

AERONOTES

Our Mission: To interpret aviation, particularly that related to New York State, with exhibits and programs that educate, entertain and excite the public

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ESAM CELEBRATES NATIONAL AVIATION WEEK

Between August 19th and August 27th, the Empire State Aerosciences Museum celebrated **National Aviation Week** with a cavalcade of special events.

The museum thanks all of the organizations that supported the celebration including **Schenectady** County which provided \$2,500 in funding and the loan of movie equipment; Stewart's which donated ice cream; the Civil Air Patrol which provided parking control and set up help; museum volunteers who provided program management, a youth STEM program, kiddie rides in a tractor drawn airplane, aviation crafts, a model train display, a Top Gun display of ESAM's F-5 and F-14, a fly-in breakfast, popcorn and general support; the **Tunison Foundation** which provided a static display of World War II C-47 Placid Lassie; Diane Hime from North Country Wildcare who provided birds; Yannai Arazi who ran the flight simulator; Peter MacDonald who provided a Zoom presentation about Navaho Code Talkers; the Stratton Air National Guard Base Fire Department which provided firefighting demonstrations; Zonta which provided coordinators and volunteers; Paul Jendzeizyk who provided a presentation and books signing about his father's service with the 22nd Bomb Group in WWII; John Baldasaro and Joel Glickman who provided flights for the youth in the STEM program; the New York State Air National Guard which set up a recruiting station with a Humvee; and NYS LifeNet 7-1 from the South Albany Airport, which provided a rescue helicopter display. Thanks especially to Mardy Moore for promoting the celebration and Joyce Newkirk for providing all-around coordination. See photos of the event on this page and pages 2 and 7.



ESAM was pleased to welcome Schenectady County legislators Peter Frisoni (left), Richard Ruzzo (center) and Philip Fields (right) to its celebration of National Aviation Week

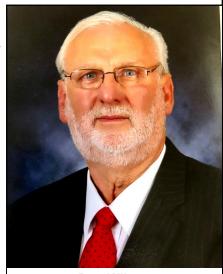
PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Friends and Supporters of the Empire State Aerosciences Museum (ESAM)

Greetings to all.

ESAM just completed our first National Aviation Week celebration with good news and excitement for next year. We had some unexpected pleasant surprises and made a few mistakes. The people could not have been nicer and supportive. We have many new members, and volunteers are adding a lot of new visions. Next year we will add food and beverages to keep people longer. The flight simulators and guided tours, electric trains of the C-130 were a real success. Moving our F5 Tiger and F14 Tomcat out of the airpark and onto the apron was a crowd pleaser, especially with Top Gun hype. Many more plans and ideas are yet to develop for next year.

Our membership and visitors will be very pleased with the renovation of Gallery 1 and we have made major changes in the "Hi bay" of Gallery 1. The Harrier is in its final location and ready for detailing, (thanks to our Restoration Group), with the Rolls Royce engine next to it for display purposes. The new signage is outstanding and informative. Some small aircraft will be hanging from the roof structure.



Dan Wilson

The educational success ESAM is experiencing is so impressive. We hope to make this a must see for more local schools and colleges.

A British Airways visit this October is still on the agenda, and we have had two visits from Fort Drum bringing active personnel to visit ESAM. They arrive in helicopters and hope to make us a regular training destination.

We need new members so please spread the word especially on social media. Also we are open to suggestions on how to improve ESAM.

Thank you, for being a member.

Daniel P. Wilson, President ESAM Board of Trustees



Kids fly the flight simulator that was set up in ESAM's C-130 during National Aviation Week

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FLY-IN BREAKFAST PRESENTATIONS CONTINUE

Thanks to **Second Vice President Mike Collins**, interesting and informative presentations continue to take place at ESAM's monthly Fly-in Breakfasts.

On Saturday, October15th, **Barbara Jones**, Professor and Director of the Aviation Sciences Program at SUNY SCCC, will talk about the program and opportunities for young men and women in the aviation industry.

On Saturday, November 19th, **Steve Borbee**, retired from NYSP and flight instructor for **Richmor Aviation**, will detail his exploits as a combat controller in several conflicts around the globe.







ESAM RECEIVES GRANT FROM THE CARLILIAN FOUNDATION

ESAM is pleased to announce that it has received a \$15,000 grant from the **Carlilian Foundation** for building repairs.

The grant will be used to repair roof leaks on the southwest and east flat roof section of the main hangar, and to remediate some of the internal damage caused by these leaks.

Thanks to Mardy Moore and Joyce Newkirk for pursuing this grant.

SUMMER EDUCATION PROGRAMS ARE SUCCESSFUL

It certainly has been a busy summer at the museum, and education programs played a big role. Coordinated by **ESAM Trustee and Education Chair Kevin Millington**, the museum conducted two programs in partnership with area colleges.

First, on three consecutive Saturdays beginning on July 30, classes were conducted by the RPI Engineering Ambassadors for fifteen students, ages 12-17. Undergraduate engineering students conducted classes on a variety of aviation topics, including the evolution of aircraft design, aircraft materials, and sensors. ESAM volunteers assisted the Engineering Ambassadors and led museum tours after each class. The program was organized by ESAM Trustee and RPI alumnus Rich Bievenue, and it was hugely popular with the students.



RPI Engineering Ambassadors help students test and evaluate their aerodynamic designs in a wind tunnel

And then, from August 23-26, we

conducted our annual Aviation STEM Camp, in partnership with **Schenectady County Community College**, which could not have gone better! Each day, twenty students, ages 10 -17, enjoyed classes on aviation topics, including the history and evolution of planes, the physics of flight and parts of a plane, the US space program, and the principles and history of helicopters. Students also enjoyed presentations by **Larry McArthur**, who demonstrated his Navy flight gear, and by **Bill O'Brien**, who talked about his experiences as a Navy pilot flying the P-3 Orion. As part of the program, students were also treated to an hour long flight, thanks to **John Baldasaro** and **Joel Glickman**, who again generously donated their time, planes, and fuel to give the students such a special experience. This annual program has proven so popular, that we are considering adding another week during the year.

Delivering quality education programs is a priority of the museum, and key to this success is fostering effective partnerships with area colleges, such as Schenectady County Community College and RPI.

And, of course, much credit goes to dedicated ESAM volunteers, and I am pleased and proud to recognize John Baldasaro, Paul Quantock, James Johnson, Bill O'Brien, Larrv McArthur, Joel Glickman, Bob Vore, Jim Salvino, Frank Hackert, and Peter Bergendahl for making this program such a success.



STEM campers learning about forces of flight get a close up view of ESAM's F-14 (Top Gun) Tomcat

LETTERS AND EMAILS LIKE THESE WE LIKE TO RECEIVE

The Empire State Aerosciences Museum is committed to supporting worthy community events and organizations. Following are extracts from letters from community organizations that the museum has supported over the past few months, and their website addresses.

LIVING RESOURCES: "Thank you for supporting Living Resources" A Tribute to Transforming Lives" celebration... Your generosity will make an immediate difference in the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injuries, and persons affected by impairments associated with illness, injury or aging." livingresources.org

BRAVEHEARTS, AN ONCOLOGY CAMP FOR WOMEN: "Thank you!!! We are filled with gratitude for your support of the 14th Annual Camp Bravehearts Golf Tournament and Auction... Camp Braveheart is a small, grass roots charity that has no paid staff and no significant overhead. All monies raised at the golf tournament will be used to help women dealing with cancer diagnoses. Since 2001, Bravehearts has provided over 3,000 cancer patients and survivors with unforgettable weekends filled with inspiration, wellness activities, outdoor challenges, sharing, and fun." braveheartscamp.org

JACK'S PLACE: ""We want to thank you for donating a Family membership for us to use in our raffle...thanks to people like you, Jack's Place will continue to serve people in need. Jack's Place can host up to 8 families at a time... We have been open for over 4 years now, and we have served many families, at no charge to them, so they can be there for their family members." jackfalvoiiifoundation.com

WRAPAROUND SERVICES OF THE HUDSON VALLEY: "On behalf of our agency and the individuals who participate in our programs, Wraparound Services of the Hudson Valley would like to personally thank you for donating to our Accessibility Awareness Day event...Wraparound Service of the Hudson Valley partners with communities throughout the Mid-Hudson Valley to empower people with disabilities to achieve their highest potential by providing innovative community, educational and residential services". wshv.org

MATER CHRISTI SCHOOL: "I would like to take this opportunity to thank you ... for your generous support of the 2nd Annual Mater Christi School Virtual Silent Auction... Your support of our school is a gift that will last a lifetime!" mcsalbany.org

ST PETER'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION: "Please know how grateful we are for your generous inkind donation in support of St Peter's ALS Regional Center, Lewis Golub MDA/ALS Clinic... The St Peter's ALS Regional Center continues to serve patients and their families in a 90 mile radius of St Peter's Hospital... St Peter's, the ALS Center staff, those with ALS and their families thank you for supporting the important mission of the ALS Center in bringing guidance, compassionate care and hope to those with ALS". givetostpeters.org

ESAM TO HOST VISIT FROM BRITISH AIRWAYS EXECUTIVES

On October 11th, ESAM is expected to host a visit from a number of **British Airways** representatives and key players involved in the Concorde Times Square project.



Plans are underway to provide a tour and a publicity opportunity during the visit, as well as the chance to view the striking British Airways Concorde model in front of the museum.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

ESAM MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN NY AIR NATIONAL GUARD INCENTIVE FLIGHT

Four ESAM members and one guest were privileged to have the opportunity to take part in the NY Air National Guard 109th Airlift Wing's 2022 Incentive Flight. The event took place on August 30th at Stratton Air National Guard Base.

The day began with an 8:00 am check in at the base, followed by presentations, a tour of a C-130 Hercules and a flight in a C-130. The first presentation described the wide-ranging support and services that are available to both full-time and drilling Guardsmen. This was followed by an extensive briefing by the **Air Wing Commander, Colonel Christian Sander**, about the polar missions of the Wing. The briefing ended with a request that the participants spread the word about the Wing's work.

"We've been labeled as the best keep secret in the Air National Guard, however we no longer want that distinction, so please let everyone know about Stratton Air National Guard Base and about the amazing mission we do here at the 109th Airlift Wing."

-Colonel Christian Sander, Commander, 109th Airlift Wing

The hour-long flight gave the participants the opportunity to climb to the flight deck and watch the flight crew at work. Ample opportunity was also available to peer out of the cargo bay windows and get great views of the Sacandaga Reservoir and Lake George.

ESAM is pleased to have a mutually supportive relationship with the 109th, will continue to foster it and has requested a video from the 109th to incorporate into its exhibits. The museum thanks Colonel Sander and **Captain Joshua Bowers**, **NYANG** for providing this exciting opportunity.



ESAM participants in the NYANG C-130 Incentive Flight were (left to right) Larry McArthur, Bob Vore, Dan Wilson, guest Chuck Hoffman, and Rich Bievenue

INAUGURAL WINGS AND WHEELS EVENT RAISES \$615

ESAM's August 6th Wings & Wheels event gave participants the opportunity to take a photo of their automobile parked next to ESAM's F-5. It was a great success for the first time doing it, and we intend to do more in the near future. Thanks to **ESAM First Vice President Rich Bievenue** for arranging it.



ESAM HOSTS ERIC BROEHM, CURATOR AT THE INTREPID SEA, AIR AND SPACE MUSUEM

ESAM was pleased to host a visit by Eric Broehm, Curator of Aviation at the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum in New York City. Eric (below, left) was greeted and escorted by ESAM Board of Trustees President Dan Wilson (below, right).





2022 ESAM ANNUAL DINNER MEETING OCTOBER 19, 2022

RIVER STONE MANOR

1437 Amsterdam Rd, Glenville, NY 12302

I would like to make reservations for # ESAM Members and Guests at \$45 per dinner \$				
I cannot attend but I would like to make a donation to ESAM. \$				
HORS D'OEUVRES and CASH BAR: 5:30-6:15 pm				
DINNER at 6:30 pm				
Entrées are accompanied by a house salad, rolls and butter, Chef's choice of seasonal vegetable and complementing starch				
Entrée Choice of:				
Sliced New York Strip w/caramelized, Grape Tomato Halves, Balsamic Glaze				
Harvest Breast of Chicken filled with Cranberry & Apple Pear Stuffing, served with a Grand Marnier Cranberry Glaze				
Salmon delicately seasoned and expertly grilled, served with a Lemon Dill Sauce				
Chocolate Truffle Mousse Cake				
Coffee & Tea				
I have special dietary needs				
Name(s)				
Address				
Telephone				
Please indicate your choice of entrées: Strip Steak, Chicken, Salmon				

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: OCTOBER 12, 2022

Please make check payable to ESAM and send it along with the completed form to:
ESAM Annual Meeting, 250 Rudy Chase Drive, Glenville, NY 12302
Spouses and friends are welcome

Proxy Form for Annual Meeting

Dear ESAM Member,

The purpose of the Annual Meeting of the Empire State Aerosciences Museum (to be held on October 19, 2022) shall be to elect Trustees of the Corporation, to report on all significant activities of the Corporation during the preceding fiscal year and to conduct such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The Record Date for eligibility to vote at this meeting has been fixed at October 5, 2022. Every member as of October 5, 2022 is entitled to vote and may authorize another person to act for such member by written proxy. To insure a quorum at the Annual Meeting, please date, sign and return the Proxy Form below. The ESAM Board Secretary will be custodian of proxies. Every proxy shall be revocable at the pleasure of the member executing it. These signed proxies will be available at the Annual Meeting, and may be retrieved by those members who will be voting in person that night.

Please send to or leave you 12302, Attention: Proxy C	r proxy with ESAM, 250 Rudy Chase I ustodian	Orive, Glenville, NY
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I (please print name) be voted at the Annual Meeti		authorize my proxy to
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DAVID ROE IS NOMINATED TO THE ESAM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Trustees is pleased to nominate **David Roe** for election to the Board. The election will take place at ESAM's Annual Meeting on October 19th at the River Stone Manor.

Dave has been an Aerospace Engineering and Digital Electronics teacher at Shenendehowa High School since 2009. Between 1986 and 2008, he was a Avionics Specialist for the US Air Force, working on F-111 and C-130 aircraft. He has worked on projects for Lockheed Martin, Raytheon, Malta Test Site, and Global Foundries.

He has Masters degrees in MAT (teaching) and MSITM (MBA not programming), and was a Adjunct Instructor at both Nyack College and Hudson Valley Community College. He currently volunteers at ESAM.

FORT DRUM AIRMEN FLY IN TO VISIT ESAM

ESAM is pleased to welcome Army airmen (below) from Fort Drum, New York who flew their Black-hawk helicopter into Schenectady County Airport to visit the museum.



AVIATION POSER

So, why do YOU think that the command pilot sits in the right seat in a helicopter while he or she sits in the left seat in a fixed-wing aircraft? We'd enjoy hearing what you think. Let us know at esam.newsletter@gmail.com.

BOY SCOUT CAR WASH SUPPORTS ESAM

On September 17th the Boy Scouts held a car wash in the ESAM parking lot. The car wash was an Eagle Scout project to help defray the cost of replacing the interpretive signs in ESAM's Air Park. ESAM is pleased to acknowledge this support.

OUR SUPPORTERS

ESAM THANKS THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE ESTABLISHED OR RENEWED THEIR MUSEUM MEMBERSHIPS

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DONATIONS

ESAM thanks the following people and organizations that have made recent monetary donations to the museum:

Jane Morton Arnold Civil Air Patrol – NY Wing Tom DiMezza Mary Ellen Sampson Mark Shalonis



HANNAFORD DONATES \$159 TO ESAM

ESAM thanks **Hannaford Markets** for donating \$159 to ESAM through its Hannaford Helps reusable bag purchase program.

OUR SUPPORTERS

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

- **David Pratt** donated twenty seven unbuilt plastic models.
- Allen Muchmore donated a built 1/72 scale plastic model of an SR-71.
- **Donna Esposito** donated a World War II-era Mark 23 practice bomb (See photo at right.)
- Susan Holly donated photos of a P-51 Mustang, a Beech biplane, two HP gliders, Ace Gabby Gabreski, a ME-109, Eddie Rickenbacker with signature, Charles Lindbergh with signature and Amelia Earhart with signature. She also donated an On Top flight simulator, and miscellaneous aviation books and texts.
- **Michael Greppo** donated a cylinder head from an aircraft engine.
- Dan DeBellis donated twelve aviation-related books.
- Carol Volungus donated a portfolio of aviation/ ESAM-related posters.



PAINTING OF HANGAR DOOR IS COMPLETED

The job of stabilizing and painting the hangar doors to ESAM's main hangar is complete!



An exquisite photo of ESAM's Main Hangar from the ramp, courtesy of ESAM President Dan Wilson. Notice the newly painted hangar door.

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SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VOLUNTEERS Brian Henderson

What is your hometown? Schenectady, born and raised.

What is your previous/current occupation? I work for Covetrus North America.

What inspired you to volunteer at ESAM? I saw the announcement online. I have some knowledge of aircraft history and design.

What current/previous projects are you involved with at ESAM? The new aircraft being acquired. Tour guide in the Air Park.

What do you enjoy most about volunteering at ESAM? Sharing my knowledge and talking to the people, especially those who have a love of aviation.

Any other hobbies or interests? Building models, video games.



ESAM PARTICIPATES IN STEINMETZ PARK DAY

ESAM Board Member Gary Davis (right) watches a young aviator bank left on his simulated flight at **Steinmetz Park Day** in Schenectady, NY. Also representing ESAM at the event was **Board Member Gary Gershon**.



ESAM Membership Application

Please check one: NEW MEMBERS	SHIP RENEWAI	L
ANNUAL DUES: INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY Senior Citizen \$35 Student \$35 Individual \$45 Family \$60	VIP: Contributing \$80 Supporting \$135 Sustaining \$285 Galaxy Club \$500 Friend of ESAM \$	
Name		Please make your check payable to ESAM Mail to ESAM, 250 Rudy Chase Drive, Glenville, NY 12302
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HAPPENINGS AT ESAM

MUSEUM HOURS

Winter Hours: Friday through Sunday 10 AM to 4 PM

General Museum Admission – \$8 per adult; \$6 per senior and military; \$5 age 6-16; under 6 free when accompanied by an adult Simulated Reality Vehicle (SRV) – Ride: \$5

Jansz Vander Veer Research Center/Library Hours – Friday 9 AM to 12 noon & Saturday 10 AM to 12 noon

October 11-Monday: Visit from British Airways officials.

October 15, Saturday - Pancake Breakfast: 8:30-10:30 AM. All you can eat: \$10 for ages 15 and older, \$8 for children 6-14, free for children under 6. Menu varies with pancakes or French toast, sausage, eggs, applesauce, juice and coffee/tea. The public is invited to attend.

Pilots: Tower Frequency 121.30; Ground 121.90. Land at Schenectady County Airport and taxi to Richmor Aviation North.

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November 21, Monday - Board of Trustees Meeting: 7 PM. ESAM Community Room **December 19, Monday - Board of Trustees Meeting:** 7 PM. ESAM Community Room

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