaines 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 #116

Please note that e-Mail **submissions** of any type for the next issue of WNY AeroMail must have "#116 " in the subject line. You do not need the quotation marks but you do need to have a space after the number 116. Send submissions by August 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

Your Stories are Needed!

Anyone have any tales of aircraft, people, hangars or anything Aviation that you can share? If one of these was significant why not put a tribute together? Send your submissions to Magman366@gmail.com and Christopher.Koch@gmail.com





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

Modernization of Special Airworthiness Certification (MOSIAC)

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.kitplanes.com/aircraft-builders-reap-benefit-from-mosaic-rules/>

<https://www.kitplanes.com/faa-accepts-astm-standards-clearing-the-last-hurdle-for-mosaic/>

<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.
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New flash tube in FS4400 strobe
New SS exhaust tail pipe
New alternator belt
New brake linkage rods

Goodyear 8.5 x 6 mains, in great shape.
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Narco radio
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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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Thanks,
Ron

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

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