



# Aero Club of Buffalo

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Greetings!

I trust everyone is happy to see the winter of 2022/2023 in their rearview mirrors! I invite you to re-engage with The Aero Club of Buffalo as we embark on the next 100 years.

We are excited to announce we have finally rolled out our new website. Our hope is that you'll make it a regular stop on your daily/weekly computing activities. Please explore the site and check out our interactive calendar with notifications of upcoming events. You can read about historical aviation-related information specific to Western NY with links to interesting aviation events. You'll soon be able to renew your membership (or join) online, RSVP and pay for events and even purchase apparel. Please click on our [Become a Member](#) page and join to receive an ACOB pin that you can proudly wear to our social events. Becoming a member helps keep it strong and also pays it forward for future generations.

We have proudly hosted industry experts (and will continue) who have presented on the following subjects: Space Junk, The NASA New Horizons space program, what it's like to be a Thunderbird pilot or fly a U-2 or AV-8 Harrier or an F-35, we've hosted historians who shared their knowledge and written books about the Tuskegee Airman, we heard first hand from a WWII Waist gunner and a former Squadron Commander in the Second World War, we've hosted corporate executives from leading space and aviation industries and too many more to name in this short letter. Our Board of Directors will be meeting soon to create an exciting calendar of speakers for next season. You can check the website for the line-up, we hope you'll decide to join us at The Rizzato Eatery and Sweetery in Williamsville.

In May, we invite you to come out to the second Annual Memorial Day Fly-In Breakfast at the Akron Jesson Field (9G3). Once again we are partnering with the Christian Airmen Fellowship and the CAP. Last year we served more than 600 breakfasts! It'll be on Monday, 29 May between 0800-1200. Check our website for more information.

Lastly, I'll be stepping down after this speaker season, my "Able" replacement will be Mary (Willy) Mattocks, a long-time board member and also a board member of the 99's, please welcome her and continue supporting this club, and most importantly, tell a friend! Thank you for your support throughout my tenure! The Aero Club of Buffalo has been in existence since before 1900; before the Wright brothers first flight, it's been both an honor and pleasure to have served as president. We plan to remain relevant in the aviation world for another century. I hope you decide to join and take full advantage of all we have to offer.

I'm excited for our future and I invite you to be a part of it.

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