



Aero Club of Buffalo

The Oldest Aero Club in America, Second Oldest Club in the World

www.aeroclubofbuffalo.org

Dear All,

As the Summer slowly winds down to Fall I want to take this opportunity to invite you back to the Aero Club and the monthly dinner meetings at Rizottos Restaurant where we have some scrumptious dinners and a wonderful line up of speakers for your interest and enjoyment. The 'snow birds' don't know what they are missing because by staying in the frozen north you have the dinner meetings to break up those long winter months. You will gather with new and old friends and rekindle friendships with those who have an interest in all things aviation and aerospace. (Keep it a secret!). I hope you had a good summer and would love to hear of your aviation exploits or any other aviation topic that takes your interested to include on our website. Your contributions will be like a back to school "show and tell". I would also welcome any suggestions for future speakers and presentations.

I will start the ball rolling by reporting "my show and tell" to those who followed the Air Race Classic (www.airraceclassic.org) the all women air race, which I did complete safely, in one piece, by circumventing a few hazards, but unfortunately didn't win! It was great fun as usual and well worth the effort. If there are any women pilots out there I would encourage you to try it next year. Amazingly between the end of May and to date I have accumulated 76 hours flying time in my beloved Piper Cherokee N222DL, affectionately labelled the "Dumb Limey" by my friends, and covered approximately 5000 Nautical Miles which included the race 2,600 plus miles and getting to the start, Carbondale Illinois, and back from the finish, Fort Collins Colorado. (From the plains to the mountains in 8 legs).

When you come to the next dinner meeting please bring a friend/s with you and if they like what they see, encourage them to become members. Additional membership dues will enable us to continue to provide interesting speakers and topics. (See information and membership application on the website). If you have any talents you would like to share with the Aero Club I will be looking for members interested in supporting the club by becoming a Director which will hopefully infuse the organization with new ideas and new blood (the younger the better). Please indicate your interest to me Mary Mattocks

(mmattock@daemen.edu) before November as the election of the Directors takes place then. You are welcome to attend a board meeting at any time to see what we do. The date and time of all the board meetings will be indicated on the website calendar. I would also like to encourage you to give a donation however small (or Large) to the scholarship fund so that we may continue to give scholarships to deserving young people persuing an aviation career and an air and space education program.

The Fall Line up of Speakers

The following are the presenters and topics for the Fall and a flyer a flyer with more information and dinner choices will be emailed to you at the beginning of each month. Please find the flyer for this month at the end of this letter.

September 19 - Don Erwin on Early Western New York Aircraft Companies

October 17 - Carol Anne Adams on the Curtiss Cadettes

November 21 - Maj Chris Pike on 914th Aerial Refueling Wing

December 12 - Bill Suitor on flying the Bell Rocket Belt

I look forward to meeting you again soon,

Mary E. Mattocks (Willy)

90th President Aero Club of Buffalo

Questions, comments, ideas suggestions?

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Don Erwin

**President,
Niagara Aerospace Museum**

Thursday 19 September 2024

Rizotto Eatery and Sweetery

930 Maple Road, Williamsville

6:00 p.m. Cash Bar

Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

\$35.00

Do you have a favorite Western New York aviation or aerospace story? This month we will hear stories that celebrate WNY's rich aviation history and highlight the region's significant contributions. Please join us September 19th when Don Erwin, president of the board of trustees of the Niagara Aerospace Museum and local aerospace historian, presents *From Propellers to Rocket Engines, Western New York's Contributions to Aviation and Aerospace*.

Don Erwin has served as the president of the board of trustees for the Niagara Aerospace Museum since 2019, and had previously volunteered with the museum in various capacities since 2010. When he is not attending to museum affairs, Don serves as the Chief Service Officer for a SUNY organization that provides IT services for most of the SUNY campuses across New York State. He previously worked with various contractors for NASA and the Department of Defense on military and space programs. Don combines his interests in aviation, aerospace, and local history with his background in strategic planning, digital transformation, and team building to help the museum meet its mission.

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