



# R.U.F.F. Times

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Rochester Ultralight Fun Flyers  
EAA UL Chapter 95



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## *March Member's Meeting*

**When:** Saturday, 27 March, 10:00 am. **Spring Time!!**

**Where:** Spencerport Air Park club house.

**Before Meeting Breakfast:** 9:00 a.m.: At the Light House Diner on the corner of State Roads 31 and 259 (Nichols & S. Union streets). Slayton's is closed for renovation.

**Program:** "Living with Alcohol Gas", by Jon Arney. A hands on demo of how E10 gas behaves toward water and different ways to measure gas quality.

**After Meeting Lunch:** Hot dogs will be grilled outside the club house.

**Flight Plans:** Spring is here!! Time to think about RUFF flying activities. Any ideas? Suggestions? Bring your ideas to the meeting.

**Caution!** Turf runways are soft in the spring due to rain and melted snow. Time to brush up on soft field procedures. Spencerport (D91) is usable, but soft field procedures are necessary.

## *Annual RUFF Awards Banquet at the Old Toad*

The annual RUFF Banquet was held on Sunday, 21 February at **The Old Toad**, 277 Alexander Street, Rochester. This helped to break up the winter blahs with loads of good fellowship, good food, and good beer! The annual "bring one get one" gift exchange was a nice treat.

Award certificates were presented to the RUFF officers for their service in 2010. In addition, RUFF recognized three notable member achievements this year, as follows:

### **RUFF Fellowship Award: Chris Black**

This award was given to Chris by an overwhelming vote of the RUFF membership. Chris is a founding member of RUFF and is always an enthusiastic supporter of RUFF events. He is always there to help members with engine questions, and his sense of humor always keeps members smiling. Chris has served RUFF as President and as a Board Member, and he has organized many RUFF events such as last Summer's Poker Run and the recent outing to the Hammondsport Curtiss Museum, to name just two. Chris is an enthusiastic builder and flyer, and he participates in as many fly-in events as he can. Well Done, Chris, and many thanks for all you do.



### **Solo Award: Dan Burrell**

We all enjoyed following along with Dan as he struggled to build Sky Ranger "Buddy" during the winter of '07-'08, and then his struggles to balance schedules and weather during his instruction with Bob Schutte in '08-'09. Finally, Dan soloed last Fall to become an official RUFF pilot!! Therefore, Dan's name was officially added to the "RUFF Solo Plaque",



which is proudly displayed in the Spencerport Airpark Club House. Now and forever more, Dan can use that coveted title "**pilot**"! And thanks, Ellen, for being an important part of it!

**Bent Bold Award:** Steve Zigelstein

This least coveted of RUFF awards was presented to Steve this year in recognition of the bending of bolts on his Tiger Cub during an unscheduled, off field landing! We all get a charge out of needling each other with this award, but it does have a purpose. As long as we are talking to each other about our experiences, good AND bad, we will help each other be better aviators. Thanks, Steve, for sharing your experience with us!



***RUFF Membership Renewal Time***

George Charnitski

**\$30 dues:** If not received by 31 March, you will be removed from the membership list. Don't let that happen!! Send your check, made out to, RUFF, to George Charnitski, 3549 Daansen Rd., Walworth, NY 14568.

***RUFF BOD Meeting, 13 March 2010***

***by Dan Burrell, Secretary***

**Call to order:** Jerry Getgen

**Roll call:** Jerry Getgen, George Charnitski, Dan Burrell, Jon Arney and Steve Zigelstein

**Treasurer's Report:** George reported we have \$1443 in the treasury. 9 Members have renewed their memberships. We have 5 members exempt and 2 honorary members. 2 members have dropped out. 3 checks remain to be deposited.

**President's Minute:** Jerry handed out copies of the ABC's takeoff checklist. Also a warning about the effect of regular gas on fiberglass fuel tanks was discussed.

**Old Business:**

- Jerry is planning to clear some brush (not trees) in front of the big hangers at Spencerport Airpark.
- Weather Station: Jon has Bob's radio for the weather unit. We need to fix the anemometer on the roof.
- Social Events: The Dayton trip is on. Several members/spouses have signed up to go. Future EAA 95 social outings could include: the sea plane review in Hammondsport in Sept., the Elmira Soaring Museum, the old Rhinebeck Aerodrome and the Niagara Falls Space Museum.

**New Business:**

- Flying events: George is having trouble with his computer so Dan and Jon volunteered to help out getting a list of upcoming fly-ins.
- Steve will donate his plane train to EAA 44 with the understanding that 95 can use it.
- Upcoming programs for the general membership include 1) airspeed calibration with George, 2) gasoline analysis by Jon, 3) pilotage/dead reckoning and 4) abnormal procedures.

## **Pilot With a Guide Dog?!?!**

Sharon Lockmeyer

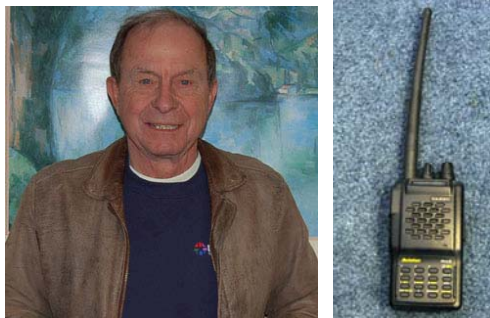
This is no joke! Or maybe it is. See "Walking the Dog" on page 54.



***Doc. Lockmeyer***

***RUFF Hero!!***

RUFFian Bob Lockmeyer has indefinitely loaned his Yaesu air band transceiver for use at Spencerport Air Park (D91)!! The transceiver comes with a nicad battery pack and a charger, so we are all set to go. Jon Arney has an adapter for the BNC cable for the antenna mounted over the club house. He will install the radio at the airport this weekend. Many thanks, Doc!!



### ***RUFF Outing to the Glenn Curtiss Museum, Hammondsport, NY***

On Sunday, 7 March, RUFF members and friends drove to Hammondsport, NY, to tour the Curtiss Museum. Jon & Laura Arney and Bob & Sharon Lockmeyer drove together and arrived early in Hammondsport, so they stopped for breakfast at a local diner. The place was packed and understaffed, so they ended up being late for the start of the tour! Nevertheless, the tour went well and we enjoyed a dedicated and knowledgeable guide. We learned that it was Curtiss & company, NOT the Wright Brothers, that really got the US into the aviation business prior to WWI. The museum was full of reproductions of lots of different Curtiss aircraft, and many of them were in flying condition. The recently completed flying boat "America" was on display, and we could climb up and peek inside! (see below.)





Following the tour, the Museum Staff set up tables for us where we sat and had our bag lunches and chatted with the tour guide and each other. It was a beautiful day and a great RUFF experience!

### *Stafford Airport, (20NY)*

Doug Taylor, friendly to GA, LSA, and UL, Potential fly in location for RUFF. Planning pancake breakfasts etc. Possible joint effort. Also RC control quite active on field. Half way between Genesee Co. (GVQ) and Le Roy (5G0). Lat/Long: 43-00-32.0000N / 078-02-35.0000W



### *Ultralight Training Issue USUA Wants FAA to Remedy Unsafe Situation*

The United States Ultralight Association (USUA) issued the following press release calling on the FAA to stop delaying the release of guidance for district offices to issue Letters Of Deviation Authority (LODAs). The USUA says the delay is creating an unsafe situation because instructors may decide to stop offering services and potential students might resort to teaching themselves. Full story at: [http://www.eaa.org/lightplaneworld/articles/1003\\_usua.asp](http://www.eaa.org/lightplaneworld/articles/1003_usua.asp)

### *Paper Airman Certificates Expire March 31*

Are you an old guy who got a Pilot License back in the day? Haven't changed address in 20 years or added any ratings to your ticket? Still holding on the a license printed on paper? If so, you need to replace that old paper ticket with a new plastic card. **Otherwise, your Pilot License WILL EXPIRE ON 31 MARCH!!**

FAR 61.19(h) reads: "Except for a temporary certificate issued under §61.17 or a student pilot certificate issued under paragraph (b) of this section, the holder of a paper pilot certificate issued under this part may not exercise the privileges of that certificate after March 31, 2010."

**To replace your airman certificate online**, visit the FAA website at the following address. [http://www.faa.gov/licenses\\_certificates/airmen\\_certification/certificate\\_replacement/](http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/airmen_certification/certificate_replacement/)

#### **To apply for a new certificate via the mail:**

Complete an "Application for Replacement of Lost, Destroyed, or Paper Airman Certificate" (PDF available at [www.SportAviation.org](http://www.SportAviation.org)), or

Send a signed, written request stating your: name, date and place of birth, social security number and/or certificate number, and the reason you need a replacement.

Include a check or money order for \$2 (U.S. funds), made payable to FAA, for each certificate you request. **Mail your request to:** Federal Aviation Administration, Airmen Certification Branch, AFS-760, P.O. Box 25082, Oklahoma City, OK 73125-0082

### *Walking the Dog*

A WOMAN was flying from Seattle to San Francisco. Unexpectedly, the plane was diverted to Sacramento along the way. The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft the plane would re-board in 50 minutes.

Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind. The man had noticed her as he walked by and could tell the lady was blind because her Seeing Eye dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight.

He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached her, and calling her by name, said, 'Kathy, we are in Sacramento for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?' The blind lady replied, 'No thanks, but maybe **Buddy** would like to stretch his legs.'

#### **Picture this:**

All the people in the gate area came to a complete stand still when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a Seeing Eye dog! The pilot was even wearing sunglasses. People scattered!!! **They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines.**

**True story. Have a great day and remember.. THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS AS THEY APPEAR....A DAY WITHOUT LAUGHTER IS A DAY WASTED!!!**

*EAA 44 Newsletter "The Flyer"* Available at <http://www.eaa44.org>.



### • *Trade Winds* •

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#### **The "Engine Information System"**

If any of you aircraft builders are considering using the EIS system from Grand Rapids Technologies in your plane, contact me as I can get a better price since I am a dealer. This way you can save a few bucks. The EIS is a valuable instrument to have because it measures the battery voltage, engine rpm, exhaust gas temp., cylinder head temp., water temp, outside air temp., engine hours (Hobbs meter), flight time, and also has extra inputs that you can use to your liking. All of these measurements have upper and lower limits that you set and if any of these limits are exceeded, a warning light flashes and the screen indicates the problem area. This is probably the most valuable function of the unit. Basic units for most aircraft run about \$500.

George Charnitski.